



## CS2R Volunteers Help Make S2RI Booth for DEMA Show a Success

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### California Statewide

## Volunteers Prepare for DEMA.

CS2R volunteers have been very generous with their time in helping Ships to Reefs International (S2RI) get ready for DEMA Show 2008. We have had help from all over the state and many of these same volunteers will be working in the S2RI booth at the show, going at their own expense, many using vacation time to help out. CS2R wishes to THANK YOU BIG TIME for your efforts to help bring the ships-to-reefs story to the diving industry. For more information on what is being presented at the S2RI booth, see the National/International section of this newsletter.

## Steve Benevides Welcomed to MLPA

CS2R would like to congratulate its Charter Member, Steve Benevides, who has just been appointed as a member of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. Steve is a co-founder of the Kelp Forest Coalition. He has been working with the photo/video sub-committee of CS2R's Public Information Committee and has been very helpful in getting the word out any time we need good photos or videos.

### Northern California

## NCOF to Host Charter of Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet.

NCOF will be hosting a charter tour of the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet in February 2009, in conjunction with their Annual Meeting. The

tour will be on a Sunday, so we can keep costs down. As soon as the date is available, we will get the word out. The boat can accommodate up to 34 people on the tour, so if you are interested, please contact Eleanore Rewerts at 530-633-4858 or [emrewerts@aol.com](mailto:emrewerts@aol.com).

### Central Coast

## Join CS2R at the Morro Bay Harbor Festival.

Come to Morro Bay and enjoy local food and wine and song at the 27th annual Morro Bay Harbor Festival this weekend October 4th and 5th. For the second year CS2R will be hosting a booth to raise awareness of the Ships to Reef program and it's benefits to the environment and local economy. CS2R will be showcasing video from local reefs in Shell Beach, Montana de Oro and Morro Bay in addition to our planned baseline survey's and our fundraising efforts.

## Ed Biaggini Memorial Reef

As many of you are aware, CS2R has been working for the last 18 months in the San Luis Obispo area to provide public education about ships to reefs and getting local support for a sink site northwest of Morro Rock in Morro Bay. This reef will be named the Ed Biaggini Memorial Reef in honor of the former President of the Morro Bay Motel & Restaurant Association, who was instrumental in moving this project forward in Morro Bay. Mr. Biaggini passed away in December 2007, and the association renamed their group the Ed Biaggini Business Forum and CS2R will be naming the first reef after him.

## \$1100 raised at Morro Bay Avocado & Margarita Festival

Our baseline studies will start shortly and the Business Forum is working with CS2R to raise funds for completion of those studies and other project requirements. To that end, we kicked off the fundraising efforts at Morro Bay's Annual Avocado & Margarita Festival, Saturday, September 20th. The Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce provided a free booth. Marine Biologist Terry Lilley, who is a Central Coast Ships to Reefs (CCS2R) member and leader of SaveOurSeas.org, has created a high-definition underwater video of the entire San Luis Obispo coastline, and provided his new DVD for sale at the booth. All proceeds went to CS2R. Additional donations were accepted for donor plaques, medallions, lifetime reef tags and CS2R's 2008 reef tags and polo shirts. While this event was only one day, almost \$1100 was raised.

## SLO Divers launch Charter in Morro Bay

CS2R member Shawn Stambach has launched his new dive charter out of Morro Bay – book your charter at [slo\\_divers@yahoo.com](mailto:slo_divers@yahoo.com). Shawn took his first boat-load of ReefCheck divers out on Sunday, September 21st to Spooner's Cove and has been working with the CCS2R dive team in prep for the baseline studies and is very ready for the first ship in SLO.

SLO Diver's can charter up to 6. Most charters run south to Point Buchon near Montaña De Oro or north to Leffingwell near Cambria.

## New Members to Central Coast CS2R

We would like to welcome two new volunteers to our family – Mary Liz Pacoan of San Luis Obispo and Mark Lode of Los Osos.

### Los Angeles County

## STSLA Meeting

September 18, 2008

### RESULTS AND ACTION TARGETS FROM LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

We had a very good meeting last night with the following people in attendance: Harvey Schmiedeke, Andy Lee, Szilvia Gogh, Warren Davis, Steve Ladd, Stephen Mendel, Gary Jackson, Blair Wilson and Robert Korpas. Phil Bergeron joined by phone. All either got a new membership or renewed theirs for the 2008/2009 season.

