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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September 2003

LIFE'S A BEACH AND THEN YOU DIVE

Okay, so we've got lots of beaches in San Diego now we just have to do the dive part. At our last meeting I mentioned our club now has liability insurance that covers (current) Divemasters and Instructors. The main reason we stopped scheduling club dives was because the Sport Chalet Divemasters and Instructors would no longer have professional liability insurance coverage for running club dives. Now, any Divemaster or Instructor that is current and leads a dive will have liability coverage. So where does this leave us? Basically it means we can schedule dives again as long as there is a

Divemaster in charge of the event. This does NOT mean you have to be a Divemaster to organize a dive.

What we need now is someone (could be more than one person) to act as a club Dive Coordinator. Kurt Gross graciously accepted the position originally but things change and his time is no longer available

The club will still pay a Divemaster \$50 to lead a club dive. We are seeking to arrange just two dive events each month. Some months already have boat dives and movies on the beach events scheduled.

What does a club Dive Coordinator do? Simple, pick a date, pick a location, check the tide table, call a Divemaster to run the event and submit the information for the newsletter. You don't even have to show up or dive.

What's in it for you? Well, as an officer you get a years free membership, one years use of my computer support skills (3 hours per month) and the satisfaction of making this club the best in San Diego. The club officers meet once a month for dinner and have a lot of fun, they're a fun group of

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

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Wed., Sept 3, 2003 7:00 pm

(see page 10 for meeting location)

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At press time we had not made final arrangements for the guest speaker for our September meeting.

Keep checking the Web Site. As soon as we confirm, we will update the site!

— 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:

USMail:

San Diego Dive Club
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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
	1	2	3 Club Meeting 7:00	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Council BBQ and Meeting (Pg 5)	12	13 Carne Asada B-B-Q Movie on the Beach
14	15	16	17 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Lois Ann Dive
28	29	30	September 2003			
Events Calendar						

ROCKS, RIPS & REEFS

Participants learn how to:

- Identify underwater rocks and reefs by observing water movement and surf
- Take advantage of the ocean's natural wave motion
- Spot safe places to enter and exit
- Avoid places hazardous to divers and snorkelers
- Encounter rip and longshore currents
- Use tides to plan dives

Bring a mask, fins, and snorkel. The ocean is cool, so a wetsuit is strongly recommended. Weights are unnecessary. Scuba gear (regulator, BC, tank) is not used during the program. 3R's is free. Participants must sign a liability waiver.

September 13, 2003

Hospital Point

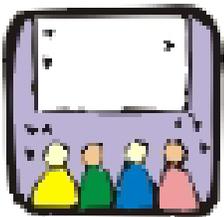
400 Coast Blvd (south of Cuvier)

Session host - San Diego Sea Dogs

SCHEDULE

Register on site at 8:00 am, then suit up. The briefing starts at 8:15 am, and we're in the water at 8:30 am. Sessions end about 10:00 am.

Carne Asada Bar-B-Q and Movie on the Beach



What: Carne Asada Barbecue and movie on the beach

Movie: Fantastic voyage (little tiny people scuba diving inside the human body see Pg 9)

Where: Kellogg Park at La Jolla Shores

Date: Saturday, September 13th

Time: Dinner at 6PM, movie at 8PM

Note: Parking lot closes at 10PM sharp and citations will be issued after that time.

Please, no glass containers, and remember - alcohol is not allowed on the beach!

As a reminder to all club members and their guests; the parking lot at Kellogg Park closes at 10PM. Any vehicle in the lot after that time will likely receive a \$35 parking citation.

The closure time is posted at the entrance of the parking lot.

The club will make every effort to conclude activities at La Jolla Shores before 10PM but we are unable to reimburse anyone who receives a citation.

We apologize for previous situations where citations have been issued but club finances don't allow us any options. We will continue to examine this situation and try to come up with something that benefits everyone.

Steve Anderson President

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.



Scuba Charters September 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
06-Sep	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Sep	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 115	9/5, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
06-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
06-Sep	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
06-Sep	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Sep	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
07-Sep	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
07-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
13-Sep	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
13-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
13-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
14-Sep	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
14-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
14-Sep	Encore	Santa Barbara	\$ 115	9/13, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
14-Sep	Great Escape	Backside Catalina	\$ 105	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
14-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
14-Sep	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds-2 Tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
20-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
20-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
20-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
21-Sep	Blue Escape	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
21-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
21-Sep	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
21-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
21-Sep	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds-2 Tank	\$ 75	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
26-Sep	Island Time	Lobster-Catalina Night	\$ 78	9:30 PM	10:00 PM	5:00 AM	Personal food ok
27-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
27-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
27-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:00 AM	Personal food ok
28-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
28-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
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Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

people. You don't need to attend officer meetings it's just a convenient place to toss around ideas and get support and information. You might find several of the officers willing to take charge of a dive, three of the officers are Divemasters.

