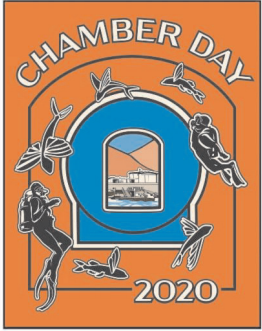


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Virtual Meeting - Mon - May 11th

Brooke Petterson "Beauty In The Beast"

Board Meeting - Thur - May 22nd

Virtual Meeting

Boat Dive - Sat - May 9th

Sundiver Express - Oil Rigs

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Brooke Petterson will be
May 11th Guest speaker





Presidents Message for May



Hello scuba peeps, I hope you all had a chance to check out our last months meeting on Zoom. I believe this format was well received and opens the door to exciting possibilities, maybe future training possibilities. If you're still on the fence about Zoom, you get another chance to check it out for the May meeting. I hope this will be the last time we have to meet this way because I am ready to get back to social interaction and not distancing.

We do have things ready to go once we can mingle with each other again. We have the June Clam Chowder dive, the Fireworks Booth in July and who can forget the big June Lake cleanup? We also cannot forget the awesome boat dives our Divemaster Ken is bringing to us. I want to personally thank Ken for his hard work during this time to try and get us diving as soon as possible. Thank you, brother. I also want to thank you guys as well for supporting the club while we are under "house arrest."

As I close this letter, I encourage you all not to give up hope. This will soon pass, and we will once again "Be nifty, diving at fifty" and until then we have Netflix.



May 9th Dive - Oil Rigs

Here is the Link to sign up for the Sundiver Express.

We will be doing an Oil Rig dive
cost is \$100 for 3 tank dives, tanks included.

This a limited trip with only 8 spots available.

Please sign up quick at this link. I will see you on May 9.

the Oil Rigs is a unique dive experience.

Ken

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May 11th Guest speaker

Brooke Petterson will be May 11th Guest speaker and presenting through Zoom. You can connect more with her through her website Waterdogphotography.com

Topic of Presentation:

"Beauty In The Beast"

72% of the earth is covered with water. The earth's oceans are home to an infinite number of animals both large and small. Many of those animals are frightening to land dwellers and may be perceived of as vicious and ugly. This presentation will discuss marine animals around the world and their behaviors so that understanding might outweigh fear and the beauty of life in the oceans can be discovered.



Central Florida woman dies after getting stuck under dive boat

WEST PALM BEACH — A Florida diver was killed when she got stuck under a dive boat and trapped by the propeller, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials said.

The incident happened Sunday morning while the crew of the Southern Comfort was recovering divers from the water off Palm Beach County, the agency said.

Two divers were pulled under the water and Mollie Ghiz-Flynn, 37, of Melbourne was not able to free herself, WPTV reported. She was finally freed by the crew and brought onto the boat, where CPR was administered.

Officers from the wildlife agency and the Coast Guard escorted the boat to the Riviera Beach Marina.. The Riviera Beach Fire Rescue met them there, but Ghiz-Flynn died from her injuries.

Officials said no other divers were injured in the incident.

The wildlife agency is investigating.



Greetings Desert Divers!

I hope you all are well, and sane during this isolation period. Even though I have been out and about for work, it seems strange to not be going “somewhere” every weekend. And since Linda works out of the house, she has been a little stir-crazy. I don’t think she will ever say “let’s stay home” again once things return to “normal”.

I think the virtual meeting was a success. Until this “Stay Safe at Home” I had no idea how many video chat applications there are. I do own that I am not a social media guy, so this is crazy for me.

With COVID-19 and all we sure have had re-adjust things. The way we will “meet” has forever changed. Even just a couple of months ago we would never even think about a virtual meeting and now it seems commonplace.

Along with all the other event cancellations, the Ca Dept of Fish & Game has their own wrinkle to add. According to CDFG, the fishing season opener in three High Sierra counties has been delayed to May 31st, 2020. Due to the limited medical resources in these counties, they have made the request to postpone the opener there.

