



Desert Waves

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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



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

Message from the **PRESIDENT...**



Hello AVDD,

Another hardy hello to the best damn dive club anywhere! I thought I would like to start off my letter with a little fun fact. Did you know that yearly a broken toe is the most common injury associated with scuba diving?

Yup - FACT!! It makes sense with the tanks and weights we use, I just never thought it was so common. So, let's agree that we will be more mindful when we are all hanging out in Catalina in a couple of weeks.

I would also like to thank everyone who made our annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest a success! I enjoyed seeing the familiar faces in costumes and truly enjoyed giving instruction to those who tried out discover scuba.

I'm not going to take up a lot of space in this month's newsletter. I just want to let you know that I am very excited to spend some time with you underwater soon.

See ya soon!

Sincerely,

Jeff Carlon

President, AVDD

“UNDER THE WAVES” IPA RELEASE PARTY

Join us at the official release party for the **Under the Waves** IPA at **Bravery Brewery** in **Lancaster, CA**. Help us thank Bravery Brewery for their continued honor and support for the WAVES program.



BRAVERY BREWERY

42705 8TH STREET WEST
LANCASTER, CA 93534



Thursday, November 2nd Beginning at 6 pm

Enjoy this year's Under the Waves IPA, food, and camaraderie. We can't wait to see you there!

CATALINA FALL TRIP

AGENDA

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE CLUB

Please sign up for the Trip Text Thread by text messaging Lauren at 661-972-2204 at least a day or two before November 3. This will be the best way to keep up to date on additional non-Club dives, plan changes, etc.

DATE:

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 3RD-5TH

BE IN THE KNOW!



No official Club events. We typically meet for dinner at one of the local restaurants.



8AM

Official Club dive off the Point. Divers will be in the water starting at 8am. This will be a 1 or 2 tank dive, depending on conditions and how much everyone wants to carry their tanks around



6PM

Club dinner at Mi Casitas
111 Clarissa Ave
Avalon, CA

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CATALINA



A FEW TIPS

- Seaport Village Inn will pick up guests and their luggage at the Avalon port. They can be reached at 310.510.0344.
- If you are not staying at the Seaport Village Inn, you can utilize the Avalon Blue Line Luggage to transport and store your scuba equipment to and from Casino Point. A round trip charge for one diver is \$18.00.
- Be sure to book your Catalina Express ticket ahead of your trip. If the boat shows full online, call Catalina Express at 800.613.1212 to book. The online availability does not match actual availability. Senior discount is available for travelers 55+.
- If you are not bringing a tank and or weights, be sure to reserve these. You can book through the following:
 - Catalina Diver Supply
 - Casino Point Divers
 - Diving Catalina



Save the Date

END OF YEAR GEAR SALE

Saturday, November 4th, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: WAVES Project Office, 42225 Remington Ave, Suite A-18, Temecula CA
92590

Save big on the dive gear you need!
Up to half off on rental gear.

Regulator Sets w/ Computer Starting at \$585.00

BCD's Starting at \$285.00

New Wetsuits Starting at \$100.00

All proceeds go to provide new training gear for the 2024 season.

Tell your friends, Open to the Public!

More gear will be added to the online store.

Be sure to visit www.WavesWear.Company.Site and check back daily to see what has been added.



November General Meeting

Join us in person or virtually

Join us for an exciting and informative presentation by Cabo Shark Dive. Cabo Shark Dive was founded to protect sharks and pelagic predators by offering safe, close and personal underwater interactions. They believe that educating people is the best way to raise awareness, and what better way to do that than to expose them to the beauty of the underwater world. Shark diving, snorkeling or shark-watching expeditions are fun, exciting and entertaining activities that are also environmentally sustainable. Cabo Shark Dive aims to prevent the destruction of marine environments and to encourage an increased understanding of sharks.



7:00 pm

Monday
Nov. 13th

759 W Lancaster Blvd
Lancaster, CA

For More Information:

AVDesertDive@gmail.com

DECEMBER 2ND DIVE OUTING

- o o **SUN DIVER**
- o o **Spots are available! \$140 per diver.** If you are interested in joining, please contact Ken using our general email below.



BE PREPARED!

- o o
- o o • Arrive at 7am to:
 - o o o • 182 N Marina Dr, Long Beach, CA.
- o o • 3 tanks included.
- o o • Lunch included.
- o o • 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

Antelope Valley Desert Divers will be hosting our

ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT & POTLUCK



Let's Get Together!

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL WHITE
ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE AND POTLUCK
ON DECEMBER 17TH AT 5PM AT THE
BOCIAGA HOME IN ACTON, CA.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE PLEASE
BRING A GIFT WITH A VALUE OF \$25 AND
OCEAN THEMED!**

**A SIGN UP FOR THE POTLUCK WILL BE
EMAILED OUT CLOSER TO DECEMBER 17TH.**

Date

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER
17TH**

Time

BEGINS AT 5PM

Address:

**MIKE & LAUREN
BOCIAGA'S HOME IN
ACTON, CA.**

**THE ADDRESS WILL BE
EMAILED TO MEMBERS
CLOSER TO DEC 17TH**

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

November 2nd - @6pm Under the WAVES IPA release party

November 4th- WAVES End of Year Gear Sale

November 3rd - 5th - Annual Catalina Dive Trip

November 13th - General Meeting

December 2nd- December Dive Outing

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