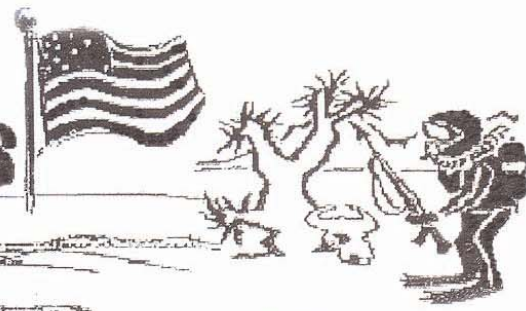


Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.

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January 2009

General Meeting - Tues - Jan 20th

Cinde MacGugan from Catilina Divers Supply

Board Meeting - Tue - Feb 3rd

Meeting at the Nipper's house

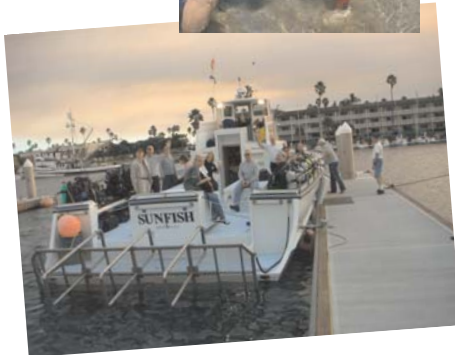
Avalon Cleanup - Sat - Feb 21st

AVDD Banquet - Sat - Mar 7th

The club had many fun times in 2008!

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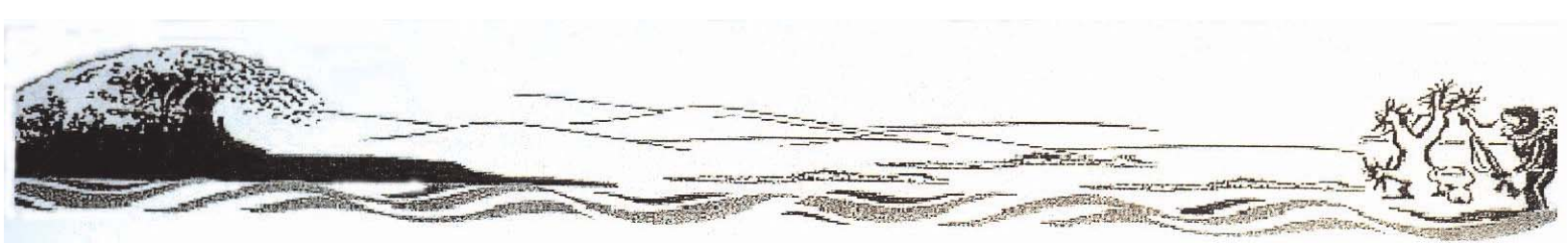
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From the President...

Happy New Year!!!! I trust that you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and are ready for 2009. I hope that each of you vowed to get wet more frequently this year. There are many opportunities coming up for 2009. We have the Catalina Clean Up coming up in February, and others that are being worked out on the calendar. Other events to keep in mind are the Chamber Day for both the dive and the event at the Aquarium of the Pacific. As in years past the club will be reserving a table, so if you are interested in attending, put the dates in your calendar. The actual day hasn't been announced, but it is usually the first or second Wednesday in May. In spite of the economy, let's put our heads together and see what events we can pull together this year. If there are events that you particularly liked from last year or ones that you didn't, or things that you would like to see done in 2009, let myself or another board member know.

Please make note of the change in the schedule for the monthly meetings. In spite of getting to the Cultural Center over an hour before they open, I was number 18 in line and someone before me grabbed our location on the second Monday. Thus, please note that we are now on the 3rd Monday. I hope that this won't cause too much trouble for everyone. We still have a few positions available on the board, so get involved. Don't be afraid, there are enough old timers around that are happy to give you a few pointers, but it is time for some new blood.

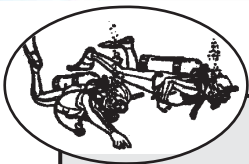
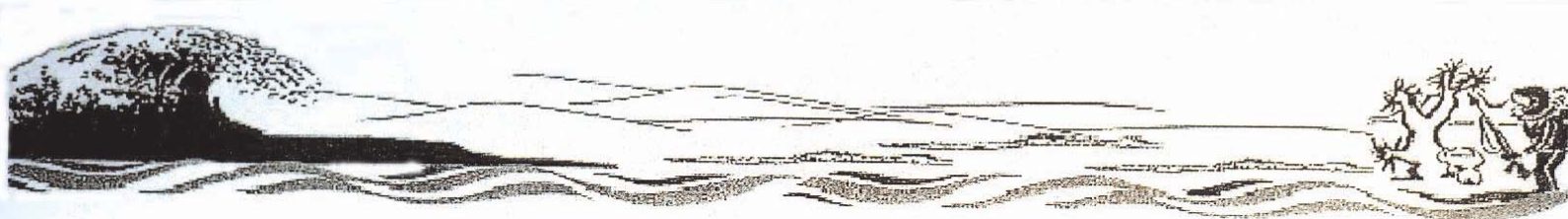
Remember, this is your club, you can make a difference.

