



Rob Anderson - "Neptune Warriors"

A.V. Desert Divers

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January - 2022

General meeting - Mon - Jan 10th

Rob Anderson - Neptune Warriors

Board Meeting - Thur - Jan 20th

Lancaster Location

Beach Dive - Sat - Jan 8th

Corona Del Mar

Beach Dive - Sat - Feb 26th

Catalina Clean up



Potluck Dinner & Yankee Swap

was enjoyed by all





President Message for January

I want to start off this month's letter with a HUGE THANK YOU to Robert and Annette for keeping the club moving forward over the last few months. Without their dedication to this great organization, we would not be in as good of shape as we are today.

Next, let me welcome some new blood to the board. Adam Parra as our new Conservation Officer and Pat Turbide as our new Sergeant at Arms. Lauren Bociaga is now not only our best Web Master but also our new Vice President. She has big shoes to fill after Annette's many years of service, but I cannot think of a better person to fill those shoes. We are going to miss our "Lil Gnome"

As I look towards our future, I get excited. We will continue to lead through our Core Values. These are Educate, Support, and Conserve. We also have our Challenge coin, and I would like to start presenting them to honor those who have earned our recognition and respect.

In closing I want to thank each one of you for trusting me once again to lead our club forward. Our hands have been tied over the last two years because of shutdowns, but things are looking up and I'm getting excited to see what comes next.

Jeff Carlon

Jan Beach Dive

The Jan dive will be at Corona Del Mar State beach

<https://www.beachcitysscuba.com/pages/dive-site-corona-del-mar>.

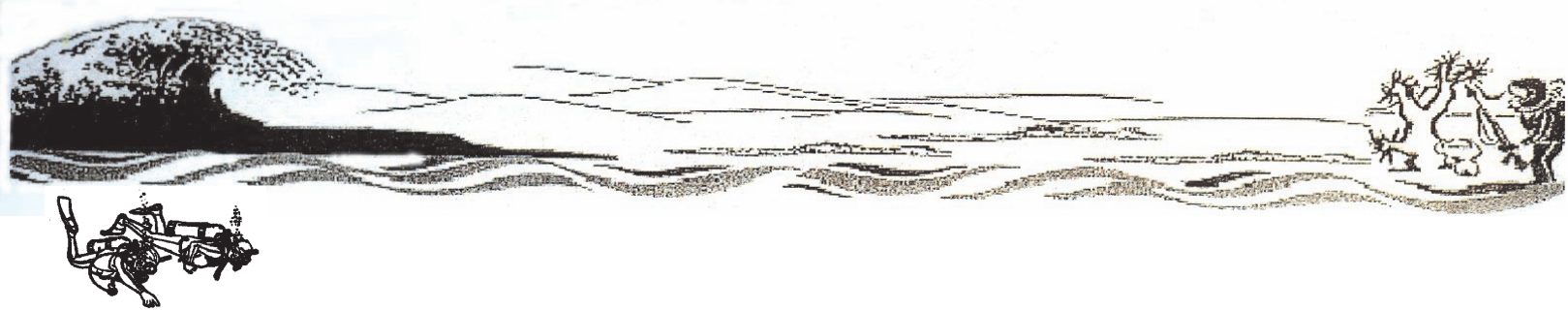
Saturday Jan 8 at 8:30am. There is a fee to park, there is a bathroom.

After the dive we will find a place to eat lunch. Weather permitting.

AVDD Board of Directors 2022-2023

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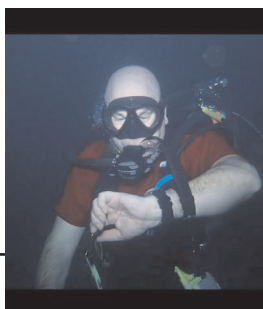
Guest speaker January

Rob Anderson is a Scuba diver instructor and Author of “Healing the Warrior Soul”. He also has a podcast show for listening pleasure and information on how Neptune Warrior is changing diving and improving the lives of veterans. He has awesome interviews, guest, and other info about diving and how scuba helps veterans and first responders. Give it a shot!



He dedicates his time to 'Neptune Warrior'.

Neptune warrior is a 501(c) 3 dedicated to helping wounded veterans, transitioning service members, and local Police, Fire, and EMS professionals dealing with seen and unseen wounds through SCUBA diving. Our founder has been taking vets out since 2003 as an instructor and dive guide. Their team is made up of veterans and public safety volunteers. They are certified through NAUI at the professional level. What makes them difference? They serve all generations of veterans, they also serve both military and public safety officials, there programs are developed to be largely self-supporting. They serve the Treasure Valley area in Idaho/ Eastern Oregon region.



Beach Dive Febuary

The Feb dive will be at Catalina Island for the Avalon clean up.

Please register online ,RSVP for 40th Annual Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup.

The preferred site is Steps Beach. If you are planning on staying for a few days hurry and book your room at Seaport Village Inn.

Welcome to Catalina Island





New board Member

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year! Thank you for the opportunity to get involved with the club. It will take me a little bit to get into the swing of things, but Don helped to put me on the right track. If there is anything you would like to see from this position, please feel free to contact me with any suggestions and feedback. This is a new experience for me, but I'll do my best!

First thing I have for the club is a reminder about fishing for 2022. Your fishing license will expire Dec 31, 2021. Please renew Jan 1 to be valid for the 2022 year. Your spiny lobster report cards are still valid until the end of the season (March 16th) and must be submitted by April 30th. On October 7, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB-817, which will make the CA fishing licenses a true "365-day fishing license." For example, if you buy a fishing license in June, It will be good until June of the following year. Currently, it is only good from Jan 1-Dec 31, no matter what time of year you purchase it. In addition to this, you will also be able to display your license on a mobile electronic device. CDFW says this should be implemented for the 2023 fishing year and is not currently the case.

The first upcoming clean up event will be the 40th annual Avalon Harbor Cleanup. This will be held on Saturday, Feb 26, 2022, at 7:00am. It will also be our club dive for the month of February. You can register for the event at <https://dornsife.usc.edu/wrigley/wies-ccd-cleanup>, as well as read all the details about the event. When signing up, please do so as an individual, and select "Step Beach." This will be the area we will be diving. The prices are as follows:

Non-Divers: \$30

Divers: \$45 Early registration through January 31st

\$55 February 1st - February 17th

\$65 Day-of Registration at Wrigley Stage

If you decide to join us, please register early, and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. I plan on diving the next day as well in the dive park, and hope some of you can join me. In addition to the Catalina cleanup, I plan on scheduling a beach clean-up in the month of March. Stay tuned for more details. Hope to see you guys for the January Dive!

Adam Parra, Conservation Officer (520) 906-0015