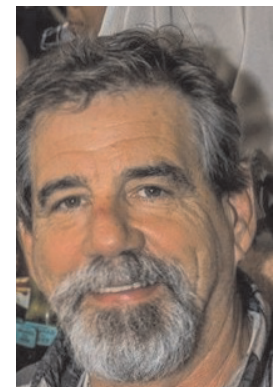
More from CDFG. If you are a Lobster hunter and you haven’t submitted your report card for the 2019/2020 season by April 30th, you’re LATE. Expect a \$20.00 penalty when you get your report card for 2020/2021.

The Catalina Hyperbaric chamber fund raising is getting it done again. Congratulations Desert Divers! You did it again! Thanks to you sweat in the fireworks booth, we were able to make a platinum donation to the Chamber again this year. Ken Curtis graciously, and quickly I might add, scooped up the big check virtually at our last “meeting”. AVDD has stepped up again. You truly are the best dive club in all of.... well, anywhere.

Although the Chamber Day/Evening live events had to be cancelled, the fund raising must go on. Chamber Day/Evening went virtual also. You can support the chamber as an individual by buying a seat a virtual table. AVDD has a virtual table and would love to sell you a seat. There are still plenty of spots open on the Flying Dutchman. In case you didn’t know, the Flying Dutchman has always been a virtual boat. You can be part of history by booking a “ride” on this boat. Go get you a Pirate name, buy yourself passage and be immortalized on the T-shirt. Here is just one pirate name generator. Mine is Captain Bloody Davey Rackem. Have some fun while you’re a shut-in.

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Earth day came and went on April 22nd. Without being able to meet or hold public gatherings, this event went virtual also. Both the Aquarium of the Pacific and Monterey Bay Aquarium hosted online presentations and seminars to fill the day. Our conservation clean-ups have been put aside for now. Hopefully we will not have to cancel our planned activities for Coastal Cleanup Day in September. Cross your fingers.



Stay safe Divers. I hope we're able to meet in person soon.

Don Nipper



Hundreds of Roman Wine Amphorae Found In Underwater Cave

Looking for a unique aged wine? You might want to start cave diving.

Marine archaeologists recently discovered a Spanish cave with about 200 submerged jugs of Roman-era wine.

The jugs, called amphorae, are ceramic containers with two handles that have been used to store grains or liquids like wine and olive oil since the Neolithic periods. But scientists say the recently found stash almost certainly dates to the Roman era, when international maritime trade was flourishing.



The cave, called Fuente de Ses Aiguades, is located off the coast of Mallorca in the Balearic Islands. It was first explored by archaeologists in 1998 and hadn't been investigated since 2000. Previously, it was found that the cave, which is about 591 feet long, has a number of air pockets, stalactites, and vertical shafts that could only be reached using a pulley system.

During the recent cave exploration expedition, members of a group called Underwater Archaeological Research in the Caves of Mallorca were using new 3-D scanning technology to fully map the cave when they discovered the wine.

While scientists can't say for sure why such a large number of amphorae would be collected in one place, they believe it could be part of an ancient ritual or ceremony.

Manel Fumás, a leader on the project, told Central European News that "ships used to anchor off the island to gather freshwater before going on their way." It's likely that sailors would try to win the favor of a god to ensure a safe voyage.

In the cave, there is a halocline, where layers of freshwater and saltwater meet but do not mix due to their differing densities. Because of this phenomenon, ancient people might have considered the cave a sacred place. And as the amphorae would have been very valuable during the Roman era, they would be considered a generous offering.

The amphorae are currently being studied by specialists who hope to find out more information on this mysterious discovery.

CANCELED/POSTPONED - AVDD Trip Little Cayman Beach Resort 2020



* Saturday, June 6, 2020

Saturday, June 13, 2020

DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK, THIS TRIP WILL BE EITHER CANCELED OR POSTPONED. Check back here after May, 2020 for updates. You will be eligible for a refund upon request if the trip is postponed. If it is canceled, you will be refunded automatically.