



June - 2020

Virtual Meeting - Mon - June 8th

D.J. Mansfield - Scuba Stuff

Board Meeting - Thur - June 18th

Virtual Meeting

Fireworks Booth - June 28 - July 4th

Be There

Boat Dive - Sat - Aug 8th

Raptor to Santa Cruz Island



D.J. Mansfield will be
June 8th Guest speaker

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Memorial Day Gathering - May 2020



June Newsletter from the President



Hello Divers, This Monday is Memorial Day. It is a time to remember all of those who came before us and gave the ultimate sacrifice in defending this great nation. As a proud Navy Veteran myself I honor the sacrifice from our service men and women that kept our country safe and gave us the liberties we have today. This honor extends to the families and caregivers of our Veterans who may stand in the shadow, but is the foundation that helped build greatness. May we never forget that freedom is not free.

Once again I send greetings with the unknown of what the future holds in this world of social distancing. I will say again thank you for the support. You have sat through our zoom meetings, participated in on-line training, and maybe logged more hours with Netflix than you thought possible. But when asked, you were there.

The good news is this is going to pass and the AVDD has a lot lined up when it does. The first thing you should do is check out the link for the WAVES Project photo contest. The AVDD has a few in the running and the top 12 pictures that get the most votes will be in next year's WAVES Project calendar. I would ask you all too please share the link and repost it. Every dollar counts as a vote. The money raised helps towards training cost. If you have one you would like to share, please add it under the AVDD group.

The Annual Clam Chowder dive is this month, and at the time of this writing we still are planning on putting it on even if it looks a little different this year. If it does have to adjust I will ask now for your continued patients and understanding with all of this. We are just trying to get back in the water and spend some quality time with you guys.

July we have the Fireworks booth. I hope to see you all there and just in case it is not mentioned in the flyer, we ask you all to bring your personnel facemask in the event that they are still required.

Next, double check your camping reservations for June Lake in September. We are a go!(for now) for the big clean-up dive and if you are not High Altitude certified yet, we will again offer the class at a reduced cost because membership has it's privilege's.

Alright everyone, I am looking positively into the near future when we can all meet again in the "real" and not in the "Zoom" and once again find us "Nifty diving at fifty!"

Jeff Carlon



Seems these fisherman have an audience

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Guest Speaker for June

D.J. Mansfield is a PADI Course Director and Technical Diving Instructor Trainer who dives Southern California and has done so for 23 years. He is currently the Director of Operations for Beach Cities Scuba and is a committed ocean steward and trainer for divers all over the world.



He is also a retired United States Marine Master Sergeant who served in the infantry for 20 years. While serving, he completed two Master's degrees with University of Maryland and graduated from three top tier military schools. One of which, he graduated at the top of the class. He currently resides in Irvine, California with his wife and travels to Missouri every six weeks to see his three beautiful teenage children.

Follow him on Instagram @djmansfield7or contact him at dj@beachcitiesscuba.com.



AVDD FIREWORKS BOOTH!!!

Raised Funds Go To:

- New Diver/ Continuing Education Scholarships
- Annual Donation to Chamber
- Underwater Pumpkin Carving
- Adopt A Beach

and many other
community events.

START: 06/28 12PM

Open
Every Day

From
10AM-
10PM

FINISH: 07/04 10PM

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TNT Safe And Sane Fireworks



Clam Chowder Dive - June 13, 2020



Our Annual Clam Chowder Dive on June 13, 2020 is going to look a little different this year. We will be moving the dive from Leo Carrillo in Malibu to Ventura where the beaches are more open. Depending on whether or not Ventura beaches are permitting leisurely activities (e.g., sunbathing, picnicking, cooking delicious clam chowder), we may be moving the clam chowder portion of our dive to a host's home, details TBD.

The dive will be La Jenelle Park in Port Hueneme on the corner of Ocean Drive and Sawtelle Ave. Here's what you can expect:

Access: Rocky surf entry. Best Diving Depths: 25 to 80 feet.

Skill: Intermediate.

Visibility: Averages 15 feet.

Hunting: Spearfishing poor. Occasional halibut. Occasional lobster.

Photography: Good macro and wide-angle; challenging entry/exit with camera.

There is also a nearby submarine canyon that is accessible from La Jenelle.

There is an added hazard of this dive site as there is a harbor nearby, so you will need to use your navigation skills to stay out of the harbor.

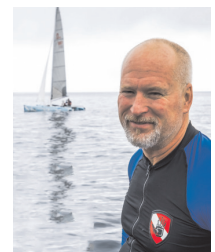
Check the website and Facebook for more details as the dive gets closer.

Lauren McAllister



Next Dive Aug 8th

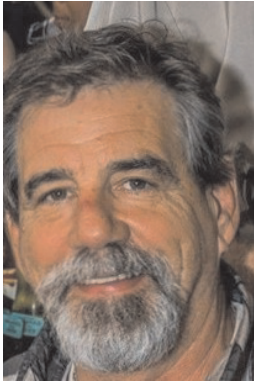
This year has been a challenge for getting Club dives. The last trip on the Sundiver Express was a huge success. We dove the Oil Rigs and grabbed plenty of Scallops, then onto the Huntington Flats and did a wreck, The Scallop Barge, and ran across 5 Black Sea Bass. The Clam Chowder Dive is currently in peril due to the Governor and the L.A. Mayor, but we are hopeful. The next Boat Dive will be on the Raptor on Aug 8th and we have the whole boat chartered to Santa Cruz, it should be up on the Web Site soon, 20 spots are available.



