



# MARTIN DIVE CLUB

## News

June 2002



### Wreck Diving with Bill Shreve at the **Big Apple Buffet** in June!

Well, we've selected our new leadership for 2002 - 2003! They've got great plans for the coming year. We're starting off with a new location and a great presentation on Tuesday, June 11th.

Our June meeting will feature a great wreck diving program and a NEW LOCATION.

We'll be meeting at the Big Apple Buffet, which is located at 198 S. Semoran Blvd (SR 436) in Orlando [phone (407) 382-7220]. It's just north of SR 408 (the East-West Expressway) on the west side of SR 436, behind the Sonic Burger drive-in restaurant. It's in the old Holiday House location in the Royal Oak Village Plaza shopping center. The price is \$9.49 for the regular buffet (including sushi) and \$11.99 if you want crab legs, clams, and oysters. We will have a server for beverages, and they have a full bar. There are tons of things on the buffet - Mongolian barbecue, Oriental, fried chicken, and Italian, along with salads and dessert!



The evening's presentation will be about wreck diving and instruction by Bill Shreve, who manages Northwest Divers of Orlando. Formerly, he owned SCUBA III in Altamonte Springs. Bill's a Master Instructor with PADI, Dive Control Specialist Instructor with SSI, and course designer with the Handicapped SCUBA Association. He has certified over 1100 divers in his career.

We'll follow the usual schedule of gathering and mingling at 6:30, listening to our speaker at 7:00, and covering **CLUB** business at about 7:30 or so.



## President's Column

Hello Fellow Divers!!

In May, we welcomed Pam Saltman from Disney's Epcot Dive Quest and Dolphins in Depth. She gave us a great presentation.

This month I begin my role as President of the **MARTIN DIVE CLUB**. I want to thank Bob Grapentine for his great leadership as President. He has helped our **CLUB** tremendously the past 2 years!!

I will begin as President with Gwen Rolape as Vice President, Joanne Rowley as Secretary, and Ralph Rolape as Treasurer. Our three current Directors on our Board will carry on through the coming year - Dean Hayes, Ron Mann, and Jim Streeter. As out-going President, Bob Grapentine takes his role as Director at Large. And last, our Publicity Chairperson, Bill Paskert will continue producing our outstanding newsletter!!

Last month, some of us went to Ocean Fest at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea with Bill Paskert and Joanne Rowley. Also, Grace Hampton with our sister club, the KSC Barracudas, ran a trip to Little Cayman. This month, **MDC** will be going to Venice Beach and Bimini.

On a trial basis, we will be moving our next dive meeting, June 11, to Big Apple in Orlando. Please check out the directions given in the newsletter.

See you there!!!

*Marie Frank*

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### Terrorism | In Brief

#### FBI asks Florida dive shops about Mideast customers

Sarasota – FBI agents are canvassing dive shops in Florida, inquiring specifically about customers and students of Middle Eastern descent. The bureau, concerned that future terrorist attacks might come by sea, also is compiling a database of all the country's certified scuba divers. Agents are asking whether shops have any Middle Eastern students. On May 23, the FBI issued a warning that some terrorists had been seeking "an offensive scuba-diver capability."

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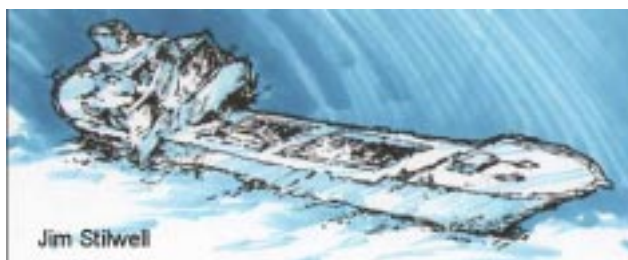


