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November Meeting

Movie Night Sea Hunt

Don't miss "Film Night" where we chill out to Sea Hunt and other treasures while learning about local diving events and club news! You can sign up for beach dives and next year's international trip at the meeting.

Sea Hunt was the first television series that centered around underwater adventures. Creator Ivan Tors and star Lloyd Bridges brought skin diving to the public's attention and inspired a newfound interest in the sport.



As the early days of SCUBA diving opened up a new world, Sea Hunt portrayed diverse underwater adventures. Mike Nelson (played by Lloyd Bridges) is in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and although this does not play into most episodes, it supports his diving expertise through training in and work with the Coast Guard and Navy which includes demolition. Mike finds himself in adventures that include performing rescues, solving mysteries, conducting undersea exploration and scientific experiments, testing new technologies, fighting crime, and locating anything from sunken ships to satellites and spacecraft. Sometimes, he is just in the wrong place at the wrong time, and we experience him resolving the situation and getting himself out of a predicament. Voice-overs help viewers understand what is taking place in the silence of the deep and to gain from his knowledge as he also explains his thoughts to educate us in and entice us to go into the fascinating world he visits in each episode.



SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP

November 13 Club Meeting
Graziano's Italian, Yorba Linda

November 18 Beach Dive
Moss Street Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

December 1-8 Warm Water Trip
Grenada, Grenada

December 15 Winter Party
SharkBait Winter Party



Our annual winter party will be December 15th. Mark the date. The Club will supply the food and sodas for the annual winter holiday party. Don't forget our "White Elephant" gift exchange. Bring a gift, around \$15 or so, and it will be raffled off. Once raffled off, the next "Picked" raffle number may "steal" a gift that has already been raffled or pick a gift from those remaining. A gift may be "stolen" only twice and then becomes off limits for "stealing".

RSVP to Vlad at vilinsky88@gmail.com no later than December 7th so we can get an accurate count (and order enough filling food for the event).

We will have finalized the location after this newsletter is published and we will send out a blast to let you know where this shindig will be.

Upcoming Dives

Change in Beach Procedure

Participation in our beach dives has been pretty spotty of late and to save Martin the hassle of getting to the dive site and having to abort because no one is there we have initiated a RSVP protocol. If you are participating in our beach dive, E-mail Martin at n1diver@aol.com or call at 714-833-9167.



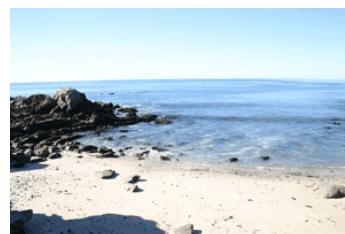
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Beach Dive November 18th Moss Street, Laguna Beach 7:00 AM



Moss Street Beach is at the end of Moss Street. Take coast Hwy and turn on Moss Street (toward the ocean). Parking may be found along Moss Street and on Ocean Way.

wide variety of marine life here. Gorgonians, Feather Worms, Anemones, lobster as well as the usual suspects Sheephead, Garibaldi, Kelp Bass and so on.



Beach access is via a staircase which leads down to the rather intimate beach.

Moss Cove offers two distinctive dive spots -

South-East or to your left from the stairway You'll find Scattered rocks and a series of Parallel reefs rising 20 feet from the sandy bottom. Several with a sharp drop-offs, all interesting to explore. South or to your right from the stairway there are several "mini" reefs with lots of promise for exploration. This area is generally shallower.



The entry is fairly easy and straightforward. The bottom drops off rapidly five or six feet.



The site contains many small walls and ledges with some of the rocks towering some 18 feet off the bottom. There is a

Hey Beach Divers Be careful Parking in Laguna Beach

LAGUNA BEACH — Tickets for parking violations that impair public safety — at a red curb, next to a fire hydrant, too close to a fire station, and in certain other no-parking zones — will cost violators \$63 beginning May 10, a 46 percent increase over the current fine.

The City Council on Tuesday, April 10 voted 4-0, with Councilwoman Toni Iseman absent, to increase the penalty of the violations.

Other fines — including for parking at a yellow, white or green curb, over marked lines or in an intersection or driveway — will remain at \$43. Parking in a spot designated for disabled drivers without the proper permit will remain \$300, the city's stiffest parking fine.



