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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Electric What?

As I'm sure several of you do, I subscribe to more than one diving publication. Being DAN members brings a copy of their ALERT DIVER to our mail box every month and it's usually good for 15 to 20 minutes worth of diversion. This month's issue managed to capture my normally short attention span for far longer. The magazine is of course preoccupied with diving safety and some articles are medically technical. I felt the gear maintenance article this month hammered it's message home very well with several case studies highlighting how even the smallest and most inexpensive pieces of equipment can create problems if not given the attention they deserve.

My diving Christmas list, which never goes away, just added a new item. It's a 496 page volume of in-depth interviews titled Diving Pioneers and Innovators. The list of interviewees is stellar and includes San Diego locals Howard and Michele Hall. I'll gratefully accept it from any generous club member out there.

What fascinated me most was the article titled Electric Reefs. During an El Nino in 1998 the unusually warm waters caused massive coral bleaching around the world. A byproduct of the collaboration of professor Wolf Ailbertz and Dr. Tom Goreau lead to the Karang Lestari project which sets up biorock structures of steel. The structures are charged with

low voltage current supplied either from solar or wind. This precipitates minerals in the sea water onto the steel frames quickly covering them with the same limestone that is the basis for coral growth. Pieces of harvested coral from nurseries or broken off by wave action are then attached to the frames and the accumulating limestone cements them in place. Along comes life in search of habitat such as crabs, sea urchins, bivalves, and fish. It gets even better. Some of the transplanted corals grow as much as four times faster than normal. Holy zaparooney batman! I might move a bit faster too if my rear was zapped all day. My question to Mike King is this: How do we go about charging up the next ship we sink?

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Sept 6 , 2007 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for September is:

Colleen Wisniewski

Colleen Wisniewski, the southern California project manager for Reef Check will talk to us about the Reef Check's efforts to enlist divers to monitor and report the status of California's reefs.

—Cody Gilstrap, Entertainment Coordinator

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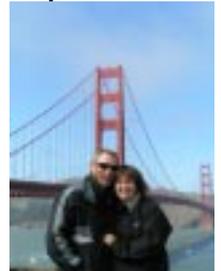
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Membership

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 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.sandiegodiveclub.com

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
September 2007						1
Events Calendar						
2	3	4	5	6 Club Meeting 7:00	7	8 Carne Asada BBQ & Movie on the Beach
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

San Diego Dive Club's September Event

Carne & Pollo Asada BBQ and Movie on the Beach

Location: La Jolla Shores
 Date: Saturday September 8th
 Time: 5:30 P.M.
 Technical: High Tide 4.3 ft @ 8:55 A.M.
 Descriptions: Carne & Pollo Asada BBQ and Movie on the Beach

Dinner will be served at 5:30, and the movie will start as soon as it is dark enough to show it.
 And the movie will be:

Ghost Rider with Nicolas Cage

Based on the Marvel character, stunt motorcyclist Johnny Blaze gives up his soul to become a hellblazing vigilante, to fight against power hungry Blackheart, the son of the devil himself.

In order to save his dying father, young stunt cyclist Johnny Blaze sells his soul to Mephistopheles and sadly parts from the pure-hearted Roxanne Simpson, the love of his life. Years later, Johnny's path crosses again with Roxanne, now a reporter, and also with Mephistopheles, who offers to release Johnny's soul if Johnny becomes the fabled, fiery Ghost Rider, a supernatural agent of vengeance and justice. Mephistopheles charges Johnny with defeating the despicable Blackheart, Mephistopheles's nemesis and son, who plans to displace his father and create a new hell even more terrible than the old one.



Scuba Charters

Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Reservations can be made at any Sport
Chalet or with the Scuba Reservation
office at

800-348-3794.

