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April 2007

****MARK YOUR CALENDAR****

General Meetings at 7:30pm on
04/12/07 and on 04/26/07

Board Meeting 04/19/2007
at 7:00pm (for location see page 2)

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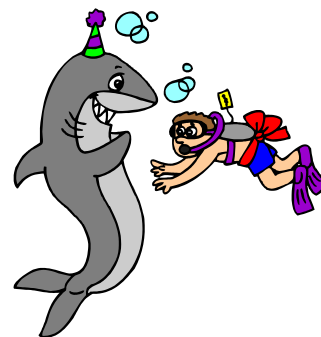
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HAPPY EASTER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our members born in April:



Steve Greenwell
Ron Menke
Carl Heinman
Sue Whittaker



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General Meeting:

We are back to two meetings a month! The April meetings will be held on April 12th, 2007 and on April 26th, 2007 at Denny's, 440 S. Semoran Blvd. in Orlando, (407)381-8408.

The Denny's is near the intersection of the EW Expressway (408) and S.R. 436. Social hour begins at 7:00PM, meeting at 7:30PM. Bring a friend.

April 19th—Board Meeting:

The April board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at Gleason's Grille.

4270 Aloma Ave, Winter Park

407.673.2342

General membership is always welcome.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that it's April, CFPD is back to two meeting a month. That means twice as many 50/50 drawings, twice as many opportunities to see your dive buddies and twice as many chances to sign up for the great dive trips and socials your club has planned for you.

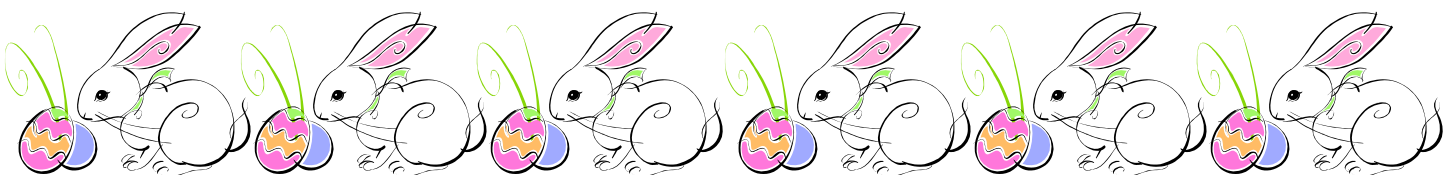
Now, we just need the seas to cooperate. If you weren't aware, the seas have generally been rough and unpredictable this winter. That has really kept a lot of the lobster divers and spear fisherman sitting on the sidelines. I personally got out once this lobster season.

Some of us are just itching to get wet and CFPD has the answer for that. Check out the dive and event calendar for the coming months and sign up for that special event. Check your emails regularly as Elke keeps us all up to date on the latest events and changes that take place.

The next meeting is April 12th. Denny's' has been remolded and should be ready for us.

Sea you down below.

Randy



VP Article

And finally, CFPD is back to two meetings per month. On April 12th we will be celebrating the grand reopening of Dennys.

Along with an ice cream social, we will have drawings for a free dive trip to West Palm Beach for two people along with movie tickets and a George Foreman grill.

There will also be a trip planning session so we can fill out the year's diving calendar. Be sure to join us so your dream trip can make it to the calendar.

See ya on the boat.

Why do elephants paint their toenails red?

So they can hide in strawberry patches.



DIVE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Sadly, the March 17 lobster trip was cancelled due to inclement weather. Look for another trip at the start of the next season in August. Also the trip to Ginnie Springs had to be rescheduled and we are looking forward to going horseback riding some other day soon. In all, the month of March has not exactly been in our favor but check the schedule frequently ... we will be making up for it.

On tap in April is our annual trek to Ocean Fest in Fort Lauderdale coupled with a 3 tank TGIF dive in West Palm Beach. Also in April we will have a short trip planning meeting to round out the rest of the year's diving calendar. But that is not the only reason you wouldn't want to miss the general meeting on April 12th. We are also having our survey-drawing for one two-tank dive on an in-country trip. So come on by!!

In May, seventeen divers will join CFPD in FABULOUS BOYNTON BEACH for another great weekend of diving and fun.

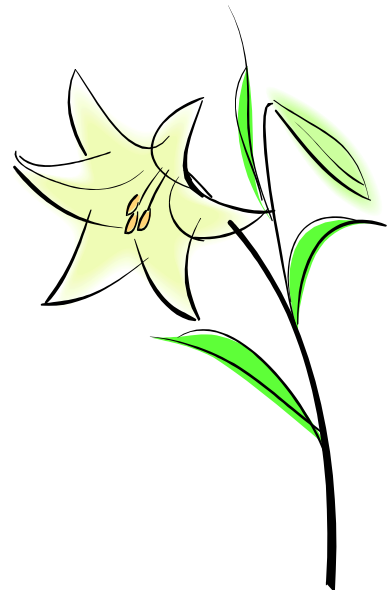
June sees the club going to the Cayman Islands with the Nekton Rorqual for an entire week of fun and lots and lots of diving. In September, we go back to Boynton Beach.

