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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Santa's Coming, Help Him Out

Last newsletter I gave you a bit of doom and gloom about how club membership is down and we've got a lot to do. Several of you responded to my request for ideas on how to boost membership. We'll take look at these to see what can be done. I think the most important thing I can do is to create new club information flyers and posters and place them at the Sport Chalet stores.

Next I plan to create a new Club promotional video that can be given to the instructors to show during their classes. If anybody has some ideas, video footage or photos they would like to share showing club events please contact me. We had a Club video but it was under the old name and we can't use it anymore.

Next, we need to create some new club banners we can put up at our beach events. Anybody out there with a vinyl printing contact that might give us a deal?

Peggy Petschek has volunteered to take charge of the annual Under Water Santa Toy Drive. If you'd like to be involved please contact Peggy at (619) 669-3684 (home) or pegemail@aol.com (email).

We plan to go all digital this year with the photography so if you have an underwater digital camera please give Peggy a call.

We need; Food gophers, hall monitors, Santa tenders (no these aren't deep fried

pieces of Santa), registration volunteers, air fillers, Divemasters, Instructors, safety divers, window monitors, gear tenders, setup and teardown volunteers, Santa's, event supervisors, pool monitors, and more. Come on down and help even if you don't sign up as a volunteer.

Last year (and every previous year come to think of it) the pool got really skuzzy by about 1pm. The visibility drops due to stuff coming off of all those dirty people

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

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Wed., Nov. 5, 2003 7:00 pm

(see page 8 for meeting location)

California Diving Herb Gruenhagen

Herb is a TRUE California Diver, given any weekend day/night you will see Herb and some of his buddies, cameras in hand, going thru the surf at La Jolla Shores or any neighboring beach.

Currently Herb is the President of the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society (SDUPS), a diver for the Oceans Foundation, a member of ARMP (Artificial Reef Program). Herb is both a still photographer and underwater videographer, he has been publish in California Diving News, Discover Diving, Outdoor California and other publications.

Herb won The Best of Show and best of Macro at the PCUPC 1991 and was the Amateur Photographer of the year in 2002 for SDUPS.

Herb will be showing a few mini presentations from some of his recent dives in California.

— Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator

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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 night's 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:

US Mail:

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Phone: (619) 225-9051

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

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
November 2003						1
Events Calendar						
2	3	4	5 Club Meeting 7:00	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Dive Del Mar
16	17	18	19 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21	22 Movie on the Bay
23/30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving 	28	29

Dive Del Mar

Date: Saturday November 15th

Time: 10:00am

Location: Del Mar (Powerhouse Park)(Coast Blvd & 15th Street)

Just North of the railroad tracks that cross Coast Blvd & South of the Poseidon Restaurant.

Meeting: Meet in the Center of the park- Most likely at one of the benches on the grass. We'll have a dive flag as themarker.

Parking: Parking is available on the street or in a pay parking lot across the street from the park.

Dive Plan: Descend on the ramp in the center of the park that leads to the sand/beach. Walk about 50 yards South and enter the water. We'll kick out for a little ways (until we can't see the bottom) and then we'll descend and continue underwater until we hit the reef. We'll explore the reef for a while and return to the shore underwater.

Features: I haven't dove it yet this year because of the red tide. It's a fairly shallow dive reaching about 30ft max. The bottom consists of sand, sea grass, rocks, and reefs. Marine Life: This is what I've got in my 2 dive logs for this site- 1(4ft)horn shark, 1 moray eel, Spiny lobsters, 3 large sheep crabs.

Links: Link to live cam, surf, and dive conditions: <http://www.camzone.com/index.php?cam=delmar>

Movie on the Bay !

When: Saturday, Nov 22nd, 2003 @ 7pm

Where: Secret Cove in Mission Beach

Bring: your own snacks, chair and warm clothes.

Parking: Plenty of free parking and the Cops won't give us tickets!

Movie: "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea"

Cost: Nothing, nada, zip, zilch

We tried showing this movie previously and had technical problem so we're going to try it again!

Directions:

Head towards Mission Beach.

Take Mission Bay drive and exit to "West Mission Bay Drive"

Turn left at the Roller Coaster on to Mission Blvd (You'll be going South)

Go all the way to the end of Mission Blvd. and turn left on to "San Diego Pl."

We'll be on the grass.



Scuba Charters November 2003

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
01-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
01-Nov	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM Personal food ok
01-Nov	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM Food & Air Fills
02-Nov	Blue Escape	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM N/A
02-Nov	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
02-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
02-Nov	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 115	11/1, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM N/A
02-Nov	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM Personal food ok
02-Nov	Lois Ann	2 Wreck,1 Night	\$ 85	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	8:00 PM N/A
08-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
08-Nov	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
08-Nov	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM Food & Air Fills
09-Nov	Blue Escape	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM N/A
09-Nov	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
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09-Nov	Lois Ann	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM N/A
15-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
15-Nov	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 115	11/14,10p	1:00 AM	6:30 PM N/A
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22-Nov	Encore	San Clemente	\$ 115	11/21,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
22-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
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Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

Dive Club T-Shirts

The club has T-Shirts printed with the "New" dive club logo on them. These will be available at the next few dive club meetings until supplies are exhausted. We have short sleeve grey and yellow shirts for \$13-. We also have long sleeve white T-shirts available for \$15-. The shirts are available in sizes small through 3xl, so there is something for everyone.

sitting on Santa's lap. We're not quite sure what all the "stuff" is and I'm not sure we want to know but we know we need to do something about it. We could really use a pool expert to stay around all day and keep the water clean so everyone's photo looks great.

