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March 2007

****MARK YOUR CALENDAR****

General Meeting 03/08/2007 at 7:30pm

Board Meeting 03/15/2006
at 7:00pm (for location see page 2)

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HAPPY ST.PATRICK'S DAY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our members born in March:



Mike Kaye
Barbara Bourque
Bruce Rouch
Glenn Gracom
Darryl Ricket
Deana Gorski



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General Meeting:

The next general meeting will be held on March 8th, 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.

March 15th—Board Meeting:

The March board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at the Panera Bread at West Town Corners on 434 near the 434 / 436 intersection.

200 S.R. 434, Altamonte Springs
407.831.3741

General membership is always welcome.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looking back on the years that you have been a member of the Central Florida Pleasure Divers, what things really stand out in your mind about the club? Is it the location? Do you like having food available at the meeting? The old timers will remember we didn't have food available up until we moved to Denny's. We did have a cash bar for the longest time at the previous location. Has this change helped or hindered the club's growth?

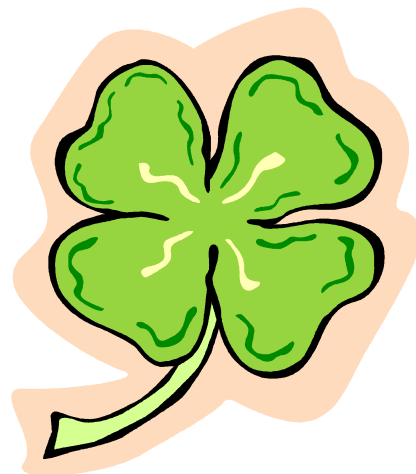
How has CFPD affected your diving related activities in the last five years? Are you diving more or less? Have you continued to take educational courses to enhance your diving skills or are you were you want to be in your education? Are you spending more of your free time socializing with your CFPD dive buddies or do you just dive with us and socialize with others? Have you made life long friends at CFPD that have had a positive impact on your life?

What I am trying to do is to get you to stop and think for a moment about how much if any CFPD has done for you over the years and what else can the club do to make you a better diver, friend, and overall a happier person. We are all looking for a better life, more money, diving more, working less and so on. The club can't help with all those items, but give us half a chance and we can certainly help you dive more, make more friends and even make more money by running dive trips, the only paying job at CFPD.

Come out to the next meeting on March 8th, make new friends, sign up for a dive trip or a social and learn more about making money the fun way!

Sea you down below,

Randy



VP Article

The following was excerpted from a letter written by an elderly lady to her friend:

Dear Bertha,

I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting in the yard and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with family and less time working.

Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experiences to savor, not to endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them. I'm not "saving" anything; we use the good china and crystal for everything.

"Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth doing or seeing, I want to do it or see it now.

I'm not sure what others would've done had they know they wouldn't be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted. I think they would have called family members and a few close friends. They might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles. I like to think they would go out for a Chinese dinner or for whatever their favorite food was.

It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew my hours were limited. I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, I thank God for the wake up call.

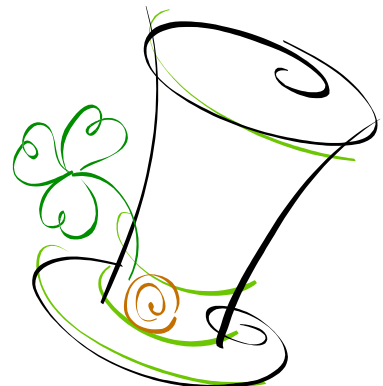
Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

What does this have to do with CFPD and diving? Just this; don't put off the next dive, get out there and join us for some fun.

See ya on the boat.

What do you get if you cross a skunk with a boomerang?

A nasty smell you can't get rid of



DIVE CHAIRMAN REPORT

February 10 provided us with a successful trip led by Larry Howland in Crystal River. Look elsewhere in the Scoop for details of the fun time had by CFPD divers. On February 17, Elke Beyer led a trip to the Living Seas at EPCOT and she didn't even go on the dive. Way to go, Elke.

