

# The Pacific Explorer April 2008

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The next meeting is the second Wednesday of the month. Pre-meeting Social at 6:30 p.m. and our monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. Denny's on Topanga just north of Roscoe in Canoga Park.

## !!!Special Note to all....Larry the Lobster is back!!!

Frank Miller was the lucky member to take Larry home last month. Thanks to David Leffert.



### Speakers of the month... By Kevin Shapiro

**Kalani Patterson** will be speaking about his recent exotic trip to **Thailand**, where plenty of diving and vacation opportunities in the land of smiles and warm water, with options for non-divers and diving fanatics alike. Kalani is a Dive Master and has been diving since 1987. Underwater photography is his passion, so expect plenty of pictures!



### BEACH DIVE: Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> County Line aka (Staircase) By Mike Bushell

April's club beach dive is Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 9:00AM at 40000 PCH aka County Line, Staircase or Harrisons Reef. Directions are as follows; take PCH west just past Leo Carrillo, the entrance is a gate just past the county line marker with a large black mail box marked 40000. If you start down the hill towards Neptunes Net restaurant and see the blue roofs of the condos you have gone to far. There is a fee for parking but is only 2-4 dollars. It is a bit of a climb down to the beach (about the same as old Marineland). It is a sandy beach making for an easy entry and exit. It is a fairly short swim to an excellent reef. So far this year we have had outstanding beach dive participation, let's keep it up.

### !!!Special Beach Dive Promo Offered by Mike Bushell !!!

*Make any 2 beach dives and receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> dive FREE*



### BOAT DIVE: Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> aboard the Spectre to Santa Cruz/Anacapa By Karen Noris

This April, the club will be boarding the boat Spectre in Ventura to dive Santa Cruz and/or Anacapa Islands. The trip is Saturday, April 19. We board at 6 am, depart at 7 am, and return at 5:30 pm. The easternmost islands of the northern Channel Islands offer a variety of diving including sandy bottoms and thick kelp forests. These dives are perfect for novice and intermediate divers. Sea lions often make an appearance during the dives. Anacapa is a quick trip from Ventura Harbor, so we'll probably have time to do 4 dives. This makes the trip a great value. Contact Sport Chalet (800-348-3794) to make your reservation and mention that you are with the Pacific Explorers. The price is \$115 less our 10% club member discount.



## A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**RECENT EVENTS** This month's "Recent Events" is a bit slim because a couple of the month's scheduled activities have yet to occur as I write this article. However, there are a couple of noteworthy items:

Once again there was a very good turn out at the monthly beach dive at Malibu Road. One thing Mike has noticed is that there are a lot of NEW members hitting the sand recently, and this is great!! Now we just have to get some of the "old salts" out there in force too! The beach dives are always a fun outing not just from a diving perspective, but to get a bunch of folks together for a fun day. We always come away from the beach dives glad that we attended.

The reports from the Avalon harbor cleanup day were good, though we heard the visibility was pretty sketchy. To be honest, this is usually the case anyway after about 2 minutes of having 500+ divers in the water at the same time! I was glad to hear that there were a good number of Explorers attending.

**UPCOMING** The March boat dive is coming up this weekend, and Liz and I are VERY excited about this one! We are diving the wrecks of the Gosford and SM-1 between Santa Barbara and Point Conception on the Truth. We know there are at least a half dozen Explorers on the boat, and this promises to be a very adventurous day. Everyone had a great time on the Vision trip to San Miguel last year, and we've really been looking forward to going out with the Truth Aquatics folks again.

The 2008 SCUBA Show is scheduled for June 21 – 22. For those of you not coming to Cozumel, this is always a great event with lots of information from travel agents, resorts, equipment manufacturers, publications, and just about everything else you can think of related to SCUBA...and some things you probably didn't expect too!! There are some great short seminars on interesting subjects, and there's also Casino night benefiting CS2R (see below)!!!!

**COZUMEL!!!!** Well, all the payments are in, and we've ended up with 20 people heading to Cozumel in June. This is going to be an excellent trip with opportunities for some good non-diving "extra curricular" activities too. If you haven't gotten us a copy of your passport, definitely do so soon. We not only need the information for airline reservations, it's a good idea to have a copy as backup in case you lose your passport along the way somewhere. As a reminder, we are strongly urging everyone to have some type of trip insurance coverage to make sure you don't lose your investment not just in the event of weather issues, but also if you get that bad case of the heebie-jeebies a day before the trip and can't go!!

