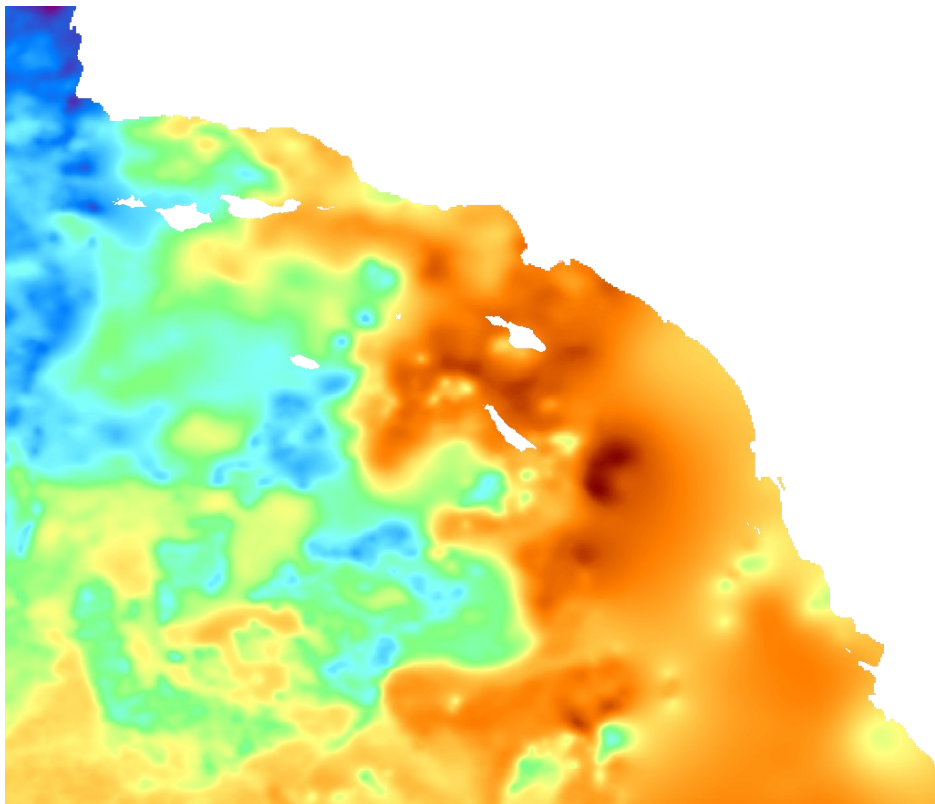
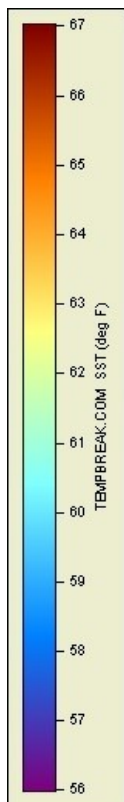




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Warm Weather has the water temps rising!

All this warm “un - El Nino” like weather is beginning to warm up our waters. Rumors of Seabass and Yellowtail persist!! Get out there when you can and score for yourself! With water warming up, looks we may be in for another banner season for pelagics!!



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Neptune To Do's:

- Pay your dues for 2016
- Buy your 2016 fishing license

Attention all Fish Slayers!!!
It is imperative that if you get a quality fish that is worthy of a fish Application that you get your app turned in timely. If you have even a hint of a question or think that there may be something that could affect a successful entry call or E-mail Todd Norell. He will be there to help you sort it out. (562) 309-3308
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2015 Fish Standings

California

Barracuda: Open

Bonito: Keith Kaufman: 9.31

Calico Bass: John Hughes: 9 lbs

Calico Derby: Keith Kaufman: 6.9 lbs

Dorado: Larry Heinrich: 18.24lbs
Paul Zylstra: 18.3lbs (Rule 12)

Halibut: Open

Lobster: Jeff Benedict: 10.8 lbs
Byron Quinonez: 10.8lbs

Sheepshead: John Hughes: 22.8 lbs

Tuna: Steve Parkford: 29.4lbs

White Sea Bass: Jeff Bilhorn: 69.5 lbs

Yellowtail: Lyle Davis: 43.14 lbs

Abalone: Mori: 10 3/8"