# Pompano Beach Dive, 27-28 July 2002

## Seahorse



Dive the Ft. Lauderdale area! Two coral reefs run parallel to the shore at depths of 40 and 60 feet. These reefs lie about a mile off shore. Ship wrecks lie between and beyond the reefs. Inhabitants include just about every fish and critter in Paul Humann's series of books. We will be diving from Seahorse Dive Boat (<http://www.diveseahorse.com/index.html>). Seahorse's Captain Mike's favorite reef dives are Crab Cove and the Sanctuary north of the Hillsboro Inlet and Anglin Reef, Mike's Twin Ledges, and the Pompano Drop Off south of the inlet. Captain Mike's favorite wreck dives are the Ancient Mariner (72 ft), the Mercedes (97 ft), the Captain Dan (110 ft), and the Rodeo 25 (130 ft).



The Seahorse Dive Boat operates from the Ocean Beach Resort (formerly the Holiday Inn) in Pompano Beach, which could hardly be more convenient. The Resort straddles A1A, one part of it is on the Atlantic Ocean and the other on the Intracoastal Waterway.

We plan to do a 2-tank dive on Saturday afternoon, 27 July (boat leaves at 2:00 p.m.). That evening we will also do a 1-tank night dive (6:00 p.m.). The next morning we will do another 2-tank dive (9:00 a.m.).

The weekend will cost no more than \$200/diver, double occupancy, including taxes and boat crew

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tips. The price will drop somewhat if at least 11 people sign up. (If at least 18 people sign up we will be able to charter the boat for our exclusive use.) There can also be a price reduction if there are more than two people in a hotel room. The non-diver charge is \$85 for their accommodations (double occupancy) plus whatever the boat charges for them to ride along. If we have enough divers to charter the boat, non-divers will be able to ride along free on a space-available basis.

The price does not include tanks. Rental tanks are available through the dive boat. Note: According to the dive boat operator, getting our own tanks filled on Saturday between the time the boat returns from the afternoon dive and its departure for the evening dive may present a time challenge. Getting the tanks filled on Sunday morning before departure for the morning dive should not be a problem because the local dive shop opens an hour before boat departure.

***The deadline for the \$100 deposit has been extended to our June meeting.*** Checks should be made out to:

George G. McGuire  
9811 Lake Georgia Dr  
Orlando FL 32817  
(407) 677-4242  
[geopatmcghsd@earthlink.net](mailto:geopatmcghsd@earthlink.net).

When the deposit is made, please state with whom and how many will be sharing a room. Also, please state your intentions concerning tanks - plan to bring your own or rent; air or nitrox.

## Lauderdale-by-the-Sea

We had a fun weekend in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea (LBTS). Ocean Fest had a lot going on, and the Tropic Ranch Resort was just great. Our congenial crew consisted of Chuck Brown, Tim Cole, Marie Frank, Mike and Joe Gracey, Gwen and Ralph Rolape, Audrey and Mark Troilo, Al and Nancy Wileden, and Joanne Rowley and Bill Paskert.



We had breakfast stuff on the picnic tables on the patio on Saturday and Sunday morning and a fried chicken dinner Saturday evening. Saturday morning after breakfast, we had a meeting to cover the rules and some tips on beach diving at LBTS. Diving from the beach, left the dive schedule pretty much up to everyone's own interests. The land-side highlight had to be witnessing a loggerhead turtle lay her eggs and return to the sea.

At Ocean Fest 2002, five giant tents housed the largest dive trade show that South Florida has ever seen. Over 200 exhibitors from all areas of diving and related industries displayed and demonstrated the latest equipment, dive destinations, accessories, and much more! In addition to the dive exhibits, there were food vendors featuring Bahamian- and Caribbean-style delicacies as well as other mouth-watering seafood delight and beverage vendors. Music and free seminars provided hours of entertainment and education.