California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Region News Service

Informational Notice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 31, 2018

The following press release is from the California Department of Public Health:

Sport-Harvested Mussel Quarantine Lifted Along Most of California Coast Health Advisory Continues for Del Norte and Humboldt Counties

Mussels and barnacles

CDFW photo by L. Kashiwada

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith announced today the statewide annual quarantine on mussels gathered by sport harvesters from California's ocean waters ends at midnight on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, for all coastal counties except for Del Norte and Humboldt counties.

Dangerous levels of domoic acid have been detected in mussels from Del Norte and Humboldt counties, making them unsafe to consume. Concentrated levels of domoic acid and paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) toxins can develop in mussels and other bivalve shellfish when they feed on certain naturally occurring marine plankton that can increase during favorable environmental conditions.

Domoic acid and PSP toxins remain at low or undetectable levels along all other portions of the California coast.

The annual quarantine on sport-harvested mussels, which typically runs May 1 through October 31, is intended to protect the public from shellfish poisoning caused by marine biotoxins. There have been no reports of shellfish related poisonings in California during this quarantine period.

CDPH's shellfish sampling and testing programs issue warnings or quarantines when needed. Local health departments, various state, federal and tribal agencies, community groups and others participate in the monitoring program. Residents and community groups interested in volunteering to assist with the testing program should email RedTide@cdph.ca.gov or call (800) 553-4133.

Updated information about current conditions is available by calling the Shellfish Information Line at (800) 553-4133. More information can be found on the CDPH Marine Biotoxin Monitoring web page or the CDPH Annual Mussel Quarantine - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) web page.

Due to the persistent presence of domoic acid in razor clams from beaches in Humboldt and Del Norte counties, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) closure of the razor

Daily Breeze

Diver finds Maine lobster off Southern California waters

Jim McKeeman was diving with a few friends in the Santa Monica Bay when he came across a Maine lobster on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018. (Photo courtesy Jim McKeeman).

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Well, that's an odd sight. That's what diver Jim McKeeman remembers thinking last Saturday when he came across a crustacean that was a long – very long – way from home.



McKeeman was diving with a few friends in the Santa Monica Bay, doing a regular weekend outing in search of lobsters. While the California Spiny Lobster were plentiful, he couldn't believe it when he saw a Maine lobster crawling around underwater. "I saw this guy on my last dive, he was all by himself, next to a rock," McKeeman recalled. "As I got close to him, I thought, 'This is weird. What's he doing here?'"

The Maine lobster – known to be feistier than his California cousins – wasn't going to get plucked from the ocean without a fight. "He raised his claw and came at me," said McKeeman, of Tustin. "They are pretty aggressive." He thought about leaving the 4-pound lobster in the sea, but then said no one would believe him without documentation. So he got his camera out and got a few photos with the crustacean.

Jim McKeeman, of Tustin, holds up his Maine lobster catch off Santa Monica Bay on Saturday, Oct. 20. (Photo courtesy of Jim McKeeman.)

McKeeman speculated that someone likely bought it from a restaurant and figured they could save it and let it go into the ocean.

That could be the case, said Jeff Landesman, chief aquarist for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro.

"People get shipped lobsters from the East Coast, it could be a gift or they ordered it to cook, and they have second thoughts of throwing them in a pot and they don't know what to do with it," he said.



Landesman warns that this shouldn't be done.

If lobsters not native to the area stay here and reproduce, they may decimate other shellfish that call Southern California home.

There's not a big concern that east coast lobsters are invading local waters, since they don't reproduce well here, either because there's not many of them or they have trouble surviving in the water temperatures off Southern California.

When asked which ones taste better, Landesman said it's up to an individual's preference.

"It depends on who you talk to," he said. "People like the Maine lobsters because of all the meat in the claws, but others say the tail of the California lobsters have more meat."

McKeeman hopes to find the answer to that question.

"We're going to do a taste-test comparison when we get together to have a lobster dinner," he said, noting he will probably steam the lobster and then finish it on the grill, served with plenty of butter, of course.

McKeeman figured he was doing his part to rid Southern California of an invasive species.

"He really didn't belong here anyway," he said. "If they were to take hold here and breed, that could be a problem."

Club Information



Monthly club meetings with speakers and raffle prizes
Monthly Newsletter
Land-based Club activities and events for the whole family
Organized local dives
Resort warm-water trips
Good dives and good buddies
Membership costs are as follows .

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New Membership:
Single \$40 pp
Family \$50 (couple/family)
Renewal:
Single \$30
Family \$40

membership renewals are due in February for all current members. New members dues will be prorated depending on the month they join the club

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