We reviewed the plans to sink a ship within the next year and to evolve our own Underwater Park here in LA. To our credit, every person present committed to DO something about this, and to make this dream a reality. We are going to get the following things done by October 15 and then have another meeting just prior to DEMA to report:

### ACTION TARGETS

- 1. Stephen Mendel:** So that he can begin doing PR and relationship building for us, I'm sending him the CS2R slide show and the article attached which I just wrote for Advanced Diver mag. It's a very good overview of the current S2R situation locally, state-wide and internationally, with an excellent interview with "Mr. Yukon" (Dick Long.) If you want to put this on your websites, feel free and I can give you lots of great pictures to accompany it (of Dick the wrecks, etc.) Stephen has also indicated he is willing to be nominated for the Board, looking at taking on a CS2R rep position for STSLA.
- 2. Gary Jackson and Kevin Mills** (new member) are going to research what abandoned vessels may be available (as close to 1500 tons as possible without going over so we can obtain these through the General Services Admin.) They'll speak to the Harbor Masters in LA and King Harbor, the LAPD in the area, Coast Guard, and any others that may have leads on ships. We want to put our finger on some likely suspects between now and Oct. 15.

**3. Robert Korpas** reported on our financial picture. We have over \$3000 in the bank and are receiving a check shortly for another \$2000. He collected several memberships and will receive from me a letter to go to all us "delinquents" that need to re-up on our memberships. We also decided to pay for some really good quality embroidered STSLA Polo Shirts for when we do presentations and public work. For those doing this, they'll be free. For others, they're available to order.

**4. Szilvia Gogh:** She is going to investigate the process (with some help from our British Columbia friend, Blair Wilson, for placing mooring buoys on existing wrecks in Palos Verdes—particularly the Palawan and Avalon. The strategy here is to make these wrecks available so that even before the next one goes down, we're staking our claim and making the area a wreck alley. Underwater park to follow. Szilvia also had a great idea which she might want to pursue: Now that we're officially a 501(c)(3), if someone wanted to "donate" a large ship, we could probably issue a tax credit for the value of the boat—they'd win and we'd win. Definitely worth checking out.

**5. Steve Ladd and Phil Bergeron:** We need to start getting the Redondo Beach, Malaga Cove, etc. stakeholders interested in what we're doing. Dave Harvey of the Pacific Star is also interested in helping with the process. Bob Meistral, other boat captains in the area, local chambers, any local politicians, etc. can all be spoken to and told about the concept and started to get them on board. We have a great position paper, CS2R briefing and other things that can help in this process, but we should start now to get our allies in a row. Steve, I'm having a brain fart right now—I'm sure there was something else you said you'd do, but I can't remember—so remind me.

**6. Andy Lee:** Andy is going to work with CS2R to get the whole sequence down for what is needed in terms of permits for the buoys, the ship itself, the site selection and so forth. He will coordinate this overall in terms of what actions are needed in what sequence for our "roadmap to reefing" locally. Obviously, he's going to need some help, but we're counting on him to oversee the process and tell us who needs to do what next. Andy and Stephen are also going to DEMA for STSLA.

**7. Warren Davis:** Warren has agreed to research (he can get lots of help from Andy and CS2R) the actual physical/mechanical process of transforming our ship from an ocean-going vessel to an artificial reef. He

and I are taking our boat out to do site inspections this weekend as well.

**8. Me (Harvey):** I'm picking up the slack, will ensure Eric gets nominations going and try to be a "squeaky wheel" to get the above done by October 15. Good job folks!

Harvey Schmiedeke, Sr. VP

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### Orange County

## CS2R-OC Volunteer Meeting

The Sink Projects Sub Committee met to review the status of current opportunities that have been presented as potential projects and Bob Evans submitted a proposal to "fast track" a project to place a marker buoy on the location of the Foss 125 barge wreck suck of Clea Street in Laguna Beach. Also considered was consider placing the bronze plague on the entrance to Cleo Street Beach to identify to everyone, not just divers, the historic nature of the location and the buoy. We are considering placing the CS2R-OC logo prominently on the buoy and to turn the project into a fund raiser to defray costs. Any remaining proceeds would be sent to the general CS2R-OC fund.