Stay wet,
Your Pres,
Linda

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2009 Avalon Harbor Underwater Clean Up

It is that time of year again. Time to drag that dive gear out of the garage (or other local of safe keeping) and join AVDD on the Catalina Express on their way for a fun filled weekend (or day) at Catalina. This event has proven to be not only worthwhile, but is great fun. Last year, Linda and I took the kids as well so that they can participate and to ensure that they understand how important our oceans are to the future of our ecology. This year should be another great day of sunshine, sand and salty water. The event is scheduled for February 21, 2009. You can register on-line at www.catalinaconservancy.org/ecology/underwater_cleanup.cfm. Register early for only \$35 per person alternatively, the fees are \$45 per person if you wait until February. Don't forget to book your boat trip on the Catalina Express. At the meeting next week, January 20th, we will be discussing where everyone wants to dive so that the club can dive together.

We look forward to seeing you there,
Your Dive Coordinator / Conservation Officer,
Don

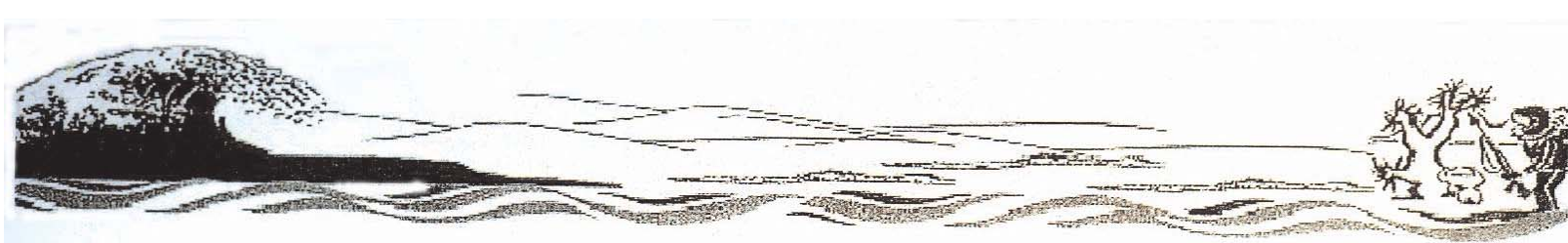


Guest Speaker for the January 20th meeting...

Cinde MacGugan is from the Catalina Divers Supply. We'll hear about their new company, the dive park, & upcoming events happening on Catalina. They will have fun giveaways so you don't want to miss out. Raffle & refreshments as always, see you there!

Thanks,
Claudia Richardson





Sunken trawler net tackled by volunteer divers

Avalon (AP) Volunteer scuba divers have started slicing up a massive fishing net that has turned into a deadly trap for all manner of marine life since the trawler it was attached to sank off southern California.

After the boat came to rest about 150 feet from the surface, its polypropylene net - several hundred feet long - wrapped around the wreck & became a deadly snare for sea lions, dolphins, sharks, fish & other marine life. The ocean floor around the billowing net is littered with skulls & bones that have been picked clean by crabs.

On Sunday, a team of divers carrying knives & shears began trimming away at the lurking deathtrap. Guided only by flashlights, the team hacked off chunks of netting & lifted these to the surface with airbags.

21st Annual CHAMBER DAY

Well, it really is that time of the year...Chamber Day will be on us before you know it. Mark your calendar for the first week in May. The exact day has not been selected but we should be hearing soon. Remember, it is always a Wednesday of diving and fun in the sun and then the dinner at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. Grab your dive buddy and get signed up. Come for a dive on one of the many boats that contribute their proceeds from that day to the Chamber or join other AVDD members and I at the dinner that evening. As in years past, AVDD has filled a table and we hope to have the same great response from the members. This is a worthwhile event and although we hope none of us ever needs to experience the skills of those volunteers working at the chamber, it is a relief to know that they are there. Remember, they can't exist unless we as divers provide our time, talent and treasures....

For more information, <http://wrigley.usc.edu/hyperbaric/TOP.HTM>

Your Dive Coordinator/Conservation Officer,

Don

