

Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.



Sundiver Express to Catalina

A.V. Desert Divers

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October - 2021

General Meeting - Mon - Oct 11th

Leslie Harris - Flora and Fauna of California

Segmented Worms

Board Meeting - Thur - Oct 21st

Lancaster Location

Boat Dive - Sat - Oct 9th

Sundiver Express

Beach dive - Sat - Oct 23rd

Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest



Lobster season opens

Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at 6 a.m



Guest Speaker - Leslie Harris



October 2021 President's Message

Hello fellow divers, I hope this message finds you all well and healthy.



It's back on! AVDD's annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest has officially been approved by the City of Palmdale. There are details in this newsletter. Be sure to check it out!! Hope to see you all there.

As many of you already know, Annette & Sam Childree have moved on to the next chapter of their life. I cannot put into words how much they will be missed in the club. They have done so much for the club over the years. And if it wasn't for them, the club would look a lot different than it currently does. I know from a personal standpoint; I will miss them dearly. We wish them the best of luck in their new chapter in life. They will always hold a special place in our hearts.

I have a couple of Save the Dates for you to put on your calendar:

- 1) **Annual Fall Trip to Catalina** 11/5 ~ 7, 2021 If you have not made your reservations yet, you may still be able to get rooms on the island.
- 2) **Annual Holiday Potluck** 12/13/2021 A sign-up sheet will be sent out in November's newsletter.
- 3) **Annual Installation Banquet** 3/5/2022.

Our last topic, **Board Elections. November 8th is the date we will have our nominations for all the elected board positions. Those positions & responsibilities are:**

* **President** - Presides at educational meetings. Is corporate representative at all functions.

* **Vice President** - Membership chairperson. Compiles information for an up to date membership list. Provides an up to date membership list at monthly education meetings and at the annual corporation meeting. Organizes membership drives. Prepares and ensures delivery of a membership package to new members containing a membership card with an expiration date and other items deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

* **Secretary** - Prepares outgoing correspondence (other than the formal, corporation correspondence). Takes minutes at educational meetings (if required). Maintains an inventory (including the location) of expendable property. Holds official membership list in records folder supplied by Vice President.

* **Treasurer** - Collects dues and other monies. Prepares a written financial report to be presented at educational meetings. Makes facility reservations for monthly educational meetings. Begins the budgeting process each October to be completed by beginning of fiscal year on January 1st and running through December 31st

* **Conservation Officer** - Advises the Board of Directors and members on conservation matters including changes in Federal, State and local regulations. Provides articles of interest for newsletter. Maintains record of game taken during AVDD, Inc. sponsored activities. Selects recipients of annual fish and game awards.

* **Newsletter Editor** - Compiles articles for the newsletter. Prepares newsletter for reproduction. Reproduces newsletter in a quantity designated by the Board of Directors. Mails newsletter at least 7 days before a scheduled educational meeting and/or as directed by the Board of Directors.

* **Program Coordinator** - Schedules educational, training, and/or entertainment programs for educational meetings, special activities, and the annual installation banquet. This includes monthly guest speakers, coordinating monthly raffles, refreshments for the general meeting.

This is an important part of our club charter. We need your help to fill these positions. Help guide our club into the future.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting!

Robert Wisdom - Interim President, Treasurer.

• **Boat Dive - 10/9/2021**

This is the last call for anyone who wants to go on the Sundiver Express on Saturday October 9.

This is a 3 tank dive, most likely going to Catalina's west end.

There are only 9 spots available the more we sign up the lower the price.

You need to reply to this Newsletter if you want to sign up.

Ken



Make Your Own Sushi Party

What you'll need - Food-wise

Sushi rice (we use Nishiki)

Sushi-grade fish such as salmon or tuna (visit your local seafood or Asian market)

Nori (seaweed) or soy wraps -

Add-ins like sesame seeds, cream cheese, cucumber, avocado

Sauces like soy sauce, ponzu, wasabi mayo

What you'll need - material-wise

Bamboo rolling mat

Very sharp chef's knife or sushi knife

Creativity

Sushi is fun because the world's your oyster!

My favorite roll is a Philly roll, which is salmon, cream cheese, and optional add-ins (avocado, cucumber).

Start by laying plastic wrap over the bamboo rolling mat (this will keep it clean), then lay down the rice, patting down into a rectangle that covers the mat. Place a piece of salmon down on the rice and a piece of cream cheese. Add avocado, cucumber, or another vegetable.

Roll the bamboo mat into the tightest roll you can make. When you unroll the mat, you will have a sushi tube. Take your knife and slice into the number of pieces you want.

Congratulations, you have just made a norimaki roll!

Lauren Bociaga

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T shirts & Sun Hats

First person to purchase a T shirt from the web gets the medium Trident shark shirt thrown in and still have a few left and old ones too, go to

À <https://www.avdesertdivers.org>

then click on the 3 white lines top right to take you to the store for purchase of new and old shirts.

Don't forget the sun hats with the hidden rolled up neck covering from those nasty UV rays.

Also the hat is infused with Permethrin which is an insect repellent which remains effective for up to 70 washes.

'From the desert to as far as the ocean seen, let's dive somewhere in between'

Stay safe y'all. The Merman.

AKA Lee.



Guest Speaker for October

Leslie Harris has worked with the National History Museums polychaete collection since 1988.

Ms. Harris is an eminent authority on the marine flora and fauna of California and has been instrumental in the acquisition of major private polychaeta collections for the museum.

She is one of the founders of the Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists. With more than 16,000 described species, these segmented worms come in an amazing array of body forms and sizes.

Learn about the many ways they use slime to survive at the club meeting.