This is the only club officer position where you can network your buddies to do the work for you. Cal a friend with a favorite dive site and ask them the details and if they'd work with a Divemaster to set something up.

Our club is primarily a social networking system, people use the club to meet other divers. If we're not fulfilling this need we'll eventually die.

I've poured my heart and soul (and a lot of cash) to help build this club but I'm not Atlas and can't keep the world on my shoulders. I need, the club needs your help. If you have any interest at all please send me an email, call me or just show up at a club officer meeting.

Now for something completely different (Monty Python reference). At our July meeting Milt Beard attempted to present his tribute to the sinking of the Yukon and I rudely cut him off. While I had my reasons to do this, in retrospect it was probably unwise and rude. Milt has long been a forest of kelp in our club and has tirelessly contributed to every event, every project and nearly every meeting. Milt I think you deserve better consideration than I gave you and I apologize. You are authorized to flog me with wet kelp at the next club meeting.

Steve Anderson
President
San Diego Dive Club

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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 **Sept.17**. 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

The September general meeting of the San Diego Council of Divers will be at Robb Field on Bacon Street in Ocean Beach on Thursday, September 11, 2003 from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. *Note that this date is different from our normal second Tuesday of the month.* A fish BBQ is planned for 6:00 pm. It will be similar to the BBQ at the July meeting. The meeting itself will start at 7:00 pm.



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

Future Happenings

DIVE THE YUKON

Saturday, September 27th,
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Experience Level: Advanced

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport fishing in San Diego for a three-tank dive. Our friends from the Dive Club of South Orange County will be joining us. We will be making 2 dives on the Yukon and then the 3rd dive at the Point Loma Kelp Beds. A mere \$65* will get you 3 dives, including: air fills to 3500 psi, 80 c.f. steel tanks & Seasoft weight belts. Hot shower, lunch, soft drinks & cookies are also included. If you have the appropriate certification, NITROX is also available for an extra charge, but you must let us know ahead of time. The dives to the Yukon are advanced dives, so appropriate experience or certification is recommended. To sign up, come to the next club meeting with payment or contact Rich Burns at (619) 303-6589 or (619) 697-6589 to book your spot. * Note: at this price we cannot guarantee refunds, we will make every attempt to fill your spot in case of a problem, but no guarantees. For directions to the boat check out: www.loisann.com

Catalina in the Fall

October 24th - 26th, 2003

Experience Level: All Levels - Divers and Non Divers Alike

First of all, I would like to thank all those who attended and helped out with the Two Harbors, Catalina trip in April. It was a blast! The pancake breakfast was great, the Carne & Pollo Asada Bar-B-Q was fantastic, and the Sea Bass tacos weren't bad either!

So, lets do it again! We have made reservations for October 24-26. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at about noon on Friday and then be returning at approximately 2:30pm on Sunday. The cost of this trip is still under \$100.00* and includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, and a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and a Bar-B Q and movies on Saturday night. We have also made arrangements for a 2-tank dive on the Garibaldi on Friday evening/night. We will have more details in following newsletters and sign-ups are available at the club meeting or by contacting Rich Burns at sddiver@cts.com or 619-303-6589. But don't wait too long to make your reservations, this trip sells out very quickly.

(* cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins, non-diver rate is \$98.50, and rate for divers taking part in the Friday evening/night boat dive is \$166.00).

At Our Last Meeting

Membership

Please welcome the following new
and renewed members:

New

Judith Springer
Bill Brown
Lorraine Anglin
Mercy Dasilva

Renewals

Kerry Mahoney
Dean Potter
Henry House III
Kathryn Bouic
Hunza Kotas

Raffel Prize Winners

Michelle Russell - Booties
Scott Brown - Akona camera bag
Shelley Burns - Cressi mask
Mercy Dasilva - Weight bag
Clyde Hessom - Costa Rica T-shirt
David Pierce - Magna Clip
Shelly Burns - Akona safety tube
Scott Brown - Pelilock
Laura Brown - Costa Rica CD
Dave Pierce - Octopus holder
Scott Brown - Fish bag
Denny Bianchi - Costa Rica CD
Clyde Hessom - Nemo stuffed toy

At Our Last Meeting....

