



RisingTides has a support boat

'Skylight'

A.V. Desert Divers

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May 2009

General Meeting - Mon - May 18th

RisingTides talk's about it's mission for 2010

Board Meeting - Tue - May 26th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

Clam Chowder Dive - Sat - Jun 20th

AVDD 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(These dates are tentative so check the Website)

6/20 Clam Chowder Dive Local TBD

7/4 July 4th Bar-B-Q

9/4-7 June Lake Clean Up

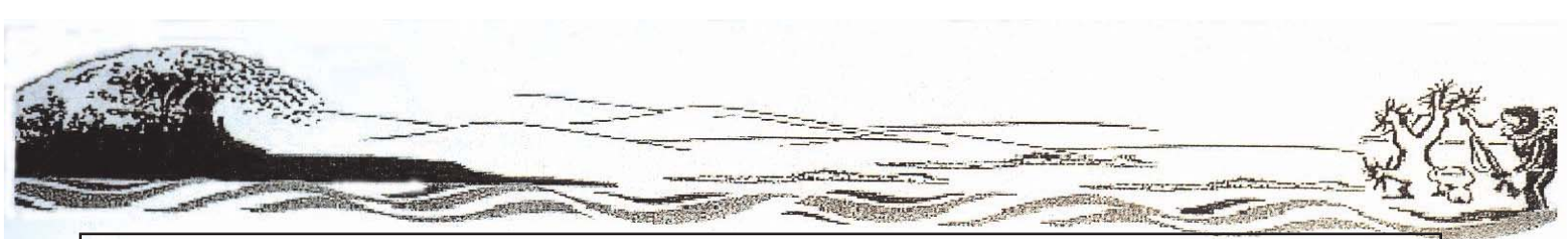
10/ Two Harbors Clean Up

10/24 Pumpkin Dive

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



### Dear Fellow Divers,

The weather has been absolutely beautiful and it is definitely time to dig out that gear, check it out and go dive. If you haven't gone diving in a while, perhaps go by our local Sport Chalet on the third Saturday of the month and do a quick test dive. If that schedule doesn't work for you, our swimming pool is available for a small fee of scrubbing the algae off of the walls while you're in :)

Reserve America has reopened for registration during the Labor Day Weekend. So please, log on and register for the June Lake Clean Up. Remember, the pot luck will be in Rabbit loop so if we can take over the whole loop that would be great. The Clam Chowder Dive is just around the corner so make sure you are ready. We are still deciding on a spot, so if you have a preference, let us know now. Remember, ample parking and bathrooms are a must and showers are a great addition.

We look forward to seeing you in the water,

*Your Pres, Linda Sharp Nipper*



May 30 & 31 2009 @ The Long Beach Convention Center

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## RisingTides Counts Down to the South Pacific Expedition 2010

Brian and Claudia are getting ready for their big 2010 expedition to the South and Central Pacific.

In these times of climate change, and in order to determine what is changing, it is important to capture baseline data for current and future studies. That is exactly what Brian and Claudia are preparing to do.

RisingTides is a nonprofit organization chartered to collect and provide environmental data and general information to the scientific community, general public, and school age children. This 2 year expedition will travel through the southern Pacific hemisphere and equatorial regions to do just that.

Please show up for May 18th presentation and support two of our own AV Desert Divers turned-volunteer-researchers.

**Hats and Tee shirts will be available as a thank you for donations of \$15.00 or more.**

Attention: Teachers or Educators interested in bringing the S. Pacific into their Classrooms are needed!!!! With very little effort on the part of the educator RisingTides can work with you and to bring interesting, interactive, and unique experiences to your classroom.



## Continuing Your Dive Education

Hello fellow divers. I am a relative newbie when it comes to diving. I have been a certified diver for only a year now. But the one thing that I have learned is that you cannot have too much knowledge when it comes to diving. That's why I went for my Advanced Open Water certification in November last year. And that is why I also just finished my Enriched air class on April 10th. I hope to obtain my Rescue diver certification either this year or early next year.

"Why do all of this training?" you may ask. For me personally, I look at it as a way to increase my skill in diving in a formally recognized setting. You may not want to go "All-out" when it comes to diving. But I'm sure that some of you have that interest in diving that maybe you might say to yourself, "Man, I wish I knew a little more information about \_\_\_\_\_ Diving." You fill in the blank. Whether it's wreck diving, altitude diving, or anything else you might have an interest in. There is a training class to cover and get more information about doing that particular dive more safely.