Additional projects discussed were:

1. The pier pilings from Dana Point Harbor need to have a sink location identified.
2. The coordinated project with STSLA and a new San Diego sink group could be at multiple sites in Laguna Beach including Montage and Heisler
3. A lighthouse ship from the Coast Guard needs to be investigated
4. A naval vessel from the Suisan Bay fleet as a long term project

The Science Sub-Committee reviewed its charter and responsibilities in the sink process and wants to consider reaching out to Reef Check for joint studies

The Communications Sub-Committee Sub Committee met to review the status of current activities.

1. CS2R-OC will be at the DEMA Show in Las Vegas in October. Joel Geldin will be attending at his own expense to volunteer in support of formation of Ships to Reefs International and meet with others Orange

County dive industry and will report back to the committee

2. A promotional program should be developed "fast track" in support of the Foss 125 commemorative marker buoy project.

The Legal and Permits Sub-Committee suggested that consideration be given to making the Dana Point Harbor pilings project part of the permitting process for the DP Harbor project to leverage the work already being done.

The Fundraising and Administration Sub-Committee met to consider fundraising opportunities around the Foss 125 commemorative marker buoy project and recommended the plan below.

1. If the bronze commemorative plaque is placed on the Cleo Street Beach Entry then a contributor plaque can be placed on the marker buoy anchor. The contributor plaque can be made from the same material used for signage on the Yukon.
2. Contributor's names can be placed on the plaque identified by their kind and/or level of contribution.
3. Individuals making cash contributions can be identified at one of three levels of \$25/\$50/\$100 and can be recognized with the name of the contributor.
4. Businesses making cash contribution at a level of \$250 or donating goods/services can be identified with the name of the contributing business.

Washington Ships to Reefs (Washington Scuba Alliance); various other state programs (Delaware, Florida, Texas).

The Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia (ARSBC) is a non-profit organization based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Their mission is to create environmentally- and economically-sustainable artificial reefs in British Columbia and around the world for the enjoyment of Scuba Divers and for the protection of environmentally- and historically-sensitive marine habitats. Since 1991, the ARSBC has sunk 6 ships and one Boeing 737 in British Columbia. In addition, they were instrumental in the preparation and sinking of the HMCS Yukon in San Diego, California.

Canadian Artificial Reef Consulting, headquartered in North Vancouver, British Columbia, is a team of experts in artificial reef procurement, recycling, safety, placement and permitting. They have been involved in many artificial reef projects in British Columbia and other Canadian provinces, Australia, New Zealand, and were also part of the HMCS Yukon project.

The Washington Scuba Alliance (WSA) is committed to working with officials of State, County, City, and Local Departments, and volunteer divers to establish a series of underwater parks that divers and snorkelers may enjoy. WSA strives to create a unified group of divers such as dive clubs, dive stores, and charter operators who work together on reefing projects.

Presentations from Delaware, Florida and Texas programs will also be available.

## S2RI Will Host Three 1-Hour Seminars.

Free of charge to all attendees and exhibitors as follows:

**October 23, 2008 from 10-11am, Rm S207, "Ships to Reefs: Going Global with Ships to Reefs".**

The movement in the diving industry and global tourism towards Ships to Reefs is not just a North American event. This program has spread to South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. Howie Robins, President of the Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia, will take you through the history of this concept and talk about how you can get Ships to Reefs and improve diving tourism in your area.

**October 24, 2008 from 10-11am, Rm. S206, "Ships to Reefs: Global Directions for Reefing Your Ship".**

Many Ships to Reefs projects outside North America have been waiting for international guidelines. After years of consultation, the Scientific Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has approved a clear set of guidelines for Ships to Reefs projects that meet the key environmental standards. Jay Straith, President of Canadian Artificial Reef Consulting, will take you through the development of these guidelines and how they can be implemented to assist you in starting an artificial reef in your region.

**October 24, 2008 from 2-3pm, Rm. S207 "Ships to Reefs: What Has Worked and Hasn't Worked".**

There have been many different approaches to doing a ships to reefs project. Some have been more successful than others. There are a surprising number of options available to obtain ships and prepare them. Jay Straith, President of Canadian Artificial Reef Consulting, has been involved with many successful ships to reefs projects and will take you through the good and the bad concepts so you can assess what approaches might be available for your project.

**In addition, S2RI will have 5-20 minute presentations in the booth on the following topics:**

- What is S2R?
- How S2R Makes You Money
- Take vs. No-Take Zones
- Veterans & Their Ships
- Non-Ship Reef Materials
- Who Are the Players?

