Scuba Scoop

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IMPORTANT DATES

General Meetings 05/11 and 5/25/2006

Board Meeting 05/18/2006

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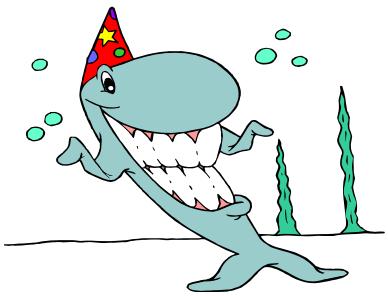
HAPPY BIRTHDAY CFPD MEMBERS

Yumi Takahashi	05/09
Kim Crews	05/18
Pati Beaulieu	05/21
Elke Beyer	05/24
Jerry O'Keefe	05/28
Sam Juleff	05/28
Richard Pizon	50/30



Duane, Tavernier pictures by George McGuire

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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 April board meeting will be held on 05/18/2006 at Steak and Ale, 828 N Semoran Ave., Orlando, FL (407) 273-3981. The meeting begins at 7:15, and the general membership is welcome.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

In cased you are wondering why I am writing the President's article, Tom's wife, Ingrid, recently had back surgery and feels he needs to devote more time to Ingrid through her recovery period and doesn't feel he will be able to attend all the meetings at this time. With the boards' approval, I will fill in till the end of the year. That being said, elections are in August and we will be forming a nominating committee to find those willing souls willing to run the club next year. If you are interested in being on the board, let one of the board members know and you name will be passed on to the nominating committee once it is formed.

Diving season is here and CFPD is here to help you get the most out of it. The dive and activities calendar is filling up with a variety of things to do. Check it out and stop by the dive club meetings to hear first hand what's in store.

One of the boards main goals for the immediate future is to spice up the meetings. Darrel Ricket and myself just returned from Oceanfest in Ft. Lauderdale with lots of goodies to include in the 50/50 drawing and 4-5 new DVDS to show at upcoming meetings.

Art, your CFPD dive chairman, is planning a dive planning meeting in the near future to get your impute as to where you want to dive.

Our trip coordinator training meeting on the 13th was a huge success. We had eight members show up to see the ins and outs of planning a successful dive trip. This should translate into more dive trips run and more options for the members as to where you want to go.

Hope to sea you at the meetings and down below.

Randy

DIVE CHAIRMAN REPORT

So the Pompano dive, April 29th and 30th, trip was planned and promoted. We had eight divers ready to go and then this…

...SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY FOR HAZARDOUS SEAS REMAINS IN EFFECT THROUGH MONDAY MORNING…

TODAY...NORTHEAST WINDS 15 TO 20 KNOTS. NEAR SHORE...SEAS 5 TO 7 FEET. INTRACOASTAL WATERS CHOPPY IN EXPOSED AREAS.

TONIGHT...NORTHEAST WINDS 15 TO 20 KNOTS. NEAR SHORE...SEAS 6 TO 8 FEET. IN THE GULF STREAM...SEAS 9 TO 11 FEET SUBSIDING TO 7 TO 9 FEET AFTER MID-NIGHT. NORTHEAST SWELL 3 TO 4 FEET. INTRACOASTAL WATERS CHOPPY IN EXPOSED AREAS. BUT HEY, IF YOU STILL WANT TO GO DIVING GO AHEAD. (Sorry I couldn't resist.)

Instead of cruising the reefs gazing at nature's beauty I ended up cruising my lawn with the mower gazing at the crab grass.

So it looks like Lee Carpenter's Venice Beach dive will be the first club dive of the year. As of this writing there is one spot left. This west coast dive should be a lot of fun, (weather permitting of course).

Mark your calendars…. Dive planning meeting on May 25th. Some dives are yet to be finalized for this year. Where do you want to go- Let's hear form you at the meeting. Plus believe or not we need to start thinking about next year.

Looking forward into 2007, trips are already being discussed. Darryl Ricket has garnered a fat discount for us on the Nekton Rorqual that cruises the Cayman Islands. An informal count shows 11 interested divers. (I've already started saving my money.) George McGuire also has some out of country ideas.

So please attend and let's discuss where you'd like to go in 2006 and 2007.

See you at the bottom (weather permitting)…

Art Beaulieu, Dive Chairman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE

These programs are being shown on PBS, CHANNEL 24, during the month of May. Check your local listings if you have cable, could be a different channel.

Tuesday the 9th at 8:00 p.m., "Hitler's Sunken Secret." This show explores the sinking of the Norwegian ferry Hydro during WW II. The Hydro was suppossily carrying "heavy water" for the Nazis' secret atomic bomb project. Should be some good unwater scenes. Repeated on Thursday the 11th at 11:00 p.m.

On Sunday the 21st at 8:00 p.m., "The Dolphin Defender". About filmmaker Hardy Jones' crusade to investigate and protect the dolphins.

Enjoy the show.

Attention CFPD Members

This Thursday's meeting will be a mid season dive planning meeting. Some 2006 trips have yet to be determined, some need to be changed and we need to start planning 2007 out of country trip now.

Your input is very important and needed so bring your dive destination ideas this Thursday. Let's make this an excellent dive season.

Art Beaulieu
Dive Chairman

Up Coming Programs

May 25 - We will be having "Greg the Divemaster/Instructor" from ScubaRadio come talk to the club about what's new with ScubaRadio and around the dive industry. We have had Greg join us several times in the past and he is always funny and entertaining. He might even bring a few freebies!

