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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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July 2004

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I Don't Know, Where do You want to meet?

Last month in my president's letter I mentioned we needed a new meeting room. We still need a new place. You may have noticed we were crammed into Canyon room #2. Even after all my efforts to make sure this wouldn't happen it did anyway. We need a volunteer committee to do some research on various meeting room alternatives. If you have any ideas on someplace viable please, please, please send your suggestions to me

(unclesteve@cox.net).

I have received confirmation we will have Canyon room #1 for the rest of the year. We may not have both rooms in November and December due to Christmas stuff going on at the shopping

mall. We will only have Canyon room #1 for our July meeting but after that we should be back to normal.

Paul Brooks has been working with the people at Scripps to arrange a second "open house" at the marine collection department. If you missed the first opportunity don't miss the second. The first "open house" was a success beyond expectations. The event is an effort to raise awareness of the collection and solicit donations for its survival. If you have a little extra cash stashed for a good cause this would be a good place to donate to.

Well, summer is here, the water is warming up and I can think of no better place than San Diego to get in some spectacular local diving. Please make sure all of your gear has been serviced before dragging it down to the beach. There's nothing worse than sticking your reg in your mouth only to taste cobwebs.

If it's been awhile since you've been diving, take it easy, make sure you're in shape. Don't let your enthusiasm or your buddy talk you into diving someplace you are not comfortable with.

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Wed., July 7, 2004 7:00 pm

(see page 8 for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for July is:

Steven O. Donathan

Taking Diving To The Limits And Beyond

Steven O. Donathan will be speaking to the club about his passion for Technical Diving and on education and exploration off the shores of San Diego. Steven and a team have recently started documentation of a B-36 Bomber found in 260 feet of water off the coast. Steven will speak about this and several other technical diving opportunities that can be found in our own back yard. Come learn about a fantastic piece of San Diego history, and you can even dive it, what could be better.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

Club Information

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Michelle Russell

Membership

Enjoy the many benefits of being a member of the club. Joining is simple. Fill out an application at a club meeting. First years dues are \$30.00. Renewing membership is \$20.00. Renewals are not accepted at the store or through the mail. If you have a question regarding membership, lost cards, or you're not receiving your newsletters, contact the Vice president.

Membership Benefits

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear
- 10% discount on dive gear rentals
- 10% on continuing education classes
- 10 Free air fills, 10% disc after that
- Quarterly buddy lists
- Comprehensive and informative monthly newsletter
- Entertaining and informative monthly meetings
- Monthly scheduled club dives
- Meet new friends & dive buddies
- Group travel to exotic diving locations
- Ocean, lake and beach cleanup events
- Special members only events
- Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffles

Monthly Raffles

Tickets may be purchased at each meeting for that nights raffle prizes.

Sport Chalet Stores

- Pt. Loma
(619)224-6777
- La Jolla
(858) 453-5656
- Mission Valley
(619)718-7070

Sport Tours

(800) 660-2754
FAX (818) 249-8877

Club Website
www.dive-club.org

Quarterly Raffles

Save your losing tickets for the quarterly meeting when we draw a grand prize from the losing tickets of that night and the two previous meetings. Quarterly raffle months are:

January, April, July, October

Newsletter Submissions

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with other members of the club (cartoons, articles, dive log, etc.), submissions for the newsletter may be made in the following manner:

USMail:

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San Diego, CA 92138-1678

Phone: (619)225-9051

E-mail: pbrooks2@cox.net

Deadline for all submissions is the 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
July 2004				1	2	3
Events Calendar						
4	5	6	7 Club Meeting 7:00	8	9	10 3 R's see pg 5 Wreck Alley Dive pg 3
11	12	13 SIO Open House pg 7	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23	24 Movie on the Beach pg 3
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 3 R's see pg 5

DIVE WRECK ALLEY

Saturday, July 10, 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Experience Level: Advanced

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport Fishing in San Diego for a two-tank dive. Our friends from the Dive Club of South Orange County will be joining us. We will be making our first dive on the Yukon and then the 2nd dive at on of the sites at wreck alley based on best conditions. A mere \$60* will get you 2 dives, including: air fills to 3500 psi, 80 c.f. steel tanks & weights. Hot shower, snack, soft drinks & cookies are also included. If you have the appropriate certification, NITROX is also available for an extra charge, but you must let us know ahead of time. *The dives to the Yukon are advanced dives, so appropriate experience or certification is recommended.* To sign up, come to the next club meeting with payment or contact Rich Burns at (619) 303-6589 or (619) 697-6589 to book your spot.