**SPECIAL TOPIC – CALIFORNIA SHIPS TO REEFS (CS2R)** I've given a couple of presentations for the CS2R project now, and have gotten some excellent responses to the information and definite support for the goal of the project. I'd like to encourage anyone who is a member of any organization or group such as the Kiwanis club, Rotary club, VFW, etc. to contact either myself or Dave Carlson and arrange a presentation. We've got it to where it comes in right at 30 minutes, so it's not an overwhelming amount of info to take in at one sitting. Also, don't forget that the CS2R BC tags are available from Kathy White. They are \$15 and are a great way to donate to the cause and also show your support publicly!

I have tickets available for [Casino night at the SCUBA Show](#), as well as the DUI raffle. All proceeds from these are once again being donated to CS2R. Casino night tickets are \$25 each, and the DUI raffle tickets are \$10 each. The prizes this year are: 1st prize – DUI TLS350 drysuit; 2nd prize – DUI BC; and 3rd prize – DUI weight harness system. Don't miss out on the great fun and opportunity for some cool prizes, not to mention supporting an awesome cause!!!

**DIVE ON...**  
*Your President,*  
*Kevin Sullivan*

# Don't judge a book by its cover... a surprise at Catalina

by Karen Noris

Unless you own your own boat, you can't pick and choose days to go boat diving. My friend Cassie and I planned on diving Catalina on March 9. During the night of March 8 the winds howled; I lay in bed and dreaded our boat trip. What a surprise it was when I crested the Sepulveda Pass to find fog blanketing the South Bay! There were no winds south of the Pass – maybe the trip to Catalina would be smooth. That was not to be though. Not only did we encounter pea-soup fog that required the periodic use of the boat's horn (no napping!) but we had a high-frequency swell that sent many divers to the ship's rail. The foggy conditions held all the way to the island. We were surprised when the boat slowed and then stopped. If you looked very closely, you could just make out the island less than 100' away!

Our first dive was at Sea Fan Grotto. I'd heard of this site but never had the fortune of diving it. The Grotto is a lovely cavern. The mouth is decorated with a drapery of gorgonians that catch the sunlight – truly lovely. Adjacent to the cavern is a rocky reef with a vertical face that forms a 20' wall. We saw the usual Catalina characters – sheephead, señoritas, blacksmith, rock wrasse, morays, and blue-banded gobies. Visibility wasn't the best, only 30' or so, mostly due to the thick fog overhead. The 55° water temperature was cool but not cold.

The sun burned through the fog as we moved to the reef between Isthmus Reef and Bird Rock for our second dive. A dense kelp forest marks the area this year. Again, we saw the Catalina cast of characters with cameo appearances by a couple of enormous treefish distinguished by bold yellow and black stripes and red lips. The hermissenda nudibranchs were out in full force. We saw pair after pair of these lovely brown, gold, and neon-blue tipped critters – love was in the water!

The final dive of the day was at the Quarry. In the past I've had uneventful predictable dives here. It's fun to peer between the boulders, finding this critter and that. This dive was different. There was more kelp than usual, so the site was stunning. Clouds of blacksmith were suspended in the water column, sunlight streamed past them and through the kelp, illuminating the señoritas darting here and there above the rocks. In the holes between the rocks were rockfish, morays, and horn sharks big and small. Then, in an unusually large hole we saw a 5' swell shark wedged between the rocks! Wow! A little further along in another crevice, my flashlight highlighted something different. I did a double take – a pair of scythe butterflyfish! I had heard of a pair at the Quarry but never thought I'd actually see them. Rare in California, these fish are common in Mexico and South America. To complete a fabulous dive, we moved into shallower water. I started scanning the lower boulder faces. To my surprise I soon spotted several green and a couple of pink abalone. They happily accepted my offerings of kelp. If you don't put the blade of kelp near the radula (mouth) the abalone will lift up off the rock to move its radula onto the food. Pretty cool!

I admit that sometimes the idea of diving Catalina doesn't thrill me. "Same old thing," I'll think. But then I have a day of diving that knocks my socks off. Scythe butterflyfish, a large swell shark, and abalone all in one dive! You just never know what you'll see!

