



Terry Hodgkins - The 4 C's of Lobstering

## October 2019

**General Meeting - Mon - Oct 14th**

The 4 C's of Lobstering

**Board Meeting - Wed - Oct 23rd**

Lancaster location

**Boat Dive - Sat - Oct 12th**

The Spectre for a 3 Tank Dive

(Lobster Season)

**November Meeting - Tues - Nov 12th**

Same Place - Different Day

A.V. Desert Divers

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### AVDD Upcoming Events Save-a-Date

AVDD Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest  
Saturday-October 26, 2019

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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## October President's letter

Hello Divers, I hope you all have been "Diving fine at 49" but have you realized we are turning 50 next year? Well, we are and we are forming a committee to celebrate this special year. Barbra White has volunteered to take the lead and is looking for you to join her. We will celebrate the whole year but the focus will be on our installation banquet in March. I can't wait to hear the ideas, perhaps it will be a 50 year patch, or t-shirt, maybe a design contest? What will be our slogan and how many times can I use it in the newsletter? Do you have an idea? Then join the committee and let's make this something special. If you are interested then please contact me or one of the Board members.

Our Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest is set for October 26, we will not be holding the "Discover SCUBA" this year but will still be fun for the whole family. For the above water contest we will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place award, underwater will be the same but also a Judges Choice "Lil Gnome" award. Maybe we can come in costume? Just a thought.

Don't forget the October and November meetings we will be looking for nominations for next year's Board. If you are thinking about running please make sure to get your name in the hat. Elections will be held the night of our Christmas Party. It is also the time to apply for the AVDD scholarship. If you are interested in applying, the application is available on our website.

In closing I wanted to let you know that both Mike Orlando and I are certified to do visual inspections on your tanks. If you are needing the annual inspection done the cost will \$15 for AVDD members.

Thank you all for your continued support of our club and as always we are

"Diving Fine at 49!"

*Jeff Carlon*



### 2019 AVDD Board of Directors

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## October Speaker

**Terry Hodgkins will be teaching the 4C's of 'Lobstering'. The four include Catching, Checking, Cleaning, & Cooking.**

You will need a fishing license, Lobster report card & a measuring gauge. You will be required to measure your catch under water & release all shorts. The Spectre will be going out on Oct. 12th with a group of AVDD divers.

So let's get ready to have some lobster for dinner.



*Your Lobster Man, Terry Hodgkins*



## 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.*





# Antelope Valley Desert Divers

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The City of Palmdale



## Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest 2019

Saturday October 26th - Registration starts at 9:00am, Carving starts at 9:30am

(pre-registration is recommended and available at <http://cityofpalmdale.org/Residents/Recreation-and-Culture>)

**Admission \$6- pumpkin and safe cutting tool included**  
**Palmdale Oasis Park and Recreation Center Pool,**  
**3850 East Avenue S. Palmdale, CA**

Underwater contest is open to all certified divers (valid "C" card must be shown). Younger participants, ages 5 to 10, will create their pumpkins poolside, with pens. Awards will be given for **Best Underwater AVDD Club Theme Carving (Grand Marshall "Little Gnome" Award), Underwater Carving- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Best Poolside- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Bring your own scuba gear, there will be some scuba gear available on a first-come-first-serve basis. You may only use the safe cutting tool provided, no personal knives permitted. Underwater carvings may only be done underwater and within the time limit.





## June Lake clean-up



Did you hear about the June Lake clean-up this year? We had such a positive experience that it needed its own article this month. First off, our clean-up was an overwhelming success. It is now part of Project Aware "Dive Against Debris" data base. If you go to their website and look at the world map, you can find June Lake and see we registered two dive sites there. The Oh-Ridge beach and the June Lake Marina. When Project Aware heard about our clean-up, they asked us to do it under their "Dive Against Debris" for data collection. What this means for us is that any trash we collect at our two dive sites, we can record the weight and contents so that it will continue to add to their data and help in their efforts to reduce the amount of trash getting into our waterways.

One of the workers at the marina posted a picture of our cleanup on their local social media page and the community response was a huge outpouring of support. Many people commented that they couldn't believe we had been doing it for over 30 years without them knowing!

This year we offered the opportunity for divers to earn their high altitude certifications, as well as the PADI Dive against debris specialty certification. And we will continue offering this each year at the cleanup, since it is a perfect opportunity for both!

This all adds up to mean next year is going to be even more successful. Some members of the June Lake community asked us to give them an earlier notification of our event so they can take a more active role in helping us get the word out on their social media platforms. This year we had a few local businesses donate to our raffle at the pot-luck and more want to donate next year.