Kent McIntyre:

Jeff Bilhorn:

69.5 WSB + 31.3 YT= 100.8 lbs

Jeff Benedict:

42 WSB + 30.4 YT= 72.4 lbs

Out of Country

Reef Fish: Todd Bersuch, Pargo: 34.83 lbs

Pelagic (non tuna):

Michael DeGiosa, Amberjack: 53.0 lbs



Photo by Terry Maas

March 2016 President's Message

2016 is well underway and most people that I have talked to have been using the first half of the year to prep gear and wax surfboards. Seems like a new swell is hitting So. Cal every week. Be sure and join us for the 2015 award banquet at the March meeting and congratulate all of the winners. There were a lot of quality fish, lobster, and abalone taken, and a few of categories were very very close. Your board is working hard on putting out some new swag and we are gearing up for the auction that will occur on April 6th. Thank you for your continued contributions to the sport and our club and I will see you at the upcoming meetings.

Keith Kauffman



The 2016 Neptune Calendar

- February: Monthly meeting 2/3/16: Fish and Game discussion / Exotic fish trip stories
- March: 3/2/16: 2015 Awards presentation.
- April: 4/6/16: THE AUCTION! Clear out the gear you don't use and add to the club's loot!
- May: 5/4/16: CPR-Difibulator training.
- June: 6/1/16: Video training. Set up, use in the water, and editing.
- June 10-12 Blue Water Meet:
- July: 7/6/16: BWM results/trophies. Member videos and slideshow.
- July 21-24th: Neptune family Camping Trip.
- August: 8/3/16: Diver Safety meeting.
- September: 9/7/16: Manufacturer's night.
- October: 10/5/16: Tac Medical training.
- Fall Classic: 10/15/16

The 2015 Fall Classic Results

Big Fish Entries

1.	John Carpenter	31.30 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
2.	Steve Parkford	26.70 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
3.	Jim Dexter	25.65 lb Yellowtail	Guest
4.	Seamus Callaghan	24.25 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
5.	Dave Freeman	17.80 lb Dorado	Long Beach Neptunes
6.	Todd Norell	17.10 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
7.	Scott DeFirmian	16.05 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
8.	Juan Aquilar	8.65 lb Yellowtail	Guest

Big Calico Entries

1.	Alex Ray	6.50 lbs	Guest
2.	Rick Bae	5.85 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes
3.	Paul Zylstra	4.25 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes
4.	Dave Freeman	4.15 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes
5.	Eric Donohue	3.70 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes

Big Lobster

1.	Eric Donohue	4.30 lbs	Long Beach
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King Neptune Update

King Neptune Update

First, join me in congratulating Steve Parkford for completing his King Neptune trio! Steve has shot many fish over the years, however, his King Neptune fish applications started in September 2010 and concluded September of 2015 with a nice in-country Yellow-fin Tuna. The King Neptunes look forward to formally recognizing Steve at the upcoming awards ceremony. He is King Neptune # 40. Who will be King Neptune #41?

Before I update everybody on current applications, there are a couple of important things to remember when submitting King Neptune fish entries. First, they need to be on the specific KING NEPTUNE fish application that has MY contact information. This application is not the same as the annual fish award application. See our current website for the most current KN application and do not submit old King Neptune applications that do not have my contact information. Second, the application must be submitted to ME within 30 days; electronic copies are fine. We have this protocol because there have been past inconsistencies with applications getting to the King Neptune Manager in a timely manner. This has been the standard with King Neptune applications (see written criteria on KN application) as well as submitting a picture along with the entry. The 30 day requirement provides consistent, accurate and reliable record keeping. Do not forward a King Neptune application to a board member hoping that they will pass it along to me. Additionally, the King Neptunes are a club within our club, thus we have our own requirements. Once the first application is approved by me, I will maintain a file on each applicant until all three fish requirements are met.

In closing, I thought it would be a good time to update the club on current King Neptune COMPLETED applicants. By complete, I mean that the application met all the requirements and was approved previously by Dale Konrad or myself. Some older applications do not have photographs. If you submitted an application awhile ago and do not see your name or name but missing a fish entry, it's likely because your application did not include a photograph. Contact me if you have questions, concerns. Also, remember that you must be a CURRENT MEMBER at the time of the application. Some of these "applications in process" are decades old and I am not sure if some applicants are still current with their membership. Nonetheless, I am including them in the update. Also, keep in mind that the KN weight requirements for WSB and YT were less years ago, but we "grandfathered" those entries because they met the weight requirements at that time.