* Note: at this price we cannot guarantee refunds, we will make every attempt to fill your spot in case of a problem. For dive site information and directions to the boat check out: <http://www.loisann.com/>

Bar-B-Q, Officers Meeting and Night Dive at LaJolla Shores

Wednesday, July 21st, 6:30 p.m.

Experience Level: Intermediate - Advanced

Hosted by: Your Dive Club Officers

Pack-up the family, or just you if you wish, and come on down to LaJolla Shores and join us for a mid-summer and mid-week treat. The club will be providing hamburgers, buns, chips, sodas, potato salad, condiments, paper plates, utensils, and the grill. You, just bring yourself and a chair. If you would even like to get in a dive, bring your gear and we will buddy-up and develop a dive plan after the officers meeting and dinner. Diving is not mandatory, however, to join us for the Bar-B-Q, neither is joining in to the officers meeting, but we would be glad to listen to any ideas you might have for your club.

Come spend the day under the Sun, Water, and Stars!

Date: Saturday, July 24th, 2004.

Time: Club Dive: 4:00pm Bar-B-Q: 5:30pm Movie 8pm (Sunset is at 7:54pm)

Location: La Jolla Shores/Kellog Park. Look for the dive flags.

The Club will provide Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Sodas, and a couple of grills. Don't forget your chairs and dive gear, plus something warm for watching the movie. The movie title is a surprise. No matter what the movie, it's definitely a unique and fun experience. And did I mention the surround sound?!

Contacts for any questions:

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Scuba Charters

July 2004

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or with the Scuba Reservation office at

800-348-3794.

Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
03-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
03-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
03-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
04-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
04-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
04-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
10-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
10-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
10-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
10-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
10-Jul	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
11-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
11-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
11-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank pm	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
11-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
17-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
17-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:00 AM	Personal food ok
17-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
17-Jul	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
18-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
18-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank pm	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
18-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
18-Jul	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
24-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
24-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
24-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank pm	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
25-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
25-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
25-Jul	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
25-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
25-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank pm	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
31-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
31-Jul	Great Escape	Backside Catalina	\$ 109	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
31-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
31-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:00 AM	Personal food ok
31-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
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Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting

Have some ideas and suggestions on the direction the dive club should be heading? Come share those ideas with the club officers. All members are encouraged to participate in the San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meetings. The Officers' Meeting will be held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at the **Spice House Cafe at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.** The next meeting will be **July 21**. The officers of the club try to anticipate the needs, desires and best interests of the club, but remember that this is your club too, and we need your new thoughts and ideas to keep the club fun and exciting.

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

Meetings are currently scheduled for every other month. The next meeting scheduled is:
Thursday July 15th 6:30 PM. Location TBA (probably Robb Field)



More information will be posted on the Council's website - www.sddivers.com

3 R's Schedules

Include are both the San Diego and Los Angeles areas 3R's schedules. There are slight variations on who and how they are conducted but essentially:

San Diego and Los Angeles Lifeguards, in conjunction with the Council of Divers, offer instruction to divers on safe diving practices and area familiarization along the coastline. This is workshop to improve beach diving skills & familiarize divers with popular dive sites. Life guards or instructors demonstrate & supervise proper surf entry & exit procedures, dive condition assessment techniques, and explain unique aspects of the dive site.

