

*Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.*



November - 2007

**General Meeting - Mon - November 10th**

Brian Basura talking on Catalina Chamber

**Beach dive - Sat - November 10th**

Leo Carrillo State beach

**Board Meeting - Tue - November 13th**

Underwater Pumpkin Carving



Wrigley Marine Science Center

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General Meeting will be  
November 5th  
Palmdale Cultural Center



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Pumpkin Carving



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## Sport Chalet Advanced SCUBA Diver Course

The advanced SCUBA diver course offers you 5 more open water dives to enhance all of your basic skills and will give you added confidence to enjoy diving activities. During your Advanced SCUBA Diver course you will complete a pool dive and five ocean dives. Encounter new dive sites, experience night diving, deep diving, and learn to navigate more proficiently. You will improve your basic skills, and reinforce your safe diving habits. And there is no final exam!

Students must provide SCUBA equipment, dive light, dive slate, chemical light, gear bag, dive knife, and compass.

### Classes Starting

November 9th - November 18th

November 30th - December 9th



**Discover Scuba Saturday November 17th**

Stop by the Store for more information



The pumpkin carving dive was a great deal of fun. 48 divers got into the water and carved jack-o'-lanterns. 5 prizes were given and Brian Basura won 2nd place. If you weren't there this year, mark your calendar for next year!





## Beach Dive, Leo Carrillo state beach (Malibu) Nov 10th

LaRae and I missed the October beach dive at Corral Beach, but we did do a beach dive in Curacao. Actually we did a whole week of diving there. Curacao has no shortage of dive sites, with great walls, amazing mushroom corral forests, and wreck dives.

Saturday morning, November 10th, we plan on doing a beach dive Leo Carrillo state beach. This Malibu location is one of Bob Lavens favorite beach diving site for lobsters. So come out and check out the kelp forest that is the home of lobsters, crabs, and many other sea creatures.

Directions are: 14 Fwy to the I-5 then the 405 to the 101 Ventura Fry (West). Exit the 101 at Malibu Canyon Road, and turn left over freeway. Go on Malibu Canyon Rd., till you reach PCH (approx. 10 miles) Turn right on PCH and go north 'till you reach Leo Carrillo state beach.

Any questions please give me a call at 661-944-4473.

Stay wet and dive safely.

*John E.*



## December Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

General Meeting: December 10, 2007 at 7pm .

The dinner sign up sheet is going around! There promises to be an eventful gathering of good friends and good food!

What a great way to end the year reminiscing about the fun events that we had this year and vying for the gift we really want!

Come on out and enjoy the fun and food!

*Thanks! Claudia*

## Boat Dive

On October 20, John and Debbie Nichols, Colin Young, LaRae and my self went out on the Lois Ann for a wreck dive. The wreck we dove was an old Canadian Destroyer Escort the Yukon. This was the second dive on the Yukon for me. The first time I dove on this wreck was several years ago when she was first sunk.

What a great surprise it was to see all the sea life covering this old war ship. Every inch of the out side was covered with growth of some kind. Every where I looked I could see great patches of strawberry anemones. Bottom facing surfaces were covered with large, pure white anemones. Mother Nature turned this old ship, guns and all, into a colorful work of art. Diving the Yukon is more than diving on a Historical ship; it is more like floating in a sea of color.

Wreck alley in San Diego has a real jewel in the Yukon. I urge every diver to check out this dive location, it is one of the best.

*Dive Safely John E.*



## Guest Speaker for General Meeting: November 5, 2007 at 7pm

Brian Basura speaking on the USC Wrigley Marine Center Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber

Brian Basura has been a long-time member of AVDD. He has held past board position in dedicated service to the dive club and is currently our Webmaster. Brian is also a Trimix Diver Supervisor and Technical Diver and quite familiar with the dangers that divers can get into during and after their dives.

With this in mind, Brian obtained Chamber Operation Training from USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber Program Manager Karl Huggins in July 2004 and after hands-on service at the Chamber as an intern, became a full crew member in 2007. Brian continues to donate his time in manning the Chamber one weekend every three months.

Please join us and show your support while enjoying this most informative presentation. Provided by your dive club, there will be two limited "Flying Dutchman" tee-shirts and two awesome "Flying Dutchman" posters from the 2007 Chamber Day Event for raffle. Plus the Chamber is going to provide a couple additional items for our raffle.



### AVDD BOARD NOMINATION TIME

On November 5, we will start our nominations for club officers. Get involved, if you are interested in being on the new board, please put your name for consideration. Being on the board is interesting and you will have a great time planning events for the club.

Elections will be in December at the meeting and Yankee swap dinner.

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