On Friday, February 23rd, CFPD enjoyed a different kind of dive trip. Lee Carpenter, Elke Beyer, Bea Booskos, and Darryl Ricket attended the second annual LegaSea Gala hosted by the Cambrian Foundation. Guest of Honor and main speaker for this event was Jan Cousteau, who spoke about her history with the Cousteau family and the critical need for marine conservation and ecological measures that face the world today. Darryl Ricket won a trip for 2 to West Palm Beach which will be part of the prizes for the March 8 general membership meeting.



March 17, Randy Munro will head a trip to the wilds of New Smyrna Beach in search of the increasingly rare Florida lobster. As the season nears its end, this will be one your last chances to nab a savory delicacy.

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. Of course, in May, we return to 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.

What did the big fish say to the little fish?

I'm bigger than you.

See ya on the boat.

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

General Meeting 02/08/07

50/50: Joan Heinman \$27

George McGuire: Sea Of Cortez Presentation

Horseback Riding had to be rescheduled. Date TBD, maybe 03/31?

New member: Jim Wagner



Board Meeting 02/15/07

\$13K in Money Market

\$5K in checking account

Darryl requested a written report on this from Treasurer.

* Elke presented a modified club logo. Motion had been made to use the new logo and new vendor "Embroidery Solutions" for future orders.

* Art has 6 calendars left. He is going to send one to each of the dive shops on our new membership card except Divers Direct. (There are 7 shops on the card but we only have 6 calendars.)

* A trip planning meeting will be held on April 12th.

* Sam plans to take a group to "Menopause, The Musical" on April 14th.

* Art is going to have a speaker from DAN at the meeting on March 8th.

* Horseback riding is rescheduled to March 31st. If Elke can't participate, Lee will lead the group.

* Lee said that at this time there is not enough interest from the dive shops to participate in a garage sale. The garage sale will not be held.

* Articles for the March Scoop are due on Feb 24th.

March board meeting: March 15th at Panera Bread on 434 in Longwood. Joan will reserve the room.

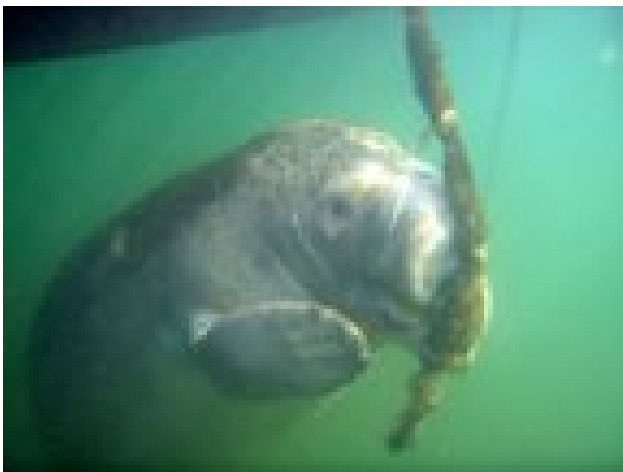
End of Minutes

CFPD went “Snorkeling with the Manatees”

February 10, 2007

Everyone was at the dive shop prior to 8AM. As the Dive Shop had several manatee boats going out at once, they seemed to be overwhelmed at first but managed to coordinate all trips without mass confusion. It was a chilly 53F when we arrived but warmed up quickly into the 60's.

The Captain was relatively young but knew what he was doing and was quite informative about the manatees and what to do and not to do (so that no-one was fined - HEAVILY). He was also quite comical about alligators in the area and informed us as to how to take off our wet suits, roll them up and then push them away from the alligator as if any of the suits were their rentals they didn't want any holes in them. They've been doing tours for 29 years and have not had a gator problem as of YET.



Everyone seemed to have a good time and all had a chance to scratch manatee(s), some even were able to scratch a baby. Some of us saw the very large fish (I forgot their name) that the Captain talked about.

All were back on the boat about a half hour before we were to head back towards the dock and it was still a little chilly - especially as we were all wet - NO dry water that day!