### National / International

## Ships to Reef International to Host Booth and Reef Project Groups at DEMA 2008.

Ships to Reefs International (S2RI) will have a 20x20 island booth, #4837, at DEMA Show 2008, October 22-25, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV. As part of the overall program for the show, S2RI will host several reef project groups from around the United States and Canada to showcase the to many successful reefing projects enjoyed around the world, and to demonstrate the huge potential of a cooperative international organization. In addition to CS2R, some of the groups who will be participating in the S2RI booth exhibit are: The Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia; Canadian Artificial Reef Consulting;

## S2RI Hosting Ships-to-Reef Professionals.

S2RI will host ships-to-reefs professionals from around the world. Each professional will make short presentations about their project(s) and be available to discuss how ships to reefs is an economic benefit to the dive industry. In addition, these professionals will share, free of charge, their ships-to-reefs "how-to" information with anyone who asks for it at the booth. Among those expected to attend are Howard Robins, President of the Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia; Jay Straith, President of Canadian Artificial Reef Consulting; Roy Gabriel, Vice President-Sinking Operations of Canadian Artificial Reef Consulting; Wes Roots, Vice President - Ship Operations of Canadian Artificial Reef Consulting; Dick Long, Chief Advisor of California Ships to Reefs, Inc.

- How Do I Get a Ship?
- Rigs to Reefs
- Lessons Learned
- Spiegel Grove
- Vandenberg
- How Projects Are Funded
- Success Stories of British Columbia
- Twenty-three S2R Success Stories.

The first 350 people to come by the booth and spend a little time with us to see how ships-to-reefs can increase their bottom line, will take home a warship collectible artifact from HMCS Yukon.

**State Wide Events Calendar**

**October**

- 4-5 Morro Bay Harbor Festival
- 11 Beach Hopper II Dive
- 7 CS2R Board Webinar
- 22-25 DEMA Show 2008 - Las Vegas (volunteers needed)

**November**

- 8 Beachopper II Dive
- 8 CS2R Annual Meeting - San Luis Obispo

**Contact Your Region**

**Central Coast Ships to Reefs**

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**Channel Islands Ships to Reefs (CIS2R)**

Richard Graff, President  
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**Reef Tags**

We have the Reef Tags and are in the process of getting them out to the stores. They are \$15 each and will be the premiere fundraiser for CS2R for 2008. In order for this to be a success, we need a cohesive and concerted effort to get the word out and get them in the stores. We ask everyone in CS2R all over the state of California to assist in this effort by contacting their local region and signing on to be a "CS2R Tag Liaison" for a store. This will entail going to the store on a routine basis and dropping off tags and collecting the funds. As the liaison you can provide information to the shop about what is going on with CS2R and provide the newsletter every month. As people tend to frequent their local dive shops on a regular basis ...



make those visits count by assisting CS2R at the same time... SIGN UP To Help!

These dive facilities currently carry the tags:

**Sacramento Area**

Fish Eye Scuba, Folsom:  
[www.fisheyescuba.com](http://www.fisheyescuba.com)

Sports Cove, Vacaville:  
[www.sportscove.com](http://www.sportscove.com)

**SF Bay Area**

Any Water Sports/Cypress Charters, San Jose: [www.anywater.com](http://www.anywater.com)

Bamboo Reef, San Francisco, Sonoma Coast, and Monterey Bay.  
[www.bambooreef.com](http://www.bambooreef.com)

Stan's Skin & Scuba Diving, San Jose:  
[www.stansdiving.com](http://www.stansdiving.com)

Wallins Dive Center, San Carlos:  
[www.wallins.com](http://www.wallins.com)

**Central Coast**

Aquarius Dive Shop, Monterey:  
[www.aquariusdivers.com](http://www.aquariusdivers.com)

Depth Perceptions, San Luis Obispo:  
[www.depthperceptions.net](http://www.depthperceptions.net)

Pismo Beach Dive Shop, Pismo Beach:  
[www.pismo beachdive.com](http://www.pismo beachdive.com)

SLO Ocean Currents, San Luis Obispo:  
[www.slooceancurrents.com](http://www.slooceancurrents.com)

Truth Aquatics, Santa Barbara:  
[www.truthaquatics.com](http://www.truthaquatics.com)

**Los Angeles Area**

Aqua Adventures Unlimited, Burbank:  
[www.aquaadventuresunlimited.com](http://www.aquaadventuresunlimited.com)

Hollywoodivers, Los Angeles:  
[www.hollywoodivers.com](http://www.hollywoodivers.com)