*Bill Paskert*



# Dive Experiences at Disney: Dive Diva Pam Saltman at Our May Meeting!

You can dive in an aquarium and earn your mouse ears by starring in the six-million-gallon Disney production:  
**Epcot DiveQuest**  
and

## Disney's Dolphins in Depth

Pam has been a dive master and educator for 3 years and will be talking about Dive Quest and Disney's Dolphins in Depth orientation. She has logged over 2500 dives in her 7 years in the sport. Pam's presentation was very entertaining and informative. She told us about both activities at Disney and that they are non-profit. The proceeds go to the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund. The Living Seas operation often works in coordination with Sea World in helping creatures in our marine environment.

The Living Seas attraction was opened in 1986 as one of the largest marine aquariums in the world. Its main space is 200 feet in diameter and 25 feet deep. It offers 60 windows to observers around its perimeter in various viewing areas. Its underwater climate is maintained at 76°F and is filtered at a rate of 35,000 gallons per minute. Its inhabitants include brown and black nose sharks, green sea turtles, three types of rays, and a wide variety of reef-dwelling fish. Pam said that they don't keep crustaceans or invertebrates because they tend to get lost or eaten.



DiveQuest, The Ultimate Dive, takes place in a 6-million gallon indoor aquarium with more than 65 species of marine life, including sharks, turtles, eagle rays, and diverse tropical fish. The dive offers guaranteed calm seas, no current, unlimited visibility, incredible marine life, and bright coral structures. The origins of DiveQuest were informal accommodation of employees' friends and families.



Disney's Dolphins in Depth, a 3 1/2 hour program, is an in-depth, behind-the-scenes experience to learn more about the dolphins and research at The Living Seas, as well as to increase awareness and appreciation for their counterparts in the wild. The program educates guests with valuable information that will provide better understanding and heightened appreciation for these marvelous creatures.

### 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 all the great dive information on our **CLUB** home page at: <http://www.martindiveclub.org>.

### 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](mailto:william.paskert@lmco.com); or at home: [wpaskert@cfl.rr.com](mailto:wpaskert@cfl.rr.com)
- Fax (please call before sending) at work: (407) 356-4694; or at home: (407) 678-5311.

## Shark Test

*Submitted by Susan Barton Morrison*

I found this diver's shark test for my husband and he scored quite well. I thought some of the members might find it informative. The URL is <http://www.skin-diver.com/online/Quizzes/SharkQuiz.asp>

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## Fantasy Fest Filling Fast

The annual **MDC** trip to Key West for Fantasy Fest is over half sold out! The trip includes two nights at the Sugarloaf Lodge and more fun than you may admit to after you return from the streets of Key West. Fantasy Fest will be October 25 - 27 this year. The cost is \$160 and a deposit of \$50 will hold your spot. For more information contact me at (407) 273-6655 or [mikemcc@netwide.net](mailto:mikemcc@netwide.net).

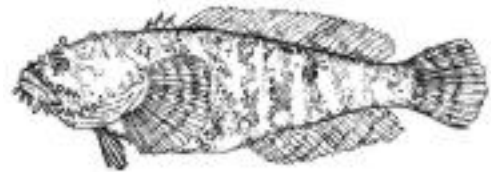
*Mike McCleskey*



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## Take The Sting Out of Your Next Vacation with Safe Sea

The **CLUB** added a new item to its medical kit. We bought a bottle of Safe Sea™ at Ocean Fest. It's the world's first and only lotion developed to PREVENT the sting of sea lice (sea bather's eruption), sea nettle, most jellyfish, and even stinging corals. We got it in one of the two sunscreen formulas, so you get two benefits in one non-greasy lotion. Its dermatologist tested to be gentle to the skin.



## Upcoming Events

June 7-9 **Dive Trip**: Venice Shark Teeth, Jim & Karen Streeter

June 11 **Meeting**: Wreck Diving, Bill Shreve **NEW LOCATION**

June 30 - July 6 **Dive Trip**: Bimini, Marie Frank

July 9 **Meeting**: TBD