We talked about having lunch next to the dive shop but the Captain suggested against it. One couple had company coming and another had to be somewhere that

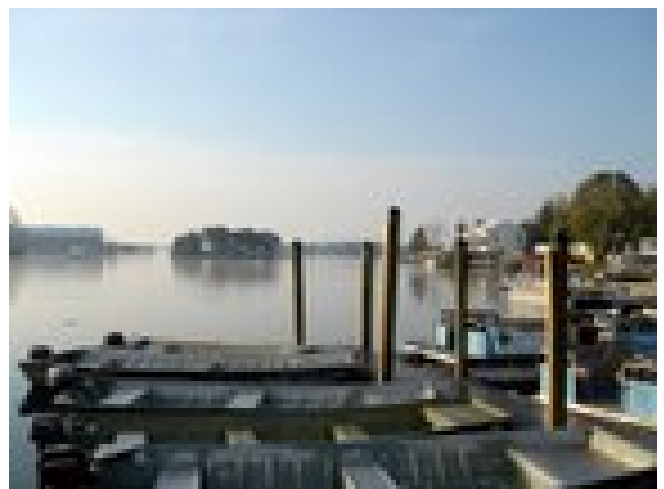
afternoon and I hung around the dive shop window-shopping for "stuff". They had pretty good prices on digital underwater cameras and were willing to work with the price a little. The Martin's and Bankston's went to a seafood place that the Captain recommended.

It was a long drive for most but the motel cost would have made the trip too expensive.

Although we had less than the 12 persons required to receive their discount, they placed a few more people on the boat and gave us the discount.

I even brought back all of the people that we left with!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Larry



All pictures by Brian Bankston

CFPD's invasion of the Living Seas

On February 17th a group of underwater explorers, commonly known as "divers" invaded once again the pristine waters of the aquarium at Epcot's Living Seas.

After a brief back stage tour by the water treatment facility and Ocean Conservancy office everybody signed their wavers and headed to the main event to gear up.

The water temperature was a balmy 78F, the visibility a mere 200ft and the seas 1 inch or less when Norm Donkersloot, Brian Bankston, Jamie and Wade Martin, Barbara Bourque and her



granddaughter Ashley Karlen, Margie Evans, Greg and Tina Rickman and Marshall Scribner plunged into the Dive Quest Experience.

It appeared that there were a bunch of new inhabitants in the tank since the last time we had been diving at Epcot. There were large schools of grunts, some senior turtles, one of which came from Australian waters, sting- and eagle rays and of course sandtiger and Caribbean reef sharks.



Joan Heinman and I stayed on the observation deck of the Living Seas to take a few pictures of the "critters" in the water. Oh, how much fun it was to listen to people's comments on the divers "Do you think they are cast members?" ... "Maybe they do maintenance in there ... " ... "Whhooooaaaa ... Dad, look at the divers" ... "That is so cool. That's what I want to do when I grow up!" Especially the kids were hilarious!!! And if just by watching us dive, they become more curious about the ocean and ocean conservancy I think it is well worth to jump into that tank.

Some of us went to the near by Orlando Ale House afterwards to reflect on the Epcot adventure and of course to make plans for future dives.

Although a date is not set yet we will definitely go back again. Let us know if you are at all interested in going and we will make it happen.

Thanks to all participants. You made this such a special event.

Elke



CFPD DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR 2007 cont'd

Trip Dates	Location	Coordinator/ Assistant	Phone	# of Di- vers	Price	Trip Opens
7/15/07	Lake Ridge Winery	TBD	TBD	Every body	TBD	TBD
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	TBD
8/5/07	Busch Gardens	TBD	TBD	Every body	TBD	TBD
8/9/06	General Meeting Photo Contest	Randy Munro	-	Every body	Free	
08/10 - 08/12	North Carolina	Elke Beyer		TBD	TBD	TBD
8/11/07	Lobster Dive	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	TBD
8/31/07	TGIF - West Palm Beach	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
09/01 - 09/06	Blackbeards Liveaboard	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
9/8/07	Dive Training	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
9/13/07	General Meeting	TBD	TBD	Every body	Free	

CFPD MARKETPLACE

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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.

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