As I said before, we plan to shoot digital photos. This means we can color correct the pictures and print them much faster than waiting of film to be processed by Deans next door. Oh, by the way, Deans Photo next door to Sport Chalet at Point Loma is gone! Great timing to go digital huh?

We will provide the first two photos for free and sell additional reprints. We can also sell CD-ROMs with your photos on it. By the following Sunday evening we should have all the photos posted to the Club's web site so you can download them yourself.

I have access to a large poster printer so I can also make a 3 foot by 4 foot picture if you need it.

Once we've figured out all the options and logistics we'll put more details on the club web site at <http://www.dive-club.org>

I want to thank Hunza Kotas again for volunteering to be our new Dive Coordinator. Hunza organized our club's first beach dive in many months at Secret Cove in Mission Beach. Visibility stunk because of the red tide but about 15 of us jumped in and had fun anyway. One person found a legal lobster. Kind'a neat site, real shallow with lots of interesting

nooks and crannies, I think I'll have to go back when the red tide is gone. The area was really nice and quiet; I think we'll do our next "Movie on the Beach" at Secret Cove. The Cops won't bother us and there's plenty of free parking.

Next "Movie on the Beach" will be on Saturday, Nov. 22nd at 7p at Secret Cove. The movie will be "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea". Look for more information in this newsletter. You can also find more information on the web site at <http://www.dive-club.org> under the "Events" section.

Hey, is there something we should put on the web site? Please let me know.

Thanks for putting up with me this long!

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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 **Nov. 19**. 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 Club needs a Store Representative. If you work in one of the local Sport Chalet Stores and would like to help out contact Steve Anderson

Community Information

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

At press time we had no information about the meeting for November. Meetings are held every other month. The next meeting should be in November, however, none is listed. Continue to check the website for further information.

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



Underwater Santa Photo Shoot and Toy Drive

The annual Underwater Santa Photo Shoot and toy drive is going to be held on the first Saturday of December, December 6th.

This is always a great event, but requires the help of a lot of people. This is a great opportunity to help the club and the community. The toys we collect are given to St. Vincent De Paul's for the children in their center..

This is a great way to spend a part of the day, and we always have plenty of folks come down to get their picture taken with Santa underwater.

But we need help to organize and man the event.

If you can help out in any of the areas listed here, or would like to help coordinate some of the functions, please talk with Peggy Petschek. Her info is in the 'President's Message' on page 1, and in the Officer's Information on pg 2.

QTY	Function
4	Photographers
2	Food gophers
2	Santa tenders
4	Sign up desk assistants
2	Hallway security monitors
2	Tank fillers
4	Divemasters
8	Instructors
2	U/W window monitors
2	Eventsupervisors
2	Photographer assistants
2	Pool assistants
?	Setup volunteers
?	Tear-down volunteers

At Our Last Meeting

Raffel Prize Winners

James Hoffmark - UK C4 dive light
 Steve Fellet - Basic reef kit
 Cody Gilstrap - Dry box
 Scott Brown - Deep Sea gloves
 Denny Bianchi - Deep Sea dive knife
 Michelle Russell - Lobster gauge,
 cylume stick, wrist laynard
 Scott Anderson - T-shirt

Quarterly Prize Winner

Josh Sokoloff - Sea Quest BC



Membership

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

New

Fred Hill
 James Hoffmark
 John Warner
 Sandra Anderson
 Mark Olarsch
 Delton Curtis
 Darcy Madden
 Michelle Russell

Renewals

Scott Anderson
 Kevin Su
 Clyde Hessom
 Shari Johnston
 Mike King
 Paul Brooks

At our last meeting.....

Peter Brueggeman, Director of Scripps Institute of Oceanography Library shared a fascinating adventure he and several others experienced in Sardegna Italy. Peter shared some slides of the traditional Italian method used for catching monstrous sized Atlantic tuna. In case you missed the presentation you can check out his web site at <http://peterbrueggeman.com/sardegna>. Thanks Peter, those were the biggest "chickens of the sea" I have ever seen!

Our last meeting was also our quarterly event and Josh Sokoloff won the grand prize, a SeaQuest Latitude BC with a retail value of \$390. Congratulations Josh!

We also obtained a new Dive Coordinator! Hunza Kotas volunteered to take on this job! Thanks Hunza! We sure needed you! Let's all help Hunza by sharing your favorite dive spots with him.

A Dive Story From Terry

Steve and I met at the end of Vallecitos and gazed out onto the mostly calm ocean and agreed, it was time to dive.

