



April - 2021

**Virtual Meeting - Mon - April 11th**

Guest Speaker - Ken Kurtis - The Revillagigedo Islands

**Board Meeting - Thur - April 22nd**

Virtual Meeting?

**Beach Dive - Sat - April 10th**

Veteran's Park



Ken Kurtis - Talking on his recent trip to the Revillagigedo Islands

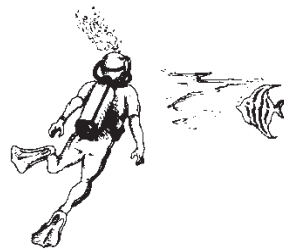
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## Presidents Message for April



Can you smell it? Spring is in the air and a few of you are getting ready to head out to Belize (Luckys!). For the rest of us I hope your gear has been serviced and your tanks hydroed. That way you will be ready for a great season of diving.

I am so excited for things to come for our club. We are looking forward to our upcoming Clam Chowder Dive, the virtual Chamber Day and Eve events. We will continue to support the chamber with a cash donation, and if you tune into April's Zoom General Meeting you will see for how much. We also received some good news about being able to get back into the Palmdale pool and continue training our Veterans through the WAVES Program. Speaking of training, would you guys be interested in some Zoom classes on Fish ID, the Science of diving, shark and turtle ID, or some other specialty? If so, please join this month's meeting where I can get an idea of how many would be interested. After all, one of our Core Values is "Educate", so why wouldn't we want to offer an opportunity like this to you, the backbone of our club.

Let me close with this little adage: Did you know that many view the rope as a symbol of strength? It is because the rope gets its strength by the many strands of thread twisted together. The more layers of thread, the stronger the rope. You are the thread that makes up our club and it is because of you we are strong.

*Continue the support and I will see you soon under the waves. Cheers!!*

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### • Save the Date!!

Alright members, I have 2 save the dates for you.



1st, May 15th will be the monthly club dive for May. Location and details will be coming shortly. Check your email and our social media pages for details.

2nd, June 12th, 2021. This will be our annual Clam Chowder Dive. Location will be Leo Carrillo this year. Come join us for this long tradition and some of the best Clam Chowder West of the Mississippi!! More details later!!!

*Let's go diving!*

*Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD.*



## Guest Speaker - Ken Kurtis

Our April 12 Zoom speaker will be Ken Kurtis. he will - obviously - make a pitch about Chamber Day & Eve 2021 and give us an update on where things stand. Then he will share with his pictures and stories from his January trip to Socorro (more correctly the Revillagigedo Islands 250 mile south of Cabo San Lucas).

This was Ken's first foreign trip since January 2020 so in addition to wonderful animal encounters, he will also share with us the COVID mitigations the group took to make it a successful and exciting trip.



## Little Cayman 2022!!

OK Fellow Divers, We are going to try this again!

We have the chance to do some pristine diving in one of the best dive spots in the world!  
Save the dates!

April 9th ~ 16th 2022.

See the flyer for the price details. Low deposits will hold your spot and we can set up monthly payments. All money must be paid by Jan-1st 2022. If you're interested, send me an email at [treasurer@avdesertdivers.org](mailto:treasurer@avdesertdivers.org) to set up a deposit and payment program. Space is limited. Let's go diving!

*Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD*



## Club dive April 10th at 9:00am

Our April Club dive on the 10th will be a beach dive. Will be diving one of my favorite dive site at Veteran's Park!

Veteran's Park has an easy entry and exit so it used for scuba classes on the weekends.



## Chamber Day, Evening & Flying Dutchman

As you know, the USC Hyperbaric Chamber, on Catalina Island, has been our lifeline here in Southern California. Every year the Chamber holds their annual fundraising event on the first Wednesday in May. This year the date is May 5th.

Now everyone here knows that 2020 and this first part of 2021 has provided the entire dive community with some extreme challenges! Throughout the pandemic, the Chamber is still operational. This means the Chamber still needs our support.

The club will once again be making a sizable donation to the Chamber through the Chamber Challenge. We will also be sponsoring a Chamber Evening table. I want to ask all of our members, that if they are able, please support this noble cause.

Because of the pandemic, this will once again be a Virtual event. Even though we wont meet in person, the Chamber Committee, has put together a substantial list of virtual activities.

We are no longer limited by our physical boundaries of the event. We can get as many members at our table that want to sign up. This goes for the Chamber Day event and the flying dutchman events as well.

Check out the link and go to the website: <https://dornsife.usc.edu/chamberday/>

**You can sign up for each of the events all on one site.**

You can also check out their social media sites as well:

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/CatHyperChamber>

**Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/usc\\_hyperbaric\\_chamber/](https://www.instagram.com/usc_hyperbaric_chamber/)

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Join us in supporting the Chamber!!

*Robert Wisdom*





# Come Join AVDD at the Little Cayman Beach Resort April 9-16, 2022



7 nights accommodation, 3 meals daily, 6 x 2 tank am dives (12 total) (Nitrox add \$96), resort fees, taxes and gratuities included (**dive staff gratuities not included**), + \$100 resort credit. **NO SHORE DIVING AT THIS RESORT**

Guests can add on: 5 afternoon tank dives for \$200 & Nitrox (17 dives) for \$150

Each room is air conditioned, has ceiling fans, mini-frig, private bathrooms with hair dryers, soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, small drip coffee makers, and TV (limited satellite). Free Wi-Fi **each room has either one king or two double beds.** (MAX. 4 guests per room)

	Member	Non-Member
DBL Pool Room	\$ 1600.00 pp	\$ 1800.00pp
Triple Pool Room	\$ 1500.00 pp	\$ 1700.00pp
Quad Pool Room	\$ 1455.00 pp	\$ 1655.00pp
Single Pool Room	\$ 2115.00 pp	\$ 2315.00pp
Non-Diver	\$ (250.00) pp	\$ (250.00)pp

A Deposit and low monthly payments are available, **this is a non-refundable trip.**

## Little Cayman is pristine wall & reef diving at its best!

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Getting to Little Cayman. The best way is to fly from the U.S. mainland to Grand Cayman (GCM). Then take the puddle jumper from Grand Cayman over to Little Cayman.

**Travelers will need a current passport with a minimum of 6 months remaining on their passport.**

Please be advised this is a very small island (10 Sq. Mi.) so there are **very** limited top side activities.