



Desert Waves

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Message from the **PRESIDENT...**



Jeff Carlon

Dear AVDD Members,

It's hard to believe how quickly this month has crept up on us, but we've been hard at work preparing for our upcoming event. Apologies for the delay in sending out our newsletter, but I have some exciting updates to share with you.

First and foremost, our recent monthly meeting was a great success. We were delighted to welcome two new members who discovered us through our Facebook presence. It's always fantastic to see our community grow, and we extend a warm welcome to our new friends.

One highlight of the meeting was the captivating talk on cave diving. While it was truly fascinating, it also reinforced why I personally have no plans to venture into cave diving anytime soon - it's not for the faint of heart!

Now, onto some exciting news: we are gearing up for our annual underwater pumpkin carving contest! Stay tuned for more information on this fun and unique event. We're also looking for instructors who are interested in participating in our "Discover Scuba" segment of the event. Your expertise and guidance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact us at AVDesertDive@gmail.com.

Lastly, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Board. During my absence due to a Fire Assignment in Northern California, they stepped up and managed our June Lake event with exceptional dedication. They also worked diligently to secure all the necessary approvals from the city for our upcoming Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest, scheduled for October 28th at Corson Pool in Palmdale.

As we prepare for this exciting event and continue our mission of Educate, Support And Conserve, your support and involvement are invaluable. Let's make this year's contest the best one yet!

Thank you all for your dedication and enthusiasm!

Jeff Carlon
President AVDD





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COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 | 9 AM - 12 PM

MORE THAN 50 INLAND & COASTAL CLEANUP SITES ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY FROM SUMMIT TO SEA

LEARN MORE AT HEALTHEBAY.ORG/CCD



Hear the Bay



NORTHROP GRUMMAN



Conservation Report



Adam Parra

Thank you to our members who were able to make it to our Annual June Lake cleanup. In the face of less-than-ideal weather conditions, our members were able to remove around 150 lbs of trash from June Lake and return an Apple Watch and iPhone to their rightful owners. Both devices still worked! After talking with the iPhone owner, it had been underwater for 2 years! Hopefully next year Mother Nature will have better weather for us!

On Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 AVDD will once again be partnering with "Heal the Bay" for Coastal Cleanup Day. This will take place at Dan Blocker/Coral Beach in Malibu. We will Meet near lifeguard tower 2. Look for the banner and Heal the Bay flag! Setup will begin at 0800. The event officially runs from 0900-1200. We will be checking members of the public in, sorting debris, and picking up debris. If you could participate; all help is welcome!

At the conclusion of the cleanup, I plan to dive and welcome anyone who would like to join me. Please contact myself if you can attend so I can keep an eye out for you!

Lastly, lobster season begins Friday, September 29th, 2023! Be sure to have your CA fishing license with ocean enhancement, and your spiny lobster report card. Please send us pictures of your catches so we can share them!

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Tips for preparing for **CALIFORNIA'S SPINY LOBSTER SEASON**

Remember: Safety first, lobsters second.

California's 2023/2024
Spiny Lobster Season Opens
September 29, 2023



Check & update your equipment.



Refresh your diving skills.



Upgrade your training.



Use caution and safety.

Don't put yourself or your buddies at risk for the sake of catching a lobster.

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**BE PREPARED. BE SAFE.
AND HAPPY HUNTING!**

OCTOBER 14TH DIVE OUTING

○ ○ SUNDIVER ✦

- ○ All 10 spots were booked and paid for - for the
- ○ October 14th dive outing on the Sun Diver! If you are interested in joining, please contact Ken using our general email below.

