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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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October 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pass the Garlic Butter, Please!

Bugs, bugs, bugs, bugs; bugs, bugs, bugs, bugs; that's the word of the month. Hope you were all able to make the club meeting last month a hear the great presentation that Hunza provided on bug hunting. I am counting the days until it is time to drop in the water. What day is that you say? Well in accordance with the fishing regulations, spiny lobster open season and I quote is, "From the Saturday preceding the first Wednesday in October through the first Wednesday after the 15th of March." Which simply means, October 1, 2005 through March 22, 2006. Daily bag limit is seven.

Hunza also conducted a night dive to prep everyone for the season, but I guess everyone out there must be experts, since turn out was extremely limited. There will be additional opportunities down the road to practice your skills. If anyone has any suggestions for dive sites or dive activities please talk to me or your dive coordinators in order for us to plan activities that you wish to participate in.

Back to the subject of bugs, just so no one is caught without the facts, to quote the regs, "Minimum size is, three and one-fourth inches measured in a straight line on the midline of the back from the

rear edge of the eye socket to the rear edge of the body shell. Any lobster may be brought to the surface of the water for the purpose of measuring, but no undersize lobster may be brought aboard any boat, placed in any type of receiver, kept on the person or retained in any person's possession or under his direct control; all lobsters shall be measured immediately upon being brought to the surface of the water, and any undersize lobster shall be released immediately into the water. *For up-to-date regulation information visit the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd*

So let's go get those bugs!

Rich Burns - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Oct. 6 , 2005 7:00 pm

(see page 8 for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for October is:

Peter Brueggeman - Under Antarctic Ice

Peter Brueggeman from Scripps Institution of Oceanography will be showing images taken under the ice in Antarctica.

Peter has presented to the club in the past, and his presentations are always a **MUSTSEE!!**

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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**OCTOBER IS A QUARTERLY DRAWING MONTH!!
SECRET PRIZE RETAIL VALUE \$500!!!**

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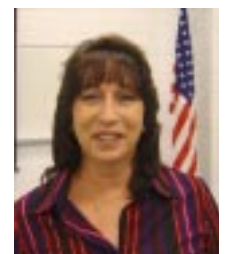
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Membership

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 2005						1 Lobster Season Opens!!
Events Calendar						
2	3	4	5	6 Club Meeting 7:00	7 Night Dive Del Mar	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween	<p>San Diego Dive Club's October Dive in Del Mar, CA! Night Dive! Great Bug Hunting Spot! Don't forget your Certification cards & Fishing Licenses if you're hunting.</p>				

Date: Friday October 7th 2005

Time: 6:15pm in the water by 6:45pm

Location: Del Mar (Powerhouse Park)(Coast Blvd & 15th Street)
Just North of the railroad tracks that cross Coast Blvd & South of the Poseidon Restaurant.

Directions: Exit on Del Mar Heights from I-5 and head West, turn Right (North) on Camino Del Mar/Coast Hwy, about 2 miles turn Left on 15th Street. Turn Right on Coast Blvd. Park anywhere after you cross the railroad tracks.

Parking: Parking is available on the street or in a pay parking lot across the street from the park. Check the parking meters for days and times, but I think they stop enforcing at 6pm.

Meeting: Meet in the center of the park- most likely at one of the benches on the grass. This is not a well known spot so we'll probably be the only divers there.

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, watch out for surfers. 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 reefs. We'll explore the reef for a while and return to the shore underwater. Look for the reefs between 18-25ft. If you go any deeper, you've passed them. Go a little shallower and head North. The major reefs are parallel to shore and there is sand between them.

Features: It's a fairly shallow dive reaching about 30ft max. The bottom consists of sand, sea grass, rocks, and reefs.

Marine life: Lobster, eels, horn sharks, sheep crabs.

Contact: Hunza Kotas (Club Dive Coordinator) with any questions at Hunza@cox.net or at 619-749-8435 or (Cell 619-204-3415 day of dive only).