You can read about these trips and others in the Scoop. See what you're missing when you don't dive with CFPD.

Why don't matches play baseball?

One strike and they are out.

See ya on the boat.



WHAT YOU MISSED AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING(S) ...

General Meeting 03/08/07

Meeting was cancelled

Board Meeting 03/15/07

- * Joan presented account-balance-sheet to the board.

- * The decision had been made to sponsor DAN with an annual donation of \$100.

- * Articles for the May Scoop are due on April 25th.

April board meeting: April 19th at Gleason's Grille on Aloma.

End of Minutes

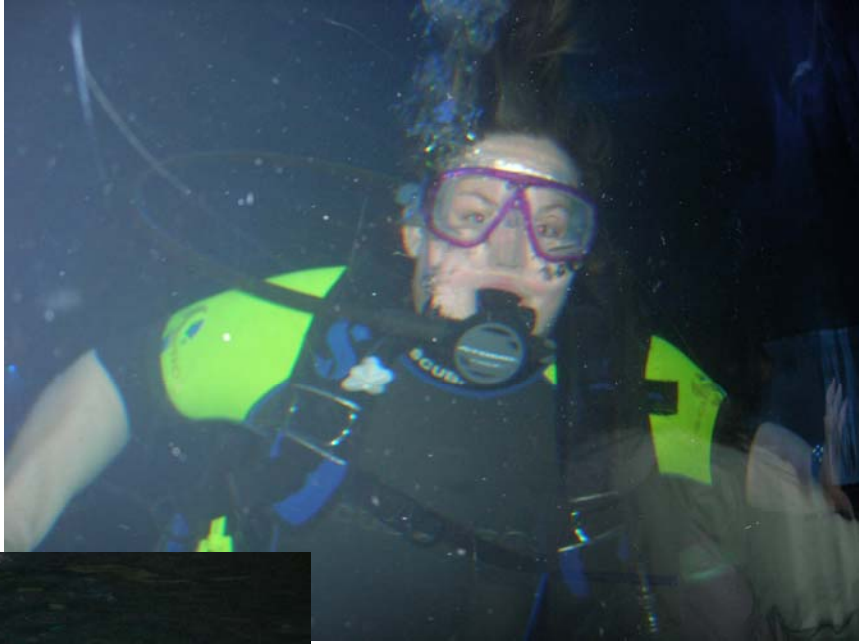


CFPD divers at Epcot in Feb 2007

PICTURE PAGE



Jamie and Wade at Blue Grotto.



Bea and Lee at the LegaSea Gala.



Help End Manatee Harassment in Citrus County, Florida!



Touching, riding, or chasing manatees can be considered harassment under the Endangered Species Act.

Each winter, 80,000 - 100,000 people visit the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge to snorkel and dive with endangered manatees, and thousands more go to swim with manatees in the Blue Waters area of the Homosassa River.

Inevitably, many of these visitors want to touch the manatees or interact with them in some way. Manatees are protected under the Endangered Species Act, so grabbing them, feeding, surrounding, or chasing them can be considered harassment and is therefore illegal. But local, state, and federal law enforcement officers are limited in numbers and unable to adequately monitor the area, so there are many incidents of manatee harassment each year.

Recently, a video shot at Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge shows people grabbing, walking on, and riding manatees. And the *St. Petersburg Times* has featured several news articles documenting the manatee harassment in this area (see more articles and video below).

Manatees need these wildlife refuges for survival in the winter! When people try to touch or pursue manatees, they can alter the manatee's behavior in the wild, perhaps causing them to leave a warm water area, which makes them susceptible to potential harm. Also, people can inadvertently separate a mother and calf by trying to touch manatees. Manatee calves depend on the care of their mothers for up to two years, so a calf that is separated from his or her mother could ultimately die without her.

What You Can Do:

Citrus County, where both the refuge and Blue Waters area are located, is the *only* place in Florida where swimming with manatees is allowed. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) grants special use permits to tour businesses that operate in waters around the refuge, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) allows public access to part of the Blue Waters area, even when seasonal no-entry zones are in effect.

The USFWS is currently working on a new comprehensive management plan for the refuge, and the FWC executive director has promised that the recent harassment incident will be investigated.

