



Corral Beach Cleanup

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General Meeting will be

October 7th

Palmdale Cultural Center

October 2007

Beach Dive - Sat - October 6th

Corral Beach, Malibu

General Meeting - Mon - October 7th

Bill Wilson Talking about Wreck Diving

Rocks, Rips, & Reefs - Sat - October 13th

Board Meeting - Wed - October 24th

**YOU TOO CAN PROTECT OUR OCEANS**

**Caulerpa** is it a disease, a new kind of cheese or a new drug? Well, it is none of the above. Caulerpa is your garden variety saltwater aquarium fern. This species has invaded over 30,000 acres of marine habitat in the Mediterranean Sea. This fast growing species previously took six years and \$7 million to eradicate in two places here in California. Let's do our job in preventing it from continuing to spread.

**How do I help:**

1) Learn what it looks like. 2) Look for it on all saltwater dives 3) Report it if found @ [www.sccat.net](http://www.sccat.net) or CDFG @ 858-467-4218 a. Note the location, depth, and patch size b. Take GPS coordinates if possible c. Take a photo if possible d. Otherwise, carefully, collect a small and press it flat in newspaper (BE AWARE @ even a 1 mm piece can start a new infestation).

**What does it look like:**

1) Bright green 2) Feather like fronds 3) Long horizontal runner 4) Generally lives on the sea floor

*Linda Sharp Nepper*

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[www.avdesertdivers.org](http://www.avdesertdivers.org)



## Corral Beach, Beach Dive (Malibu) Oct. 6

LaRae and I missed the Sept. 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, October 6, we plan on doing a beach dive at Corral 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 approx 2 miles till you see a Union 76 station. Make a U-turn and park as close as possible to the trail leading to the beach. Any questions please give me a call at 661-944-4473.

On Saturday October 13, there will be another GLACD 3 R's event at Reef Point, in Laguna. This is a great way to learn safe beach diving skills.



*Stay wet and dive safely.*

*John B.*



## Rocks, Rips, & Reefs 2007

The Greater Los Angeles Council of Divers (GLACD) and the Los Angeles County Underwater Instructors Association (LA Co. UIA) have joined forces to produce an entire series of courses designed to safely introduce divers to popular, local dive sites.

Conducted by certified Scuba instructors, the Rocks, Rips, and Reefs course includes a short educational seminar covering safe beach diving skills, certain aspects of the local marine environment, and other valuable, site-specific information. Conditions permitting, the seminar is followed by an in-water demonstration and practice session that includes a skin diving tour of the actual dive site.

Topics and skills covered in the course include:

- \* Choosing appropriate entry and exit points, and safe entry and exit skills
- \* Identifying, anticipating, and navigating hidden obstacles in the surf zone
- \* How to use the ocean's natural wave motion to your advantage
- \* How to plan your dive by reading the ocean's surface and using tide tables
- \* How to find interesting stuff at each location

Participants are required to wear a full wetsuit, mask, snorkel, and fins. A weight belt with no more than half the normal diving weight is optional. Tanks and regulators are not allowed during the program, but may be brought along if you plan to make a dive after the class is over.

After completing the in-water practice, we finish the session with a noon time get-together and social, so bring along a picnic lunch and plan on socializing afterwards.

SCUBA certification is not required in order to participate in 3R's courses! New divers welcomed!

*Linda G. Sharp*



### Lobster Season Opens...

The night was cold & blustery. As the clock struck 12 midnight many a diver hit the water with visions of large lobster. The water was clear and a mild 68 degrees.



We were on the back side of Santa Cruz Island and snuggled into Albert's anchorage. It is a safe place when the front side is blown out, as it was tonight. By the time we finished the dive & were boarded by Fish & Game, our 3 bugs didn't seem worth it. But it was a beautiful weekend at the Island. We had a little better luck on Saturday but still there were few to even catch. Can't complain, it's better than work.



*Terry & Colleen Hodgkins*

### Costal Cleanup

As you might know, September 15th was Coastal Cleanup Day. AVDD turned out to clean up Corral Beach. Heal the Bay sponsors this event and supplies us with plastic gloves and trash bags. We collected 50 or so pounds of trash/recyclables from the beach and bagged it for removal. Overall, there were over 70 clean up sites in LA County. CCD results have not been published yet, but I am sure (by estimation from last years numbers) a lot of trash was removed from our beaches, streams, and wet lands. Last year 50,000 volunteers gathered almost 850,000 pounds of trash. Heal the Bay provided us with some nifty "give-a-ways" this year. By a vote of the participants, we will raffle some of them off at the next club meeting. Up for grabs are: A "Surf's UP" T-shirt, and some environmentally friendly reusable grocery bags. Make sure you get yourself out to the October club meeting for a chance at these items. I extend another BIG thank you to those who participated this year.



*Don Nipper*

### June Lake

I would like to extend a BIG thank you to everyone who helped at our annual June Lake cleanup event. We had a great time up there, and we got many a "thank you" from the residents and other visitors. The weather was beautiful, and the water was warm. Our group was large enough to form four groups of divers that spread out over different areas of the lake. With the four groups, we were able to collect a bunch of items discarded into the lake. Some of these items were true treasures, like the custom trolling rig that I recovered (Along with a Big Rock Marina hat and rod holder; last year I got Maui Jim sunglasses.). If you did not get to go this year, make plans and get your reservation early (up to six months in advance at ReserveAmerica.com).



*Don Nipper*



## October 7th Meeting

### **Bill Wilson will be giving a presentation on Southern California Shipwrecks**

Bill Wilson Started scuba diving in the 1950's. During that time he became a commercial diver and used his diving skills in the military. He became a certified diving instructor in the 1960's. Bill was a founding Charter Member of the California Wreck Divers in 1971 when it was founded to explore California maritime history and systematically research and seek out shipwrecks. He is the past President and has held all offices of the California Wreck Divers a non-profit corporation. He is an avid wreck diver not only on the California Coast but also around the world. It's his love of history and preservation of the past that inspires him to keep diving.



### **Aquarium of the Pacific**

One thing I would like to share with you again is the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. If you have kids, they will enjoy all of the "hands on" exhibits (adults too). I personally enjoy just watching the tanks (all the enjoyment of fish watching, with out having to get suited up). The aquarium also has many educational programs available. For a reasonable fee (or free), members and non-members can have a fun time learning something new. The web address is <http://www.aquariumofpacific.org> check it out.

As always, if you have any suggestions for conservation activities for AVDD contact me by phone or e-mail ([dnipper@water.ca.gov](mailto:dnipper@water.ca.gov)). Until next month, be safe, dive safe, and always wear clean underwear. See you at the beach.

*Don Nipper*

*AVDD Conservation Officer*

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