



Barbary Coast Bulletin

The Monthly Newsletter of the Barbary Coast Divers

August 2001

Join Us At Our Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 19

Club meetings are held in sunny San Francisco on the third **Wednesday** of every "ODD-numbered" month (example: January, March, and so on) at ROUND TABLE PIZZA - (415) 668-4300, 5160 Geary Blvd. at the corner of 16th Ave. Our Meetings in "EVEN" months will be held at that month's Club Dive.

Upcoming Club Events:

[August 4 - 5: Stillwater Cove \(Sonoma County\) Camp-Out](#)
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[Labor Day Weekend \(September 1 - 3\): Salt Point State Park \(Mendocino County\)](#)
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Read this newsletter on the web at www.barbarycoastdivers.org

If you're ready to read this newsletter on the "World Wide Web" (come on, you've heard of it), we the editors would be happy to quit lickin' stamps -- just let Catherine know who you are: catzan@barbarycoastdivers.org.

Announcements & News

The California Marine Life Protection Act and what it means to you

The California Marine Life Protection Act requires that the Department of Fish and Game develop a plan for establishing networks of marine protected areas in California waters to protect habitats and preserve ecosystem integrity, among other things.

The DFG has come up with a draft proposal of where to establish these marine protected areas. They come in three flavors:

- (a) A "state marine reserve," shall be maintained in an undisturbed and unpolluted state. Therefore, access and use (such as walking, swimming, boating and diving) may be restricted to protect marine resources. No fishing, either recreational or commercial, will be allowed.
- (b) A "state marine park," will permit recreational but not commercial fishing.
- (c) A "state marine conservation area," will permit commercial and/or recreational fishing.

The DFG website has a list of the areas of the coast that have been proposed for these three types of management. The site contains maps so you can see which of your favorite dive spots will be affected.

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/index.html>

Abalone Regulations - Are Changes Afoot?

Ever notice how you see lots of 6-inch and 7-inch abalone but not very many juveniles? A study conducted by the Dept. of Fish and Game found that abalone are not replenishing themselves at a sufficient rate to keep their numbers healthy. The DFG has proposed eight options that could forestall a crash in the population of the species. Read about the study and see the list of management options at: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/AB_status/ncs_AB_resource.html

Note: The study authors recommended the following change: A limit of 2 abalone per day and yearly take of 30 (49% estimated reduction in take). (The limit is currently 4 per day to a maximum of 100 per year).

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August 4 - 5: Campout at Stillwater Cove on the North Coast Res only. Sites are reserved under the name Carol Reed.

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Cost will be determined by how many people show up.

Dogs are allowed.

A launch facility is available for people to load and offload their boats or kayaks.

Directions:

- Take 101 North and go just past Santa Rosa. Exit at Guerneville/River Road (ie go past Hwy 12 and the Guerneville Road exit). If you hit Windsor, you've gone too far.
- Proceed west towards Jenner. At Pacific Coast Highway (Hwy 1), go north for 14 miles to Stillwater Cove.

For More Information:

Click on <http://www.saintbrendan.com/cdnnov99/ncoast11.html> to read California Diving News' article on how to dive at Stillwater Cove.

For more information on the camping and amenities: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/develop/parks/camp>



SALT POINT STATE PARK Labor Day Camp-Out September 1-3

We have reservations for Saturday and Sunday night under the name Carol Reed.

Cost to BCD members: Free! (Your club dues at work.) Guests pay \$10 unless accompanied by a BCD member.

Only ten cars are allowed, so please carpool as much as possible.

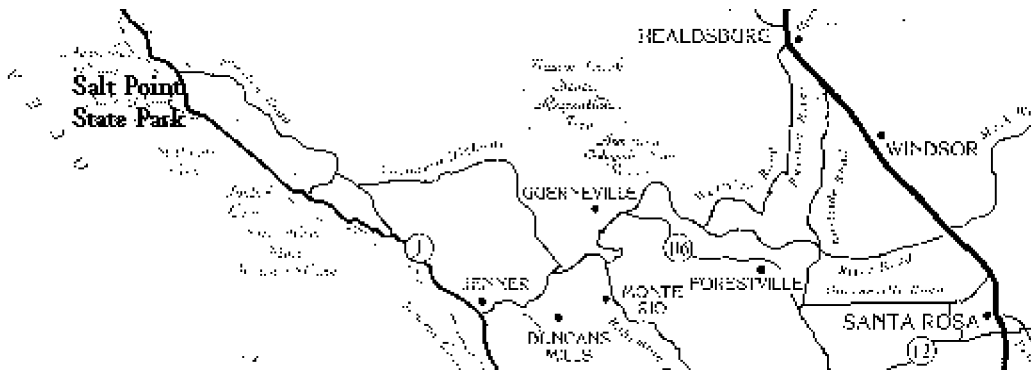
WEATHER WARNING: Even on the most beautiful of days, the Gerstle Cove area of the park (where we will be camping) can get very **WINDY** and **COLD**. Bring a sweater and wind breaker (and Michael, please bring a tent).

No dogs are allowed. Check out time is 12:00 PM

Directions:

Salt Point is located 90 miles north of San Francisco on Highway 1. Take 101 north to just past Santa Rosa. Exit on Guerneville River Road, just before reaching the town of Windsor. Head west towards the town of Jenner, then make a right at head north on Hwy 1 to Salt Point.

We are in the Group Site in Gerstle Cove, which is on the WEST side of Highway 1.



More information about the park can be found at: <http://www.mcn.org/1/rrparks/parks/saltp.htm>

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We launched our kayaks at Knight's Ferry, a quaint town on the Stanislaus River. Knight's Ferry was home to 5000 people in the mid to late 1800's. Now it is mainly a tourist town, but it has a delightful "undiscovered" feeling. (OK, I am showing my City-bias here. To people who live in the Central Valley, Knight's Ferry is probably considered the Fisherman's Wharf of the region.)

Right: Siodin sets up the foot pegs on the rented inflatable kayak he shared with me (Catherine, not pictured).