Take Care, Dive Safe!
John Carpenter

King Neptune Update

Current King Neptune fish applications in process:

Phil Alley: WSB 44.7 lbs.
Walt Arrington: YT 27.5 lbs, BFT 20.9 lbs.
Steve Alexander: YT 46 lbs., BFT 25 lbs.
Rick Bae: WSB 52.9 lbs.
Tom Blandford: WSB 45 lbs.
Jeff Benedict: WSB 60.4 lbs., YT 30.4 lbs.
Jeff Bilhorn: YT 35 lbs., WSB 49 lbs.
Mike DeGiosa: YT 31.4 lbs., WSB 55.6 lbs.
Bruce Dardis: Halibut 32.2 lbs.
Scott Defirmian: WSB 68 lbs.
Todd Farguher: WSB 56.9 lbs., YT 36.6 lbs.
Dave Freeman: YT 31 lbs.
Bruce Gaudino: WSB 61 lbs., Wahoo 125 lbs.
Marty Getrich: WSB 46.6 lbs., YT 40 lbs.
Larry Heinrich: WSB 62.8 lbs.
John Hughes: WSB 59 lbs., YT 45 lbs.
Mark Hultgren: YT 30.2 lbs.
Tim Johnson: WSB 44 lbs.
Keith Kauffman: YT 36.29 lbs.
Mike La Riva: WSB 51.2 lbs.
Cody Lightfoot: WSB 43 lbs.
Mike Marsh: YT 37.7 lbs., BFT 20.1 lbs.
Jim Matsukas: WSB 46 lbs.
Jeff Nelson: WSB 47 lbs.
Joe Prola: WSB 68.6 lbs., BSB 119.5 lbs.
Julie Riffe: WSB 41.2 lbs.
Jay Riffe: YFT 285 lbs.
Ethan Smith: YT 30.5 lbs., WSB 50.2 lbs.
Ron Warren: WSB 61.5 lbs. YT 30.2 lbs.

Chasing Ghosts. By John Hughes

It's started with a bang. My timing must be on. The very first time I hit it this year I score. And the second. And the third. What are the chances of that? The first day I travelled for it. Not wanting to be selfish by jumping in first, I was slogging around on deck when the captain told me "what are you waiting for, jump in and shoot one." So I did. I only swam about 15yrd from the boat and a whole train of 60lbs swims below me. I dive down to 45' cold and take the shot and the 60+ lbr has me spooled by the time I hit the surface. Luckily after locking down she does a single loop around a stringer and lays there. Back on the boat in 15.