Membership Renewal

Well it's that time of year again, membership renewal time. Current memberships expired July 31, 2021. You can renew your membership at the club website www.avdesertdivers.org, click membership and complete your transaction. Once your transaction is received, you will receive a new liability waiver to sign and return electronically. At only \$25 for a single membership and \$40 for the family, this membership practically pays for itself. All memberships must be current by September 30, 2020.

Here are some of the perks you get with your membership. AVDD Members Benefits * Fun and informative meetings by Zoom and hopefully in person soon * Banquets, Potlucks, BBQ's, and Christmas party * Discount on boat dives * Volunteer opportunities * Beach clean-up/ dives * First aid / CPR class * Discounted international trips * Annual June Lake clean-up/campout * \$20 annual tank visuals and discounted Hydro's * Complementary air tank fills * Monthly newsletter.

The support that you give to the club, is what makes it a great organization to be part of. Thank you all and together we will continue to be saying "Isn't it nifty, diving at 50"

Dive safe everyone,

Annette Childree AVDD President, ôlilgnomeö



• Lobster Season Opens

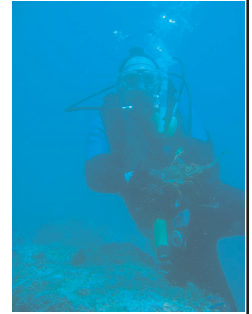


California's recreational spiny lobster season is set to kick off Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at 6 a.m.

No one can attempt to take lobster prior to 6 a.m. on Oct. 2. With a sunrise around 6:45 a.m. on the morning of the opener, that means there will be a very short window of time to legally take lobster in the dark, when most lobsters are out."

A lobster report card is required for all persons fishing for lobster, and individuals 16 years or older must have a valid sport fishing license and ocean enhancement stamp.

The daily lobster bag and possession limit is seven. Any lobster kept must be at least 3 ¼ inches long measured in a straight line on the midline of the back from the rear edge of the eye socket to the rear edge of the body shell. Everyone taking lobster must have a measuring device capable of accurately determining legal length.



It is extremely important that fishermen know the location and regulations for each Marine Protected Area (MPA) near where they will be fishing,

Every year numerous citations are issued to lobster fishermen, both divers and hoop netters alike, for unlawful take in an MPA.



So get yourself down to the ocean & try your hand (no pun intended) at catching a lobster.

Terry Hodgkins AKA- Lobster Man

• WAVES Project Update

Hello AVDD, it has been a while so I thought I would give you an update with the WAVES Project. We went to Florida in May and certified 8 new Open Water and 7 Advance classes for the Veterans out there.

Head Quarters in Temecula is going strong with regular classes and monthly fun dive. We will be working again with the National Park's Submerged Recourse Unit in October, continuing to map the aggregate plant used to build Hoover Dam. Once fire season ends, we will be scheduling classes again here in Palmdale. This should be in early to mid-November.

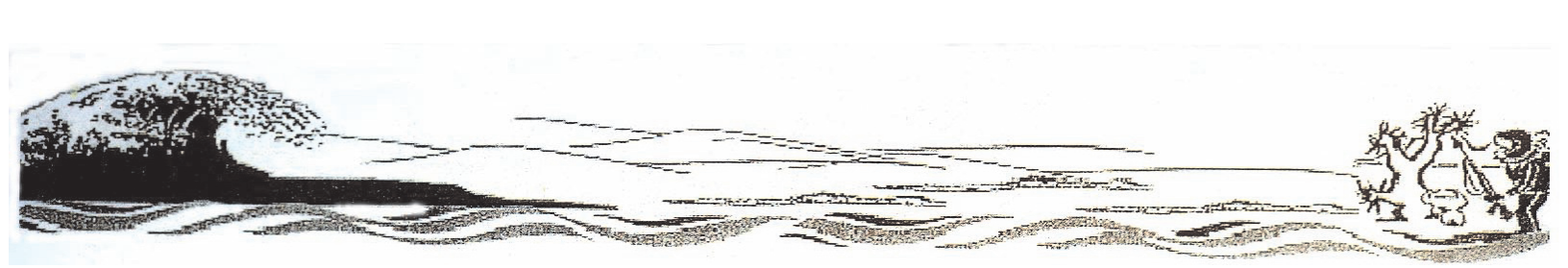
I would like to close by giving a shout out to Pat and Dave Turbide for finishing up their Dive Master with WAVES Project to help with classes. With them onboard we will be providing an excellent training environment for our next round of students.

Until next time be sure to get out there and get your vitamin "Sea"

Jeff Carlon,

WAVES Project Liaison





AVDD Fall Trip



Hello fellow members. Guess what time it is? Yep, you guessed it! It is time for our annual Fall trip to Catalina!!

This year our trip will be November 5th ~ 7th. Many of us will be staying at the Seaport Village Inn.

Reservations are filling up quick so go online and make your reservation. If you do not want to stay at Seaport, there are many other options available for you to choose from.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD



Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest Returns to Palmdale



The Antelope Valley Desert Divers (AVDD) will present their Annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 to 12 noon at Melville J. Courson Pool, 38226 10th. St. (next to the Palmdale Play House) in Palmdale.

The fee for the contest is \$5 per person. Registration is available at www.PlayPalmdale.com.

All participating divers must be 10 years of age or older and be in possession of their valid C card before being allowed to dive.

Poolside pumpkin art with magic markers will be available for participants 5 to 10 years of age.

Prizes will be awarded for the best three examples of pumpkin art in the adult and youngster's category.

Pre-cleaned pumpkins and carving implements will be provided. Pumpkins must be carved with the carving implements provided. Pumpkins carved in the water must be carved completely under the water. For more information, visit www.avdesertdivers.org

