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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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President's Message

A group of us got together for dinner and the October 12th evening showing of the 8th annual San Diego Undersea Film Exhibition at QUALCOMM hall. Now dinner with dive buddies is always great, as any of you who have been on our club's April Catalina trip know. But to then fill the evening with stunning underwater videography was truly a pleasure. I've never been one to dive a wreck for the purpose of penetration or to revisit history. For these reasons, Truk lagoon has never been on my list of places to visit. After viewing Guardian of the Wrecks by Nick Martorano and seeing all the amazing growth outside the wrecks, Truk lagoon is suddenly near the top of the list. It certainly appears to be a photographer's dream diving location. We enjoyed all the video entries and were sorry we couldn't attend Saturday evening's showing. Perhaps next year.

On to business...Attendance at our club's meetings is beginning to exceed the available space at Giovanni's resulting in standing room only at our last two meetings. Despite meetings towards the year's end usually having lower attendance, the club's officers have begun an alternate location search and would appreciate any suggestions. We do have a few requirements. First and foremost is no cost. Then seating for a minimum of 75, a variety of food, the ability to control sound and lighting, and preferably somewhere within the Kearney Mesa or Mission Valley areas since they are central to our membership. Look around and let us know what you find.

Upcoming events include our annual Underwater Santa and toy drive December 15th for which we'll need several volunteers and the Parade of Lights cruise aboard the Ocean Odyssey on the 16th. All the details will be announced at the November meeting. See you there.

Scott Brown, President

"CORONADO's" DIVE TRIP REPORT

Marrisa Dive Charters

13 October 2007

After leaving the jetty for open ocean we discovered the swells and surge would make for a long and poor ride to the Coronado's. The divers on board opted for the closer wrecks instead. The first dive was on the Yukon with bottom temp 55 degrees, visibility approximately 15 feet, and some surge. The second dive was on the Ruby E with similar conditions. This happen to be a day that the ocean did not want to co-operate with us so we took a vote and decided to head back to land to dive another day.

~ Dennis Fox



Upcoming Events:

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| Nov 1 | Club Meeting 7:00pm |
| Nov 17 | Disneyland Trip |
| Nov 21 | Officer's Meeting 6:30pm |
| Nov 22 | Thanksgiving |
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| Dec 15 | Underwater Santa |
| Dec 16 | SD Bay Parade of Lights |
| Dec 25 | Christmas |
| Dec 31 | New Year's Eve |

At our last meeting...

Who knew we could jam so much into one meeting! Dr. Jay Vavra gave us an excellent in depth look at his efforts with the students at High Tech High which lead to their book Perspectives of San Diego Bay. Following Dr. Vavra, our own Hunza Kotas provided a quick overview of lobster hunting and cooking to get all you crazy lobster hunters going. Dave McNair was especially proud of his recent catch. After the break we were treated to four photos of the month entries and three great open carousel presentations. Congrats to Peggy P. for her Spanish Shawl.



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| Point Loma (619) 224-6777 | La Jolla (858) 453-5656 |
| Mission Valley (619) 718-7070 | Tours (800) 660-2754 |

Raffle Winners

| Winner Name | Prize Won |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Steve Fellet | Red Licorice Vines |
| Terry Thomas | Trident Dive flag set w/float |
| Cody Gilstrap | Perspectives of S.D. Bay book |
| Cody Gilstrap | Honduras Bay Islands book |
| Walt Weaver | San Diego Bay book |
| Eric Williams | California Lobster Diving book |
| Mike Petschek | Princeton Dive Light - Medium |
| Scott Anderson | Trident Deluxe Divers Tool Kit |
| Barbie Lass | 2 Cetacea Dive clips |
| Dave McNair | Princeton Dive Light - Large |
| Mike Thornton | Princeton Dive Light - Small |

QUARTERLY PRIZE

Kathy Bouic Aqua Lung Legend Regulator

\$3 OFF any \$15 purchase

OR

\$5 OFF any \$25 purchase

Not valid with any other offer or specials.
Dine in only. One coupon per visit.

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Membership has its privileges!

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 – Great Prizes

Tickets may be purchased at each meeting for that night's raffle prizes.

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

36th Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights 2007



Sunday, December 16, 2007
Boarding at 4:00 PM, Depart at 5:00 PM
Fireworks & Parade on San Diego Bay - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

Happy Holidays!

The Southwest Section of SNAME and the San Diego Dive Club have chartered the Ocean Odyssey out of H&M Landing for the 36th Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. Come join fellow members and their families and participate in a great San Diego tradition. The Ocean Odyssey crew is going to decorate the boat in its finest holiday decorations and you're invited to come along and join in the festivities. You not only get to watch the parade from a prime front row seat, but you also get to be in it.

This year's theme is "YO HO HO...A Pirates Christmas!" Come along and participate in what has become a traditional Holiday present to San Diego from the boating community. Ticket prices are \$25 per person for SNAME or SDDC members and immediate family, \$15 for children 12 and under, and \$30 for non-members. There will be plenty of hot appetizers and non-alcoholic refreshments available. A no-host bar will be available for beer and wine. Lots of door prizes will be given away to kick off the giving season. To purchase tickets come to one of the monthly meetings or contact Richard Burns 619-544-8616 or by e-mail burns@nassco.com

For more information about the 36th Annual Parade check out: San Diego Parade of Lights

Ocean Odyssey is available for boarding at 4 PM, with estimated departure of 5 PM. Do not be late; once we pull away from the dock you have "missed the boat". Located conveniently in beautiful San Diego Bay ten minutes from San Diego Lindbergh International Airport. Adjacent parking is available. The first 1/2 hour is free and then it's \$1.00 per hour up to a maximum of \$5.00 for 24 hours. The OCEAN ODYSSEY is located at: H&M Landing, 2803 Emerson St., San Diego, California 92106 (619) 222 - 1144.

