

the **PRIMARY REGULATOR**

San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOO!

Just got back from the club's three day trip and it was great! We were able to spend two full days at San Nicholas Island. Borrowing from the Horizon Charters web site;

San Nicholas, a.k.a. San Nick, is the most northwesterly of the four southern Channel Islands. Like its eastern neighbor, San Clemente Island, San Nick is a U.S. Navy owned and operated island. Above the water, San Nick is not a thing of beauty. Its desert island landscape coupled with exterior decoration by the Navy make this island an ugly duckling. So it's a real good thing that the diving is, "OUTTA SIGHT AND DYNAMITE!!!".

For more information on San Nicholas visit the Horizon Charters web site at: <http://www.earthwindow.com/horizon/sannic.html>

For the third day we ended up near Two Harbors Catalina. We had to take a diver to the chamber for a minor case of DCS and while we waited we did a dive at Ship Rock and one at Sea Fan Grotto. The diver is fine and is lucky it was a minor event and we were already heading in the general direction of Catalina anyway. I'm just glad it wasn't me or I'd never survive the heckling that would result.

Tracey Clark caught a HUGE bug and was generous enough to have it cooked

and served to everyone on the boat! Thanks Tracey!

I was fortunate enough to see my very first giant black sea bass. I've been diving for 16 years and have never seen one before, I was beginning to think they were a myth.

You will notice that the club may not be planning any dives for November and December. Until the club officers decide how to handle the new liability issues we won't be scheduling club dives directly. We will attempt to plan other club events for the next few months until we work out all the details.

Hope you're one of the lucky ones to have made reservations for the clubs trip to Two Harbors Catalina on Oct.

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Wed., Nov. 6, 2002 7:00 pm

(see page 6 for meeting location)

Naval Special Warfare

Tor T Anderson, Navy SEAL

Tor has been with the SEAL community for 15 years and is currently at training and detachment, conducting advanced dive skills training including pace/depth control, accuracy, tide/current computation and many other skills. Tor will bring with him different equipment that is used for trianing and warfare.

— Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator

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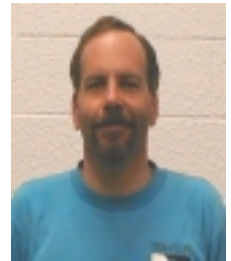
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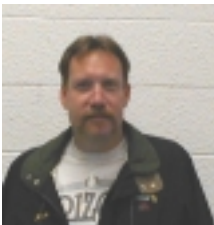
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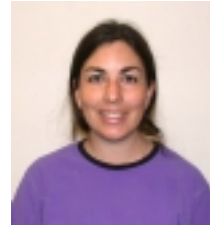
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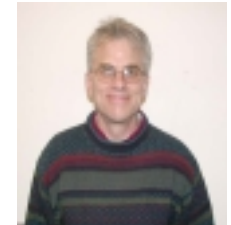
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Membership

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
- 1/2 price air fills, first 10 are free
- 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:

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 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|-----------------|-----|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| November 2002 | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Events Calendar | | | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Club Meeting 7:00 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Council Meeting 6:00 Chamber tour | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Thanksgiving | 29 | 30 |

UCSD Hyperbaric Chamber Tour

Tuesday, November 12, 2002
6:30 P.M.

Hopefully, none of us will ever have to be treated at this facility, but this will be a great opportunity to take a one-hour tour and see first hand how the chamber works. A member of the hospital staff will host the tour and be available to answer your questions. The facility has limited space so we will have to limit attendance to the first 13 people that RSVP. If we have more people interested than we can fit at one time I will schedule an additional tour. Please contact Dave Petit at dpetit1@san.rr.com or (858) 484-6354 or see me at the November club meeting to reserve your spot and get directions.

Your Dive Coordinators

Member Feedback

From: **Kurt A. Gross**
S.C. Dive Club Member

Date: September 6, 2002

To the Primary Regulator:

I finally managed to make a meeting, and truly enjoyed Faith and Jeff's narrative on diving British Columbia. I was particularly taken by the photos of Hunter and Huntress, the massive and extremely interactive Wolf Eels at Hunter Island. I myself, out of over 500 dives, have only once had the opportunity to see a Wolf Eel... a baby, about two feet in length, out at the Ancient Sea Cliffs off Pt. Loma. And that in itself was awesome.

