



## January 2019 Meeting

We will start off the new year with a presentation of the Club trip to Grenada. We had 7 days of relaxation, fun, diving, eating and sightseeing. This trip was everything a dive vacation should be.

We spent 7 days in an absolutely idyllic location. The water and the beaches didn't look real, they were so picture postcard perfect. 10 of us had an excellent time above and under the water. Join us on Tuesday the 8th as we recount some of our experiences and show some pictures and videos from the trip.

For those of you wondering, where in the dickens is Grenada (remember the 1984 war to free Grenada?), here it is on the map



**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMING UP**

January 5 7:00 AM Beach Dive  
Newport Pier, Newport Beach

January 8 Club Meeting  
Graziano's Italian, Yorba Linda

February 23 Catalina Cleanup  
Avalon, Catalina



## Upcoming Dives

### Change in Beach Procedure

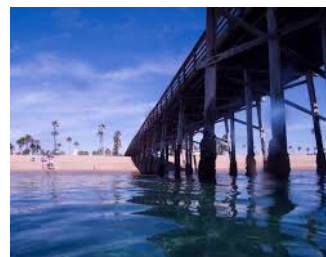
Participation in our beach dives has been pretty spotty of late and to save Martin the hassle of getting to the dive site and having to abort because no one is there we have initiated a RSVP protocol. If you are participating in our beach dive, E-mail Martin at [n1diver@aol.com](mailto:n1diver@aol.com) or call at 714-833-9167.



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### January Beach Dive January 5, Newport Pier 7:00 AM

The Newport Pier offers an interesting dive for the adventurer. You can dive to 100 feet or more if you want to go beyond the pier; you can traverse the bottom looking for the creatures-of-the-sand; or you can explore under the pier for piling creatures or artefacts from the fishermen above! The pilings and the bottom are a treasure trove. Every inch is covered with debris and or marine life, including the ever present fish hooks and mono fishing line, however the lines are on occasion attached to a discarded fishing pole. On numerous occasions legal lobsters have been taken in the pilings..So there is some thing for every one..the adventure diver, the junk collector, the photographer and the hunter. Several local divers have reported Sea Horses present at this site, something to keep an eye out for.



Here you will also find Sarcastic fringeheads facing off for discarded whelk shells, Nudibranchs of course but a different variety, not the usual stuff found around SoCal. Octopuses live in the discarded bottles guarding themselves with broken shells. Pipefish surge to and fro in the algae, along with colorful kelpfish.



Look for Martin



## Annual Holiday Party

On December 15th we had our annual holiday party. We were able to meet some new friends from our Meetup group and get together with members and their families.

The event was held at the home of our President Vlad Ilinsky.

The dinner was a delicious fair of Mexican food with all the fixings. There were plenty of desserts to choose from courtesy of all the club members who attended and shared in their delights.

Members were urged to wear their best Christmas ugly sweaters and ugly they were. The club also did its traditional gift exchange. There were many unusual and fun gifts to be had. The gift stealing was at an all time high!

We all had a great time and look forward to the coming year!





## WIES–CCD 38th Annual Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup

Saturday, February 23rd, 2019

Register on-line

USC's Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber and Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies–Catalina Conservation Divers are proud to host Catalina Island's 38th Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup, one of the largest annual dive events in Southern California. The event began in the 1970s in an effort to cleanup Avalon Harbor, and this event is the only time diving is permitted in the Harbor.

Southern California divers have made the Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup one of their premier social events of the year. Divers retrieve trash and lost items from Avalon Harbor, and revel in the warm friendly atmosphere of Catalina Island. Last year, approximately 498 participants recovered 2,320 pounds of trash. Proceeds from the event will benefit USC's Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber and Wrigley Institute Scientific Diving Program.



Divers:

\$45 Early registration through January 3  
\$55 January 4 – February 14  
\$65 Day-of Registration at Wrigley Stage

Each diver must bring the following completed forms to check-in. (available on-line)

Safe Diving Practices Form (PDF)

Informed Consent and Waiver of Release Form (PDF)

Streamline your dive team's registration process! Adding your dive team to the registration page allows your divers to register individually or as a group—All you have to do is assign a team leader for day-of collection of dive forms. For more information please contact Katie Chvostal at [chvostal@usc.edu](mailto:chvostal@usc.edu).



Non-Divers: \$30



## Schedule of Events

7:00-8:45 AM	Check-in for Pre-registered Divers (Dive Locations)
7:00-9:00 AM	Day-of Registration (Wrigley Stage)
9:00 AM	Dive Master/Diver Orientations (Dive Locations)
9:30-11:00 AM	Divers in Water (Dive Locations)
11:00 AM	All Divers Out of Water (MANDATORY)
1:00 PM	Door Prize Drawing (Wrigley Stage)
1:00-3:00 PM	Award Ceremony (Wrigley Stage)



# Club Information



Monthly club meetings with speakers and raffle prizes  
Monthly Newsletter  
Land-based Club activities and events for the whole family  
Organized local dives  
Resort warm-water trips  
Good dives and good buddies  
Membership costs are as follows .

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New Membership:  
Single \$40 pp  
Family \$50 (couple/family)  
Renewal:  
Single \$30  
Family \$40

membership renewals are due in February for all current members. New members dues will be prorated depending on the month they join the club

## Club Board Members

### **President/Speakers/Webmaster**

Vlad Ilinsky  
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