Participants wear full wetsuit, mask, fins and snorkel. TANKS & REGULATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

All sessions meet at 8 a.m

May

Sat, May 22, 2004
Rocks Rips & Reefs (San Diego)
08:00 AM
La Jolla Cove - 1150 Coast Blvd. (La Jolla Cove steps)

June

Sat, Jun 5, 2004
Rocks Rips & Reefs (San Diego)
08:00 AM
Marine Street - 300 Marine Street

Sat, Jun 12, 2004
[Los Angeles Rocks Rips Reefs \(GLACD\)](#)
[White Point - 1800 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro \(Thomas Bros. Maps Page 853/H1\)](#)

Sat, Jun 26, 2004
Rocks Rips & Reefs (San Diego)
08:00 AM
North Bird Rock - 6000 Camino de la Costa

July

Sat, Jul 10, 2004
Rocks Rips & Reefs (San Diego)
08:00 AM
Goldfish Point (La Jolla Caves) - 1325 Coast Blvd. (old Shell Shop)

Sat, Jul 10, 2004
[Los Angeles Rocks Rips Reefs \(GLACD\)](#)
[Point Dume - 7200 Westward Beach Rd., Malibu \(Thomas Bros. Maps Page 667/D4\)](#)

Sat, Jul 31, 2004
Rocks Rips & Reefs (San Diego)
08:00 AM
Shell Beach (Seal Rock) - 1000 Coast Blvd. (Ocean St.)

August

Sat, Aug 14, 2004
Rocks Rips & Reefs (San Diego)
08:00 AM
South Casa Cove - Coast Blvd. at Jenner St.

Sat, Aug 14, 2004
[Los Angeles Rocks Rips Reefs \(GLACD\)](#)
[Deer Creek - Deer Creek Rd @ PCH, Ventura County \(Thomas Bros. Maps Page 625/B4\)](#)

September

Sat, Sep 11, 2004
Rocks Rips & Reefs (San Diego)
08:00 AM
Hospital Point - 400 Coast Blvd (south of Cuvier)

Sat, Sep 11, 2004
[Los Angeles Rocks Rips Reefs \(GLACD\)](#)
[Long Point \(Old Marineland\) - 6610 Palos Verdes Dr. South, Rancho Palos Verdes](#)

President's Message Cont.

I'm looking forward to our club's upcoming annual 3 day dive trip aboard the Horizon to Catalina, San Clemente and Santa Barbara Islands. In case you weren't at the last meeting, Laura Brown and Peggy Petschek have scheduled one dive during this trip as a "red dress" dive. This means everybody wears a red dress over your wetsuit (Yes, guys too!). Guys, start shopping now, I'm thinking I'll have to visit a Victoria Secret store. Of course we will be taking pictures!

This month's dive tip: keep breathing! I've known people to get really stiff and change colors when they've stopped. Yeah, I know I'm goofy.

Steve Anderson - President

Future Club Happenings

ANNUAL SOUTHERN CHANNEL ISLANDS 3-DAY TRIP

We will once again be cruising on the dive boat Horizon to the southern channel islands of Catalina, Santa Barbara, and San Clemente August 28-30. Sparkeling waters, giant kelp, fantastic sea life and Mark's outstanding culinary talents always make this a memorable adventure. Cost is \$385.00 per person with space limited to 26 divers. A \$150.00 deposit per person will reserve space on the trip. Payment in full is due August 4th. Staterooms or bunks may be selected upon full payment anytime. No refunds will be made after August 13th unless you can find someone to take your spot. The trip will be open to club members only until May 13th. After that it will be open to non-members also.

For reservations and information please contact Scott Brown at (858) 560-6755 or lsbro1@mindspring.com.

Two Harbors, Catalina Island For Halloween October 29th – 31st

We are finalizing the pricing details for our Fall trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. We have reservations for the weekend of October 29th – 31st. We will be making an dusk and night boat dive on Friday night and there will be a Halloween costume party on Saturday night. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~12:30 pm on Friday, the 29th, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday, the 31st. The trip price will be about \$110 for non-divers and about \$170 for divers taking part in the 2 tank boat dive on Friday night. The trip price includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and dinner on Friday and Saturday night. We are also negotiating the inclusion of sea kayaks into the trip price. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cox.net or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-303-6589. But don't wait too long this trip sells out extremely quickly. *cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

At Our Last Meeting

At our last meeting.....Our guest speaker last month was Captain Greg Grivetto from the dive boat Horizon and Ocean Odyssey. Greg brought slides and video of the boats and dive destinations. Greg also brought other crew members with him including Ron and the world famous Mark the galley chef. Mark provided some great minchies at the back of the room along with "Mango Madness" smoothies. Owners Sand & Lou Grivetto were also present and donated hats, trips and tee shirts to our monthly raffle.