Steve Drogen presented slides of his underwater adventures from around the world. Steve also gave us a sneak preview of a couple of special projects he's got cooking. Project number one is a new dive boat that looks really spiffy. Project number two is an underwater submersible capable of going to 1500 feet. Steve, do you need an adopted son? I'm living far beyond my means I need someone to support me in the life style I've grown accustomed.

The report from the Council of Divers indicated that all the dive clubs voted to allow spearguns to traverse the ecological preserve areas. This allows parity with the current legal ability to traverse a preserve with fishing gear.

Costa Rica November 8th -16th

Come and join the San Diego Dive Club for a trip to beautiful Costa Rica. We will depart on the morning of Saturday November 8th and return in the late afternoon of Sunday, November 16th. We will spend 9 days and 8 nights on an adventure of a lifetime. This trip will include Deluxe Accommodations, SCUBA Diving, Horseback Riding at Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge, Treetop Canopy Tour at Witches Rock Canopy, visits to Arenal Volcano and Tabacon Hot Springs, and Whitewater Rafting.

The price of the trip is \$1765.50 for divers, and \$1570.50 for non-divers. This trip price includes: round trip airfare from San Diego, 8 nights of lodging, all of the aforementioned adventure activities and ground transportation. There are also approximately 10 meals included with the package. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at rburns@nassco.com or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-544-8616. A \$250 deposit* is required to guarantee your spot and full payment will be due 90 days prior to departure, August 8th.

Sol Playa Hermosa Resort & Villas:

The Sol Playa Hermosa Beach Resort and Villas sit on a hill overlooking Playa Hermosa the beach, boats, islands and dive sites with a fantastic view of the Pacific Ocean and gorgeous Costa Rican sunsets. There are monkeys, iguanas, parrots and other birds on the property. The hotel has private balconies, central air conditioning, cable TV, phones, micro-fridge, coffee maker, security safe and a hair dryer. Trams take you around to the three restaurants, three pools, disco, mini mart, dive shop, tour office and beach. Tennis, basketball, volleyball, ping-pong and lots of other activities are available.

Witch's Rock Canopy Tour:

Witch's Rock Canopy Tour is located in Guanacaste, the most attractive and traditional Province of Costa Rica. Designed to offer the adventure and nature lovers a unique combination of captivating tropical dry forest scenery, while enjoying an exciting canopy tour with 23 platforms, surrounded by an amazingly changing natural landscape with privileged Pacific Ocean View, a beautiful waterfall, unforgettable sunsets, as well as the rich and diverse colors and sounds of the typical flora and fauna of the North Western region of the Country.

Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge:

Enjoy abundant wildlife and panoramic views of the rain forest at the foot of the Orosi Volcano while horseback riding through the ranch at Los Inocentes. This is the ultimate nature lover's adventure. This part of the rain forest is home to an estimated 2,250 species of plants, 125 species of birds and 25 species of mammals. The wildlife includes howler and white-faced capuchin monkeys, spider monkeys, tapirs, sloth, jaguars, collared peccaries, the Montezuma Oropendula, and many parrots.

Along with everything listed above we will also be doing:

- 3 days of 2-tank boat diving
- a trip to the Arenal Volcano and spending a couple days at deluxe accommodations at the Tabacon Hot Springs
- a day of Whitewater River Rafting

*Refund Policy is as follows: Airfare is refundable for a \$125 per person cancellation fee. Hotel and ground package is refundable as follows: Cancel more than 90 days in advance no fee, cancel 30 to 90 days in advance \$100 cancellation fee, cancel 15 to 29 days in advance 50% cancellation fee, less than 15 days in advance 100% cancellation fee.

It has happened to a lot of us

It was almost 10:00am and after ninety minutes the boat had finally reached the dive site. All eight of us strapped on our steel 105 cylinders and plunged overboard. We were the only divers within miles. The dive-site is a little reef on the south end of Cuba in sixty feet of warm, clear, Caribbean water. All of us had some form of camera, either still or video.

My plan was to look for a new subject I hadn't seen before and freeze it onto film. My buddy and I dropped down to the bottom and made a few adjustments to our camera systems. Looking around we decided to go in the opposite direction of the group. *This*, I am told, is one of the great strategies of underwater photographers, it drives dive masters crazy, but on this trip we had free run of the water. **“Just be back on the boat in an hour”**.