The first part of the narrative which disturbed me was Faith's use of the past tense in describing these two phenomenal creatures. That was soon cleared up when she elaborated on the Canadian Government's brilliant idea of instituting a week of Wolf Eel fishing... of course, these incredible fish were apparently the first to go.

Later that evening, while relating the story of Hunter and Huntress to my significant other, I suddenly, much to my surprise, began weeping like a little girl whose candy had been stolen. Weeping because I was stricken by the fact that these two Wolf Eels were forever gone.

Stricken by the fact that I will never be able to hold the eight foot long Hunter in my arms and feel his awesome presence, stricken by the fact that I will never be able to experience Huntress getting in the way of my video camera lens and demanding to be photographed. Grieving tearfully for the fact that I, or anybody else for that matter, will never be able to interact with these magnificent critters again. But how terribly selfish of me.

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October Meeting Happenings

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

Perry Armor, a diver from the age of 15, shared his experiences with us, and showed a short video "The Divegeek's guide to Truk Lagoon" culled from a trip there in May 2002. Perry's work has been seen on The History channel, Outdoor Life Network, Fox Networks, Animal Planet, The Weather Channel, MTV, BBC, television commercials, and local news broadcasts.

Thank you Perry.

Steve Anderson

Sport Chalet 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 Sport Chalet 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 **Nov 20**. 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.

Membership

Please welcome the following
New Members:

Clarissa Hart
Heather Karp
Jo Ann Henry
Phil Odegard
Ed Barker
Vinie Marsaglia

The following people were renewing members this month:

Victor Cervantes
William Benjamin
Chad Scott
Tracy Clark
Cody Gilstrap
Daniel Snyder
Mark Stewart

Raffle Winners

These people were winners in the October raffle:

Scott Sullivan - UK D4 dive light
Jeff Magliid - light gauge
Scott Sullivan - Wenoka dive knife
Mark Burrows - Cetacea lanyard
Mike Petschek - Weight belt
Mike Petschek - Booties
Cody Gilstrap - Body Glove snorkel
Jane Stadulis - Trident dry box
Cody Gilstrap - Footsie wootsie ride
Rosanna Lacarra - Cayman t-shirt

Quarterly Prize

Steve Fellet - aluminum 80

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Selfish in that I would wish to deprive some line or spear fisherman of a couple of meals or from making thirty or forty, or even a hundred dollars (Canadian at that) by selling the flesh and meat of these magnificent animals to a restaurant. In that I would wish to deprive said restaurant of the profit made by selling to some tourist Wolf Eel pate, or Wolf Eel fritters, or even Wolf Eel fahitas, sizzling in butter. Or perhaps that I would wish to deprive some intrepid spear fisherman the sport and thrill of hunting and killing (destroying forever) a sizable and beautiful creature who would probably come up to him like a big dog, desirous of attention, and wishing to interact.

My selfishness truly knows no bounds.

Kurt Alex Gross, Author

If you have something you want to say, send it in and be heard. We welcome feedback from the members.

Community Information

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

The next general meeting of the San Diego Council of Divers will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at the Rock Bottom Brewery & Restaurant (upstairs), 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037. Social hour at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Council has a new website address: <http://home.nethere.net/hgruenha/sdcd.htm>

Steve Haynes, Community Rep



("Boo " Cont from pg 1)

24th-27th. Friday evening we're doing a night dive and a movie ("Monsters Inc."). Saturday we're having a pancake breakfast (I think) and a barbecue followed by another movie ("Harry Potter"). Sunday, people often like to rent a bunch of kayaks and paddle around a bit.

We're looking into reserving the Ocean Odyssey for the annual "Parade of Lights" in San Diego Harbor, more details to come soon.

Don't forget about our annual Underwater Santa Photo Shoot and toy drive at the Point Loma Sport Chalet on December 14th!

See, we've got lots of things to do in the next couple of months besides diving! There's nothing stopping you from diving, so give a club buddy a call and get in the water!

Assuming you get this newsletter before Halloween why not go for a night dive on Halloween evening? Remember, night diving is when you become part of the food chain!