San Diego Dive Club Officer's 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' Meetings are usually held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at :

Marie Calendar's, 6950 Alvarado rd. La Mesa

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.

San Diego Dive Club 2007 Disneyland Trip

Saturday, Nov 17th 2007

We had a great time last year so why not do it again?

Disneyland is open from 8am – 12am.
California Adventure from 10am – 9pm

Everyone is on their own to arrange transportation and purchase tickets. Get there whenever you like. We have no plans to try to keep a large group of people together because that doesn't work well if you want to get anything done.

Prices

| | Adults | Children age 3 – 9 |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1 day single park: | \$66 | \$56 |
| 1 day park hopper: | \$91 | \$81 |

If you'd like to be part of a club group photo, be in front of the castle by 2:00pm. Last year we all brought our masks and snorkels for the group photo. If you want to bring yours, I suggest getting a locker.



Free Dive Club Classifieds

Have some old dive gear looking for a new home? Running out of space in the garage for all you new gear?

Advertise in the Club's Newsletter. We have 100+ members that receive the newsletter each month, and it's viewable online, and distributed via our dive club meetings and area Sport Chalet stores. Classifieds ads are free for current club members.

Ads may be for personal gear only. No commercial enterprises. San Diego Dive Club assumes no liability for the condition, suitability, or operation of any gear bought, sold or advertised via the Club Newsletter. Ads are subject to editing for clarity and brevity. Send submissions with short description, price, full name (for membership verification) and contact information to the Newsletter Editor at mthorn3478@aol.com, place "Dive Club Classified Ad" in the subject line.



SCUBA CHARTERS

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or at 1-800-348-3794

Remember SD Dive Club members get 10% off charters

| Date | Day | Boat | Destination | Price* | Board | Depart | Return | Departs From |
|--------|-----|------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| 3-Nov | Sat | CeeRay | Catalina | \$115 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 3-Nov | Sat | Magician | Catalina | \$120** | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM San Pedro |
| 3-Nov | Sat | Spectre | S.Cruz/Anacapa | \$110 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM Ventura |
| 4-Nov | Sun | Great Escape | Catalina | \$125 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 10-Nov | Sat | CeeRay | Catalina | \$115 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 10-Nov | Sat | Spectre | S.Cruz/Anacapa | \$110 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM Ventura |
| 11-Nov | Sun | Bottom Scratcher | Catalina | \$110 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 11-Nov | Sun | CeeRay | Catalina | \$115 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 11-Nov | Sun | Magician | Santa Barbara | \$150** | 11/10, 10PM | 2:00 AM | 6:00 PM | San Pedro |
| 17-Nov | Sat | Spectre | S.Cruz/Anacapa | \$110 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM Ventura |
| 18-Nov | Sun | CeeRay | Catalina | \$115 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 18-Nov | Sun | Great Escape | Catalina | \$125 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 18-Nov | Sun | Magician | Catalina | \$120** | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM San Pedro |
| 24-Nov | Sat | Bottom Scratcher | Catalina | \$110 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 24-Nov | Sat | Magician | Catalina | \$120** | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM San Pedro |
| 25-Nov | Sun | Great Escape | Catalina | \$125 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 25-Nov | Sun | Magician | Catalina | \$120** | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM San Pedro |
| 1-Dec | Sat | CeeRay | Catalina | \$115 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 1-Dec | Sat | Great Escape | Catalina | \$125 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |
| 1-Dec | Sat | Spectre | S.Cruz/Anacapa | \$110 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM Ventura |
| 2-Dec | Sun | CeeRay | Catalina | \$115 | | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 6:00 PM Long Beach |

* Price includes food and air fills

**Nitrox available for additional charge

Welcome new members!

Sharon Brooks
Marco Prima
Jordan Tobin

Renewing members

Barbara Lloyd
Sandra Anderson
Mike Petschek
Paul Schankin
Sandra Schankin
Walter Weaver
Jonathan Morin
Scott Anderson
Sandra Miller

There are 106 current members

Photo of the Month Contest

The club officers have come up with a friendly contest we all can enjoy. Here's how it works: Take an underwater picture, frame it for easy display and set it up at the meeting with all the other entries.

Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five raffle tickets. The intent here is to involve as many people as possible in fun and entertainment. Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system.

- Underwater pictures only (Digital or film)
- Taken during the time since the last meeting.
- One picture per person per month.
- Display your picture as you shot it with your camera and lighting settings.
- Cropping is OK, but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using Photoshop before printing.

One vote per person and you must be present at the meeting to vote. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the following month's meeting as the previous month's winner. We have several excellent photographers within our membership and as this contest continues, I hope to see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

Last Months Winner: Peggy Petschek Spanish Shawl/Farnsworth Bank



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
at

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

From 163 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. East
From 15 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. West
Giovanni's is on the South side of Clairemont Mesa
on the West side of Ruffin

Monthly raffle drawings!

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

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!!!

Newsletter Submissions

The "Primary Regulator" is your newsletter. Brief articles and items of interest related to diving for the Newsletter are encouraged from all members. Articles may be of local diving sites, trip reports, lessons learned, etc.

Please submit them electronically to the Editor at mthorn3478@aol.com no later than the 15th of the month. Submissions are subject to editing. Additionally, let me know if there are things you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter.

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