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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter  
www.dive-club.org



*June 2004*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Swimming Forward.....**

We had a great turn out at our Two Harbors Catalina camping/diving trip in April. We'll do it again in October. We probably won't have a video on the October trip because, frankly, I'm a little tired of lugging all that gear and baby sitting it. I'd like to actually go diving.

I'd like to thank Bruce Laiho for volunteering to be our Entertainment Coordinator. Nobody else raised their hand or seemed interested but Bruce came up after the elections were over in March and volunteered. Thanks Bruce!

I don't know about you but I'm tired of meeting at the Canyon room at the UTC mall! We keep getting neglected by the mall management team. We frequently find our room has been double booked. The room air-conditioning and heating doesn't always work and we can't close the blinds effectively. We are billed \$60/month for a room that keeps getting smaller and smaller.

I'd like to request all of you to look around and help me find a new place to meet. The criteria are: Free (or low cost) rent, food available, controllable lighting and sound, air-conditioned and heated, seating for 100 people with tables and chairs. A central location like

near Mission Valley would be nice. We would like to keep the same meeting date and time, the first Wednesday of each month and have access to the room from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. There should be a projection screen or room to hang ours. It would be best to not have to compete with other people using the room, I.E. we should have exclusive access on meeting night.

We do carry our own liability insurance for property damage and personal injury so there should be no concerns about use. We are a clean, family oriented, friendly group of people that any business should crave to have.

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## **AT OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Wed., June 2, 2004 7:00 pm**

(see page 8 for meeting location)

**The Guest Speaker for May is:**

**Greg Grivetto**

**(Captain, Horizon and Ocean Odyssey)**

Greg began his career at the tender age of four, venturing out onto the Pacific with his parents onboard their first boat. Having experienced the ocean and its inhabitants at such a young age he grew to love this liquid environment and vowed one day to share his knowledge and love for the ocean with others.

Greg earned his captain's license at the the age of 19 and took full command of *Horizon* four years later. Greg is an avid SCUBA and freediver and enjoys taking people to the place that he calls home.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

## Club Information

### *President*



**Steve Anderson**

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### *Vice President*



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### *Secretary*



**Cody Gilstrap**

### *Entertainment Coordinator*

**Picture not available**

**Bruce Laiho**

### *Community Representative*



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### *Dive Coordinator*



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### *Club Historian*



**Betty Parrish**

### *Equipment Coordinator*



**Steve Fellet**

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### *Store Representative*



**Dave McNair**

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### *Unofficial Greeter*



**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](http://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:**

San Diego Dive Club  
P.O. Box 81678  
San Diego, CA 92138-1678

**Phone:** (619)225-9051

**E-mail:** pbrooks2@cox.net

*Deadline for all submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup>  
of each month.*

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Club Meeting 7:00	3	4	5 3R's Marine Street (pg.5)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	17	18 Dive Mission Pt.	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 3R's North Bird Rock (pg.5)
27	28	29	30	June 2004 Events Calendar		

### San Diego Dive Club's June Dive at Mission Pt. BBQ Before - Dusk Dive at 7:00pm – And Bonfire After

Date: Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004    BBQ: 4:00pm    Dive: 7:00pm    Bonfire: 8:00pm

It's a casual thing, so bring what you've got to the BBQ and rely on your friends for the rest. Just remember to save your alcohol until after you dive. If you want to add some wood to the pile, that's fine too. There are restrooms and showers available and a playground for kids. It's also a great place to snorkel. Let's have fun in the water this summer!

Location: Mission Point (South Mission Bay) South of the roller coaster.  
Take Mission Blvd South, Make left turn at the dead end into Mission Point parking lot.

Divemasters: Hunza Kotas    [Hunza@cox.net](mailto:Hunza@cox.net)    hm# 619-749-8435 Cell# 619-204-3415  
Dave McNair    [scubadiverdave@cox.net](mailto:scubadiverdave@cox.net)    hm# 760-722-1845 Cell# 619-822-1845

Meeting: We'll have a bonfire ring staked out on the sand. Look for the dive flag.

Parking: There's usually plenty of parking in the lot, even in the summer.

Entry: We'll enter the water on the bay side where the sand meets the rocks.

Features: Rocks, Sand, and Sea Grass.