Steve Anderson
President

CLASSES & CHARTERS



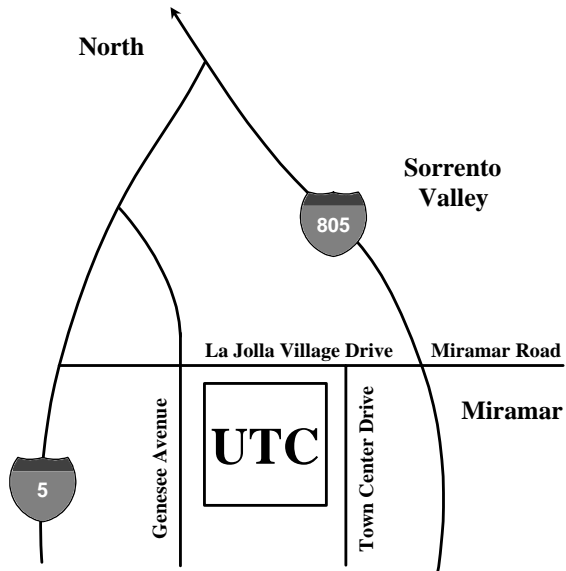
**Scuba Charters
November 2002**

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

800-348-3794.

| Date | Boat | Destination | Price Board | Depart | Return | Additional Charges |
|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------|
| 02-Nov | Sat CeeRay | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 02-Nov | Sat Island Time | Catalina-2 tank | \$ 78 | 7:30 AM | 8:00 AM | 2:00 PM Personal food ok |
| 02-Nov | Sat Island Time | Catalina-2 tank / night | \$ 78 | 6:00 PM | 6:30 PM | 12:00 AM Personal food ok |
| 02-Nov | Sat Spectre | S.Cruz / Anacapa | \$ 70 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM Food & Air Fills |
| 03-Nov | Sun Blue Escape | Kelp beds-2 tank | \$ 65 | 6:30 AM | 7:00 AM | 11:30 AM N/A |
| 03-Nov | Sun Bottom Scratcher | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 03-Nov | Sun CeeRay | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 03-Nov | Sun Great Escape | San Clemente | \$108 | 11/2,10pm | 1:00 AM | 6:00 PM N/A |
| 09-Nov | Sat CeeRay | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 09-Nov | Sat Island Time | Catalina-2 tank | \$ 78 | 7:30 AM | 8:00 AM | 2:00 PM Personal food ok |
| 09-Nov | Sat Spectre | S.Cruz / Anacapa | \$ 70 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM Food & Air Fills |
| 10-Nov | Sun Bottom Scratcher | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 10-Nov | Sun CeeRay | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 10-Nov | Sun Lois Ann | Kelp beds-2 tank | \$ 65 | 6:30 AM | 7:00 AM | 11:30 AM N/A |
| 16-Nov | Sat CeeRay | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 16-Nov | Sat Great Escape | Santa Barbara | \$108 | 11/15,10p | 1:00 AM | 6:00 PM N/A |
| 16-Nov | Sat Island Time | Catalina-2 tank | \$ 78 | 7:30 AM | 8:00 AM | 2:00 PM Personal food ok |
| 16-Nov | Sat Lois Ann | Wreck Alley-2 tank | \$ 65 | 6:30 AM | 7:00 AM | 11:30 AM N/A |
| 16-Nov | Sat Pacific Star | Catalina | \$ 88 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 16-Nov | Sat Spectre | S.Cruz / Anacapa | \$ 70 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM Food & Air Fills |
| 17-Nov | Sun Bottom Scratcher | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 17-Nov | Sun Great Escape | Catalina | \$ 88 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 17-Nov | Sun Liberty | S.Cruz / Anacapa | \$ 70 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM Food & Air Fills |
| 17-Nov | Sun Lois Ann | Wreck Alley-2 tank | \$ 65 | 6:30 AM | 7:00 AM | 11:30 AM N/A |
| 23-Nov | Sat Great Escape | Catalina | \$ 88 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 23-Nov | Sat Pacific Star | Catalina | \$ 88 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 24-Nov | Sun Blue Escape | Kelp beds-2 tank | \$ 65 | 6:30 AM | 7:00 AM | 11:30 AM N/A |
| 24-Nov | Sun CeeRay | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 24-Nov | Sun Great Escape | Catalina | \$ 88 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 24-Nov | Sun Spectre | S.Cruz / Anacapa | \$ 70 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM Food & Air Fills |
| 30-Nov | Sat CeeRay | Catalina | \$ 85 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM N/A |
| 30-Nov | Sat Island Time | Catalina-2 tank | \$ 78 | 7:30 AM | 8:00 AM | 2:00 PM Personal food ok |

Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.



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
ELIGIBLE 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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