

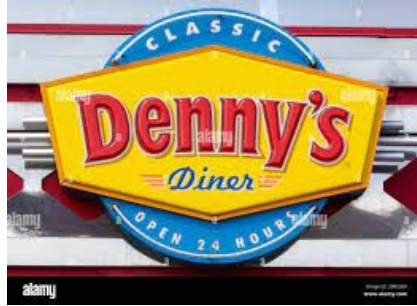


2025



SharkBait Monthly Meeting

Our club meetings are held at Denny's Diner in Yorba Linda, located on Richfield Rd at the intersection with Yorba Linda Blvd (behind the Mobil station)



We are also on ZOOM, check our meeting notice for ZOOM access info.

We look forward to seeing you.

February Speaker

Dave Stewart

In two months (April) a group of members are off for a warm water dive trip to Dominica. For some it will be a return trip to this beautiful little island and we thought it would be a great time to wet the appetite as they say. Dave will be sharing with us some of the sights and adventures of our previous trip to Dominica.

Dave, as you probably know by now is a seasoned (started diving in the 70's) diver who has dived in many of the great dive locations in the world. Dave has dived all over the Caribbean, the Galapagos, South Pacific, Southeastern Asia and of course the California coast and Baja California coast (both sides). _



February 11 Club Meeting
6:30 PM Denny's Yorba Linda

February 16 Beach Dive
Victoria St. Beach, Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

February 22 Avalon Harbor Cleanup
Avalon, Catalina

March 11 Club Meeting
6:30 PM Denny's Yorba Linda

March 16 Beach Dive
Moss St. Beach, Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

May 7 Chamber Day and Eve

2025 Club Officers

At the January meeting we voted for the members nominated to the Board of our club. All the members from the previous board were re-elected and 2 new Board member, Rick Lindwall and Dave Stewart were elected to the Board. We are delighted to welcome them to the Board.

At the January Board meeting, the elected Board members elected the officers to serve for the coming year and assigned responsibilities for taking care of the many tasks of running the club and club activities. These are the people that keep our club functioning,,,,,AND you are the people they work for.

The 2025 officers and assigned responsibilities are:

President	Silvia Swigert
Vice President	Rick Lindwall
Secretary / Treasurer	Alf Johnson
Board Member	Martin Carreon
Board Member	Barry Bloch
Board Member	Vlad Ilinsky
Board Member	Christine Riley
Board Member	Dave Stewart

Silvia Public Relations Chair,
Marketing/Publicity, Speakers, Website

Rick Membership Chair, Tech Support, ZOOM

Alf Newsletter

Martin Beach Dives, local group activities (e.g. Avalon Clean Up)

Dave Warm Water Trips Chair

Christine Speakers Chair

Vlad Special Club Events (e.g., Summer Picnic)



Things To Think About

“Alcohol! Because no great story started with someone eating a salad.”

“I would like to apologize to anyone whom I haven’t offended yet. Please be patient, I will get to you shortly.”

“Dental-Chair Revelation: Once you have your mouth open, dentists lose the ability to ask questions with a simple yes or no answer.”

“I’m really good at stuff until somebody watches me do that stuff.”

“Any of us has the capacity to light up a room. Some when they enter, others when they leave it.”

“Stupidity knows no boundaries, but it knows a lot of people.”

“They say don’t try this at home... so I went to my friend’s home!”

“The only scenario where you really need a landline today is when you’re trying to find your cell phone.”

“I think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.”

“My bed is a magical place I suddenly remember everything I had to do.”

“The road to success is always under construction.”

“Math class is like watching a foreign movie without subtitles.”

“I would like to thank my middle finger for always sticking up for me when I needed it.”

February 16 Beach Dive Victoria St. Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

Victoria Beach is accessed from Victoria Street off of Coast Highway in Laguna Beach. Just Past Moss Street is Victoria Street. Keep looking for the street on the ocean side of Coast Highway the street is small and it is easy to miss.

Parking at Victoria Street Beach is limited. Most of the parking along Victoria Street is private residential parking. Try the full length of Victoria Street and some of the adjacent side streets to find parking also.

Beach Access is a staircase on the south side of Victoria street on the corner of Victoria and Sunset streets. This staircase is a shaded path that takes the scuba diver to the west side of the beach area.

Diving at Victoria Street is on a reef system that is right at the bottom of the staircase and extends to the west. There are several small beach and cove areas along the reef.

Boat Dive

Our next boat dive will hopefully be in March of 2025. With the shortage of dive boats of late, Chuck is looking into some trips originating from some other areas. Chuck will outline his thoughts and ideas and we can kick them around at the meeting.

There is still time enough to get your gear checked out and ready for another year of diving.

See Andrea at SCUBA World on Tustin and Taft in Orange for your annual gear check-up, get your annual cylinders visual check and have them filled and of course pick up that piece of gear you have had your eye on.

March 16 Beach Dive Moss Street. Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

Moss Street Beach is at the end of Moss Street in Laguna Beach. Take coast Hwy and turn on Moss Street (toward the ocean). Parking may be found along Moss Street and on Ocean Way.

Beach access is via a staircase which leads down to the rather intimate beach.