## March 8<sup>th</sup> beach dive Malibu Road Gate 3

By Eric Montoya

The club dive for March is at 9am Malibu Road Beach Gate 3. I arranged an early dive with Craig to do 2 dives for the day. Our plan was to meet at 8am do our first dive then join the group for our second dive. As usual Craig and I showed up on time, only one problem, Craig was waiting at gate 2 and I'm on gate 3. Craig got bored of waiting and decided to do a quick hike up the trail to PCH. During this time I started to worry because I can't get a hold of my buddy on his mobile phone, I drove along Malibu road and spotted his car parked across gate 2 but he's nowhere to be found so I decided to head back to gate 3 and just wait. David Cho was already at the dive site, a few minutes later Craig called me and joined us at gate 3. We started suiting up immediately, by the time we're ready to go in the water there's already a good attendance of club members. We did not get in the water until after 9. The sun was bright, the surf was low and far apart, the water temp is a comforting 58deg. We stayed on the surface about 200 yards out before we descended to 26 ft, the viz is about 5 to 8 and 15 at best. We headed west and saw a school of perch, there are lobsters under the rocks but non for the taking. We turned around 90 deg and headed towards gate 2. There's a lot of fish in this area but mostly small perches and wrasses. My dive ended after an hour and twenty minutes but Craig stayed behind for another twenty. By the time we're done with our SI there's no more time for a second dive. I dove a week before at Escondido Beach and the water temperature was 51 deg which means only one thing, summer is approaching fast and it won't be long now before we get 88 deg water in SoCal.

## Catalina Cleanup

by Vernon Brown with photos by Naomi Torres

I have done about seven or eight Catalina Cleanups. I have done them in bright sunny conditions and in overcast and in light drizzle. And they have all been fun and I have seen lots of stuff in the harbor and enjoyed the company of all the people I met. But this year was different I missed the highlight of the trip... my main reason for going!!!

Let me start from the beginning...

Russell Burt and I arrived the night before the Saturday morning Clean-up. Ocean conditions were a little rough coming across on the Catalina Express. A few people in the Commodore Lounge got VIP seasickness bags. And there were quite a few, "Lets sit in the very front of the boat", in the zero gravity seats, that had to use the side of the boat... if they made it!!! So you can see that the weather report for the weekend was not that promising. And the turn out of divers was predicted to be light.



Russell and I were sharing a cottage at the Hermosa Inn... the cheapest place on the Island, if you are on a budget this is the place to stay. Their number one selling point, after being the cheapest on the Island, is that there is no heat in the rooms. Now, during the summer this is fine, but when it's cold outside, it is like sleeping in a refrigerator. But, being the prepared



Sport Chalet diver that I am... I bought along my space age "Space Heater" with oscillating fan, thermostat control and the size of a lunch box. Talk about being warm and toasty!!!

After checking into our room... Russell and I headed for Vons to stock up on breakfast and snack stuff for the next day. The odds of getting a table for breakfast in the morning were slim to none!!! Afterward, we meet Naomi Torres and her youngest son for dinner, along with dive club members

Cody and his dad, Ron, and new club member David Tsao and his wife, Betty. Dinner was great but the margaritas were better!!! Naomi had a group that cancelled on the dive so she came alone... now that's a dive-aholic for you!!!

The day of the dive the sun was bright, the skies were clear and the temperature was warm in the mid seventies. Just because it overcast on the mainland does not mean those same conditions exist on Catalina. We had our check-in and safety briefings, and then most people started suiting up. We ran into more Pacific Explorers entering the water at the Green Pier. So we all teamed up and a party was had by all!!!

Now, knowing in advance that it had rained a couple days before and drizzled leading up to the Clean-up. But, as we entered the water for the cleanup in a nice leisurely pace, we noticed visibility was kind of poor. Why sugar coat it... visibility SUCKED!!! After hooking up with Naomi and Russell in the water, we submerged, headed out to deeper water and promptly lost each other. The water was so churned up from the rain, that you could not read your gauge four inches in front of your eyes. It was like swimming in coffee. After losing my buddies.... ALL



OF THEM!!! I debated to continue the dive solo... but all around me divers were popping up and looking for their buddies and complaining about the viz. I elected at this point to head back to shore. As I checked-in I noticed my dive lasted 10 minutes. And as I looked back out to the harbor, I see a long line of solo divers also coming in. And the only complaint heard was I can't see @%^#@!!!