Pacific Wilderness, San Pedro:  
[www.pacificwilderness.com](http://www.pacificwilderness.com)

**Orange County Area**

All Things Scuba, Lake Forest:  
[www.allthingsscuba.com](http://www.allthingsscuba.com)

Beach Cities Scuba Center, All Locations:  
[www.beachcitysscuba.com](http://www.beachcitysscuba.com)

Liburdi's Scuba Center, Costa Mesa:  
[www.liburdisscuba.com](http://www.liburdisscuba.com)

Pacific Wilderness, Orange:  
[www.pacificwilderness.com](http://www.pacificwilderness.com)

**San Diego Area**

Dive Connections, San Diego:  
[www.gottadive.com](http://www.gottadive.com)

Diving Locker, San Diego:  
[www.divinglocker.com](http://www.divinglocker.com)

Marissa Dive Charters, San Diego:  
[www.marissadivecharters.com](http://www.marissadivecharters.com)

Ocean Enterprises, San Diego:  
[www.oceanenterprises.com](http://www.oceanenterprises.com)

If your favorite dive store/charter is not listed here, have them contact Paul Schankin

#### Reefing Facts

at [pschankin@cox.net](mailto:pschankin@cox.net) to receive their consignment

## Education and Science

As people watched the transformation of *HMCS Yukon*, from a combatant vessel into a clean and diver prepared reef-to-be, they learned about the part this new reef would play in the ecology of their ocean. As this process is replicated, more members of the public will have this opportunity to learn about the current condition of their oceans, the ecological benefits of reefing and the economic benefits and redirection of their harbors and nearby areas. CS2R is committed to performing pre-sink baseline surveys and post-sinking studies of the new life accumulating on the reef as well as the effects on nearby natural reefs. These types of pre-reefing studies of the site and nearby control areas have never before been carried out prior to a ship-based man-made reef being placed. These pre-reefing studies, along with continuing comparisons of the man-made reef and natural reefs nearby, will provide the academic/science community with a unique opportunity to conduct never-before done research. Many additional educational benefits will accrue to local schools and even educational sites in areas remote from the reefs, through the use of underwater video, web cams, and the internet.

## The Ocean Environment

Reefing a ship provides a hard substrate to which plants and invertebrate animals may attach themselves. These, in turn, provide food resources for larger benthic and pelagic animals, and the complex nooks and crannies of a ship's superstructure provide hideouts and nursery areas for fish and other animals. Information on increased fish populations has been confirmed. One study was conducted by the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) on *Spiegel Grove*, sunk off the Florida coast in 2003. This study indicated a 3-fold increase in fish numbers

and a doubling of species in the year following its sinking. A study of *Yukon*, sunk off of San Diego and commissioned by the San Diego Oceans Foundation, found that within the first year three species were using *Yukon* as breeding habitat. Two of these species are depleted over their range. Reefed ships also have another benefit for natural reefs and other dive sites. As a dive destination, a reefed ship takes some pressure off of the other local diving sites.

Over the next 10 years, CS2R intends to create reef systems along the California coastline. In doing so we will create premiere dive sites which will boost the economies of the local harbor communities, provide alternative sustainable income to boat owner/operators, and promote millions of dollars in business for the local economies. In addition, these cultured reefs, as has been well documented, stimulate fish procreation and provide habitat for many species which are now depleted. The net result of this activity, reconfirmed in California by the recent Rand Report (2005), is that our state can reap broad economic and

#### In the News

ecological benefits that far outweigh the modest investment.

Each month we will provide links to recent articles about CS2R and the project. If you see something online that we have not included here, please contact Jeremy Bonnett at [jeremy.bonnett@gmail.com](mailto:jeremy.bonnett@gmail.com).

#### Group: Industry could endanger ship museum

By Times-Herald, Vallejo

A group seeking to turn an honored battleship into a floating museum says plans to open a ship-dismantling operation nearby could endanger their effort.

[http://www.thereporter.com/news/ci\\_10590083?source=email](http://www.thereporter.com/news/ci_10590083?source=email)

#### Dockweiler's Artificial Reef Being Dismantled.

(09-29) 08:12 PDT EL SEGUNDO, CA (AP)

A massive artificial reef designed by surfer environmentalists to bring waves back to Dockweiler near Grand Avenue in El Segundo is being hauled away.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2008/09/29/state/n081247D41.DTL&type=science>

#### Resort Puts Visitors In Touch With Ecology.

By : Jaswinder Kaur 2008/09/29

KOTA KINABALU: Responding to the growing threat to marine life, and the push for businesses to be more environment-friendly, an island resort has set up a research centre and a programme to rehabilitate corals and fish injured by trawler nets.

