



# LOCKHEED MARTIN DIVE CLUB

## News

October 2007



### October Meeting

## 2008 Activity Planning

Our October 9th meeting will focus on the plans for our activities coming up in 2008. Please come and help us develop our most interesting and comprehensive array of diving opportunities.

The initial calendar from a preliminary planning meeting will be available. And since our Activity Committee Chairman, George McGuire, won't be at the October meeting, President Cherie Berry will lead the discussion about 2008 plans.

In addition to the Activity planning, Chuck Brown will show us a video he produced from the September Rainbow River trip.

We'll be gathering at around 6:30 p.m., with the evening's presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. Afterwards, at about 7:30, we hold our "formal" meeting covering **CLUB** business and member trip reports, followed by our great door prizes.



The meeting will be at Joe's Crab Shack, which is located at 4601 South Semoran Boulevard in Orlando [phone (407) 658-9299]. It's south of SR 408 (the East-West

### Shirts, Shirts, and More Shirts

Hello Dive Enthusiasts,

It will soon be Fall, so "Show off your Colors" with a **Lockheed Martin Dive Club** polo shirt, T-shirt, or tank top. Our stock of these shirts is running a little low, so I am in the process of getting some new ones made. So that I get the right size and color ordered, let me know what you would like and we'll make sure we get it for you.

The attached photo shows the polo shirt with the **Club** logo embroidered on it; the T's and tanks will have the logo screen printed on front and back, so other divers will know you are a diver from the best club in the South, both coming and going!



Please let me know via email or phone what you would like, and I'll get the order going. Let me know size, color, quantity, and women's or men's style on the polos.

Polos: \$25 each; color: grey, stone (shown) or court green

T's: \$13 each; color: grey, white

Tanks: \$10 each; color: white

Contact me at [al.f.wileden@lmco.com](mailto:al.f.wileden@lmco.com) or [fwileden@cfl.rr.com](mailto:fwileden@cfl.rr.com); or phone: (407) 356-8954 office or (407) 971-8525 home.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

*Al Wileden*  
Merchandise Chairman

## President's Column

Dear Dive **Club** Members,

As you may have noticed, we have several Board Members who are filling multiple roles to help support our **Club**. While some of these multiple roles are not difficult to juggle, others are a stretch for our resources.

We need some members to step up and help with leading our **Club**; we especially need someone with experience in Microsoft Access to take on the Treasurer and Membership Chair roles so that Wendy can take the role of Meeting Chair, which is very important to our continued success by having great meeting speakers.

Please help your **Club** - volunteer to be considered for one of the open positions.

Also, don't forget to come out to our next meeting and bring all your diving location desires to help us plan a great diving season for 2008!

Sincerely,  
Your President,  
*Cherie Berry*



**Save This Date!**

**Sunday, December 2nd**

## **Dinner and "Famous Ocean-Gift Exchange"**

Exciting details are being worked out, but you won't want to miss our Annual Holiday Party. Long-time members are already shopping for their \$10 ocean-, sea-, or fish-related gift exchange item!

We are working on a reasonably priced meal (\$25 to \$30) at a new location with a private room and lots of space for our gift exchange and mingling. You will definitely want to attend this festive and fun-filled evening!

*Wendy McCleskey*



## Your Officers and Staff

President <b>Cherie Berry</b> (407) 306-5919	<b>Committee Chairs</b>
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# 2007 Activities

Below is information on several of our planned activities. Please refer to the following schedule and trip flyers for further details.

## **Palm Beach Drift and Muck (Shore) Dive, October 20**

Sigornee Colby has put together an interesting day for us. We'll start the day with a morning 2-tank boat dive with Walker's Dive Charters out of North Palm Beach Marina. This will be followed with a 'bring-your-own' picnic at Phil Foster County Park and then a muck dive beneath the Blue Heron Boulevard Bridge.

For more information, contact Sigornee at 407-948-5010.

## **Snorkel with the Manatees, November 10-11**

This was such a popular experience earlier this year that Mike McCleskey is taking us back again. Please see the ad in this issue of the newsletter.

**NOTE DATE CHANGE.** For more information, contact Mike at 407-808-6453.

## **Dive Planning for 2008**

Please send me your ideas for dive activities in 2008, [geopatmcg@embarqmail.com](mailto:geopatmcg@embarqmail.com). Sending me your ideas does not mean you are volunteering to be a coordinator, although we need trip coordinators. If you would like to be a coordinator, please say so.

There are a couple of nice benefits: you get to run the trip your way within our guidelines, and you go for half-price.

## **Hunt for Lemon Sharks, January 5**

Every year lemon sharks allegedly congregate off Jupiter. Every year I go hunting for them. I've yet to see one. I think they're kin to the Loch Ness monster. But people insist they really are there and show me pictures. So, I'll try again on the first Saturday afternoon in January.

For more information, contact George McGuire at 407-677-4242.

## **Cozumel, June 7 - 14**

Seven nights, five days of 2-tank boat dives, unlimited shore diving, and all meals at the ever popular Scuba Club Cozumel. Based on 12 divers the price will be \$855 each, double occupancy. This does not include airfare.

The airfare is not included because there is no cost benefit from doing so, and there are multiple advantages to allowing people to make their own flight arrangements; these include the possibility to use frequent flyer miles, the ability to fly from airports other than Orlando, and the ability to charge the flight to your credit card.

For more information, contact George McGuire at 407-677-4242.

*George McGuire*  
Activity Chairman

## **Lockheed Martin Dive Club 2007 Activity Schedule**

Date	Event	Contact	Participants	Deposit Amount	Cut-off Date	Total Cost
Oct 20 Saturday	<b>Palm Beach drift &amp; muck dive</b> <a href="mailto:Sigornee@hbwalkerinc.com">Sigornee@hbwalkerinc.com</a>	Sigornee Colby 407-948-5010	8-20	\$30	Oct 9 <b>see ad</b>	\$60
Oct 26-28	<b>Fantasy Fest, Key West</b> <a href="mailto:mike.mccleskey@e-components.com">mike.mccleskey@e-components.com</a>	Mike McCleskey 407-808-6453	20	\$90	Sep 15	\$190
Nov 10-11	<b>Snorkel with the Manatees</b> <a href="mailto:mike.mccleskey@e-components.com">mike.mccleskey@e-components.com</a>	Mike McCleskey 407-808-6453	12	\$90	Oct 15 <b>see ad</b>	\$90
Dec 2 Sunday	<b>Holiday Party</b> <a href="mailto:wendy@maid4u.net">wendy@maid4u.net</a>	Wendy McCleskey 407-273-6655	40	\$25	Nov 13	\$25 est

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Jan 5 Saturday	<b>Lemon shark hunt, Jupiter</b> <a href="mailto:geopatmcg@embarqmail.com">geopatmcg@embarqmail.com</a>	George McGuire 407-677-4242	8	\$50	TBD	TBD
Jun 7 - 14	<b>Cozumel</b> Note: the price does not include airfare <a href="mailto:geopatmcg@embarqmail.com">geopatmcg@embarqmail.com</a>	George McGuire 407-677-4242	12	\$150	Mar 31	\$855

# