



Barbary Coast Bulletin

The Monthly Newsletter of the Barbary Coast Divers

May 2000

Next Meeting: June 21st

All meetings are held the third **Wednesday** of every month at
ROUND TABLE PIZZA ON GEARY AT 16TH AVE.
upstairs in the party room

At Our Next Meeting:

Pizza, beer, and a discussion of the bogus diver's kelp study. See [page 5](#) for details.

At Our Last Meeting:

Pizza, beer, and discussions about upcoming dive club events.

Read this newsletter on the web at www.barbarycoastdivers.org

Note New Web Address!!

If you are getting a paper copy of this newsletter and wish to switch to an all electronic format (ie, you'd like to receive an e-mail each month telling you to go to the web page to read the newsletter),

let me know at catzan@barbarycoastdivers.org

Announcements



Dues are (over) due!

If you haven't paid this year, please send your \$35 check to: Carol Reed.

To get her address, e-mail her at seareed@barbarycoastdivers.org or phone her at 415-668-6662.

The cost is \$35 per person or couple, which includes a subscription to CenCal diver club (<http://www.cencal.org>). CenCal represents all divers in California and lobbies for rights of divers.

New Web Address !!

Six months in the making, our club finally has its very own domain name:

www.barbarycoastdivers.org

Log on and experience terrific full-color photos, entertaining dive stories (most of them written by Curt), and bulletins on upcoming events.

Also, I have a new e-mail address:

catzan@barbarycoastdivers.org

Next Monterey Harbor Cleanup July 22

If you are interested in attending, e-mail David Clayton at drc@cnet.com or call 925-689-8840.

Scuba Show 2000

The largest dive expo in the Western U.S., SCUBA Show 2000, will take place June 3-4 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

The SCUBA Show will boast

-57,000 square feet of exhibits of new gear, experts and a demo/trial pool

- Continuous Underwater Film Festival with premier films
- Full schedule of seminars and exhibitor presentations
- Door Prizes: Gear and luxury live-aboard dive trips

For more details visit

www.saintbrendan.com or call 310-792-2333 for information

year 2000 Calendar:

Here is our calendar for the year 2000

May 26-29 - Memorial Day Weekend at Caspar Cove in Mendocino
See [page 3](#) for details.

June 9-10-11-Salt Point

July - Mylandia -- Camping and sitting by the stream at Pete's land in the Sierra foothills.

Aug. 12-13 Mendocino Little House

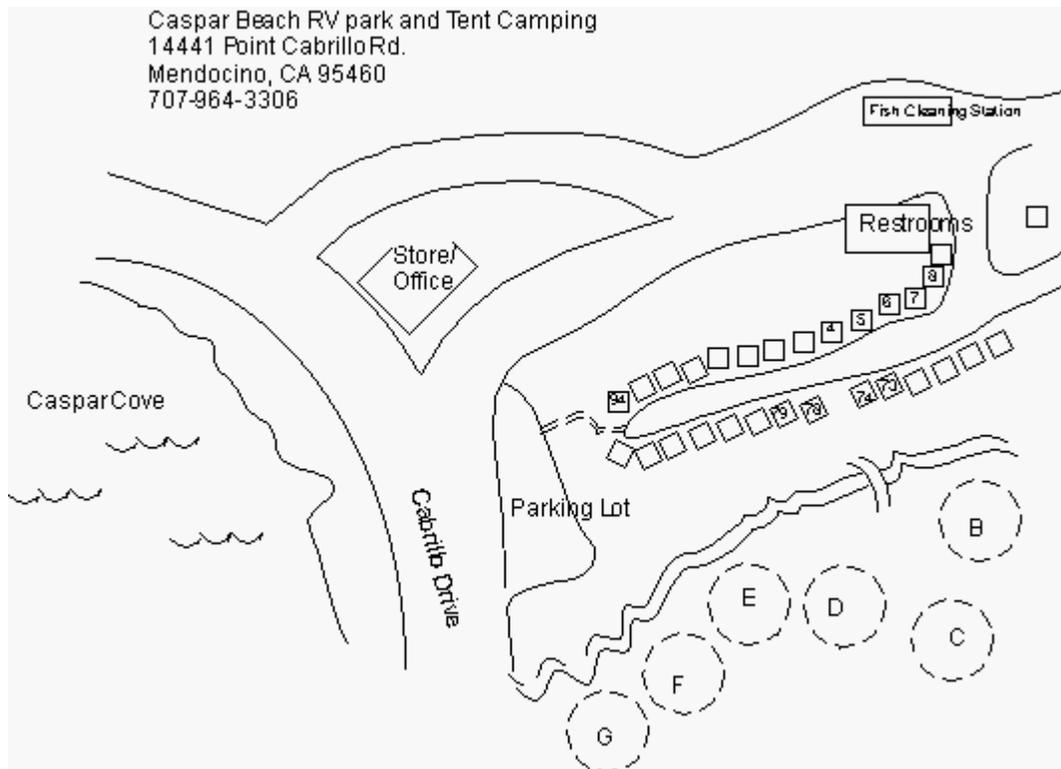
Sept 2-3 - Labor Day at Manchester State Beach Campground