The owner of the June Lake Marina is a certified diver and wants to take part in the clean up next year. We will have our 2020 clean-up listed on the Project Aware website and once again weigh and record our debris to add to our "Dive Against Debris" data collection. The amount of trash we got out this year was 429 lbs. As you can see this event becomes more successful each year and next year is no exception.

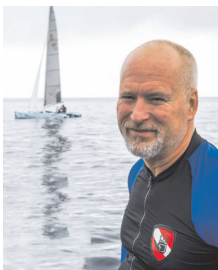


*I hope you all can make room in your busy schedule to join us.*

*Jeff Carlson*



## Boat Dive for October



Oct boat dive will be the last one of 2019. Saturday October 12, 7am we will board The Spectre for a 3 Tank Dive. The price is \$105 for members and \$115 for non-members, tanks are NOT included

There are overnight bunks available. It will be LOBSTER season so don't forget your licenses. (Lobster Report Card)



## Ahoy Divers & Land-lubber Volunteers!



We had a great turn out at AVDD 3rd Coastal Clean Up Day. This International event is documented as the largest volunteer event, EVER IN THE WORLD! Oh yeah, it happens every September (Dare I say Legacy?) The full totals are not available until the recap is published we do have results for LA County.

As a lot of you already know, Heal the Bay partners with the California Coastal Commission in participation in Coastal Clean Up Day 2019 (the GLOBAL event, this year September 21st). Heal the Bay coordinated 79 sites and 13,914 Volunteers that picked up over 30,000 pounds of trash across LA County on Coastal Clean Up Day 2019. AVDD's adopted beach, Dan Blocker, was cleaned to perfection. We did have several volunteers that had resemblance to a mountain goat who brave the steep hillside to remove trash there. Our CCD site is listed as Corral Canyon/ Dan Blocker if you had trouble finding it. And if you tried to register later, you found that you could not because it had filled up. Sorry, better not wait next year. At Corral Canyon/ Dan Blocker County Beaches we had 114 volunteers, a good number of them were children (17yrs & under) and it didn't look like they were being forced to participate. Those motivated volunteers picked up 404 lbs of trash (134.5 lbs recyclables donated to the homeless) and waited patiently for the raffle to begin at high noon.

This event marks AVDD Third Coastal Clean Up Day and it is shaping into an annual club commitment. Hughes Research Laboratory joined us again this year. HRL volunteers worked side by side with AVDD and managed the CCD site flawlessly. HRL and AVDD donated prizes for the volunteers raffle. HRL donated two very nice bamboo (very sustainable) beach chairs. AVDD donated a very nice Tusa scuba mask, and HTB donated a nifty reusable beach bag. Betty Loo of HRL found the Golden Sea Star and was presented a Bamboo Chair. The remaining chair was won by "Swifty" of HRL, and the Scuba Mask was won by a Boy Scout troop leader.

What about that nifty reusable beach bag that EVERYBODY was eyeballin'? Well we had something thing that I though was really cool. Ally, no last name, wanted for her 12th birthday, to participate in Coastal Clean Up Day 2019. Ally brought her birthday party to Dan Blocker beach to pick up trash. AVDD/HRL/HTB was pleased (ecstatic) to present to her THE nifty reusable beach bag. Go Ally!!!!

If you did not make CCD 2019 ,

I hope you can join us next year.

*Don Nipper*

*AVDD Conservation Officer*

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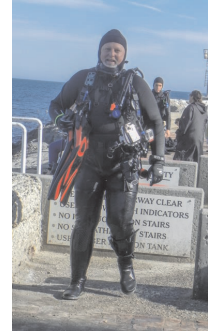




## The Little Cayman trip June 6th ~ June 13th 2020

*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*



# Come Join AVDD at the Little Cayman Beach Resort June 6-13, 2020



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 \$180 & Nitrox (17 dives) for \$136

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)

	CASH	CREDIT/PAYPAL
DBL Pool Room	\$ 1550.00 pp	\$ 1600.00pp
Triple Pool Room	\$ 1456.00 pp	\$ 1500.00pp
Quad Pool Room	\$ 1410.00 pp	\$ 1455.00pp
Single Pool Room	\$ 2049.00 pp	\$ 2115.00pp
Non-Diver	\$ (250.00) pp	\$ (250.00)pp

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

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**Only 5 Rooms Left!!!**



Getting too 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.