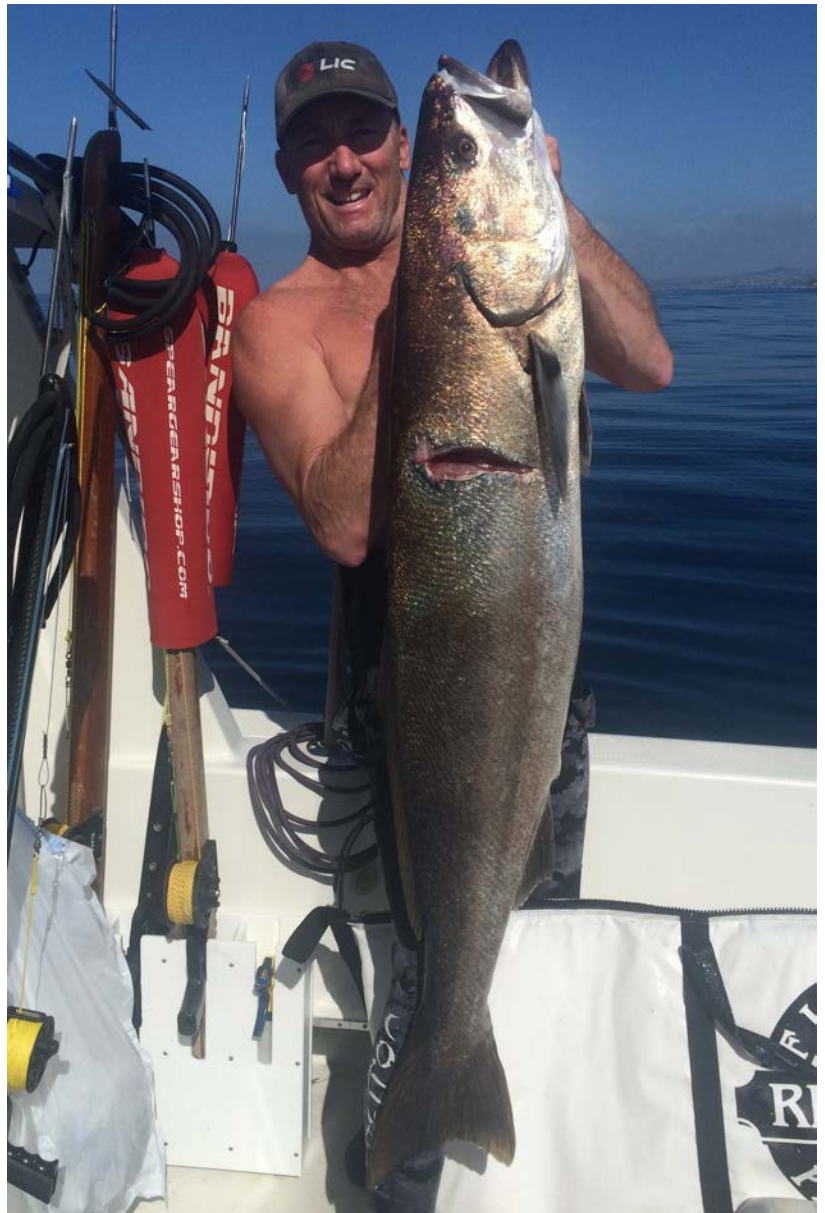
Chasing Ghosts

A few days later I'm feeling lucky and thought I'd try out front. Go with a fellow fishy Neptune. Give him the choice of direction. He picks outside so I go inside. Inside is dirty but within 5 minutes I see is holding fish. Blast a 30lbr and head back to the boat. And wait. And wait some more. More waiting until finally he shows up. "you went the wrong way" I tell him. "Try in there...." He does and spooks fish and doesn't connect. Time for him to go to work. Bummer. I hate that.

The next day I travel again. Let the guys pick the direction. They do and it's the wrong direction. Again. I swim the other way and within 20 yrds see a 45lb sleeper about 30' down. I dip and slide and take the shot right in the shoulder. Lock down and battle it out above the stringers not wanting it to tie up. She hurts me. I'm cramping but then, it's over. Back on the deck within 15. Life is good.

Except, wait!? I'm confused. What?! I'm in bed. I just woke up. Damn. This sucks. It's a new year. Let me go back to sleep and be in last year. Last year was this epic start. NO! Yes. I need this to be this year. Again. Over and over I want it to start like this. But wait. Was that really last year? Yes. Then I went 6 weeks without seeing a fish. While all my buddies were shooting them. Yes. I hate seabass. Wait. NO. I love seabass. I REALLY LOVE SEABASS. YES.

Last year was tough but epic. Let this year be the same. Let's get busy guys. Yes.



Persistence pays off! By Dave Freeman

When everyone is snoozing because the swell is pounding, it's cold, and rain falls from the sky intermittently you know what to do?...

DIVE!!!

Well at least that's the conclusion I come to sometimes. I felt the pressure of this years lobster season coming to a close. I started asking myself how many days would I have left? I'd better suck it up and get out there.

So I headed out to one of my favorite spots. Amazing when it's calm, breathe taking really. But I wasn't dealing with a flat calm day, first step get through the surf. That took 32 minutes. I don't know how many times I was thrown around or how many times my kayak flipped, but I know my watch indicated I had been wet for 32 minutes when I finally managed to look down at it after clearing the surf zone. Worth it right?