Check with your local Sport Chalet Store for the current schedule

Diving at the Children's Pool when Seals are present

You should follow the recommendations of NOAA Office of Law Enforcement here in San Diego and the Lifeguards:

1. You should enter the water as far away from seals as is practical.
2. If seals are completely across the beach, you might consider coming back on a sunny day because the seals will be few then.
3. Walk to the water with a slow steady pace, with arms and fins tucked in.
4. Do not stare at the seals, as eye contact is discomforting. Keep your back turned when possible.
5. Do not stop at the water's edge and fool with your gear; have all that done, or do it in the water.
6. The city has taken down the rope. Children's Pool is a public beach. There never was any city, state, or federal law against going into Childrens Pool. If somebody challenges you, say nothing. Their intent is to draw you into an argument and spoil your dive, maybe videotape you blowing up. Nobody can touch you.
7. Swim out from the Pool in the middle of the exit area, where a rip tide will help you out.
8. Return to the Pool as closely to the sea wall as you can, so the rip tide and surge will carry you (fling you on a bad day) into the pool.
9. You may spear fish there or bag lobsters in season, you should have your fishing license (and lobster gauge) with you.

* You may also access the same area through Shell Beach to the North. There is a longer swim involved. Unless conditions are unusually calm, it is an advanced dive as well. Also note, persons who try to intimidate beach users are plentiful on sunny weekends. On a weekday there is only one person there, and there will be nobody there at 8 in any morning.

If you have been harrassed, scared or attacked while at the Children's Pool please send an email describing the situation to:

Harassed@san.rr.com

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday Sep 19th

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.

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.

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.

Picture of the Month winner:

Randy Thomas

Black Sea Bass

At Our Last Meeting

As sometimes happens, we had no official speaker last meeting. Thanks go out to Kevin and Barbie Lass for saving the evening by showing their pictures of this year's Two Harbors trip in April. Scott Brown also provided a few shots from several sites out at the southern channel islands and our local wrecks.

Scott Brown

Raffle

Here are the winners from August's raffle

- Deep See Omni Mask - Randy Thomas
- Deep See Rolling Dive Bag - Randy Thomas
- Body Glove .5mm wetsuit - Debbie Peterson
- Body Glove Skin suit - Cody Gilstrap
- Tender After Sting Gel - Kevin Lass
- Black Pelican Case size 38 - Leslie Peariso
- Gear Repair & Care Kit - Leslie Peariso
- 3" Black BC Dive Knife - Mike Thornton & Isaac
- \$50 Sport Chalet Gift Certificate - Scott Anderson

Membership

Please welcome these new and renewing members...

New members

- Behnam Bakhshandeh
- Roger Fournier
- Debbie Froide
- Kim Froide

Renewals

- Dean Gereaux
- Mike Thorton

CORONADOS ISLANDS DAY TRIP

Date: Saturday, October 13th 2007

Time: 06:30 board time, 17:30 return time

Place: Coronados Islands onboard the Marissa

If you couldn't get on board the July trip in time, you're in luck! We've got a brand new, RESCHEDULED trip onboard the Marissa to the Coronados Islands. Included in your trip will be:

At least 3 dives in locations surrounding the Los Coronados Islands

Snacks, Lunch and more Snacks after each dive (included in price)

Aluminum 80 tanks and fills

Freshwater gear rinse station and on deck shower

And more!

*As a reminder: Since we will be leaving U.S. waters, the Coast Guard reminds all of you U.S. residents to bring a government issued, picture ID along with you.

For any questions about the boat or its crew, visit <http://www.marissadivecharters.com/>

To register, email Jeremy Burns at jburns@noresco.com, macleod319@hotmail.com, or you can use the phone and call (619) 729-6260.

We also have waiver forms available to cut down on the last-minute running around on the boat. Enjoy the trip!

Price: \$45 for all those on the July trip; \$70 for new reservations.

What this means: If you were originally on the roster for the July trip, your price is \$45. This is to help compensate for the inconvenience you faced by having the trip cancelled on 2 days notice. The \$70 price is full dive club charge since you are making a new reservation.