Moss Cove offers two distinctive dive spots -

South-East or to your left from the stairway You'll find Scattered rocks and a series of Parallel reefs rising 20 feet from the sandy bottom. Several with a sharp drop-offs, all interesting to explore.

South or to your right from the stairway there are several "mini" reefs with lots of promise for exploration. This area is generally shallower.

The entry is fairly easy and straightforward. The bottom drops off rapidly five or six feet.

The site contains many small walls and ledges with some of the rocks towering some 18 feet off the bottom. There is a wide variety of marine life here. Gorgonians, Feather Worms, Anemones, lobster as well as the usual suspects Sheephead, Garibaldi, Kelp Bass and so on.

Avalon Harbor Cleanup February 22

Martin is our contact for this annual event and will be there to collect "goodies" lost in the waters of the harbor.

JOIN US

The only time scuba diving is allowed in Avalon Harbor, the Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup attracts more than 600 volunteer divers who collect trash and debris.

Awards ceremony follows on Wrigley Stage with prizes & giveaways.

Catalina Divers Supply and the Avalon Rotary Club Foundation are proud to co-host this annual event.

Proceeds benefit the USC Hyperbaric Chamber, the Avalon Rotary Club Foundation and Avalon Beautiful's Casino Dive Park improvement project.

Catalina Express fills up pretty fast for this event.

Details and sign up forms at <https://www.avalonharborcleanup.org/>

CHAMBER DAY 2025 IS COMING

The date of the event is Wednesday, May 7, and the website goes live on March 1. As you may know, this is a critical fund-raiser for our Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber, perhaps even more so this year.

Here's what we have planned for 2025:

- **CHAMBER DAY** – 2 dives and a walking tour of our Chamber and you'll get to be pressurized to a depth of 1-foot (yes, you'll have to clear your ears – makes no sense to us either)
- **THE FLYING DUTCHMAN** – Our FAKE BOAT for land-lubbers and those who can't take the day off or who no longer dive cold water
- **THE CHAMBER CHALLENGE** – Direct donations to our Chamber
- **CHAMBER EVENING** – Sitdown dinner at the Aquarium of the Pacific in the Great Hall. The culmination of the entire event and has also earned the nickname "Scuba Prom."

SCUBA Show 2025

It's back in Long Beach on May 31 and June 1. Save the dates for the equipment and travel event of the year. Many of us attend each year and always have a fun and interesting time. Maybe we can get a group together and carpool???

Some Interesting Happenings in Our Area

The LA Travel & Adventure Show is back at the LA Convention Center, February 22nd and 23rd!

Receive access to the top names in travel as they share inspiration, insider travel tips and the latest industry information designed to get you on the road and traveling like a rock star.

With over 40 seminars on four different theaters located directly on the show floor, you'll be armed with the travel advice you need for your next trip.

South Coast Plaza is celebrating the Lunar New Year, year of the snake with cultural, art, craft, photo exhibits, til February 18th.

Laguna Beach Music Festival - Laguna Beach February 12-16, 2025

The Laguna Beach Music Festival celebrates its 23rd anniversary in 2025, spotlighting Artistic Director Caroline Shaw! This year features uniquely curated programs at Laguna Playhouse with musical friends Salastina, members from Pacific Chorale, Jake Tribus from Laguna Dance Festival, Sō Percussion, and Gabriel Kahane.

Festival of Whales - Dana Point March 7-9, 2025

The annual Dana Point Festival of Whales celebrates the return of the once-endangered California Gray Whale with a leviathan-size event. In addition to whale watching at the height of whale watching season, festival includes a kick-off parade, Sand Sculpting, Ocean Awareness Day, musical entertainment, on-the-water Concert, Whale of a Block Party, Art Shows, Pancake Breakfast, BBQs, Kids Interpretive Crafts, Classic Car Exhibits, Lectures/Seminars at multiple venues including the Ocean Institute, Historic Walking Tours, Paddling Events, Sailing/Rowing/Kayak/SUP Demos, plus much more!

Fathom Fantasies Chuck Wade Underwater Photography

Our Sharkbait member and buddy, Chuck is restarting his underwater photography business. You may remember Chuck's awesome photographs when he shared some of his work with us last year. Before he put his underwater camera away a decade or more ago, Chuck was actively shooting underwater photos of our local critters and exhibited and sold his work at the Laguna Art Festival for several years.

Well now he has dusted off his skills, upgraded his equipment and is actively shooting again. Specifically, he is offering his photography skills in photographing you underwater.

Chuck is looking to commemorate in pictures new divers as they get certified during their first ocean dives. Additionally, recording experienced divers as they achieve advanced certifications from advanced all the way up to Instructor.

This is a great way to memorialize these events, and chronicle your diving progress and adventure.

Still available Club T-shirts & stickers!!

After what seems like forever, we finally have T-shirts with the Sharkbait logo front and back.

In addition, we have window stickers which you can adhere to the outside of windows, bumpers, doors or just about anything. They are vinyl and the manufacturer says they should stand up to the sun for quite a while.

E-mail Alf Johnson to order
alfjohnson1@gmail.com

Sizes M,L,XL,XXL 95% Cotton
\$25 Shipped



Vinyl Sticker 4" X 4"
\$2 each or 3 for \$5



We Like



World of Diving
Dive Travel



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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

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