No, not at all I thought as I finally made it to my dive spot and dropped into 3-5ft vis and rushing surge. I was not excited, but I had made it and this spot can produce under the worst circumstances riddled with caves and ledges galore. On my 3rd drop I had my first legal bug and it was smooth, well no actually, rather rough sailing from that point on. I managed several more bugs before checking one of my big bug spots. The surge made it difficult to dive on the spot but after several tries I made it down to the opening. In poor vis I saw that the swell and surge had packed the opening with muscle shells, sand, and a decent size rock. I reached in and started clearing the debris. I manage a nice bug out of this spot every month or so. If one is going to be able to call it home I'd better make it welcoming. I reach in to move the rock that's sitting about an arms length inside the cave. As I tug on it, it postures up, and shoots into the back of the cave.

That was a monster bug. I'm an idiot! Bubbles and underwater expletives left my mouth as I headed to the surface. I knew there was nothing I could do at that moment to pull the bug. It was beyond my reach.

I dove the rest of the reef angry with myself. Spooked several other decent bugs along the way, but my stubbornness prevailed and I didn't quit until I had a limit.

Rewind time a bit so that I can allow my audience to understand my emotional state. I've gone to bed every night after that fateful night when I lost "The One" a monster of a lifetime. A bug so big might I dare say it could have been the lobster of the century or maybe the biggest of the past 20 plus years. I've had fits of rage and nightmares. I've thought about and rethought about it. This night was no different from the rest and today's bug was a big bug, but nothing in comparison to "The One".

I have digressed from my original story, but we jump back in with this new knowledge as it pertains to the story.

Persistence Pays Off!

Day two I headed out in exactly the same manner as before. Ass kicked to kingdom come trying to get my kayak past the surf zone. After a breather and some water I began my paddle out to the reef. Only one objective today. Grab the big bug. I swam over and readied myself against the reef wall where I knew 30ft down and inside the cave he'd be waiting for me. I took about 6-7 min on the surface calming my nerves. Mentally prepared for any position the bug might be in, hoping that the one he wasn't in was stuck straight back in the cave. My dive down was smooth the surge didn't push me off my point and I worked my way into the opening without turning on my light. When I turned my light on there he was within arms reach. I hesitated...he hesitated and then shuffled back. I still lay frozen and he shuffled forward and then shuffled back. Bells and whistles went off in my head and told me now or never Dave take the shot.

As he was in a back shuffle my right hand launched in at him and I got a clean grab on the bugs knuckle. I let go of my light in my left hand and reached in for the other knuckle. With both knuckles I gave my first pull. To my astonishment I got about 12 inches. I went from panic mode to calm. I'd been forced to let go of bugs in this very cave in this very position because they had postured up and the horns or other parts of their carapace got stuck no matter how hard I pulled. So that first pull was filled with relief. I stopped thinking what if I have to let go and started thinking I've got this no problem. I shuffled myself back out a bit and while I had told myself to relax a moment of clarity dawned on me. Instead of going with the typical big tugs back and forth I decided to pull the knuckles down and in towards the bugs mouth. When I pulled I dragged his face down along the sand on the bottom of the cave. Nothing caught and I got over a foot on this pull. The last bit got a little narrow but I was already riding the gravy train and I just tugged him through and out of the cave.



Persistence Pays Off!

On my way to the surface I looked down stoked. This was a really nice bug. He bear hugged my left arm. Looking at the carapace on the surface head in the water I thought wow this is a really, really nice bug. Then I held it out of the water and convinced myself it was just excitement and stoke and it was probably about the same size as my pb of 11.7#s. There was only one way to find out. Headed home and weighed him 13.29#s. My digital scale isn't certified, but I knew this was definitely my new pb so I decided to find a certified scale. Headed over to Spear America and he came in at 13.0#s on their certified scale. Stoked. Passed the 12# mark with a straight jump into the 13's.

Thanks for reading, Dave Freeman



Come and find me.....