Please write to staff at both of these agencies and let them know your thoughts on the issue. In addition, ask them to

- Protect the manatees in the refuge and Blue Waters area by expanding the no-entry sanctuary areas.
- Limit the number of people allowed near the sanctuary areas in the winter, unless harassment stops.
- Adopt a strict "no touch" policy when it comes to manatees in ALL areas of Florida.
- Require educational training for all those who may dive at these areas in the winter.
- Hold tour operators responsible for the actions of their customers and impose fines for those who don't monitor their customers.
- Strengthen law enforcement efforts in the areas or create a better monitoring system and prosecute appropriately those people who violate the rules.

Send an e-mail to: (copy and paste into your e-mail message)
chassahowitzka@fws.gov, kenneth.haddad@fwc.state.fl.us, southeast@fws.gov

Your e-mail will be going to:

James Kraus, Refuge Manager, Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge
Ken Haddad, Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Sam Hamilton, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region

Suggested subject line: Please Stop Manatee Harassment
Thank you for your help on this important issue for manatees!

Grand Reopening

Denny's is back and CFPD is here to celebrate

General Meeting April 12

Ice Cream Social

WPB Dive Trip for 2 Giveaway

Movie Tickets-George Foreman Grill-Gander Mountain Discount Card

Trip Planning Meeting

Survey-Drawing

Join us for a fun filled evening with lots of prizes and surprises

A *Drift Dive* In The Heart Of Florida???

We are going to

Ginnie Springs

The plan:

3 dives

Ginnie Spring, Devil Spring and a drift dive in the Santa Fe River.



When:

Saturday, April 28th 2007

Be there at 9:00AM

Cost:

\$33 for members

\$34 for non-members

Due in full by:

Saturday, April 14th

Air (is extra):

\$8 first tank

\$5 if you bring your own tank

\$5 refill

There is a Dive Center, a grocery store and a gift shop on premises. Dive lights are not allowed unless you are Cave- or Cavern certified. Check out their website for a bunch of interesting information.

<http://www.ginnespringsoutdoors.com/>

Your travel agent: Elke Beyer

ebscuba@cfl.rr.com

Boynton Beach

May 5-6, 2007



CFPD is pleased to offer this trip for your diving pleasure!!

There are 12 spots open for the trip so mark your calendars.

We will be doing the fabulous reefs of Boynton Beach

Two tanks Saturday afternoon

One night in the luxurious Best Western Inn

Two tanks Sunday morning

Diving with Splashdown Divers on the 46' Delta Splash

All for the low low price of \$175.00

Deposit \$50.00 due by April 12th

Balance due by April 26th

Trip Coordinator:
Darryl Ricket
Dricket@cfl.rr.com

**Trip is full.
Taking stand-by's.**

Are you prepared for a diving related emergency?



**CFPD Meeting
May 24th**



Don't Miss

DAN Instructor Jerry Henkins

Jerry Henkins:

B.S. in Marine Biology
PADI IDC Staff Instructor
Handicapped Scuba Asso. Instructor
SDI/TDI Master Scuba Diver Trainer
Emergency First Response/CPR1st/CPROX Instructor
Divers Alert Network Instructor

PowerPoint presentation on DAN training certifications

(Here are a few of the many courses offered)



Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries



Advanced Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries



First Aid for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries



Automated External Defibrillators for Scuba Diving



On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers

Nekton Rorqual Liveaboard

June 09-16, 2007



CFPD is pleased to offer this trip for your diving pleasure!!

We will be doing the *Cayman Islands* Itinerary

Sunday: Grand Cayman North Wall
Monday: Cayman Brac
Tuesday: Little Cayman
Wednesday: Cayman Brac Russian Destroyer
Wednesday noon: Cayman Brac Shore Excursion
Thursday: Little Cayman
Friday am: Stingray City
Friday: Grand Cayman North Wall