(Note: BCD members are free, guests are \$10 each unless accompanied by a club member)

Oct 7-9 - Big Sur Camping

Nov. 18-19 Mendocino Little House

Caspar Cove, Mendocino on Memorial Day Weekend



To get there:

Take 101 North

Take 128 West (exit is just past Cloverdale)

Take Hwy 1 North, go past Mendocino

Turn Left onto Cabrillo Drive, which is 3 miles north of the Mendocino stoplight

Follow road for one half mile to Caspar Beach RV Park

If you get lost, call the campground at 707-964-3306

We are in sites D, E, and F (tent camping). When you check in, tell them you are with Barbary Coast Divers. You may have to pay a per-person charge of five dollars and a car vehicle charge. When everyone arrives at the campsite, we will figure out the per person cost and collect money as appropriate. We've arranged with the management of Caspar Cove so no one will have to pay huge sums up front as has happened in the past. Car Passes are required on all vehicles--get them when you check in. Guests and pets are welcome.

Busted in Mendocino



Fish and Game paid a call to the little house in Mendocino. An officer checked licenses, limits, and lengths. Of course our members checked out squeaky clean and the officer was soon on his way.



Plenty of room for everyone to cook in the Mendocino house kitchen...

Carol Slams Door in Face of Star

Tired of dealing with double-parked Bentleys and golf-course caddies with attitudes, Carol was leaving the clubhouse at Pebble Beach after a dive at Stillwater Cove when she spied legendary actor, Clint Eastwood walking behind her. "I'll teach that sun-ripened, swaggering actor not to be so supercilious about his wealth and stature," thought Carol.

When she reached the club house door she exited and promptly let go the door at just the right time so it would slam into Eastwood's schnoz. Alas, he caught the door with a lightning-grace movement reminiscent of Dirty Harry pulling his gun on a bad-guy. Carol stifled the invective on her tongue and issued a blushing apology. Rumor has it Clint was so impressed by the feisty Carol that he may show up at our next abalone fest.

But what will Curt say?

- a. Can I have your autograph?
- b. Touch my lady and I'll knock your block off.
- c. Clint, I'd like to teach you how to abalone dive. Let's go to Tomales Bay during sea lion pup season (i.e. shark-season).

Answer in next month's issue.



Carol breaking the waves.

What are we going to do about the bogus divers' kelp study?

As you read in [our March issue](#) a highly unscientific study of divers' impact on kelp is making its rounds through regulatory agencies and giving divers a bad name.

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) is using the study to shape its Kelp Management Plan, a plan originally conceived to address kelp harvesting.

Our club recently received a request from the diving representatives at the MBNMS Advisory Council for our members to complain about this study to Dan Basta, the Acting Director of the Sanctuary Program Office.

(Read it at

<http://www.cencal.org/kelpchart.html>)

Curt has drafted such a letter. We've enclosed it in the newsletter. We urge you to sign it or write one of your own. The CenCal newsletter (Jan-April 2000) has more information.

Read the Kelp Study for yourself at <http://www.cencal.org/kelpstudy.html>

Read the first release of the Kelp Management Plan at http://www.mbnms.nos.noaa.gov/intro/press_releases/000117.html

Write Your Congressman: *Save the Fish*

Fishing grounds over the years have experienced catastrophic collapses. The most recent is the California groundfish fishery, which includes rockfish and lingcod. But now proposed legislation would significantly strengthen an existing law, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which governs the management of Federally controlled fisheries.

The proposed legislation would require:

1. That essential fish habitat be protected.
2. That membership in the policy setting regional fishery management councils be better balanced between commercial and recreational fishermen and the public interest in marine conservation.
3. That mandatory observers collect statistical and scientific data.
4. That the definition of "overfishing" be strengthened.
5. That fisheries ecosystem plans be required.
6. That the "precautionary approach" be applied to the management of federal fisheries.

Successful passage of the bill is dependent on getting as many co-sponsors in the House and getting sponsorship of a bill in the Senate. Certain Representatives and Senators have been identified as possible co-sponsors.

To do your part, contact the appropriate California Congressional Representatives and Senator Barbara Boxer. Ask that they support and sponsor HR 4046, the Fisheries Recovery

Act! More information is available at

<http://www.conservefish.org>, and at

<http://www.best.com/~cdegler/CALFISH/index.htm>

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