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and score soon!**

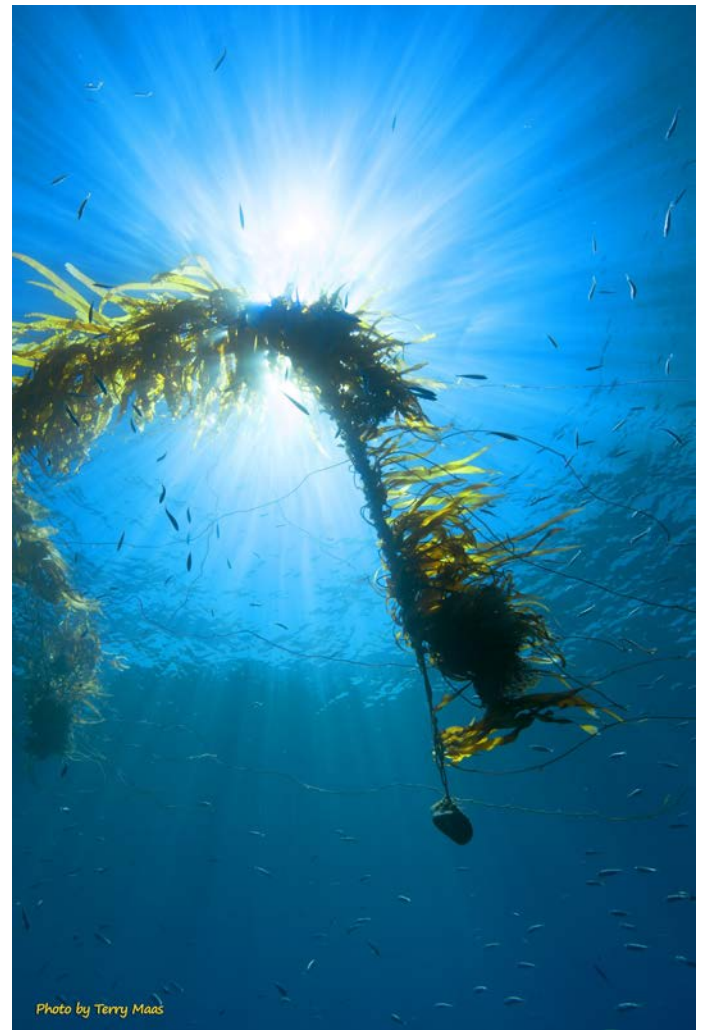
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**Send me your stories and
Pictures!!**

Sincerely,

Chris Malloy

Newsletter Editor





Spearfishing Tournament

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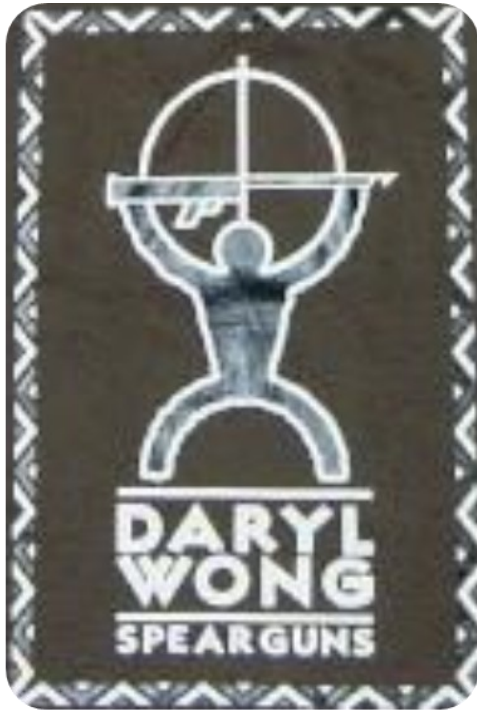
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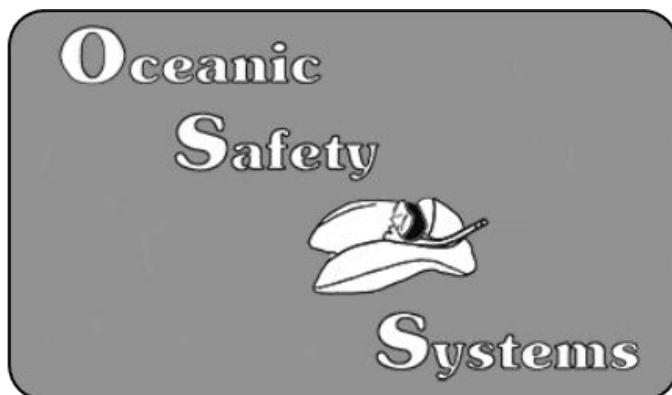
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