Scuba Scoop

MAY 2004

CFPD BUSINESS CARDS ARE IN!

*CFPD members dive the **Living Seas** at Epcot. See details on page 8.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CFPD MEMBERS

Rick Noonon	5/4
Yumi Takahashi	5/9
Kim Crews	5/18
David McCormic	5/23
Elke Beyer	5/24
Ana Potts	5/24
Sandra Juleff	5/28
Jerry O'Keefe	5/28
Richard Pizon	5/30

IMPORTANT DATES

May is membership renewal month

General Meeting	5/13
Board Meeting (Roadhouse on 434, Longwood, directions on page 2)	5/20
General Meeting	5/27

CENTRAL FLORIDA PLEASURE DIVERS

Orlando's Best Dive Club

"We Don't Dive With Just Any Buddy"

Find us at www.cfpdivers.com

The new waterproof CFPD business card will be available to all members at our May 13th meeting.

CFPD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Donald Morrison

Stephen Yeow

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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General Meetings:

Meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Denny's 440 S. Semoran Blvd. in Orlando (407)381-8408. The Denny's is near the intersection of the EW Expressway and 436. Social hour begins at 7:00PM. Meetings begin at 8:00PM Programs are held before or after the general meeting.

Board Meetings:

The May board meeting will be at the Roadhouse Grill, 2300 W State Road 434 in Longwood, 407-682-5065. Take I-4 east to the Longwood exit. Go west on 434, Roadhouse is on the left.

From the President

Diving season has finally arrived! With two trips planned for May and June so far and summer just around the corner, start thinking about what kind of dive trip you want. The club has been growing, the economy is slowly picking up and most of us haven't been down since the last dive season. Remember to have your gear serviced, change any batteries that are from last year and renew your fishing license and lobster stamp if your a hunter.

The new CFPD waterproof cards are in and they look awesome. Stop by a meeting or sign up for a dive trip to receive your cards. They make great gear bag tags and are a good way to promote CFPD to potential members.

Check the dive calendar/activities page for up to date events coming up and sign up.

Hope to see you soon.

Randy

ANOTHER SANDY SEAS GREAT ADVENTURE

The 55th Annual Kissimmee Boat-A-Cade
"AROUND THE HORN"

June 11-19, 2004

The 520 mile boating trip goes around lower Florida. It starts and ends in Lake Okeechobee. The boating adventure goes from Lake Okeechobee, West to Ft Myers Beach, South to Hawks Cay Resort (Marathon), North to Ft Lauderdale, North to Stuart, East to Lake Okeechobee.

My boat, Sandy Seas, is a 27 ft. Walkaround Cabin Grady-White Islander 270, powered by twin 225 HP Yamaha Four-Strokes. She has a separate enclosed Head with a marine toilet.

I have space for four people. The boat ride is $295 per person. You are on your own for your motel, food and drinks. Call Ed Arch for more information.

I am also planning a two week trip to the Abacos, July 21 – August 4, 2004. I have space for three people.

USED GEAR SALE

Clean out you closets and your dive bag and bring you extra gear to the May 27 meeting. CFPD is having a used gear sale!

Dive Chairman Report

Hey Gang we had a great dive at Disney's, Epcot, Living Seas. What can I say except Disney covered all the bases for a great dive and wonderful memories. Lets see if we can get another trip going in the near future. for those club members who missed this great trip, hey treat yourself to a Living seas dive and I can guarantee you will not be disappointed.

As you know Randy, I Jill, Carl &Joan, Janet, and ED will be doing a 3 dive day on diving solutions out of West Palm Beach, its a great operation, and the dives will be reef dives so its a good way to slide into the dive season. Also a great feature of the trip is a hot lunch on board after our second dive, I did this trip last year and it was just super. We still have room so let Randy or Jill, know if you want to go, there contact numbers are on the newsletter, the Trip is May 14 a Friday ...that's right I said Friday, so take the off from work and make it a 3 day weekend You Deserve it!!

So now that you have decided to go on the 14 why not follow the dive gang that weekend as we head down to Ocean Fest, The Largest Scuba show in the Southeast. bar none. Over 200 vendors will be on site. Everything you could want to know about diving and then some !!!

Travel Agents Galore, Plenty of Dive operations both in and out of country, How to seminars including new divers, photography, travel, equipment, also a Treasure hunt contest off the beach and a photo contest. Tons of give aways and free goodies including some 7 day trips to the Caymans. So plan on being with a great bunch with lots of fun and laughs May 14 to the 16 or any part of it.

We have some good trips planned for this diving season but we still need some of our members to step up to the plate and assist on a trip or two and then become trip leaders. Think about it Guys and Gals its a great way to get involved in your club and you get to know all the great people in our club..... Tell you more next month about some upcoming exciting trips Stay Wet !