We suited up, discussed our dive plan and strolled into the surf as the sun reached the horizon, turning the clouds a beautiful crimson and orange. We took our time swimming out to the first buoy, and as the sky darkened and the quarter moon illuminated the drifting clouds a sense of peace came over me.

Visibility on the surface was the usual red crud, and it stayed that way down to about 15 feet as we made our decent. Reaching the bottom, the visibility opened to an easy 15-20 feet. I was pleased; Steve and I flashed the OK sign and took off for the canyon wall. We followed our due-West course out to the wall. Moving over the bottom and descending ever deeper, the temperature dropped slowly with a slight thermocline at 60 feet along with an increase in visibility to 30 feet. Not too severe, and afterwards neither Steve nor I noticed the temperature much at all.

Dropping into the canyon at 80 feet I was greeted by a large, 5-6lb lobster mocking me from his gated community. In an act that can only be called spiteful, I snatched him off the bottom and gave him the once over with the rubber hose and brass knuckles before sending him on his way with his FAT JUICY tail tucked between his legs.

Continuing on our tour we explored the wall's many cracks and crevices. As on previous dives we saw many two-spotted and red octopi of varying sizes. Some on the wall, some in holes, some slinking boldly across the clay and sand slope. The most common critter this dive was hands down, scorpion fish. They were everywhere. None too large, mostly less than 8-10" long but we must have seen 20 or so throughout the dive. We were looking for the wolf eel and although the terrain looked right, we missed him. I suspect we were a little to far down on the wall. He usual depth is around 80 feet, and when we didn't find him I noticed we were at around 86 feet. Ah well, plenty of other life out tonight so we continued to explore.

We hit the turn around pressure of 1500 and turned our compasses to 60 degrees and started our ascent out of the canyon, exploring as we went. At about 65 feet we came across the skeletal remains of what can only be described as a long eel except the skull appeared too broad and flat. Perhaps a large ray would look like this once stripped of all the fleshy parts? Just after the remains of Nessie, I was excited to see a small horn shark on the wall ahead. Cute as a button and very docile. Steve urged him to join our swim and for a moment he circled Steve before drifting back to the bottom for some much needed rest. These things are more sedentary than my dog and she is more pillow than dog these days! Moving on Steve found a large hermit crab with quite a knack for decorating as his condo was covered with barnacles and hydroids. If he hadn't moved we would have mistaken him for a rock. The really cool thing about it was the bioluminescence. As his front arms extended and retracted it would pull in the "electrified water" turning the inside of his shell into a neon disco lounge. Très chic.

We continued our swim through the blue blizzard, pausing occasionally to douse the lights and play in the glow. Steve remarked that he didn't need his light to find me as he could follow the glow of my passage through the water. At 30 feet the visibility really started to drop, but not so much that we missed the 3-4 small halibut in our path. These were snobby halibut and would not even acknowledge our presence so we moved on.

As you would expect, the shallower we go, the rougher the surge became, and of course the tighter the visibility became. At 8 feet we were considering surfacing as the longshore South running current was resisting our efforts to swim Northeast when we swam into a duet of shovel-nosed guitar fish. One was slightly larger than the other. They eyed us warily, but didn't bolt and we continued on without interrupting their conversation.

We surfaced in 6 feet, just slightly south of the Sea wall exit and trudged up the beach. There was many a "WOW!" and "DID YOU SEE THAT!?" exchanged as we headed for the shower. Packing gear for the trip home we relived the dive in words, shook hands, and promised to do it again real soon. Judging from the grins we had as we parted, I am SURE we will.

Dropped down at 7:00 pm in to 5 feet vis and 68 degrees at the surface.

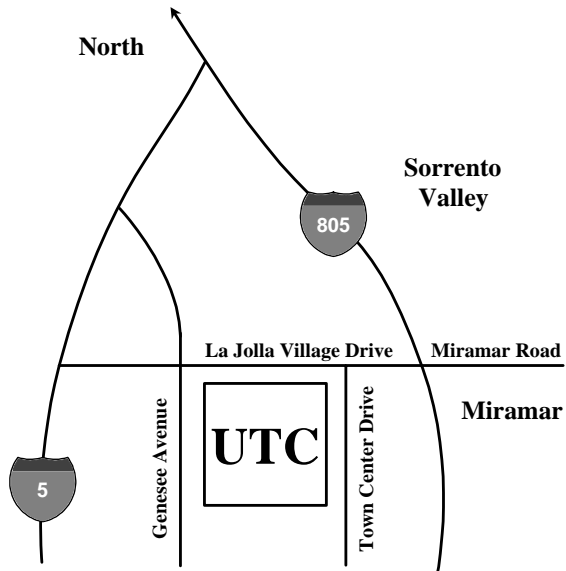
Visibility at depth was easily 30 feet

Max depth was 88 feet with an average depth of 75 feet

Total bottom time was a quick but enjoyable 35 minutes

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Editors Note: Please do not harrass animals in the reserve. We hope that the author was only using artistic license.



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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