

**November 2019**

**General Meeting - Tues - Nov 12th**

Dan Emergency Oxygen for Scuba Divers

**Board Meeting - Wed - Nov 20th**

Lancaster location

**Beach Dive - Sat - Nov 1-3rd**

Annual Fall Catalina Trip (Lobster Season)

**December Meeting - Mon - Dec 9th**

Xmas Potluck and Yankee Swap

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**AVDD Upcoming Events  
Save-a-Date**

AVDD Annual Fall Catalina Trip (Weekend)  
Friday thru Sunday- November 1-3, 2019

AVDD Xmas Potluck and Yankee Swap Monday-  
December 9, 2019

AVDD "50th" Annual Installation Banquet 2020  
Saturday, March 7, 2020

AVDD Club Trip- Little Cayman June 6-13, 2020



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## Presidents November Newsletter

Hello Dive family, I hope as we move into the holiday seasons this finds you all well. I can not believe how fast this year has gone by. We as a club have accomplished so much this year. I hope you are happy with the direction we have been going as a club.

For those who participated in this years Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest we hope you had as much fun as we did. I want to give a great big thankyou to our VP Annette Childree and Secretary Mike for their hard work making this year's event such a success. Another thank you goes out to Larry Ladd who was able to get Vons to donate most of our pumpkins and Shawna Ricker got her job Duke Engineering and Burin Geo Tec. to donate \$150 each allowing us to provide higher end prizes for our winners this year.

As we close in on the end of our 49th year remember that our scholarship application closes at the end of December so if you know someone who can benefit from this opportunity please have them fill out the application, it is located on our website and we have an opportunity for an open water applicant or continuing ed diver. Good luck to all who apply.

Please be on the lookout for an email in the next few weeks for a survey about the club. Your feedback is important to help guild the direction of the club next year.



Don't forget this month's general meeting, we will be taking nominations for Board positions, if you would like to throw your hat in the ring, please be at the meeting.

In closing I am getting excited to dive with you next weekend in Catalina, so pack your gear and I'll see you 26 miles across the sea.

*Jeff Carlon*

### 2019 AVDD Board of Directors

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## Conservation Officer

Welcome to November and some of the best diving of the year. Sure, the water is getting colder, but the visibility is getting better too.

California Spiny Lobster season is off and in high gear. All those divers and hoop-netters hoping to score some yummy deliciousness. If you don't have a license, gauge & report card; DON'T do it. That's called poaching and all poachers should be fed to the sharks. If you're caught you'll lose your gear and pay a big fine; for each lobster in your possession! Any way, if you are poaching you deserve it AND more.

I hope to see lots of you at Catalina. I'm sure it will be a great time with scuba diving, eating and drinking.

*Don Nipper*

*ADD Conservation Officer*



## November 12th Meeting

### **DAN EMERGENCY OXYGEN FOR SCUBA DIVING INJURIES**

Hello everybody this is what everyone needs to know about that Dan Emergency Oxygen for Scuba Diving Injuries class having at our November meeting.

First off everyone needs their own email address this is how you register with Dan to do the online work, you can register on the club's website or at the October meeting.

Second you will be sent an invitation to that email address you must follow the instructions and login with Dan and do all the bookwork online before the meeting. At the meeting we will do all the practical work.

The good part about this class is you just want the practice and not the card it doesn't cost you anything, and if you do want the card cost would be \$10 for club members if you pay with a credit or debit card cost will be \$11.

*Mike O.*



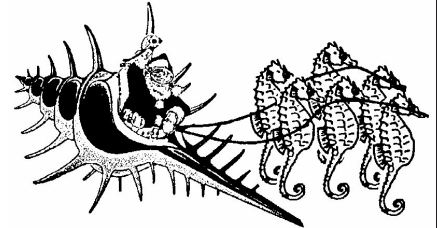


## AVDD Ugly Sweater X-mas Potluck and Yankee Swap 2019

Here we go again everyone, yes, it is that time of year again. AVDD's X-mas Potluck and Yankee Swap is Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7pm. (Yes, the Potluck is taking the place of the general club meeting). It's a night of good food, friends, laughs and gift swapping, oh ya and some club business too, including club elections!!!!

This year wear your **Ugliest Xmas Sweater**, let's see who shows up with what!!!

Please RSVP me with how many in your family are coming. The club will be providing turkey, coffee and water. I will be emailing a food sign-up sheet and I will also have it at the November 12th general club meeting. I will be sending out a reminder email in early December to everyone that signed up to bring something. Hopefully by then I will have an accurate head count.



Remember if you are participating in the Yankee Gift Swap, your gift should be dive related and not over \$25.00. 1 gift per person participating. If you need any more info, feel free to ask.

*Annette Childree, AVDD VP, 'lil gnome'*

## AVDD Scholarship 2019



The deadline for submitting your application for the 2019 AVDD New Diver (Open Water Certification) or Continuing Education Scholarship is midnight, December 31, 2019.

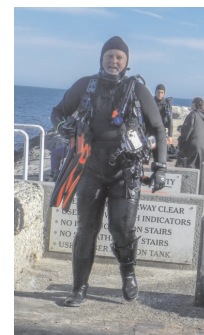
If you are interested in one of these scholarships, go to the club website/AVDD Scholarships and apply.

**That is All**

## The Little Cayman trip June 6th ~ June 13th 2020

*Hello Members!*

We still have 5 rooms left for the Little Cayman trip June 6th ~ June 13th 2020. Remember you can reserve your spot for as little as \$100. The balance will need to be paid by March 1st 2020.



**All prices' Do Not' include airfare.**



So you will need to book your own flights. (The sooner the better)

We would love to fill this trip with club members only. Starting November 1st, we will open this trip up to non-members to fill the trip. After November 1st we cannot guarantee that there will be spots

available for much longer. Once the spots are gone, their gone.

Please don't miss out on this awesome trip! It will be a great time with all of us there.

As a reminder, the prices are up on the website.

<https://www.avdesertdivers.org/club-events/2019/1/7/avdd-trip-little-cayman-beach-resort-2020>



*I hope to see you there!*

**Robert Treasurer AVDD**