



MARTIN DIVE CLUB News



October 2001

Phil Hampton's Bonaire Slide Show at Our October Meeting!

Come join your **MARTIN DIVE CLUB** friends at Johnny Rivers' Smokehouse restaurant on Tuesday, October 9th, to hear Phil Hampton present his photos of that legend of Caribbean diving, Bonaire. As usual, the gathering will kick off at 6:30 pm with socializing and happy hour.



This month we have the honor of a presentation by Phil Hampton on his trip to Bonaire earlier this year. Phil's a long-time **CLUB** member, seasoned diver (2000 dives! and 20 years of diving on Bonaire), and accomplished underwater photographer, as anyone who's competed against him in our Annual Photo Contest knows. He and Grace stayed at Divi Flamingo resort on the western shore of one of the best dive destinations in the Caribbean.

Phil will share his slides and his insight on photography and the Bonaire experience. You'll see angels, butterflies, seahorses, and frogfish!

At 7 pm, Johnny's will be serving a 'Gospel Feast' dinner for \$10 per person, including tax and tip. It is a platter of some of their favorites: spare rib, pulled pig, 1/4 chicken, bread, cole slaw, and baked beans. You can also order from the regular menu. Your drink orders will be handled separately; please pay your server accordingly.



The Smokehouse is located at 5370 W. Colonial Drive just east of Kirkman Road on the south side of the street. Telephone: (407) 293-5803.



A Bad Day at the Office?

President's Column

Hello Fellow Divers!

This past month we had an abbreviated **MDC** meeting in light of the events which occurred on September 11th. Our thoughts and our prayers go out to those persons and families who were impacted through the heartless acts of terrorism. May God bless America!

This month we welcome Phil Hampton with a slide presentation of his recent diving excursion to Bonaire. I am sure we all will be able to pick up some additional underwater photography tips!

Upcoming is the annual **MDC** road trip to Fantasy Fest in Key West with "Captain Mike" McCleskey from October 26th through October 28th! You can find additional details concerning **CLUB**-sponsored dive trips in this newsletter!

REMEMBER! The deadline for entering the Annual **MDC** Photo Contest is rapidly approaching! Photo entries must be submitted by the October 9th Dive Club meeting, which is the cut-off date. Entries will be reviewed by an independent judge with the results announced at our November 13th meeting. Look for Photo Contest Rules elsewhere in this newsletter.

Anyone interested in assisting the **CLUB** in preparing the photos for presentation in November or assisting in soliciting and obtaining appropriate prizes should please contact Mike McCleskey as soon as possible. Thanks!

In December, Marie Frank is hosting the **MDC** Holiday Party. This traditionally grand event will take place on December 9th. Look for a flyer in this newsletter.

Your officers will be meeting soon to prepare a new schedule for the upcoming dive season. You are invited to provide input on suggested destinations and dive sites. We are also always interested in related activities which the membership may be interested in attending such as picnics, local attractions, etc., and really welcome and request your thoughts! This is YOUR CLUB and your inputs really do matter!

Hope to see all of you at our next meeting on October 9th at Johnny Rivers' Smokehouse.

Bob Grapentine

Your Officers and Staff

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Come to Our Holiday Party!

*We will celebrate our annual Holiday Party
on Sunday, December 9th at Lee's Lakeside.*

Cost is \$25 per person.

For reservations and more info call Marie Frank at (407) 356-8256

*We will also have another exciting gift exchange. Each person
should bring a wrapped gift worth around \$10 (really!).*

Suggested gift items: fish or critter-related, SCUBA, or gag gift.

Hint: Give a gift you would like to receive.

*Our party will take place at Lee's Lakeside
on the south side of Lake Eola in downtown Orlando.*

This will be an entertaining and fun evening.

The party starts at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM

Call Marie early, attendance is limited!



Cozumel

August 30 - September 6, 2001

Diving and accommodations were excellent for our recent **MDC** trip. **Scuba Club Cozumel** gave us 5 days of perfect diving on their biggest dive boat (Reef Star) for our 17 divers and 3 non-divers. It made up for the problems we had with the airlines to and from Cozumel. **Scuba Club** furnished us with three dive masters and a crew, who when we got back on the boat and prepared for our second dive, would have the BC and regulator off and put on our new tank in minutes.

The food was great as usual at **Scuba Club**. We ate very well!

At night, we were fighting for a spot on the hammocks and/or night diving and seeing lots of sea life. On our day off before flying home, some of us went to Chichen-Itza, others went to Tulum, and some stayed at the resort and relaxed.