Ken



Conservation Officer - June 2020



Here we are at day 75+ of our “Safe at Home” program and I hope you are all safe and well. I don't seem to see much difference than from day 1. For those of us that were declared essential life doesn't seem to have changed much, except for he masks, and the extra space around you. I'm kind of liking the extra space actually. I guess now I know that my natural tendency to keep distant from people has saved me many episodes of colds and the flu. I'll just keep on doing what I'm doing.

I think our virtual meetings have been going well, but I do agree with our President that it sure can be easy to let tasks slip through the cracks. I've really enjoyed the speakers... and being able to sit and watch with a favorite cocktail. I don't think the virtual meetings will ever displace the F2F style.

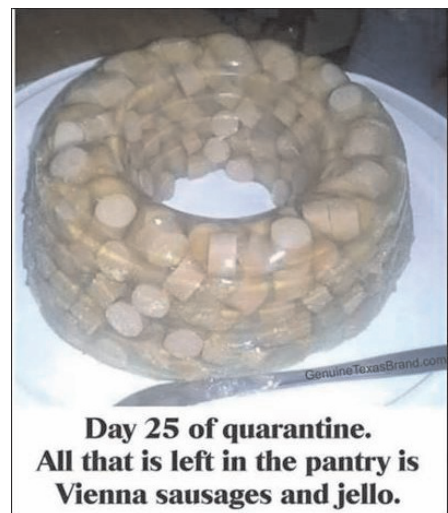
We've been working hard on all the AVDD projects and events that would normally be going off around this time of year. We hope that our fireworks booth is still a go and Annette has gotten the sign-up sheets out; please be generous with your time. As you all already know this is a huge event for AVDD and provides all of our fund raising for the year. Another club standard is our Clam Chowder Dive we usually have on Father's day. The beaches may still be closed but we're looking for an alternative location. I know the beach seems to make the chowder taste better but I think we can figure out an alternative location; got any ideas?

I'm sharing a photo of the last remnants of my quarantine supplies. Could this be our new yummy food to build an event around?

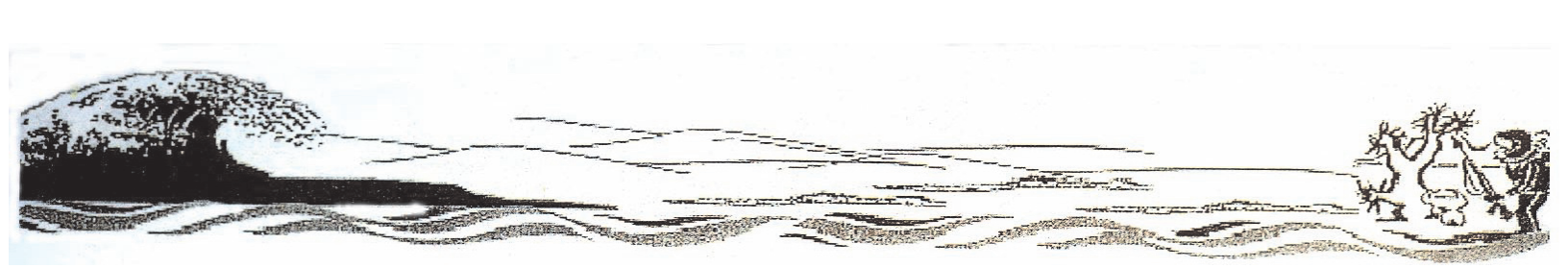
Smile and stay well!

Don Nipper

AVDD Conservation Officer



**Day 25 of quarantine.
All that is left in the pantry is
Vienna sausages and jello.**



WAVES Photo Contest



Calling all AVDD members, please check out the link below and Share through Facebook and Tweeter to help raise money to support our training program. Each dollar donated counts as a vote for that picture. If you have participated in any WAVES event and have a picture you would like to share, please add it to the AVDD pictures. We are hoping to raise \$1000 through the AVDD photo donations so please help get the word out. what better way to be “Nifty diving at Fifty”

Jeff Carlon President, AVDD

<https://wavesproject.kindful.com/photocontest>

About this Cause

Discover our underwater world through the eyes of veterans! WAVES Project (Wounded American Veterans Experience SCUBA) is a nonprofit helping disabled veterans with service-connected injuries recover and rebuild using SCUBA diving.

WAVES Project is available for any disabled veteran including amputees, paraplegics, traumatic brain injuries, or Post-Traumatic Stress. Funds raised through this project will support the on-going training and diving activities preparing veterans for unique underwater Mission Oriented Diving projects and offering them the opportunity to serve alongside fellow veterans on conservation projects within the National Parks.

For those veterans who are 100% disabled and unable to work, our projects give them a chance to serve alongside fellow veterans and find a sense of purpose - benefits that then carry into their everyday lives.

Your vote will help veterans DISCOVER our underwater world, RECOVER through adventure, and REBUILD relationships. Please, vote generously for your favorite photo!