This was the first Cleanup I have attended that was a beautiful day but I had to scrub my dive because of viz. So I headed back to my room to change and pack and wait for Russell to return so I could get my BIG OLAF. The TRUE reason I go to Catalina... yep it just for the BIG OLAFs. The Clean-up is a cover. But when Russell arrived we decided to catch an earlier boat back to the mainland. There would be no more diving because of viz and NO BIG OLAF because we had to rush to catch the boat. The one thing that could have saved this dive for me and I missed out.

So, yes, I will return to Catalina for the cleanup, come rain or shine. And I will get my BIG OLAF!!!

# ***Bon Voyage to the Draco Oceanus!!***

*by Kevin Sullivan*

I'm sure everyone has heard the saying that there are two happiest days in a boat owner's life: Their 2<sup>nd</sup> happiest day is the day they get the boat, and their happiest day is the day they sell it!! Well, Liz and I recently had our happiest day, though I have to say it was rather bittersweet. We have had our boat, the Draco Oceanus on the market for about six months now, and last Saturday bid her farewell as she was towed on her trailer off to Seattle.



I have to say that owning a boat has been a very tumultuous experience. I bought her with one goal in mind...to go diving. Once I got certified and got a little experience under my weight belt, I knew that I was hooked for life. Add to that the fact that I'd been out to Anacapa & Santa Cruz on a friend's private boat a few times and had absolutely awesome dives, and obsession may be a better word to describe my mindset. With that goal in mind, I set off to purchase a boat so I could dive the Northern Channel Islands (Anacapa & Santa Cruz) as much as possible.

Knowing I just couldn't afford a brand new boat, I spied a used (1992) 26 ft. Chaparral cabin cruiser at a Ventura yacht broker's yard, and took my first step down that spiral staircase known as boat owning. After putting a little up-front work into her (should've been my first clue) and renaming her (she'd previously been called "The Other Woman"), I put her in the water in Oxnard and started my excursions out to the islands.

One really important thing about Draco is to know how important a role she played in Liz' and my early days. Most of our friends know that I proposed to Liz (and she accepted) after our first dive at what would become our favorite spot, the deep wall at Coral Reef on the backside of West Anacapa. That was a very special day for a number of other reasons, as we saw the first giant black sea bass we would see together during the dive, and afterwards a juvenile sea lion jumped on to the swim step with some urgency. We would later learn from a shark behaviorist specializing in great whites that we "were probably about 2 seconds from seeing a predatory event". Spooky, especially considering that Liz had a weird feeling at the end of the dive and felt an urgent need to get out of the water.

There are a bunch of PRO's to owning your own boat. You get to dive your own schedule. There are no "gate times" and nobody gives you crap for showing up at the boat with 300 psi (or less) in your tank. You tend to see more cool stuff when you're on your own. Dump 30 divers into the water at the same time and you just can't help but scare a LOT of things away. Not so when there's just 2 of you. In fact, a lot of marine life tends to be more curious and come closer rather than the opposite, which meant we had some of the best dives of our lives off Draco. You can go to dive spots where the commercial boats don't go...and Coral Reef is a good example. I've only seen commercial boats at the deep wall there once or twice in 5 years, and I've NEVER had one take me there, even when requested. You also learn navigation better on your own boat...you HAVE to. There's no chase dinghy to come get you (yeah, this is probably one that should go in the CON column) so you learn very quickly how to get back to the anchor line. The other really great thing about having a boat in a marina is that when it's 100+ degrees in the valley, it's ALWAYS cool at the marina. Sleeping overnight on the boat, while logistically a little challenging, was always a treat...and our dog Bradley loved it too!

What were some of our most memorable experiences on Draco? Well, there were a LOT of them. Pretty much every time we went to Coral Reef we had great dives. There is just so much life there that it's always different each time. We found a couple of unnamed coves at Santa Cruz that we named ourselves, and it felt really cool diving a spot you know that not a lot of people frequent. We loved going to the wreck of the Peacock at Santa Cruz's Scorpion's Anchorage. Again, commercial boats don't go there often because currents are usually present, and visibility isn't usually spectacular (20 ft. is typical). We saw big Volkswagen-sized black sea bass in the areas near Coral Reef on a number of occasions, and when we did they usually came VERY close, and stayed near long enough for some great photographs and memories. We also had many memorable encounters with baby "sausage" harbor seals at different locations all around Anacapa.



