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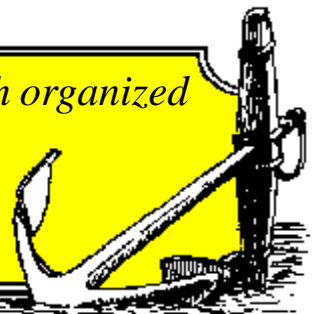
AUGUST PROGRAM



We will present a program on diving the Sacramento River
hosted by Steve Lawson

*To perpetuate the awareness of maritime history through organized
exploration, research, restoration, and display..."*

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NEED A SHIPWRECK PRESENTATION ??

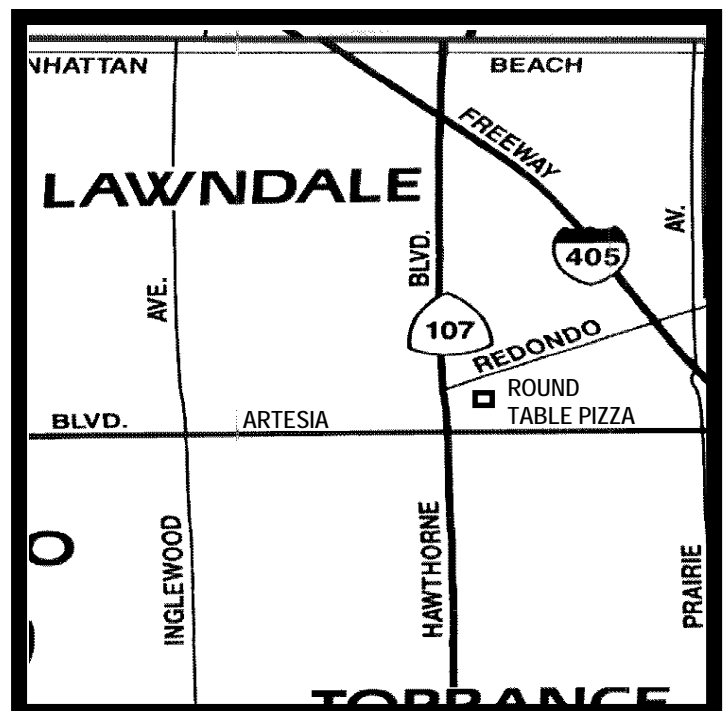
If your dive club or other organization would like a free presentation, contact David Finnern. As an award-winning author, he will regale your group with stories and photos; from treasure-laden shipwrecks and long-lost aircraft to submerged trains and sunken cities, his presentation will leave no doubt why some divers choose to explore that which is lost below.

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GENERAL MEETING

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month at Round Table Pizza, 4330 Redondo Beach Bl., Lawndale. All are welcome. A social hour begins at 7:00, and the formal meeting begins at 7:30.



Porthole Problems?

If you are having problems receiving your Porthole, contact Phil Bergeron at (424) 212-3018. If you get an answering machine, please leave your name and address corrections and the update will be made before the next issue is mailed. It is important to notify us of any changes because the subscriptions of all returned newsletters are cancelled.

DIVE SCHEDULE 2017

**PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY AT
LEAST 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO DEPARTURE
TIME SO AS NOT TO INCONVENIENCE
EVERYONE ELSE!**

Call Eric Frasco at **(310) 480-4783** to sign up for these dives or for further info. Prices for non-members are \$10 higher on one-day trips

Diving Trips through
channelislandsdiveadventures.com

Date	Boat	Destination	Depart from Boarding time	Dep. & ret. time	Whats included	Cost
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Fri./Sat.-July 28 & 29, 2017	Peace	*Begg Rock, San Nick (TW)	Ventura Harbor	between 8-11 pm	Thur. night	midnight-Thru. 6:00 pm-Sat. 8
					dives + 1 night dive, meals & air	\$365.00

Aug. 6-12, 2017	God's Pocket-B.C.	Canada			See details	\$2450.00
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Sat.-Aug. 12, 2017	Asante	*Palawan & Avalon	Ports of Call, San Pedro	6:00 am Sat. morning	7:00 am	3:00 pm
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3 dives, lunch, snacks & air \$150.00

Fri./Sat.-Aug. 18 & 19, 2017	Peace	San Miguel Pinnacles	Ventura Harbor	between 8-11 pm	Thur. night	midnight-Thur. 6:00 pm-Sat. 8
					dives + 1 night dive, meals & air	\$365.00

Sat.-Aug. 26, 2017	Asante	*Palos Verdes-Offshore Reefs	Ports of Call, San Pedro	6:00 am Sat. morning	7:00 am	3:00 pm
					3 dives, lunch, snacks & air	\$150.00

NOTE: CWD members get 5% off any CIDA SoCal single or multi-day trip and any retired, active or reservist military get 10%. For club members they can either enter "CWD" or "Military" into the coupon code when signing up through the website or let me know if they call in to sign-up for a trip to get their discount.
-Ken Kollwitz

FROM THE HELM



Thanks to Peter Landecker for his presentation on Truk diving at the last meeting. His talk was very well received.

Our August meeting will feature talking up our upcoming Sacramento River dive in September. All members are welcome to bring outstanding finds from previous trips.

A complete list of activities appears on the next page. We have had a good response on our Christmas dive, and it looks like a go. Lots to do, let Eric know if you are interested !!

Let's go diving -
-Phil Bergeron



Local Wrecks on Great Escape: August 26 Open Boat. Cost is \$135. Palawan, Star of Scotland, and Avalon. 6 am departure. This is an open boat, sign up at the web page:
http://www.diveboat.com/great_escape_dive_calendar.shtml

White Point/ Royal Palms Picnic: September 9th. Jim is working on the details, information will be presented at the August 24 meeting.