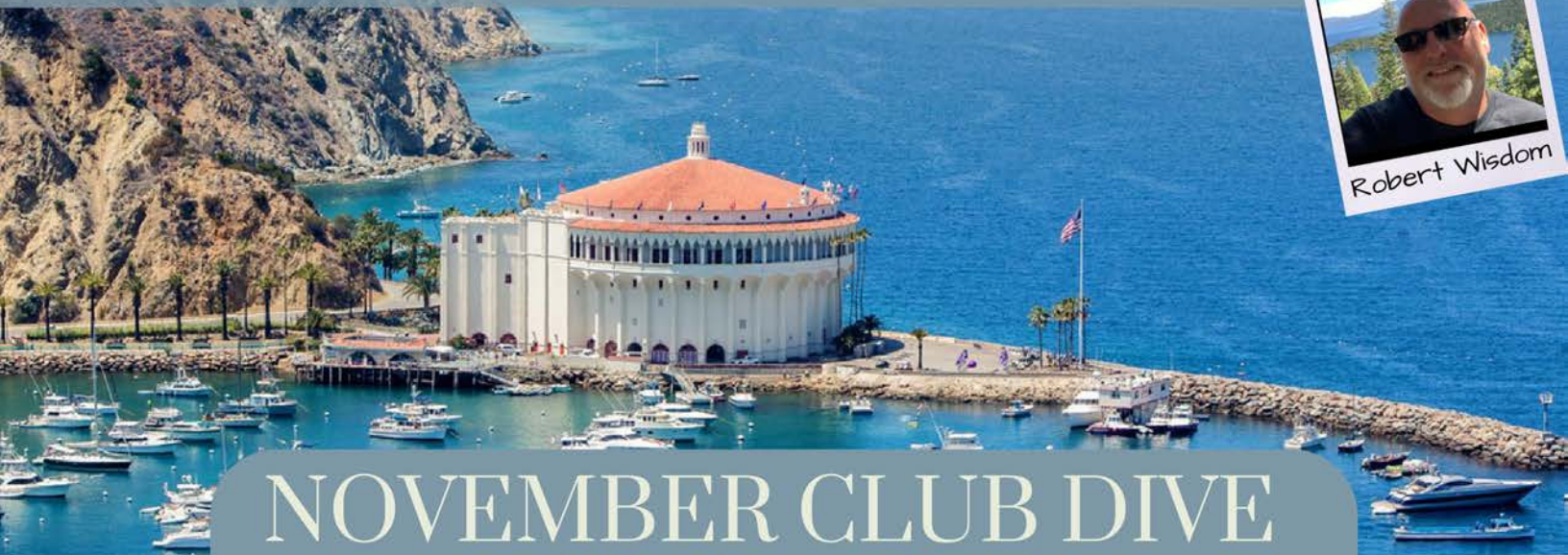
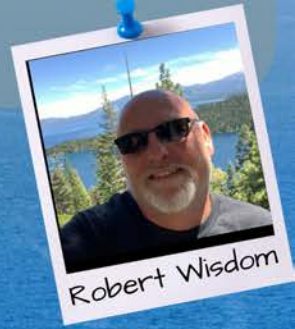


BE PREPARED!

- ○ Arrive at 7am to:
 - ○ 182 N Marina Dr, Long Beach, CA.
- ○ 3 tanks included.
- ○ Lunch included. ✦
- ○ **If you are diving for lobster, do not forget your license and gauge!**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at
AVDesertDive@gmail.com.

For more information on the Sun Diver accommodations,
please visit www.SunDiverInternational.com



NOVEMBER CLUB DIVE ACCOMMODATIONS

NOVEMBER 3 TO NOVEMBER 5



Seaport Village Inn
119 Maiden Lane
Avalon, CA 90704

(310) 510-0344

Ask for Rixie and mention that you are with the Antelope Valley Desert Divers to get your 20% discount.

It's that time again!

AVDD has had a long-standing relationship with Seaport Village Inn. As some may know, Seaport Village Inn was recently sold. We are pleased to share that we were able to secure a 20% discount off rooms for the November dive. To secure this discount, you *must call* the Seaport Village Inn and speak with Rixie. Please be sure to let her know you are with the Antelope Valley Desert Divers to secure the discount. Rooms do sell out, so be sure to contact Rixie ASAP! Seaport Village Inn will still pick you up from the Catalina Express and transport your dive gear to and from Casino Point.

Be sure to book your Catalina Express boat ride before it's too late!

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Robert Wisdom
Treasurer AVDD



SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKER



EDD SORENSON

Edd Sorenson joined us for our September General Meeting. Edd is world renowned for his cave rescues and recoveries. He shared several stories with the club on rescues and recoveries he has completed around the world. If you missed out on this amazing presentation, we recommend you look Edd up on YouTube and listen to some of his amazing stories.

Don't forget to join us in person on virtually every month for our General Meeting. Until further notice, our General Meeting will be held at the Marie Kerr Park.

General Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Please check our website and/or Facebook for additional information.



Calling all Certified Scuba Divers!

Come celebrate Halloween and participate in our Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest provided by AV Desert Divers

Saturday, October 28th @ 9am

Courson Park Pool

38226 10th Street East, Palmdale, CA 93550



Underwater Carving Participants Must:

- Be 10 years of age or older
- Bring a valid C Card (proof of scuba certification) to the event
- Pay \$5 fee



Pumpkins and carving tools are provided. No personal carving tools permitted.

Free pumpkin coloring for kids ages 5-10.



Spectators Welcome!
Costumes Encouraged!

AV Desert Divers will be verifying C Cards and overseeing underwater activities.

An underwater photograph showing a vibrant coral reef with many small orange and yellow fish swimming above it. The scene is set in clear blue water.

Important Dates

September 23rd - Coastal Cleanup (Dan Blocker Beach)

September 29th - Opening Day Lobster Season

October 9th - @7pm General Meeting

October 14th - @7am Club Dive on the Sun Diver

October 28th- Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest

November 3rd - 5th - Annual Catalina Dive Trip

December 11th - @6pm Potluck and White Elephant Exchange