Marine Life: Spiny lobster, octopi, nudibranchs, navanax, garibaldi, sandbass, stingrays, painted greenlings, halibut, Thornback rays, sheephead, crabs, sea stars, guitar fish, rock fish, scorpion fish, sea cucumbers, sand Dollars, etc,....

San Diego Dive Club: <http://www.dive-club.org/>



# Scuba Charters

## June 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
05-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
05-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
06-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Jun	Great Escape	Backside Catalina	\$ 109	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
12-Jun	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Jun	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	6/11, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
12-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
12-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
12-Jun	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
13-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
13-Jun	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 119	6/12, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
13-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
13-Jun	Lois Ann	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
13-Jun	Lois Ann	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	11:30 AM	noon	4:00 PM	N/A
13-Jun	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
13-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
19-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
19-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
19-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
19-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
20-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
20-Jun	Lois Ann	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
20-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
20-Jun	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
26-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
26-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
26-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank pm	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
26-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
26-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
27-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
27-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
27-Jun	Encore	San Clemente	\$ 119	6/26, 10 pm	1:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
27-Jun	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
27-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
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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 **June 16**. 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:  
As of press time the only meeting scheduled was a Board Meeting on Wed June 23.



More information will be posted on the Council's website - [www.sddivers.com](http://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.

We are currently in the planning mood. Your club officers are working on scheduling events for the remainder of the year. If you have an idea for something our club can or should do please drop me a line.

I'm working on updating the club's web site with pictures of our Catalina trip. I'd like to create a complete on-line photo album. If someone would like to help with this I'd be very grateful, I just don't get as much time to do things like this as I'd like.

As a reminder, now that summer is near, there is a group of divers every Wednesday night at La Jolla Shores and everyone is welcomed. I believe barbecue burgers are sold.

Just remember.....when you go diving, Newton's law applies in reverse....."What goes down must come up".

*Steve Anderson - President*

## Future Club Happenings

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> dive at one 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/>

### **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. Sparkling 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](mailto:lsbro1@mindspring.com).

## At Our Last Meeting

At our last meeting.....

Bill Haggey (President of Pisces Design) gave us a presentation on the efforts of scientists in the Antarctic to study Weddell seals by attaching video cameras and monitoring equipment to the animals. No seals were harmed in the process. Some great video footage was captured of seals diving and hunting and how they find their return holes in the ice.

Thanks Bill, a great presentation!

### Membership

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

#### New

Lorin Mannella  
Jevin Edgar  
Brent Bowser

#### Renewals

Richard Carter  
William Benjamin  
Davin Pierce  
Sandra Schankin  
Richard Tharin

### Raffel Prize Winners

Mike King - Bonaire Book  
Bill Benjamin - Mask; Hat; Bonine  
Peggy Petscheck - Pelican Camera box  
Shari Johnston - Hat  
Dave Pierce - Weight Bag  
Scott Brown - 10 lbs soft weights  
Leslie Peariso - Scuba Show tickets  
Rich Burns - Weight Belt

Ticketmasters: Nick Petschek  
Angelina Petschek  
Aubrey Johnston

## Still 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.

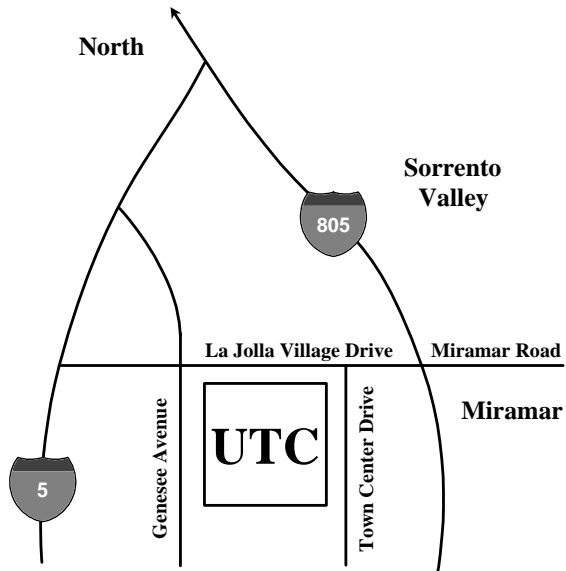
The Marine Vertebrate collection alone contains over 2,000,000 specimens representing more than 5,300 species.

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  
wgray@ucsd.edu  
(858) 822-1865



## 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.**



**[www.dive-club.org](http://www.dive-club.org)**