



# Desert Waves

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# October General Meeting

Monday, October 9th @ 7pm



Are you interested in diving for lobster? Whether you are a seasoned pro or a curious newcomer, this meeting is for you! Join us for an engaging and informative discussion about the thrilling pursuit.

Learn the ins and outs of Lobster Diving:

- Seasonal Regulations and Best Practices
- Essential Gear and Equipment
- Tips and Techniques for Success

## Let's Talk Lobster



**The location has changed:**  
**759 W Lancaster Blvd**  
**Lancaster, CA**

You can also join us via Zoom. A link will be emailed out.

Contact us

661-644-7648

AVDesertDive@gmail.com

# Message from the **PRESIDENT...**



## Hello AVDD,

We have a lot of exciting events planned in the next few months - as you may have noticed from the size of our newsletter. Most Important is our general meeting! Our General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9th at 7pm.

### **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING LOCATION HAS CHANGED!**

The meeting address and details are listed on the General Meeting article. If you are interested, I will be at Lucky Luke's about an hour prior to the meeting. You are all more than welcome to join me.

Are you interested in getting more involved with our club and helping shape the direction? We are currently accepting nominations for next year's board positions. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the board members for more information about the job duties and where we could use your help.

Did you know that scuba diving was originally developed for military purposes during World War II? It later became a popular recreational activity in the 1950s and is now enjoyed by venture seekers worldwide - like us!

I look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Sincerely,

**Jeff Carlon**

*President, AVDD*

# WE ARE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE  
2024 BOARD OR WANT TO NOMINATE  
SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE A GREAT  
FIT?

**EMAIL US**

[AVDesertDive@gmail.com](mailto:AVDesertDive@gmail.com)



**Voted Board Positions:**

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Program Coordinator

Conservation Officer

Newsletter Editor

**Appointed Board Positions:**

Member At Large

Dive Coordinator

Corporate Secretary

Quartermaster

Social Media Coordinator

# Conservation Report



Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in Coastal Cleanup Day! We had 13 club members and 17 people from the public come and help clean up Dan Blocker/Corral Beach. In total, there were 142 pounds of trash removed!

As I said in last month's newsletter, lobster season has begun and will go until March 20th, 2024. As of October 3rd, 2023, there are some closures in portions of Los Angeles and Orange County due to the discovery of elevated levels of domoic acid, which is a natural toxin found in spiny lobster. Be sure to visit the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Invertebrates/Lobster> to see if the closures are still in effect prior to hunting! The areas of concern were from the Palos Verdes area down to Orange County. If you head north towards Malibu or up further you'll be okay!

Please be sure you have your CA fishing license with ocean enhancement and CA spiny lobster report card, remember it must be filled out **prior** to entering the water. Be sure to have your gear serviced, and carry multiple lights if hunting at night. In closing, please send us pictures of your catch so we can share with everyone!

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JOIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY DESERT DIVERS FOR

A SPOOKTACULAR EVENT

# UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING

ARE YOU A CERTIFIED DIVER OR ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPERIENCING  
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SCUBA DIVE? THIS IS THE EVENT FOR YOU!

## CERTIFIED DIVERS

- MUST BRING YOUR C CARD
- MUST BRING YOUR OWN SCUBA EQUIPMENT
- LIMITED TANKS AVAILABLE. TO RESERVE A TANK CONTACT US AT AVDESERTDIVER@GMAIL.COM
- \$5 ADMISSION

## CURIOUS FUTURE DIVERS

- MUST BE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF AGE (MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)
- ARRIVE BY 9AM
- ALL EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUCTION WILL BE PROVIDED
- \$5 ADMISSION

VISIT [WWW.AVDESERTDIVERS.ORG](http://WWW.AVDESERTDIVERS.ORG) AND SELECT THE STORE TO SIGN UP

**PUMPKINS AND CARVING TOOLS ARE PROVIDED.**

**NO PERSONAL CARVING TOOLS PERMITTED.**

**FREE PUMPKIN COLORING FOR KIDS AGES 5-10.**

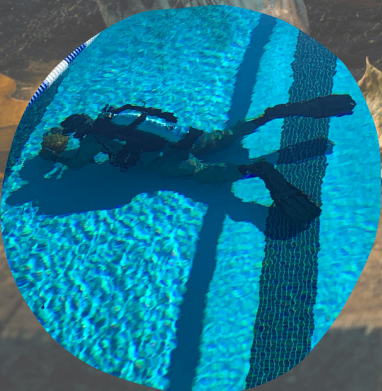
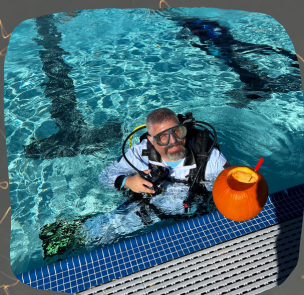
**SPECTATORS WELCOME!**

**\*\* COSTUMES ENCOURAGED! \*\***

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9:00 AM

@Courson Park Pool located at  
38226 10th St E, Palmdale, CA





# NOVEMBER CLUB DIVE ACCOMODATIONS 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



# Let's Get Trashed!

## Tide-y Up a Mile

It might not be the beach but it is a clean up! The Antelope Valley Desert Divers are participating in the City of Lancaster Tide-y Up a Mile program. We will be participating in the clean up efforts over the next year.



## Location

Our mile location is 23rd Street West from Ave I to Ave H. All required materials will be supplied. Please make sure to wear close toed shoes. Hard hats and vests will be provided as they are required by the city.

**Our next clean up will be Saturday, October 21 @ 8am**



The cleanup will be from 8am to 10am followed by brunch at Crazy Otto's. We will meet at the beginning of our adopted mile on 23rd Street West and Ave I (north of Bobby Wayne's RV).

## For more information:

Contact Scott at (661) 609-6155  
AVDesertDive@gmail.com



## DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK



*Hi there,*

*The holidays are right around the corner! Read below regarding our annual holiday party.*



This year's Christmas potluck and White Elephant gift exchange will be on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 5pm. The party will take the place of our December general meeting. The Bociagas have agreed to host the party and we are very excited to celebrate another great year!

A sign-up for the potluck will go out when the event gets closer. We will be asking folks to sign up for appetizers, sides, desserts, and drinks. The Club will provide a main course, but we will also happily accept additional main courses. It will be BYOB like the July pool party.

We will also have our White Elephant gift exchange. Everyone is invited to participate in the exchange, and anyone who brings a wrapped gift will be able to join in the fun. Please keep the costs of the gifts to less than \$25.

The address of the party will be sent out to members as the event gets closer, but it is in Acton. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



An underwater photograph showing a vibrant coral reef with many small, colorful fish swimming around it. The scene is set in clear blue water.

# Important Dates

**September 29th** - Opening Day Lobster Season

**October 9th** - @7pm General Meeting

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

**October 21st**- @8am Tide-y Up a Mile

**October 28th**- @9am Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest

**November 3rd - 5th** - Annual Catalina Dive Trip

**November 18th** - @8am Tide-y Up a Mile

**December 17th** - @5pm Potluck and White Elephant Exchange