SEE YA ON THE REEF

JERRY OKEEFE

More info on Ocean Fest at **www.oceanfest.com**

Please note the following changes have been made to the CFPD Policies and Procedures:

Dan Insurance - Out of Country Trips

All individuals scuba diving on a CFPD sanctioned "out of country" trip shall possess Dan insurance or comparable dive insurance from a nationally recognized insurance provider. Diver shall provide a copy of insurance to the trip coordinator with their initial trip deposit.

Lobstering /Spear fishing Limits

All individuals hunting on a CFPD sanctioned dive outing shall possess the appropriate fishing license and specialty stamps and be familiar with and abide by all regulations regarding size and number limits of their catch.

Trip Approval

All CFPD sanctioned scuba diving trips must first be presented to the dive chairman. The dive chairman will review the proposal, discuss any items with the trip coordinator, and finally present all legal contracts to the board for their approval and signature. The trip coordinator will be present at the board meeting to assist in the trip presentation..

UPCOMING TRIP

Deerfield Beach May 15-16

What better way to hone up on diving skills at the beginning of the season than with a short trip to south Florida! This trip includes a two-tank dive Saturday afternoon, two-tank dive Sunday morning and overnight stay at Comfort Suites Saturday night (continental breakfast included). We will be diving with Dixie Divers on Lady-Go-Diver (boat has platform and ladders). There is also an optional one-tank night dive on this trip. Cost is $122 without the night dive and $159 with the night dive ($42 for non-divers). Tanks and/or air fills are available for those who need them right there at the marina where the boat is docked (tanks are not included in trip price). $50 holds your spot. Contact Donna Little at donna0331@cfl.rr.com if interested.

CFPD Hunting Trip

It's time for the annual CFPD 2 day hunting trip with Sea Dog Dive Shop, August 7 & 8. Taking 13 divers each day for lobstering and spear fishing off New Smyrna Beach. See the attached flyer for all the details. This is a "soft opening" since the trip won't be officially approved by the board until May 20. All deposits are refundable for no reason until that date. Once the trip is approved, you are responsible for your spot on the boat. Call Randy Munro if you have any questions.

MAY 14 TGIF DIVE TRIP

Taking 12 divers for a 3 tank plus lunch dive trip with Diving Solutions in Riviera Beach. Dive 2 morning dives, have a hot lunch on board and do a third dive before heading in. This is a good refresher dive for the upcoming dive season. Cost for member divers is $72.00 and non members, $75.00. Deposit is $50.00 with the balance due May 13, the meeting before the trip. Pricing is based on 12 divers and will be higher if less than 12. Tank rentals are available, $7.50 for air 80's. If you want nitrox, bring your own.

Some of us will be heading to Ft. Lauderdale after the dives for Ocean Fest. This diving event takes place right on the beach and features travel agencies, manufactories, and other related diving sponsors. There is beach diving, treasure hunts, lots of good food and great people to meet. If you are interested in accommodations for Ocean Fest, contact Gerry O'Keefe. Motel rooms are not included in the dive trip.

See Jill Dexter or Randy Munro at the meeting or call us.

Nekton June 5-12

Space is still available on this trip. Payment must be made in full at sign up. Call Joan Heinman or email at carljoan@earthlink.net

New Smyrna Lobster Dives

August 7-8, 2004--3 dives Sat. and 3 dives Sun.

70-90 feet, Many **Big** Bugs!

13 Divers on nice boat with ladder.

Many **restaurants and **pubs** in *walking distance***

Cost::	*Dive+Room*	*Dive only*	*Room only*
Member	*$208*	*$182*	*$26*
Non-memb	*$216*	*$190*	*$28*

1 Day Diving: Member, $92 / Non-Member, $96.

Deposits: (2 day)$100/diver, (1 day) $50/diver

$26 room deposit --- (3 persons/room)

Dive tip included. **Tanks** not included, but available -

fills–air $3.50, nitrox $8/$9 overfill**. rentals**–air $5, nitrox - $10

Call Rick at Sea Dogs for rental equipment ASAP

Deadline for motel reservation is July 22

Times: Meet at Boat/Shop at 8 am each day.

Boat leaves at ~ 8:30 am. Return to dock by ~4 pm.

Directions: from Orlando area, north on I-4 or I-95, take the New Smyrna Beach/State Road 44 exit East, go over the river, turn Left on Peninsula Ave., at Flagler Ave. turn left to go the dive shop, or turn right to go to the motel.