Our dive masters, crew, restaurant staff, and maids were excellent. We didn't want to leave!!!



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Our merry band was made up of:

Mark Du Biel
Tim Cole
Tatiana Tyler
Jim and Karen Streeter
Ralph and Gwen Rolape
Hayes Family (Dean, Shelley,
Nicholas & Joshua)
George and Pat McGuire
Bob and Linnea Knauer
Jeff Johnson
Ed Spiegel
Susan Rauckman
Teri Blase
Myself

Marie Frank
Trip Leader



MARTIN DIVE CLUB 'News'

Photo Contest Deadline at October Meeting

The **MDC** meeting on Tuesday, October 9th, will be the deadline for entries to this year's annual photo contest. So far, the entries are on the light side, so that increases everyone's chance of winning big, big prizes! As you can see from the Contest Rules, there is a category for everyone, ranging from above-water snapshots to serious underwater shooters. There is even a First Time Entry category.

As an added bonus this year, contestants will have the opportunity for their photos to be featured in the **CLUB's** first ever **MDC** calendar! Results will be presented and prizes awarded at the November 13th Club meeting. If you have any questions, or to enter your photos, contact Capt Mike, the "Camera Guy," at (407) 273-6655 (home) or (407) 808-6453 (days).

Mike McCleskey

Camera Guy



MDC Connections

We have a telephone voicemail account. Got a question about the **CLUB**? Want to let us know that you'll be attending a **CLUB** meeting? Just call (407) 306-5020 and leave a message!

Check out this newsletter on our **CLUB** home page at: <http://www.martindiveclub.org> or behind the Lockheed Martin firewall at: <http://wwwmis.orl.lmco.com:2424/mdc/mdchome.html>

Contest Rules

All contestants must be **CLUB** members in good standing as of the date of entry. Winners will be announced at the November **CLUB** meeting. Photos may be entered in the following categories:

Separate Print and Slide Categories

- 1a & 1b Underwater, normal or wide angle
- 2a & 2b Underwater, close-up and macro

Combined Print and Slide Categories

- 3 Underwater, fixed-focus (Ikelite AquaShot or similar)
- 4 Most unusual, unique subject matter
- 5 First-time entry
- 6 Above water, dive-related
- 7 Most likely to embarrass
- 8 Most interesting, having absolutely nothing to do with diving (the photo must include a **CLUB** member).

Entries must be submitted no later than the **CLUB meeting on the October 9th.**

Fine Print

A photo may be entered in only one category. Each contestant is limited to two photos per category, six photos for the contest. Any category with a single contestant will be eliminated. Photos must have been shot since September 30, 2000, by the contestant. Photos in categories 1 through 5 must be taken while snorkeling or scuba diving.

The contestant's name must not appear on the picture or slide. Photos may have titles. Photos will be returned the night of the awards. The decision of the judges is final.

Format Limitations

- Photos must be no larger than 5 by 7 inches (except for panoramic), unmatted and unframed.
- Photos may be cropped, but may not be digitally enhanced

Editor's Corner

Thanks for all your help. You've been great at getting articles to me by the 15th of the month. Please get them to me in one of the following ways:

- Call me at (407) 356-2290 and sneaker-net your text and graphics on disk to me at MP-031
- E-mail at work: william.paskert@lmco.com; or at home: wpaskert@cfl.rr.com
- Fax (please call before sending) at work: (407) 356-4694; or at home: (407) 678-5311.

Travel Advisory for Divers Regarding Checked Baggage

Divers who plan on traveling are encouraged to remember the increased safety measures now in place in all airports around the country, and especially more remote dive destinations. DAN members have already reported having dive knives, scuba tool kits, and personal items with sharp edges or points confiscated coming out of the Caribbean. Many of these items were in checked baggage, not carry-on items. Destinations outside of the United States may not have the same available resources to adequately enforce the new safety measures and over-compensate by confiscating anything sharp or anything they may consider to have weapons potential.

The use of caution and sound judgment in packing personal items is recommended to avoid delays and loss of personal property on both outgoing US flights and those coming in from our favorite dive destinations. It's probably better to go with the philosophy that in order to avoid delays and loss of personal property, if you're not sure, leave it at home!



Gwen Rolape

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Upcoming Events

- October 6 **Trip:** Jupiter Beach, George McGuire
- October 9 **Meeting:** Bonaire Photos, Phil Hampton
- October 26-28 **Trip:** Fantasy Fest, Mike McCleskey
- November 13 **Meeting:** Photo Contest, Mike McCleskey
- December 9 **Holiday Party:** Lee's Lakeside, Marie Frank