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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

End of Summer Bummer!

Well, not really, it's still really warm out with some great diving conditions. Summer lasts longer in San Diego. We had our End of Summer barbeque and movie on the beach on Saturday, Sept. 11 and had a great turn-out. We fed all the Lifeguards (several times I think). I began to think the Lifeguards were using their radios to notify everyone. That's okay by us! I didn't see anyone from the Orange County clubs; I guess we were late in inviting them. We had our movie on the lawn instead of the beach because of the potential for a very high tide that evening. The movie was "Jaws". Kinda weird having a dive club watch this movie at the beach huh?

It was great; I hadn't remembered all the humor that was in that movie. I was thinking, maybe we should have all jumped in the water right after the movie, nah, that's really sick. Maybe we should take it to the next level sometime and put the movie screen on a float and we could all sit in the water to watch the movie. We could watch "Jaws 2" and have our feet dangling in the water. Yeah, we should try something like this, maybe at Mission Bay someplace during the summer, what do you think?

I don't know about you but I have been enjoying the dive reports posted to the club email system. If you are not on the

list and would like to be just send an email to sandiegodiveclub-subscribe@yahogroups.com. Conversely if you want to be removed from the list send an email to sandiegodiveclub-unsubscribe@yahogroups.com. Hey, by the way, this email system is for everyone to use. If you need a dive buddy, have a question or want to sell or buy some gear send an email. Just send email to sandiegodiveclub@yahogroups.com and it will go to everyone on the list. Note, you can't send email to the list from an email address that is not sub-

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LOBSTER SEASON OPENS Oct 2nd!

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Wed., Oct 6 , 2004 7:00 pm
(see page 8 for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for October is:
Bob Rosenthal - Fiji with Stan Waterman

Bob Rosenthal will be presenting a video about a trip to Fiji with Stan Waterman at the Oct. 6 meeting. If time allows, he has a video about diving Cocos.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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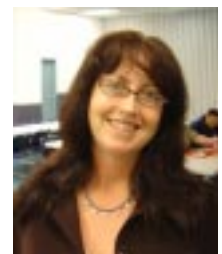
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Membership

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
- 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:

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
October 2004					1	2 Lobster Season Opens! 12:01 AM
Events Calendar						
3	4	5	6 Club Meeting 7:00	7	8	9 Dive South Casa 6:30 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Just a reminder - as if any of you hard core lobster hunters needed it ;-) -

Saturday Oct 2nd at 12:01AM (late Friday night) is the beginning of the 04-05 lobster season.

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/seasons.html>

Make sure to get your license, lights, guages and bags ready to go!!

Attached are the current DFG regulations.

Feel free to share you secret spots... he he he...

Happy diving and good luck!!

Dave

San Diego Dive Club's October Dive at the South Casa Cove!

Time to get some bugs for dinner! Don't forget your flashlights (Night Dive), game bags, lobster gauges, and fishing licenses.

Date: Saturday October 9th, 2004 **Time:** 06:30pm in the water no later than 7pm.

Location: South Casa Cove, La Jolla, CA. Just South of the Children's Pool
850 Coast Blvd La Jolla, CA 92037 (about 500 yards South of La Jolla Cove)

Divemasters: Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm# 619-749-8435.
Dave McNair Netdave@cox.net hm# 760-722-1845

Meeting: Top of the stairs on the South side of the lifeguard tower located at the Children's Pool.

Parking: There is limited street parking directly in front of the Children's pool and on the street to the North and South. Be patient or early and you can usually find a good spot.

Entry: We'll descend at the 2nd flight of stairs on the South side of the lifeguard tower.

Features: A mix of rocky reefs, sea grass, and kelp.

Marine Life: This is just a sample of what I've seen at this site: Spiny lobster, horn sharks, garibaldi, surf perch, guitar fish, stingrays, sheephead fish, seabass, greenlings, giant kelp fish, crabs, nudibranchs, sea stars, sea lions, harbor seals, etc..

Links:

Pictures & Description: http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/Childrens_Pool/

General info and directions: <http://www.sannet.gov/lifeguards/beaches/pool.shtml>

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



Scuba Charters October 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
01-Oct	Island Time	Lobster-Cata. Night	\$ 78	9:30 PM	10:00 PM	5:00 AM	Personal food ok
02-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
02-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
02-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:00 AM	Personal food ok
02-Oct	Ocean Express	2 Wreck 1Night	\$ 85	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	8:30 PM	N/A
03-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
03-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
03-Oct	Lois Ann	Kelp-2 tank	\$ 75	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
08-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina-Night	\$ 94	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 AM	N/A
09-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina-Night	\$ 94	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 AM	N/A
09-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
09-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:00 AM	Personal food ok
10-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
10-Oct	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
10-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
16-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
16-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
16-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:00 AM	Personal food ok
17-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
17-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
23-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
23-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
24-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
24-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
24-Oct	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
24-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
30-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
30-Oct	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
31-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A

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 **Oct 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.