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



Scuba Charters October 2005

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	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
01-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 94	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:30 AM	N/A
01-Oct	Lois Ann	1 Wreck, 1 Night	\$ 85	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	10:00 PM	N/A
02-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
02-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
02-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
02-Oct	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 Tank	\$ 82	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
07-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina-Night	\$ 107	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:00 AM	N/A
08-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina-Night	\$ 107	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 AM	N/A
08-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
08-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
08-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 94	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:30 AM	N/A
08-Oct	Lois Ann	Wreck - 3 Tank	\$ 90	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
09-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Oct	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 137	10/8, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
09-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
15-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
15-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 94	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:30 AM	N/A
15-Oct	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 Tank	\$ 82	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
16-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
16-Oct	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	12:30 AM	N/A
16-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
22-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
22-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
23-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
23-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
23-Oct	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 137	10/22, 10p	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
23-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
23-Oct	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	12:30 AM	N/A
29-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
29-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
29-Oct	Lois Ann	1 Wreck, 1 Night	\$ 85	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	10:00 PM	N/A
29-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
29-Oct	Spectre	S. Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 88	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
30-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Oct	Encore	Santa Barbara	\$ 137	10/29, 10p	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
30-Oct	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	12:30 AM	N/A

Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday October 19

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 October at **Boll Weevil's, at 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, directly across from Giovanni's in the Clairemont-Kearny Mesa area.**

The next meeting will be **Oct 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.

Cozumel, Mexico for Thanksgiving November 18 through 27, 2005

We have set up a small group trip to spend Thanksgiving week diving in Cozumel, Mexico. We will be departing out of LAX on midnight Friday, November 18th and returning on Sunday November 27th.

We will be stay at the Bahia Suites <http://www.suitesbahia.com/> (continental breakfast included). We will be doing 5 days of 2 tank diving with Careyitos Advanced Divers <http://www.advanceddivers.com/> (lunch included on dive boat, on dive days, for divers)

This trip is currently full and we are no longer taking reservations, keep your eyes out for additional trips which will be posting in the near future.

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, taken during the time since the last meeting. One picture per person per month. Digital or film. 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.

Matt Gieselmann, Barbara Lloyd, and myself showcased our talents in August. My picture from the 3-day trip of a moray with several baby lobster took 1st place. Credit also goes to Dennis Fox for finding the moray and pointing it out to me. Thank you to everyone for your votes.

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.

Scott Brown

San Diego Dive Club Divemaster Scholarship Awarded

At the last officers meeting the San Diego Dive Club Officers reviewed letters that were submitted for the Annual Dive Master scholarship. We are pleased to announce that the Dive Master scholarship has been awarded to Dennis Fox. Dennis has been an active member of the San Diego Dive Club for the last 5 years. He has joined us on many of our local and overseas dive trips and has logged 400 dives. He can always be found ready and willing to lend a hand at many of the club events. His training has included PADI Open Water and Advanced Open Water courses, Rescue Diver, Dive Medic and DAN O2 provider. Please join me in congratulating Dennis on this award, and we look forward to seeing him leading some future club dives.

Here come da bugs!

Anyone interested in lobster hunting should have great success this season after listening to Hunza's talk at our last meeting. The three F's (Find-em, Fetch-em, & Fix-em) were covered in detail along with exhibits of all the necessary gear for aspiring hunters. Great job Hunza! A few of our club's experienced carnivores added their insight as well. Thanks to all.

Perfectly timed for the upcoming lobster season was Henry Hester's presentation of Night Rider Dive Lights product demo and special dive club pricing. Freeze a bug in your headlights for less \$! Everyone interested in purchasing Night Rider Dive Lights please talk to Peggy Petscheck. She'll be the wild wench in the back selling raffle tickets.