Included in the trip:

- At least 3 dives in locations surrounding the Coronados Islands
- Snacks, lunch, and more snacks after each dive.
- Onboard aluminum 80 tanks
- For all other boat-specific information, please visit www.marissadivecharters.com or call Jeremy Burns at (619) 729-6260, or email me at jburns@noresco.com.

Reservation details: 20 spots available. All those previously scheduled on the trip have until September 8th to RSVP. If there are any cancellations, your original money will be refunded. To make things easier for the charter and myself, all checks will be made out to Jeremy Burns. I will take cash or check as payment. I have not deposited any of the previous checks due to the trip cancellation. Please contact me for all money questions and I will be happy to answer as soon as possible. After September 8th, the trip will be open to all club members.

Once your reservation is received, I will send you waiver information to fill out and either return to me or the charter on the day of departure. This will make the first hour of the morning a little more bearable.

Once again, thank you all for your patience and enthusiasm, and I look forward to diving with you all.

Jeremy Burns
Dive Co-ordinator

Laughlin October 26-28

Didn't make the Roatan trip?

Want to get away? Do a little diving? How about a little gambling? Well, you can do it all in Laughlin. Laughlin is about 340 miles/5 hours from San Diego. Dates of Oct. 26-28

Come drift dive the Colorado River, then search for the sunken school bus, van and boats in Lake Mohave. In the evening after hitting the buffet try your hand at Black Jack, roll the dice at the Craps table, pick your favorite number at Roulette, or drop some coins in the Slot machines. Not a gambler? Take a stroll along the River Walk, take in a movie, do some shopping, or lounge around the pool with your dive buddies. Maybe we can all get dressed up for Halloween.

The drift dive is early Sat. morning. We need to be on the water by 6:00, 6:30 at the latest. The reason is to be out of the water by the time the dam is opened and the flow of the river increases. You may want to bring a Lobster bag. It is amazing what you can find in the river. People lose/throw all kinds of stuff in there. The visibility was very good when we did this in March 2006. Every buddy team is required to have a float/dive flag for safety.

After the morning dive it's back to the hotel for a shower and breakfast. Depending on how many tanks you bring and how many dives you would like to do, you may need to get tanks filled. There are no dive shops close by, but there is a shop in Kingman about 40 minutes away.

The afternoon dives will be in Lake Mohave. We'll head to Katherine's Landing, which is in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, to search for the school bus and van. Second dive we look for the sunken ships (boats). There is a fee to enter the park, \$5 per vehicle or if you have a current National Park Pass \$0. Visibility here was about on par with La Jolla shores, 15ft. being pretty good. Again, all buddy teams need a float/dive flag.

After the dives it's back to the hotel to get cleaned up for the evening.

Interested? Here are the details:

Accommodations:

A block of rooms have been reserved for \$54.95 a night (for a King or 2 doubles) at the

River Palms Resort Casino

2700 S. Casino Drive

Laughlin, NV 89029

TOLL FREE (800) 835-7903

FAX (702) 298-2137

Please contact the hotel, mention that you are with the San Diego Dive Club and use group code SDDC. It is your responsibility to reserve and pay for your own accommodations.

There is no obligation to stay in this hotel or in these blocked rooms.

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Future Club Happenings Cont.

Cost: Transportation, accommodations, food, tank fills and Park fees will be at your own expense.

Agenda:

Friday: Depart San Diego at your leisure

Laughlin is about 340 miles/5 hours from San Diego.

Saturday: 6am Drift Dive

Lunch with the group or on your own

Afternoon dives at Lake Mohave - Katherine's Landing

Evening with the group or on your own

Sunday: Breakfast with the group at a local buffet or on your own then depart at your leisure.

ALL DIVE TEAMS WILL NEED A FLOAT/DIVE FLAG for safety

This can be purchased or made with an old bleach bottle painted red and white.

If you plan to do all three dives (or More) you will want to bring 3 tanks per person or plan to drive the 40 minutes to Bullhead City for air fills.