This was it, I could feel it. I was going to get one of the great pictures of all time, I just knew it. It'll be on the cover of *National Geographic*.

Combing the reef with the eyes of a hawk (fish), I swam...slowly...quietly...looking for the right subject. Peeking under ledges, looking off in the distance, and in sponges...nothing.

Before I continue, I should warn you that the rest of the story is not for the squeamish or easily offended. Ready? Okay. I had been on that island for three days eating their inedible breakfasts, barley palatable lunches, and “different” dinners. I never thought it was possible to ruin eggs in so many ways, nor to make sausage (I think it was sausage) that flies won't even land on.

Anyway, the food had caught up with me. I thought to myself “I think I can make it back to the boat if I swim real carefully”. I hand signaled to my buddy that I was heading back to the boat. He

waved me on as I swam as fast as a human could with his legs welded together at the knees. After about a minute I looked up and was able to see the boat. “I'll just ascend as fast as my dive computer will allow,” I thought to myself.

Now, lets go back to the basics that we all learned in our first scuba class. What happens when a flexible container of air (or an unspecified gas) ascends from sixty feet? Right, that air (or unspecified gas) expands, and if there is an opening (or tightly squeezed orifice) in the container, the gas (or semi-solid) in front of the orifice tries to escape. I relearned this axiom of the underwater world at about forty feet and quickly descended back to the bottom. The sphincter may be one of the strongest muscles in the human body, but it is no match for Boyle's law. “Now I have a **REAL** problem,” I thought to myself. “I'll just think this through rationally and calmly. I'm at sixty feet, I have 1050psi left in my cylinder, I'm wearing a 3mm full suit, my body is in need of instant relief, and I have no dive buddy (although I don't think he could have helped me on this one, and even if he could, I don't think he would have wanted to). Okay...I have two choices: 1) I can ruin a wetsuit and test the limits of human embarrassment, or: 2) I can strip off my tank and suit and contribute to the pollution factor of our oceans in a direct fashion by eliminating the toilet and plumbing. I chose option 2. I looked around to be sure there were no still or video cameras and reached around behind my BC and pulled the zipper of my suit all the way down. “This is going to be a piece of cake,” I thought. “All I have to do is remove my BC and strip off the top of my suit and I'm home free”. I flipped the cylinder over my head and laid it on the sand in front of me. The \$#@T has hit the fan now!!! I forgot I wasn't wearing a weight belt because

the steel 105 is almost 11lbs negative and when I took it off I started to float straight up. “No problem, I have a death grip on my mouth piece and it will hold me down while I strip off my suit and do the deed. By now my arms are bound by my suit which is half way off, I'm kicking as hard as I can to stay down, my mask is now flooded, my jaw is tired of holding the mouth piece, **AND** I still have the internal issues to deal with.

Let me at this point mention another law that may not have been taught in your scuba class, Murphy's Law. Just then my mouthpiece broke free from the second stage and released me into a state of panic. No air, no weight, no arms, no vision, and most of all, no patience. Frantically I felt around for my octopus and at the last second I found it and took a much needed breath. It was now time for me to rethink my plan. I freed one arm from my suit, cleared my mask, and clutched my cylinder while I caught my breath and composure. While resting I looked around cautiously to see if I had been filmed. By this time my stomach was hurting terribly from trying to keep the water visibility at its maximum.

While resting, a horrifying thought came to mind. The headlines in my home town reading “Diver drowned while trying to relieve himself”. Imagine my family's embarrassment. What would my tombstone read? What would I look like when they find me floating on the surface with my wetsuit half off? I figured at that point it was best to just surface, let Boyle's Law run it's course, and rinse before anybody got back to the boat. There are MANY morals to this story and I learned them all the hard (or soft) way. Although I was unable to get that cover story for National Geographic, I'm thankful that nobody got a shot of me for *National Lampoon*.

San Diego Dive Club Horizon 3-day trip to the Southern Channel Islands.

Another club 3-day trip aboard the Horizon has come and gone. For those of us who made the trip this year it was a real treat with the warmer water. From August 8th through the 10th we enjoyed the great hospitality and food aboard The Horizon Dive Boat.