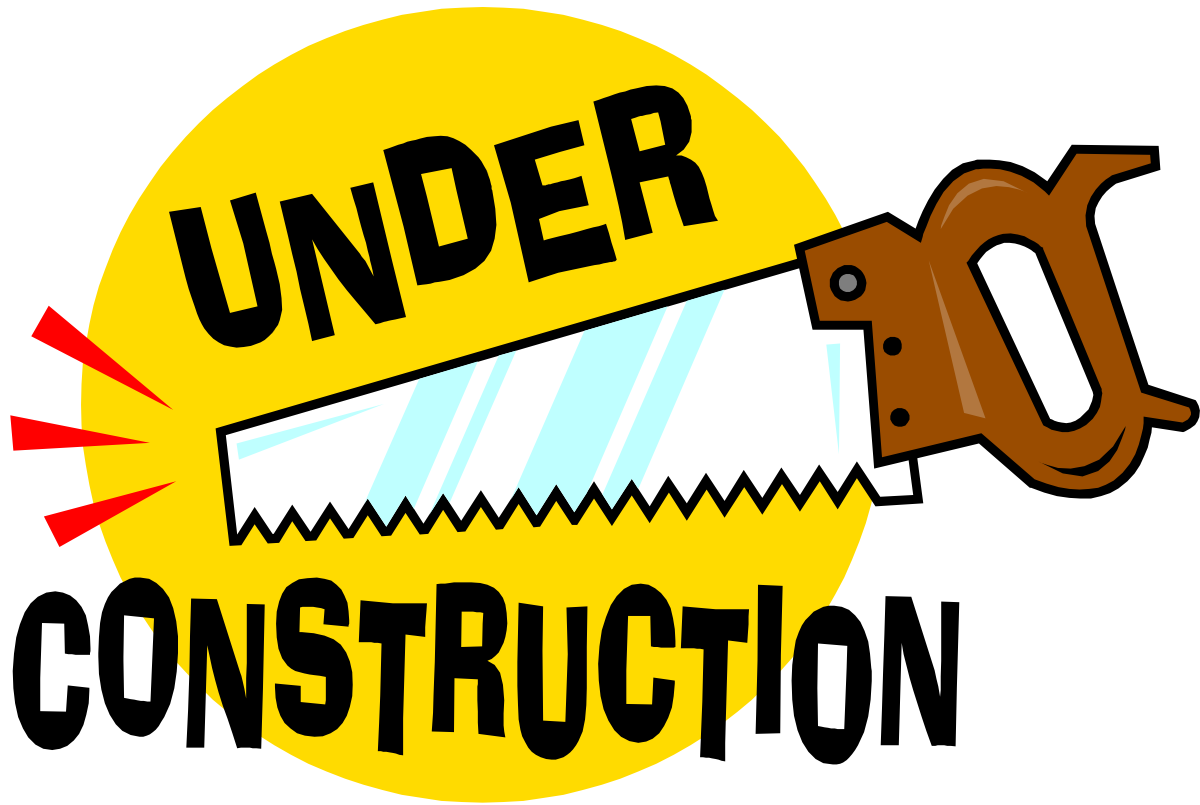
Price is \$2,366.00

(\$200.00 deposit due January 10. Balance due March 9)

Trip Coordinator:
Darryl Ricket
darrylricket@bellsouth.net

**Trip is full.
Taking stand-by's.**

LEE'S MEMBERSHIP PAGE



Pardon our dust ...

CFPD DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR 2007 *cont'd*

Trip Dates	Location	Coordinator/ Assistant	Phone	# of Di- vers	Price	Trip Opens
5/24 - 5/28	The Florida Keys	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
<i>6/2/07</i>	<i>St. Augustine</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Every body</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
6/7/07	General Meeting (2 per Month)	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
June 09-16	Nekton Rorqual Cayman Islands	Darryl Rickett/	-	12	\$2,366.00	<i>Trip full taking stand-by's</i>
6/14/07	CFPD Board Meeting Location TBD	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
6/21/07	General Meeting (2 per Month)	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
<i>6/23/07</i>	<i>Casino Cruise</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Every body</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>TBD</i>	<i>Luau</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Every body</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
07/01 - 07/08	Bonaire	Lee Carpenter/ Lani Berry	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
7/12/07	General Meeting (2 per Month)	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
<i>7/15/07</i>	<i>Lake Ridge Winery</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Every body</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
7/19/07	CFPD Board Meeting Location TBD	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
7/26/07	General Meeting (2 per Month)	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
8/4/07	Florida Gulf Coast	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
<i>8/5/07</i>	<i>Busch Gardens</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Every body</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

CFPD DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR 2007 cont'd

Trip Dates	Location	Coordinator/ Assistant	Phone	# of Di- vers	Price	Trip Opens
8/9/06	General Meeting Photo Contest	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
08/10 - 08/12	North Carolina	Elke Beyer		TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
8/11/07	Lobster Dive	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
8/16/07	CFPD Board Meeting Location TBD	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
8/23/06	General Meeting - Elections	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
08/24 - 08/26	Bimini	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
8/31/07	TGIF - West Palm Beach	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
09/01 - 09/06	Blackbeards Liveaboard	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
9/8/07	Dive Training	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
9/13/07	General Meeting	TBD	TBD	Every body	Free	
09/17 - 09/23	Puerto Rico	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
9/20/07	CFPD Board Meeting Location TBD	TBD	TBD	Every body	Free	
9/27/07	General Meeting	TBD	TBD	Every body	Free	
Thankgiv- ing Week	Bonaire	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>TBD</i>

CFPD MARKETPLACE

BUY, SELL AND TRADE YOUR SCUBA GEAR

Wanted: Your ads to sell or buy. Submit them to Elke Beyer at ebscuba@cfl.rr.com



Sherwood profile computer with pressure gauge,
Atomics B2 and Zeagle Envoy (octo). \$1,100



Zeagle Ranger BCD, medium - \$475 (new \$610).

Lifetime warrantee - you can register on-line.

All items have been used ONLY ONCE.

Contact Larry Howland

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