[http://www.nst.com.my/Current\\_News/NST/Monday/National/2362570/Article/index.html](http://www.nst.com.my/Current_News/NST/Monday/National/2362570/Article/index.html)

#### Iowa proponents worry about museum placement

JESSICA A. YORK/Times-Herald staff writer Friday, September 26, 2008

One nonprofit group - Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square - has its sights set on Mare Island and its members fear heavy industry and a museum would butt heads if placed side-by-side, even with a similar focus on shipping.

Finding a permanent home for the USS Iowa battleship to berth has been the group's mission for the past 12 years. For more than seven years, it has been anchored in the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet.

[http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci\\_10564490?source=most\\_email](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_10564490?source=most_email)

#### New Attraction to Boost the Diving Sector

CaymanNetNews.com Friday, September 26, 2008

The ship will be used to create an exciting site attraction and artificial reef while providing much desired relief for some of the frequently visited dive sites, the Government Information Services (GIS) said last week.

Tourism Minister Hon Charles Clifford and Chief Officer Gloria McField-Nixon signed on behalf of the Ministry while President Steve Broadbelt and Secretary Bud Johnson signed for the CITA.

[http://www.caymannetnews.com/article.php?news\\_id=10203](http://www.caymannetnews.com/article.php?news_id=10203)

#### NOAA studies Mothball Fleet pollution.

Wayne Freeman - KGO Sunday, September 21, 2008 For all the history floating out there in the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet, there is a mystery as well -- and not the kind that helps environmentalists or fishermen sleep at night.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local&id=6353174>

#### California to sue federal government for polluting vessels in Suisun Bay

EnvironmentalExpert.com Saturday, September 20, 2008 To clean up toxic

pollution caused by the deterioration of approximately 50 obsolete federal vessels anchored in Suisun Bay, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board today announced its intention to sue the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD), an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/resultEachPressRelease.aspx?cid=27289&codi=36551&idproducttype=8&level=0>

### Questions still linger over artificial reefs.

Kitsap Sun Saturday, September 20, 2008

The Associated Press wrote about the project in a short piece carried by many newspapers, including the Kitsap Sun. But the original press release from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife tells a more complete story.

Greg Bargmann of WDFW estimated that more than 500 tires were sitting in 50 to 60 feet of water over 55 acres offshore of the park.

The tires were placed there in the 1970s, when it was common to use tires as artificial reefs. Tires are now believed to break down in salt water and are considered an environmental hazard.

<http://pugetsoundblogs.com/waterways/2008/08/27/questions-still-linger-over-artificial-reefs/>

### Ship in Distress.

Rosemarie Bernardo - Start Bulletin Saturday, September 20, 2008 The Bishop Museum is considering scuttling the deteriorating Falls of Clyde in shallow waters off the Waianae Coast to turn the historic ship into an undersea attraction for divers.

<http://starbulletin.com/2008/08/26/news/story04.html>

### New Survey Finds Economic Incentive for Protecting Ocean Resources

DiveNewsWire.com Saturday, September 20, 2008 Oceana released the results of a new study today that finds a strong economic incentive for protecting living ocean resources. Sea the Value: Quantifying the Value of Marine Life to Divers shows that scuba divers are willing to pay more to see healthy corals, sharks and sea turtles.

<http://www.divenewswire.com/NewsItems.aspx?newsID=9703>

### Ocean ruins draw divers.

Saturday, September 06, 2008 I'm floating inside a sunken ocean liner. It's darker than the inside of a cow. My small dive light barely makes a dent in the darkness.

<http://www.canada.com/theprovince/travel/story.html?id=c6468554-241e-40aa-b67c-2c55f7d577b1&k=36794>

### The astonishing D-Day tanks found at the bottom of the English Channel.

Debra Killalea - Mail Online Saturday, September 06, 2008

The divers, who were eight miles off the West Sussex Coast, were left baffled as to how the Second World War tanks came to be at the bottom of the Channel.

But the mystery was soon solved after a lengthy investigation involving more than 80 dives at the site which is 65ft under water.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1041825/Revealed-The-astonishing-D-Day-tanks-the-English-Channel.html>

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