If you're interested in a class, you can go to Sports Chalet, [www.padi.com](http://www.padi.com), or [www.nau.org](http://www.nau.org). These are all good resources for continuing your education. Even if you have been diving for a long time, you can still benefit from one of these classes.

**So what do say? Let's get learning!!**

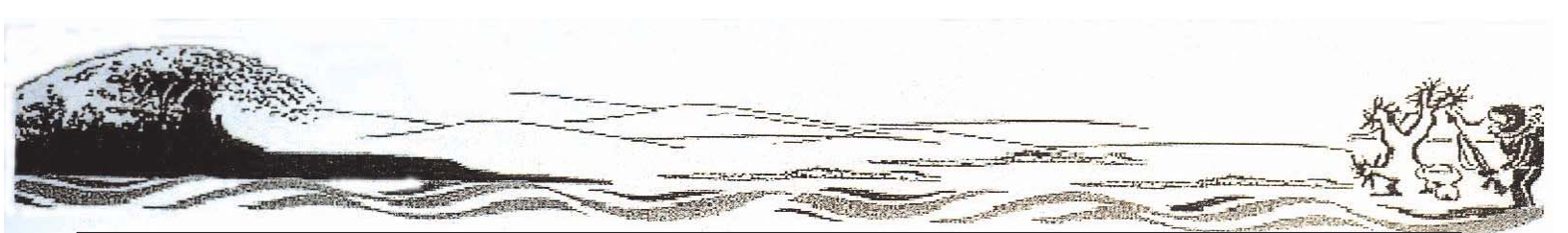
*Robert Wisdom - 2009 Treasurer.*



AVDD members enjoy the Chamber Day Evening Dinner







## Dive Site - Avalon Underwater Dive Park

Members Bill and Tammy Mangum accompanied Mike Orlando and yours truly to the Avalon Underwater Dive Park this past Sunday. The temperature at 33 feet was 61 degrees and the visibility was 20 to 30 feet. There was a pretty good swell and a commensurate amount of surge at depths less than 25 feet. Nonetheless, the critters were out and the place was teeming with life. I had some difficulty with my camera, but I managed to get a few fair pictures and at least one good one of a Kelp Rockfish. Spring is here and Summer will soon arrive. It's time to go diving. The Dive Park is a great place to get back into the swing of things safely and check out your gear in a stable environment. If things go wrong, you are a short walk or at most a short ride to dive shops that can deal with your needs. Tank rentals are \$13.00 for the first full tank and \$7.00 for each fill thereafter. Equipment rentals are available if your gear doesn't pass muster. If you haven't been there in years, the good news is that there are concrete steps with a sturdy railing that take you down to the water and back up the shore after your dive. There are some small wrecks, an old swim platform, and two bronze plaques to discover that commemorate Jacques Cousteau and the La Cruzada Project. Take the plunge, have a good time, and check out your gear safely, at the Avalon Underwater Dive Park.



*Scuba Jack*



## Hello Divers,

Spring is here! I hope everyone is getting their dive gear together to enjoy some "warm" water diving right here in California. Just having returned from a short trip to Hawaii, I can really appreciate true warm water diving. But that being said, there is a lot to be said for our local dive spots. In my opinion, coral and tropical fish have nothing over a kelp dive. No doubt though, a good wet suit is worth its weight in gold. Chamber day/Evening has come and gone; we are waiting for the final numbers to come in. With the economy down, the chamber was not expecting the big numbers they have seen in the past. However, the day before the event (4/5/09) the amount was up close to \$30,000. I will pass along the final numbers when they come in. I send out my personal thank you to the representatives from AVDD that attended Chamber Evening. I had the opportunity to attend last year and it was very enjoyable. I look forward to being able to attend next year.

One more reminder, Labor Day and the annual June Lake high altitude dive/clean up is creeping up on us. I have been informed that Oh Ridge campground has fixed their reservation problems and are now taking reservations. If you want to get away that weekend, you can still get reservations on ReserveAmerica.com.

**So guys and gals, get your gear out, your skills tuned up, and let's get out there and get wet! See you in the water.**

*Don Nipper*