For info or to sign up, call: *Randy Munro* or *Tom Wassell*

Sea Dogs Dive Shop--111 Flagler Ave. 386-424-1644

Sea Horse Motel ----- 423 Flagler Ave. 386-428-8081

LAST MONTH'S TRIP

LIVING SEAS
APRIL 17, 2004

As promised, the conditions could not have been better. No long goat ride, 3" seas, very good vis and the temp wasn't too bad. As you would expect, the Disney operation does everything very well. We were provided excellent equipment that was already set up and waiting for us to step into. The staff was very competent and accommodating to all of our needs except for the hunters. The Living Seas is large enough in diameter to hold Spaceship Earth with 5' to spare all around and holds 6 million gallons. There are over 50 different species of fish to swim with and for the most part are very comfortable in close proximity to divers. The sharks are not large but do swim freely along with sting rays, turtles, large groupers and pompano just to name a few. I was told that in the next three to four months 6' sand tiger sharks will be added to the main tank. The real beauty of this dive is both to see and be seen. Everyone enjoyed entertaining and interacting with the viewing audience especially small children with eyes as big as silver dollars in the restaurant and general observation area. Randy Munro was trying to hand out the new business cards while diving. Who says requiting new members isn't fun?

This was also a very rewarding dive in that both Donna Little and Ed Langston successfully returned to the water after their respective recoveries. Also, Mike and Pam Kaye were back after a two year dry spell that we hope is over.

All things considered, this is a dive everyone should consider doing at least once as you never find the combination of conditions and species in one location like this with such easy access.

Sorry you weren't with us.

Tom Wassell

MEET YOUR FELLOW CFPD MEMBERS

Nilda Mussi
&
Stephen Yeow

Nilda was born and raised in the tough barrios of Buenos Aires, Argentina. After spending a few years herding cattle across the pampas and taming wild broncos, decided to immigrate to the United States for the more sedentary life of an accountant. Donning a 5 mil ScubaPro wetsuit (with hood), she jumped into the north-bound Gulfstream and followed it up to the Straits of Florida where she swam ashore. Pretending to be a sea turtle, she entered the UCF research program and slowly worked her way into the accounting program, snagging scholarships along the way. After graduating with Summa Cum Laude honors, she took on a friend's dare and got her Masters in Accounting by submitting all her thesis papers in Spanish. Repeating that subterfuge in her CPA exams, she obtained the fourth highest test score in Florida in 2000. Her sleigh of hand did not go unnoticed and she was quickly recruited by the Big 4 accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP. Her suspicious and unbelieving character, along with her take-no-prisoners attitude very quickly got her promoted to her current position as Senior Accountant.

Having always been interested in beer-bellied, macho men with skinny legs in tight outfits, she correctly figured that the best place to meet these sorts would be at scuba diving clubs. She promptly enrolled in a scuba diving class and very soon had her Open Water, Advanced, Nitrox and miscellaneous specialty certifications. After her first trip to the Caribbean, and her first time getting REALLY drunk on Jamaican rum, she now makes it a point to return to those alcohol-infested waters at least twice a year to relive that earth-shaking experience.

A greedy land developer during the work week, Stephen masquerades as a Lloyd Bridges wanna-be on week-ends by bumming scuba trips with friends and anybody else he can con into sharing the cost of a boat ride. Started scuba diving in the coral filled islands of his home country of Malaysia, then moved to the United States where he finally got certified while going to college in Memphis, Tennessee. After finally realizing that it was no fun diving the muddy waters of the mighty Mississippi River or the rice paddies of Arkansas, moved to Florida and finally found Paradise. His immediate goal is to dive one exotic, cheap location in South-East Asia every year, and his final goal is to live out his life as an over-weight, tattoo covered, pony-tailed, goatee sporting, scuba diving instructor in the Florida Keys by day, a bar tender at one of the local nude bars at night, and live on a ramshackle boat tied to a dock next to Mallory Square.

Stephen was recently conned by Nilda into joining the Central Florida Pleasure Divers club with the promise of a free dinner and movie afterwards (..it never happened). In the event that Stephen finally masters the English language, Nilda may then consider him worthy as a dive buddy. As a NAUI Master Scuba diver, his emphasis is on dive safety (mainly his own……) and on occasion, is known to be concerned with the safety of those around him, too. In exchange for food after each dive trip, Stephen provides a record of the underwater fun through the lens of his camera. Hopefully, one day soon, he will remember to load some film BEFORE the dive.

About a year ago, Nilda checked-out the local Latin Divers' Club in search of her beer-bellied, macho man. On that very same night, Stephen too, checked-out that very same Latin Divers' Club in search of a hot, beer-bellied, Amazonian chic. They met. They said "Hello". They shook hands. One thing led to another….barabing, baraboom, she's a diver, he's a diver, and before you knew it, they were second stage regulator-mates. Now they plan on having scuba tanks together.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

DUE BY MAY 31, 2004

$24.00 FIRST PERSON
$12.00 EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER
PLEASE ATTACH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER
MADE PAYABLE TO **CFPD**

NAME(S)_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ST_____ZIP_____

E-MAIL ADDRESS_____

HOME PHONE # ( )_____

WORK PHONE # ( )_____

OCCUPATION_____

FOR CLUB USE ONLY:

Amount Received: _____ Date Received: _____ Initials: ____

Key Largo Trip '04

June 18-20 or June 25-27

We are going back to enjoy some of the best diving Florida has to offer, but this year we're going to change things a little. Key Largo has become one of the premier dive destinations of North America. It boasts some of the finest shallow reef dives you'll find anywhere, as well as, world-class wrecks like the Duane and the Spiegel Grove.