Please Note: The meeting for October will be held at:
Tyler's Taste of Texas
576 North 2nd St.
El Cajon 92021 (619) 444-9295

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: There is no meeting scheduled for October, however, there is a Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday Oct. 27 at 6:30 pm at the Spice House Restaurant. See the website for additional information as it is posted.

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

SAN DIEGO UNDERSEA FILM EXHIBITION

Oct. 1st and 2nd

The 5th Annual San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition will be held Friday and Saturday night on Oct. 1 & 2nd at the San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. This venue features state of the art digital projection for superb viewing. Both nights' programs feature completely different films submitted by filmmakers from around the country. Tickets may be purchased for the low price of only \$10.00 at any of these dive shops: The Diving Locker in Pacific Beach, The Dive Shack in El Cajon, the Aqua Tech Dive Center in San Diego, Taopitek in Point Loma, OE Express in La Jolla. Tickets sell out every year so don't hesitate to get yours now.

For more info, visit the San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition website: <http://www.sdufex.com>

Children's Pool Update

At its meeting yesterday (9/14/04), The San Diego City Council voted 5-3 (Frye, Atkins, and Zucchet opposed) to do the following:

1. Direct City staff to take down the rope at Childrens' Pool and make the signs more swimmer friendly.
2. Chose year round shared use over the 6-month alternating use.
3. Begin the scoping, design, and permitting process to remove sand from Childrens' Pool. Further hearings would be necessary for environmental review and the like. No work would be done to actually remove sand until funding was found (see item 5).
4. Explore whether opening the sluiceways is a viable option.
5. Create an account within the City treasury to which donations could be made for sand removal.

In light of the City's current budget situation, items 1 and 2 may be the only things to result in prompt, tangible change. But at least it's some progress.

Steve Haynes
President, San Diego Council of Divers

President's Message Cont.

scribed to the list. This is the way we prevent SPAM. Also, if anyone abuses the system with non-dive related stuff, you know, advertising, political announcements or religious messages I will "black-list" them and they won't be able to send email to the group again.

We have identified a potential new meeting location. "Tyler's" restaurant in El Cajon. I've never been there but I hear good things about the food and the available meeting space. The club officers will be holding our officer meeting in October at Tyler's to check the place

out. It seems many of our members live closer to El Cajon than University Towne Center. If we move we'll give everyone plenty of notice. I hope we don't alienate anyone due to the move.

Steve Anderson - President

At Our Last Meeting

Our guest speaker was Ian Taniguchi from the Department of Fish and Game. Ian gave us an in depth lesson on the history of abalone in California and how to identify them. Ian also solicited our help in tracking the beasts.

It looks like it will be decades before the abalone will be able to recover. Several species are in danger of extinction due to disease, predators and poaching.

The abalone you buy in stores and eat at restaurants are from a farm and not from the open ocean.

The following web address will take you to the abalone section of the Department of Fish and Game web site:
http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/ab_info.html

Raffel Prize Winners

Erica McDaniel - Game Bag
Steve Speiser - Dive Light
Scott Anderson - Speargun
Peggy Petschek - Wetsuit Gloves
Shari Johnston - Mini Flasher Light
Mike King - Light Mounted Lobster Gauge
Dave Pierce - Lobster Gauge, Dive Knife
Mike Petschek - Mask Anti-fog

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the following New and Renewed members:

NEW

Erica McDaniel
Thomas Cook
Barbie Lass
Kevin Lass
Jessica Busk
Deborah Kearney

RENEWAL

James Milvihill
Kathryn Bouic
Scott Anderson
Sandra Anderson
Leslie Peariso
Dean Potter
Kerry Mahoney
Michael Strickland

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

We have finalized 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 is:

\$112 for non-divers

\$170 for divers taking part in the 2 tank boat dive on Friday night.

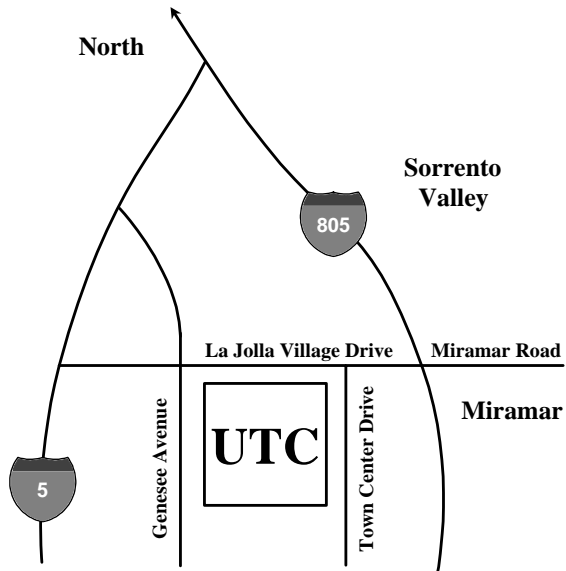
The trip price includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and dinner on Friday and Saturday night.

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 is already half full and the remaining spots will sell out quickly.

If you already signed up for the trip,... **SEND MONEY!**

checks made out to: "San Diego Dive Club",

San Diego Dive Club
Attention: Rich Burns
P.O. Box 81678
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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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