There are also a bunch of CON's to boat owning. The first is...you no longer have any spare cash. In fact, you no longer have cash of any kind. In fact, you end up OWING a lot more people a lot of cash. The acronym **B**reak **O**ut **A**nother **T**housand is not a joke...it's reality. Boats are not cheap to begin with, especially if you want one that can weather the Santa Barbara Channel. If you have a boat that you can trailer then you also have to have the trailer, and someplace to park it, and something with which to tow it. The larger the boat, the larger and more expensive the towing vehicle you'll need (uh, did I mention boats mean you already don't have extra cash??). I chose to keep my boat in a marina slip knowing that 1) I didn't have and couldn't afford a vehicle large enough to tow it; and 2) I didn't think that I'd use it as much. Keeping a boat in a slip brings extra cost just from the rent of the slip (figure \$10 a foot per month), requires that the bottom have anti-fouling paint (ah yes, more pre-floating cost), requires that what DOES grow on the boat underwater be cleaned off once a month, and means that things are going to deteriorate about 10 times faster than they would otherwise. Something is ALWAYS broken on a boat. Here's a tip for folks who are considering buying a boat: Only get the bare essentials you'll need. Every extra bell & whistle your vessel has is just one more thing to break & require repair later.

At the end of the day, the memories Liz and I have of our experiences on Draco Oceanus are all wonderful ones. We would not trade them for anything. But when the percentage of stress time associated with the boat well outweighed the fun time, we knew it was time to move on to other things. In addition to that, we want to go on some more exotic dive trips to places like Cocos island, the Galapagos, and others, and owning a boat just makes that much more financially difficult. As Liz likes to put it, "We are trading our memories for dreams!". And that's very, very true. But we had a LOT of great memories from the Draco Oceanus, and we hope that she is headed to a new owner that will get just as much enjoyment from her as we did.



***SCUBA Show is June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Long Beach.  
Mark your calendars.***

## Membership Update 107 Members

### NEW MEMBERS

Barb Payne Lauri Devore George Widel Taylor Widel

### RENEWED MEMBERS

Jon Stowater Diane Stevenson

### TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Kevin Shapiro is now an IDC Staff Instructor

## **ROMI Recalls SCUBA Regulators Due to Drowning Hazard !!!!!!!**

**Name of Product:** Oceanic and AERIS SCUBA Regulator First Stages

**Description and Models:** The recall involves the following regulator first stages:

Oceanic Regulator First Stages	Model CDX5	Certain serial numbers from 30202856 through 51312641	-and-	Purchased from May 2006 through October 2007
	Model FDX10	Certain serial numbers from 51408026 through 51411813	-and-	Purchased from May 2006 through October 2007
	Models CDX, DXi, DX3, DX4, and TDX5	All serial numbers	-and-	Serviced from May 2006 through October 2007
AERIS Regulator First Stages	Model AT400	Certain serial numbers from 30200036 through 51311560	-and-	Purchased from May 2006 through October 2007
	Balanced Diaphragm	All serial numbers	-and-	Serviced from May 2006 through October 2007

## Minutes from the Pacific Explorer's Dive Club Board of Directors Meeting March 5, 2008

Board members attending: Kevin Sullivan, Liz Sullivan, David Carlson, Kathy White, Mike Bushell, Lynn Bushell and Craig Hoover.

Kevin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:24 PM at Marie Calendars in Northridge.

President-Kevin Sullivan: Kevin was going to make a presentation to the Whalers on Ships 2 Reefs and asked for the boards approval to use the club laptop, projector and screen, which was approved. Cozumel payment balances due at March general meeting.

Treasurer-Liz Sullivan: Report all was OK with treasury.

Membership-Kathy White: No new members.

Beach Dive Coordinator-Mike Bushell: March 8, 2008 will be Malibu Road. April beach dive, possible La Pieda on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Newsletter-Dave Carlson: Good to go, lots of people sending articles.