Our thanks to the entire crew of the Horizon and Ocean Odyssey!

Membership

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

New

David Gravina
Amber Ennis
Martin Townsend

Renewals

Todd Machemer
Rob Pendelton
Rick Odiorne
Ed Barker
Mike Neubig
Jon Bunnell

Raffel Prize Winners

Paul Brooks - Fish Identification Card; Dive knife
Leslie Peariso - Aqua Seal
Sherry Johnston - Akuna Daypack
John Bunnell - Horizon Gift Certificate, Horizon Tee-Shirt
Barbara Bolton - Horizon Gift Certificate
Bruce Laiho - Horizon Gift Certificate
Paul Schankin - Horizon Tee-Shirt
Scott Brown - Horizon Hat; Octo Lanyard
Cody Gilstrap - Regulator Bag
Josh Sokoloff - Fins; Dive Log Book
Marty Townsend - Horizon Visor
Laura Brown - Horizon Tee-Shirt
Peggy Petschek - Cayman Mesh Bag
Dave Pierce - Horizon Tee-Shirt
Mike King - Dive Gloves
Mark Webb - Horizon Hat

Uncle Steve's lovely assistants:

Aubrey Johnston
Angelina Petschek
Nicholas Petschek

Another SIO Open House

Because of the *Overwhelming Success* of the 1st Open House held on March 30th there will be a second Open House Tuesday July 13 at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Scripps Institution of Oceanography for those divers that did not attend the 1st event. . The purpose of the event is to let divers see the collections and learn how the specimens are used by the scientific community, and how important this collection is to all of us as divers. We are asking that those divers who went to the 1st Open House in March tell those who didn't go what a great time they had and get them to go.

There are five major natural history collections at Scripps: three biological, and two geological. Each is unique, reflecting to a large degree the research interests of the Scripps scientists and staff who worked to build them. They also represent the tangible results of the expeditionary voyages of the Scripps fleet over the years. Together the Scripps Collections comprise the largest, most complete natural history repository devoted to the study of the world's oceans.

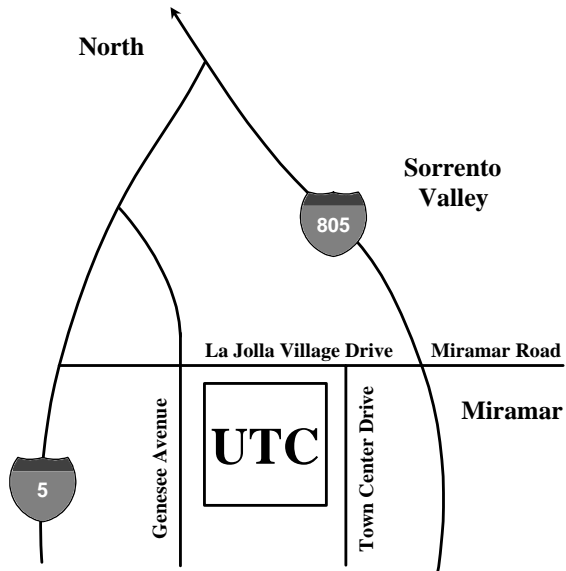
The Marine Vertebrate collection alone contains over 2,000,000 specimens representing more than 5,300 species.

This is a rare opportunity to view some of the specimens, as well as to see how they are cared for and stored in the buildings that house the collections. .

Representative samples of the various parts of the collection will be on display, and tours of part of the building will be available.

There is no charge. We are asking that those wanting to attend let us know, so that we may plan accordingly.

RSVP to: Wendy Gray
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DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

The Canyon Room 7:00 PM
 (see page 1 for date of meeting)
Lower level of the food court at the University Towne Center shopping mall (U.T.C.)

From 805 take La Jolla Village Dr. West
From 5 take La Jolla Village Dr. East

January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we have a grand raffle prize at those meetings.

The winning ticket is drawn from that evenings batch and from the previous two months.

ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE ELLIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!

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Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership.



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