We will again be staying and diving with Amy Slate's Amoray Dive Resort, nestled in a tropical setting among the palms right on Florida Bay. But this year, we have chartered their new boat, a 26 foot, twin-hulled dive boat custom built to cater to divers. It's a 6-pak boat which means you and only 5 of your closest CFPD dive buddies will share the entire boat and determine where you want to go dive! This will be a three-day trip, with a 2-tank dive Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Sunday morning and a 1-tank night dive on the big catamaran to the Benwood wreck Saturday evening. Included in the trip are the 7 dives, 2 nights accommodations (double occupancy), tanks and air fills, continental breakfast and boat tip. Optional cook-out Saturday afternoon.

Space is limited to 6 divers per trip, so we are going to run trips on back-to-back weekends. Room availability is also limited, so if you have a non-diver coming I will need to know quickly so I can change the reservations accordingly. Cost of the trip is $442 for divers, $130 for non-divers. Your check for the $200 deposit secures your spot! I will also need an assistant trip coordinator to run the second weekend. For more info or to sign up, call Don Zoecklein at dzoecklein@earthlink.net.

CFPD DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR

TRIP DATES	LOCATION	COORDINATOR/ ASSISTANT	# OF DIVERS	PRICE/ DEP	TRIP OPENS
2004					
May 14	**TGIF -** 3 tanks & lunch Dive Solutions, optional Ocean Fest in Ft Lauderdale Saturday	Randy Munro Jill Dexter Call Jerry O'Keefe For room Fri night	12	$72.00 Members $75.00 Non-members	Open
May 15-16	**Deerfield Beach** 2 tanks Sat PM and 2 tanks Sun AM, optional night dive Sat, one night hotel Air extra	Donna Little	12	$122/$50 $159 with night dive	Open
June 5-12	**Nekton Live-aboard** Diving on the Cay Sal Bank, Bahamas Expect to do 25 to 30 dives	Joan Heinman Julie Tyson	10+	$1,879 Full Payment At sign up	Open
June 18-20	**Key Largo I -** 7 dives and 2 nights at Amoray Dive Resort See Details on Page 11	Don Zoecklein	6	$442/ $200 $130 non diver	Full
June 25-27	**Key Largo II -** 7 dives and 2 nights at Amoray Dive Resort	Don Zoecklein Janet Fisher	6	$442/ $200 $130 non diver	Open
July 24	**Jupiter or West Palm -** 2 tank dive on a Saturday afternoon - there and back in a day	TBA	12	TBA	TBA
July 28 - 29	**Lobster Mini Season – Find a Boat Ride and Catch Your Limit!!**	**Good Luck**			

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2004					
Aug. 7 - 8	**New Smyrna Beach / Sea Dog -** 3 tank Day Lobstering & Spear fishing Weekend. See page 7 for details.	Randy Munro Tom Wassell	13	$181/$100 Deposit 2 days $92/$75 Deposit 1 day	open
Aug. 14 - 15	**Steinhatchee - Scalloping**	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sept. 3-6	**Bahamas -** long weekend in the Bahamas	TBA	12	TBA	TBA
Sept. 18-19	**NC wreck diving**	TBA	12	TBA	TBA
Oct. 2	**Jupiter or West Palm -** 2 tank dive Sat. afternoon - there and back in a day	TBA	12	TBA	TBA
Oct 16	**New Smyrna - Lobster & spear fishing** 3 tank dive with "Sea Dog" - Nitrox use recommended	TBA	13	TBA	TBA
Oct. 27-31	**Fantasy Fest**	TBA	14	TBA	TBA
Nov. 13	**New Smyrna - Lobster & spear fishing** 3– tank dive with "Sea Dog" - Nitrox use recommended	TBA	13	TBA	TBA

REMEMBER: YOU WILL BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SPOT ON A TRIP WHEN YOU SIGN UP. THERE WILL BE NO REFUND FOR MONIES PAID FOR DIVE TRIPS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS UNLESS YOU FIND A REPLACEMENT. EVEN IF YOU FIND A REPLACEMENT THERE MAY BE OTHER COST INCURRED FOR TRANSFERRING TICKETS OR RESERVATIONS, ETC. YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE A WELL. ALL RECOVERABLE MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED SHOULD A PORTION OF A DIVE TRIP BE CANCELLED. IF AN ENTIRE TRIP IS CANCELLED, ALL MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.