Business: Dave Carlson wanted any suggestions for next years trip. In addition, he and Kathy White are holding a wreck class, open water class 3/13, and Discover Scuba will be 3/15/08 from 2-6 at the West Hills Sports Chalet store.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM

## Minutes from the Pacific Explorers's Dive Club General Meeting March 12, 2008

President-Kevin Sullivan: Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Denny's in Canoga Park. Kevin reminded everyone that the balance was due for all those going on the Cozumel trip. He reported that he had made Ship 2 Reefs presentations to the Whalers last week and the Kiwanis last night. Dana Point is a possible sight. Ships 2 Reefs BC Tags are available from Kathy White for \$15.00 each. Scuba Show (June 21 –22) casino night tickets are available from Kevin along with DUI drawing tickets. Aquarium of the Pacific is having divers day March 30<sup>th</sup>, show your C card and get in free. Regarding sharks, Kevin brought up that nine more sharks have been added to endangered species list, and asked that we not eat at restaurants that serve shark fin soup, telling management that that is the reason we refuse to eat there.

Vice President-Kevin Shapiro: Kalani Patterson will do a presentation on Thailand at the April Meeting. There will be a Macro Photo presentation at the June meeting. September meeting will be a presentation on lobsters. Kevin further announced that

Russell Burt is doing an Underwater Photo class on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and Dave Carlson and Kathy White are doing a wreck class. Kevin also suggested to the club that they check out the Monterey Bay Aquarium web site regarding which fish have been caught humanly to eat and other things.

Membership-Kathy White: Kathy announced that we have 104 members, four new members tonight (Barb Payne, Lauri Devore, George Widel and son Taylor Widel) and one guest Brian Ko.

Webmaster-Russell Burt: Web is OK, but need to make sure newsletter is on it. Need more pictures.

Boat Dive Coordinator-Karen Norris: March boat dive is the Truth to Santa Barbara on the 30<sup>th</sup>. April may change since no one has signed up for the Sundiver to frontside of Catalina. May is Peace to San Miguel on the 18<sup>th</sup>. June is Catalina east end. July is Great Escape to the back side of San Clemente.

Beach Dive Coordinator-Mike Bushell: March beach dive at Malibu Road on the 8<sup>th</sup> was very good with 13 people participating. April beach dive will be at County Line (Staircase) on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Newsletter-Dave Carlson: Going smooth, please send more articles.

Guest Speaker: Russell Burt gave a very informative video and narrative presentation on his trip to Florida in January of this year to snorkel with the Manatees and do some cavern diving.

Opportunity Awards-Craig Hoover: Craig held the drawing with the following winners:

Sea Cure II Mouth piece – Mike Bushell

Drying suit hanger – Wally Burke

Turtle Frame – Barb Payne

Finger Spool – Dave Leffert

Avalon Cleanup T Shirt – George Widel

Mask Strip – Kevin Sullivan

Multi Mat – Lynn Bushell

Channel Islands Book – Ron Brunski

Red Lobster – Nancy Burke

LUCKY Lobster – Frank Miller

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.



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**2008 Explorers Dive Schedule**  
**Come On Out and Get Wet**



Month	Date	Location	Boat	Contact	Cost	Notes
April	19	Santa Cruz/Anacapa	Spectre	1	\$115	
April	26	County Line (Staircase)	your car		free	B
May	18	San Miguel	Peace	5	\$170	A
June	15	Catalina (East End)	CeeRay	2	\$130/140	
July	26	San Clemente (backside)	Great Escape	2	\$150/160	
Aug	16	Nicolas Beach	your car		free	C
June	21-28	Cozumel			\$1,450	D
	1	Sport Chalet	800-348-3794	2	Reef Seekers	310-652-4990
	3	Hollywood Divers	323-969-9875	4	Aloha Dive	818-700-8134
	5	Ocean Safari	626-287-6283	6	Beach Cities Scuba	949-443-3858

A Advanced Divers only    B Club Beach dive    C Club Picnic    D Warm and easy diving!

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Dates & locations are subject to change without written notice. All active members get a 10% discount on Sport Chalet organized boat dives and Sport Chalet dive gear. Boat dives are on a first come first serve basis. Your money will hold your spot on the boat. Air fills and food are generally not included in the dive boat pricing unless specified. For boat dive reservations call Annette Roche at Sport Chalet @ (800) 348-3794. (Note: Some activities may not be through Sport Chalet Charters). All participants in beach diving activities will be required to complete a club release of liability/assumption of risk form.

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Monthly meetings with entertainment and opportunity drawings, scheduled beach and boat dives each month, group international travel, 10% discount on non-sale dive gear, con-ed classes, dive trips, rentals, and gear repairs at **Sport Chalet, Aloha Dive, Hollywood Divers, and Reef Seekers**, 10 free air fills.

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