Speaking of wenches and pirates. We had a fantastic 3-day Horizon trip to Santa Barbara and Catalina islands. The Navy closed San Clemente island but we didn't even miss it. Giant black sea bass, lots of big bugs, morays, octopi, bat rays, pirates, giant sun stars, brittle stars in the millions, dumb garibaldi, wenches, even dumber sheephead, schools of selemas & blacksmith, & red dress divers all had staring rolls. The vis at ship rock was the best ever seen with a celebrity appearance by Fred Garvin striking a very seductive underwater pose. Thanks to Dave McNair and Hunza Kotas for divemastering the trip. And of course a huge thank you to the crew of the Horizon for all their hard work. I'm sure many pictures from the trip will show up at this month's open carousel. That, along with a quarterly raffle prize worth \$ 500.00 should provide plenty of motivation to get your butt off the couch and join us at the meeting. See you there.

Scott Brown

Membership

**Please welcome these new and
renewing members...**

New members

**Walter Weaver
Debi Peterson
Philip Peterson
Alan Redmon**

Renewals

**Michael Neubig
Charles Tu
Barbara Lloyd
Matt Gieselman
Kevin Lass
Barbie Lass
Scott Anderson
Sandra Anderson
Mike Bear
Robert Pendleton**

34th Annual
San Diego Bay Parade of Lights
2005



Sunday, December 18, 2005
Boarding at 4:00 PM with departure at 5:00 PM
Parade on San Diego Bay - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

Happy Holidays!

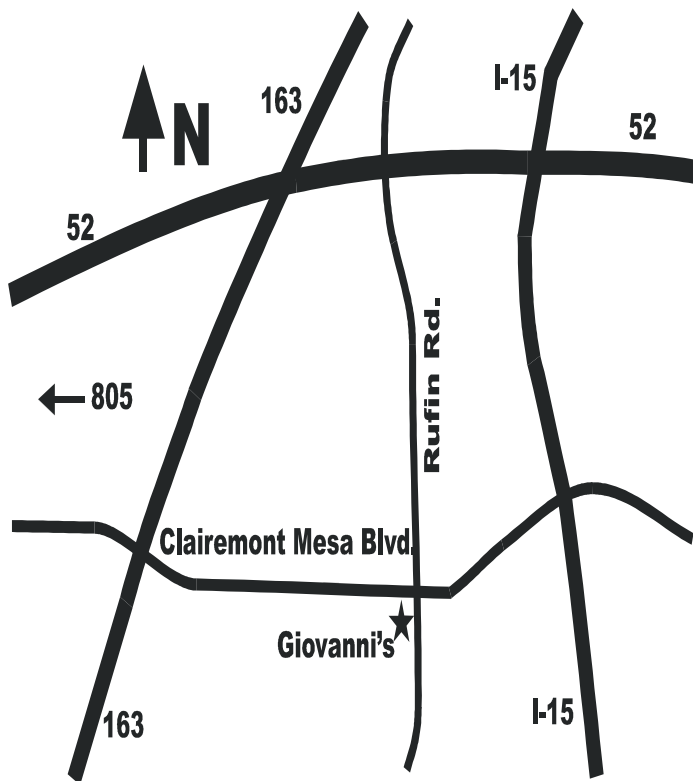
The club has chartered the Horizon out of H&M Landing for the 33rd Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. Come join your friends and participate in a great San Diego tradition. The Horizon crew is going to decorate the boat in its finest holiday decorations and you're invited to come along and join in 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 "Nautical Nights". Get together with family and friends and come along and participate in what has become a traditional Holiday present to San Diego from the boating community. Ticket price is \$25 per person. There will be plenty of munchies to keep your tummy warm and happy along with appropriate holiday concoctions. There will also be a no host bar available for holiday spirits. To sign up come to the club meeting or contact Rich or Shelley Burns at 619-303-6589 or 619-697-6589 or by e-mail sddiver@cox.net

For more information about the 33rd Annual Parade check out: [San Diego Parade of Lights](#)

Boat 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". 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 dive boat HORIZON is located at H&M Landing, 2803 Emerson St., San Diego.



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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

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

Secret quarterly Raffle Prize -- Retail Value \$500!!!

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.