Friday the 8th was spent at Santa Catalina Island diving Ship rock, Eagle reef, Outside Little Geiger, and Harbor reef. Big Olaf's ice cream in Avalon was fantastic Friday night. We dove at South kelp, the East rookery, and Sutil Island on Saturday the 9th at Santa Barbara Island. San Clemente Island was Sunday's stop. There we were treated to The Arch and WORLD FAMOUS Inside boiler. Water temperatures ran from 68 on the surface to 63 at a depth of 60 feet or more. The surface temperature even managed to reach 70 on Sunday at San Clemente. There were sightings of black sea bass, bat rays, lobster, garibaldi, horn shark, white sea bass, tuna, numerous nudibranchs, star fish, kelp bass, opal eye, giant kelp fish, lingcod, turbot, halibut, seals (of course those pesky seals), cowries, gorgonians, tons of kelp, octopus, Norris' top snails, and I even found an ABALONE! (Only one, though.) San Clemente was the best with visibility at 30-40 feet. I would especially like to thank Rich Burns and Steve Haynes for dive mastering the trip for the club. They kept everyone safe. No emergencies or rescues.

For the last 2-3 years this trip has been held in October to take advantage of lobster season. This was the first time in a while that this trip has been held in August. The warmer water was wonderful. I would like to see this trip continue as a yearly event and am willing to run it again next year. If you are interested in going on the trip or have any suggestions please let me know.

Scott Brown VP

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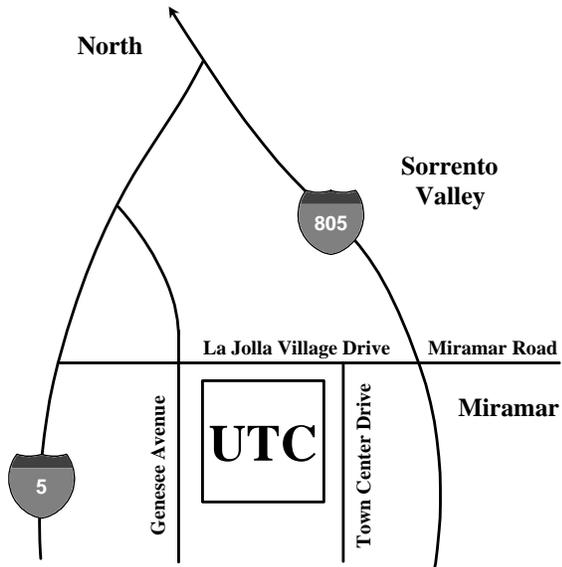
Reviewed by Dennis Schwartz

Fantastic Voyage is an absurd but entertaining trip into inner space. It's a sci-fi adventure boasting some neat special effects and art direction. It won two Oscars, one for Art Direction (Jack Martin Smith and Dale Hennesy) and one for Special Visual Effects (Art Cruikshank).

A leading scientist (Jean del Val) defects to the West and is immediately shot in an ambush. He's rushed to a secret military hospital in critical condition. He's very important to the military team running the top secret operation CMDF (Combined Miniature Deterrent Forces), headed by General Carter (Edmond O'Brien) and supervised by Col. Donald Reid (Arthur O'Connell). The scientist is the only one in the world who has valuable info on how to control those who are miniaturized from growing back. At present, they can only be shrunk for not more than 60 minutes.

The only way to save the scientist's life is to have a medical team in a miniaturized submarine be injected into the bloodstream of the patient and to operate from within his brain on the clot in the one hour time frame they will remain reduced in size. The voyagers will be reduced to the size of a microbe. The mission members include: the best brain surgeon in the world, but someone who is not supposed to be reliable, Dr. Duval (Arthur Kennedy). Duval will perform the delicate operation; while, his medical technician for the last 5 years, Cora Peterson (Raquel Welch), will assist him. The one in charge of the ship and its navigator through the circulatory system will be Dr. Michaels (Donald Pleasence). Michaels will also make sure that Duval operates correctly when using the laser beam, and his decision will count if there are any disputes. The uptight Captain Bill Owens will steer the nuclear powered submarine; and, the James Bond wannabe, Special Agent Grant (Stephen Boyd), will be in charge of security (Dr. Duval might be a traitor) and he will also run the wireless to maintain communication with the control tower.

The voyage landscape is a beautiful trip among the corpuscles and fibers and antibodies. This is totally a tacky special effect film, as unfortunately the dialogue is assinine and the characters are uninvolving. The fun is in trying to find which one is the traitor, but the traitor is too obvious. He's sweating profusely and twitching from the onset, so much so that he offers no challenge. This is one of those films that could have been great if... . Unfortunately the film is too stiff and too full of medical briefings to amount to much more than a feast for the eyes. Raquel is along so she can get into a wet suit and we could see what she's stacked up to be.



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