Delta Dive:

September 22 – 24 folks with inflatables will be going up.
Alternate Date: October 20 – 22 no guarantee that there will be any inflatables there.

*JAN open Greg EARLY Jim 11:00 start BBQ
JIM - FOOD*

Ronald Reagan/ Titanic exhibit. October 7th. Contact Eric Frasco at 310-489-3495 for more details

Bottle hunting trip to Tonopah: proposing November 3 - 5. Eric will look into hotels and campsites.

Christmas Boat Dive: December 2nd or 3rd. TBD. Need to see if we have enough members willing to commit, otherwise we need to skip it. Please RSVP to Eric Frasco at 310-489-3495 or underwater39480@yahoo.com by August 24th.

Other trips (some members have signed up for some of these trips already, please consider these charters for local wreck dives) with Channel Island Dive Adventures (contact Ken Kollwitz at 1-805-469-7288):

- August 12: Asante to Palawan and Avalon \$150
- September 23: Truth to SM1 & Gosford \$150
- November 4: Truth to SM1 & Gosford \$150
- December 10: Asante to local wrecks \$135
- December 16: Peace to Kelp Cutter, Peacock & Outer reefs \$155

What's Your SCUBA I.Q.?

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 94)

1. If your camera floods while underwater, you should:

- a. take up spearfishing
- b. switch it with your buddy's camera when you get back on the boat
- c. turn it into a miniature aquarium

2. Which of the following activities is your buddy useful for?

- a. driving you to dive spots
- b. filling your tanks
- c. lending you money

3. The amount of visibility is in direct proportion to the amount of money spent on a dive vacation.

- a. True
- b. False

4. If your buddy has a case of narcosis, you should:

- a. let him enjoy it
- b. tell him to use a mouthwash
- c. signal him to make a rapid ascent
- d. slap him around

5. The logo of this magazine signifies:

- a. hi!
- b. 5 more minutes, please
- c. going down for the last time

STURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING:

Reading *Sort of Diver* or attempting to dive using any of the products, methods or advice herein may cause bends, embolism, sinus squeeze or certain death.

6. The greatest threat to a diver is:

- a. a snapper on steroids
- b. a pack of hungry damselfish
- c. hovering beneath a school of parrotfish
- d. reading *Sort of Diver*
- e. being ambushed by a pistol shrimp
- f. being shot by an arrow crab
- g. having a dive shop credit card

7. A diver can reduce the loss of body heat by:

- a. diving around fire coral
- b. urinating in wetsuit

8. What features should you look for in a good locking weight belt?

- a. corrosion resistant
- b. color coordinated
- c. pocket on weight belt for spare key

9. The warmth of a wetsuit is relative to the amount of liquid consumed before diving.

- a. True
- b. False

10. Wetsuit booties should be:

- a. worn inside the wetsuit
- b. worn outside the wetsuit
- c. depends on sexual preference

11. The hand signal of pounding on the chest with a clenched fist means:

- a. want a banana
- b. me Tarzan, you Jane
- c. I swallowed my mouthpiece

12. When ascending with an octopus, a diver should always:

- a. hold onto its tentacles
- b. avoid the beak
- c. be careful not to be blinded by the ink

13. Upon surfacing and finding the dive boat missing, you should:

- a. overpower your buddy and take his BC to make a raft
- b. keep calm and don't panic—concentrate on what you are going to do to the dive boat captain when rescued
- c. be glad your equipment isn't paid off yet

14. The best way to decrease air consumption is:

- a. turn air valve halfway off
- b. fill tank to higher pressure
- c. shave head and body to decrease water resistance

15. Which of the following is most hazardous to a wreck diver?:

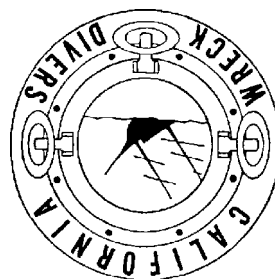
- a. a cargo of toxic waste
- b. a cargo of nuclear waste
- c. a cargo of explosives
- d. his or her buddy

16. The minimum level of training necessary for participation in sewer diving is:

- a. ice certification
- b. NED Diver certification
- c. a certification cod

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California Wreck Divers' Calendar of Events

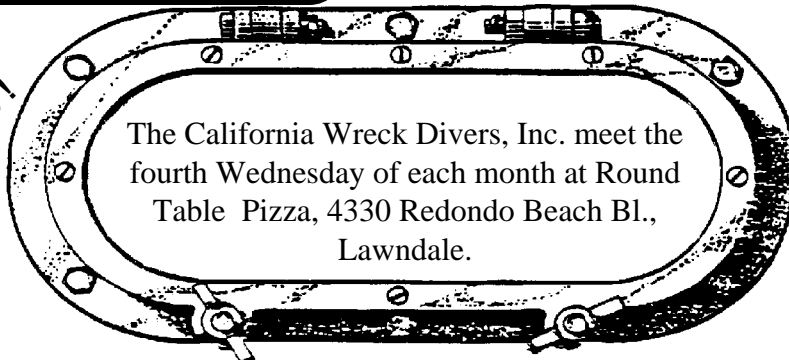
August 23.....General Meeting

August 26.....Local Wrecks, Great
Escape (Open Boat)

September 9.....White Point Picnic

If you would like to become an Associate member of the California Wreck Divers, Inc., you do not have to be a scuba diver to participate. There are many activities you may enjoy. However, you must be at least 18 years of age. **The first year's dues are \$40 for mailed newsletters and \$30 for e-mail.** You will receive a club patch, discounts on dives, and a year's subscription to the *Porthole*. Membership renewal is just **\$35 for mailed newsletters**, and \$25 for electronic newsletter distribution. If you are interested in a new way of having fun and entertainment, contact one of our officers listed on Page 2.

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