Please contact Kevin or Barbie Lass if you are interested:

Home: 858-578-4847

Day number is Barbie's Cell: 858-335-7824

E-mail: dsrtpl@hotmail.com

Information on diving the area can be found @.

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/lame/scuba.html>.

Look for Lake Mohave.

SAN DIEGO DIVE CLUB SOUTHERN CHANNELISLANDS 2007 3-DAY TRIP



The sparkling waters of Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, and San Clemente Islands will be our destinations on board the Horizon September 21-23.

Itinerary	Thursday September 20:	Boarding is at 7:00 PM with departure at 9:00PM.
	Friday September 21:	We dive all day at Santa Barbara Island and if conditions permit, there will be a night dive.
	Saturday September 22:	We dive all day at Santa Catalina Island. In the evening the Horizon will anchor in Avalon harbor and those who wish may go ashore.
	Sunday September 23:	We dive at San Clemente Island until about 2:00PM and then head for home. Arrival in San Diego will be around 8:00 PM.

Itinerary is subject to change depending on sea and weather conditions.

The Boat



The Horizon is an 80-foot Coast Guard inspected and certified custom-built dive boat. Crew includes two captains, four deckhands, chef and assistant. She is berthed at H & M Landing 2803 Emerson St. Passenger accommodations include eight staterooms and 17 single bunks. 12 of the single bunks are arranged side by side divided by a wood partition which can be raised out of the way to create a double bunk. All staterooms and bunks include sheets, pillows, blankets, and private lights. Staterooms also have their own electrical outlets. There are two bathrooms and three showers.

The galley has five booths which each seat six, plenty of shelf space for camera gear, a self-serve water and soda fountain, a TV with external AV inputs, and a VHS/DVD player. There is a selection of videos, magazines, and paperback books for all to enjoy. All food and drinks are included with the exception of bottled water, canned soda, beer, wine, and gourmet coffee.

Aluminum 80 cylinders and hard weights are available at no charge. All air fills are included. 32% NITROX is available for \$ 6.00 per fill with a maximum of \$ 24.00 per day after which they're free.

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Trip cost is \$ 470.00 per person with space limited to 26 divers. A \$ 250.00 deposit per person will reserve space on the trip with payment in full due by July 16. Payment in full may be made at any time. Sleeping accommodations may only be selected upon full payment. No refunds will be given after August 20 unless you yourself can find someone to take your spot. The trip is open only to current San Diego Dive Club members until July 6, after which it will be open to non-members. **There may be a small fuel surcharge of \$10-\$20 per person payable upon boarding.**

**For reservations please contact Scott Brown.
(858) 560-6755 lsbro1@mindspring.com**

DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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

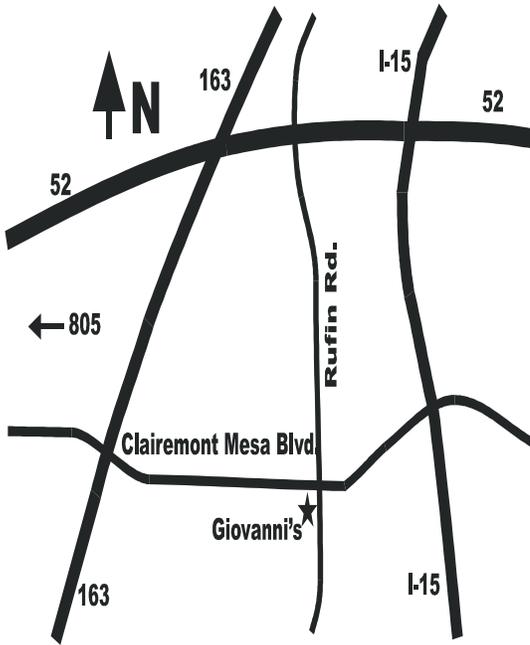
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

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.
The winning ticket is drawn from that evenings batch and from
the previous two months.

***ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE
ELIGIBLE 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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