



Desert Waves

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Message from the **PRESIDENT...**



Hello AVDD Members!

As I start my letter off today, I do with a sad announcement. We lost our club mascot "Tiny" I think it is safe to say everyone loved him and he is going to be missed. Thank you so much Adam and Vicki for bringing such a lovable part of your family and making him a part of ours.

The banquet was a huge success and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. A lot of work went into this (more than I could write about here). Thank you all so much who made it an "Awesome!" What did you think of the dessert fundraiser? It is hard to believe that we raised over \$1000 for Coffee 4 Vets in one night. I see it as a testament to our club standing by our Core Values. Thank you all so much. I will be presenting them their check next Tuesday at their Coffee 4 Vets breakfast at Crazy Ottos which starts at 7AM.

Terry Hodgkins and I had the opportunity to speak about our club on the local Lancaster YouTube channel L-28. We will let you know when it is available and put a link to it on the website.

Our next event is our Clam Chowder dive and don't forget about our pool refresher on April 13th. Until then, I need to get out to the dive shop and visit some tanks.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carlon

President, AVDD



Conservation Report



Hello divers,

The 2023-2024 lobster season is officially closed! Report cards are due by mail or online by April 30. See the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's website for more information. Failure to report can result in a fine next time you go to purchase a Spiny Lobster Report Card. Please send us pictures of your catch so we can share them!

Going back to the 2024 Avalon Harbor cleanup I have some statistics to share. In total there was 1,376 pounds of trash removed, and nearly 2200 individual pieces of debris. There were 282 divers in the water from 21 different dive organizations and clubs! Job well done, and we all appreciate everyone's efforts who came out to participate!

If you are interesting in participating in our annual June Lake cleanup. It will again be held this upcoming labor day weekend. Online reservations are available right now for the "Oh Ridge Campground" visit www.recreation.gov to make your reservations if you wish to camp.

Adam Parra

Conservation Officer

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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 8th at 7pm



Join us in person or virtually!

759 W Lancaster Blvd
Lancaster, CA

Zoom ID: 868 6291 2484
Passcode: 798725



Guest Speaker

Jennifer Ackerman, aka 'Scuba Chick' is an SSI Dive Master in Houston Texas. She has been diving since 2006, with her twin boys joining her in 2022. She is on the Board of Directors for her local dive club, CHUM in Houston Texas. Jennifer's dive career so far has been focused in the Gulf of Mexico, Mexico, and the Caribbean, with a few expeditions to Egypt, Bali and the Sea of Cortez. She will be exploring Socorro for the first time this summer. Jennifer has been a topside photographer for 30 years and is now passionate about underwater photography, especially macro, coral, morays, and octopuses.

JOIN US FOR THE

APRIL DIVE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
8AM TO 1PM**

ARE YOU READY FOR FIJI, OR ARE YOU SEEKING TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS? JOIN US IN THE POOL. DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALL YOUR GEAR AND DIVE INTO THE 80-DEGREE POOL WITH US.

COURSON PARK POOL

38226 10th Street East, Palmdale, CA

Let's Get Trashed!

Tide-y Up a Mile

It might not be the beach but it is a clean up! The Antelope Valley Desert Divers are participating in the City of Lancaster Tide-y Up a Mile program. We will be participating in the clean up efforts over the next year.



Location

Our mile location is 23rd Street West from Ave I to Ave H. All required materials will be supplied. Please make sure to wear close toed shoes. Hard hats and vests will be provided as they are required by the city.

Our next clean up will be Saturday, April 20th @ 8am



The cleanup will be from 8am to 10am followed by brunch at Crazy Otto's. We will meet at the beginning of our adopted mile on 23rd Street West and Ave I (north of Bobby Wayne's RV).

For more information:

AVDesertDive@gmail.com

AVDD Gear Pre Order

We have new AVDD gear available!

Pre orders are available on the club website store until April 30th.
Shipping is available.



*T Shirts
(Men's and
Women's)*

\$20.50



*Long
Sleeve*

\$24.50



*Hats
(Men's and
Women's)*

\$28.50-\$40.50

***Purchase yours at
www.AVDesertDivers.org/store***

USC Chamber Day/Evening '24

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST, 2024

Hello fellow Divers.

As many of you may know, AVDD donated \$10,000 to the USC Hyperbaric Chamber this year.

How would you like to further support your local hyperbaric chamber?

There are a few ways you can do this:

Support the Chamber in Person:

1. Sign up for Chamber Day aboard one of the boats supporting this year's event.

a. Sign up at the USC Website for details.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/hyperbaric/chamber-day/>

2. Sign up for Chamber Evening @ the Aquarium of the Pacific.

a. Sign up on the club website store (www.AVDesertDivers.org/store)

b. Add the VGD for Early Access (also available at the club store)

Can't Join in person? There are other ways to support the chamber.

1. The Flying Dutchman!

a. This is a Fake Boat and a Fake Dive.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/hyperbaric/flying-dutchman/>

2. Sign up for Chamber Evening Virtually

a. Can't attend in person? Join virtually! Sign up required!

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/hyperbaric/chamber-eve/>



2024 AVDD ANNUAL CLAM CHOWDER DIVE

Bring your hot sauce and enjoy the AVDD clam chowder - a recipe passed down for several years!



June 8th, 2024

Meet at 9:00AM for the dive briefing.
Clam Chowder will be served @ 11:30AM.
Come join us for this lifelong tradition.
Fun for the whole family. See you there!

Leo Carrillo State
Park & Beach

35000 Pacific Coast Highway
Malibu, CA

Parking is \$12.00



An underwater photograph showing a vibrant coral reef with many small, colorful fish swimming around it. The scene is set in clear blue water.

Important Dates

April 8th - @7pm General Meeting

April 13th - @8am to 1pm Courson Park Pool

April 20th - @8am to 10am Tide-Y Up A Mile Cleanup

April 30th - End of Gear Pre Order

May 8th - Chamber Day/Evening

June 8th - @9am Annual Clam Chowder Dive