June and beyond - I am working on lining up several programs that should prove to be very informative and entertaining from different areas of diving. I also have some videos that Darryl and Randy brought back from Oceanfest. There are travel videos from various locations and a master diver training overview video. They all have some great scenery and undersea encounters. Plus, I still want to get our own Geoff Juleff to tell us some of his tall tales from the high seas.

Also, to all our photographers, I am working on the new photo gallery pages for the website and I would like to add a CFPD Photographers section to show off your best stuff, in addition to our existing trip galleries. Just burn a CD with your pictures and a little info (if possible) and send it to me or bring it to a meeting. Thanks.

Nekton Diving Liveaboard Trip June 10-17

Since we are going on a trip in June with Nekton Diving Cruises, I thought it would be interesting to give you a little background and history of the Nekton ship.

Nekton Diving Cruises was founded and is owned by John Dixon, a military brat who designed surfboards out of doors early in his career. John is an ocean engineer who graduated from FIT in Melbourne. John's wife Lynn grew up in West Palm Beach and accepted John's proposal while diving at a depth of 60 feet (the diamond appeared 25% larger). During his career, John was associated with the salvage of the Challenger after the disaster in 1986. John first became acquainted with the SWATH (small water plane area twin hull) technology that is the basis for the Nekton fleet while on a project for the department of interior in Hawaii. During that time, while working with an underwater speaker system, a large storm approached the ship. While John wanted everything lashed down and secured, the crew was not concerned about the storm. After the storm passed with little damage to the equipment, John realized the technology was very secure.

Nekton derives its name from one of three classes of marine animals:

Benthos which means bottom dwellers, Plankton which means floaters, and Nekton which means able to control speed and direction. Whale names such as Pilot and Rorqual refer to the largest of the Nekton classification.

John started construction of the Nekton Pilot in 1993 and first launched the ship in 1994. The Rorqual followed in 2001 shortly after the 911 tragedy. Since first launching in 1994, the Pilot has been surprised by Wyland the artist joining them on a Hunchback whale trip to the Dominican Republic and a swarm of bees (thousands) that took over the sun deck. The Nekton ships have only cancelled a total of seven (7) cruises over the years due to hurricanes and stormy weather. Nekton ships do not offer fishing or shark feed dives. If you drink, bring your own bottle and remember, your first drink is your last dive of the day.

Approximately 40'x80' the Nekton Pilot has three decks with a hydraulic diving platform that allows you to walk into the ocean. Set up your gear at a station on the first day and you're done until it's time to pack up. Each cabin has its own restroom with shower. The dive deck also has two showers and warm towels are available as you come out of the water. The sun deck provides lounge chairs, shade cover with tables and chairs and a hot tub to relax when you're done diving. A spacious lounge and large dining area offer all the comforts of home. The cuisine is good basic fare, deliciously prepared.

All in all, most people who have had the pleasure agree that liveaboard diving is the penultimate way to enjoy the sport of diving. Personally, I feel the Nekton Pilot is one of the best choices for liveaboards and I think everyone on the trip is in for a memorable experience. Oh, and watch this space next year for another exciting adventure to the Cayman Islands.

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A NON-PROFIT CLUB FOUNDED IN 1977

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

DUE BY MAY 31, 2006

$24.00 FIRST PERSON, $12.00 EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER
PLEASE ATTACH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO CFPD
BRING TO MAY/JUNE MEETING OR MAIL TO:
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CFPD DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR

TRIP DATES	LOCATION	COORDINATOR/ ASSISTANT	PHONE	# OF DIVERS	PRICE/ DEP	TRIP OPENS
May 20-21	Venice Beach	Lee Carpenter		10		
June 10-17,	Nekton Pilot Liveaboard Northwest Bahamas Itinerary	Darryl Ricket / ??		FULL	1973.00	OPEN
July 7	TGIF	Barbara Bourque		6		
Aug 11-13	The Fabulous Florida Keys	Don Zoecklein		8		
August	TBA	Deana Gorski				
Thursday Sept. 21	Photo Contest-Club Calendar	TBA		Open to all	Win Prizes $$	
Sept. 23-24	Jupiter Two Day Weekend Trip	TBA		8		

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.

CFPD MARKETPLACE

BUY, SELL AND TRADE YOUR SCUBA GEAR

FS: For Sale WTB: Wanted to buy ISO: In Search of

Wanted: Your ads to sell or buy. Submit them to Sam Juleff at sjuleff@cfl.rr.com

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FS: Mesh Dive bag, $5.00, Mask $2.00, Snorkel, $2.00, Soft weight belt $2.00.

FS: Mens Oneill Wet suit XXL great condition $50.00

Contact Sam Juleff at sjuleff@cfl.rr.com

FS: Used Men's M/L 2004 SeaQuest Pro QD BCD, with Surelock Weight System. Excellent Condition. $300.00. Call Lani Berry,

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Rolling Dive/Travel Bag - Tropical Traveler by Deep Outdoors. Freestanding bag with hidden telescoping handle, skate wheels in ballistic reinforced wheel housings, fin pockets, reinforced loading handles, three sided center compartment, concealed dressing mat, concealed contoured backpack styled shoulder straps. Used once and in new condition. Approx. 34"x20"x11". $95 Contact Jill Mulford at jillmulford@earthlink.net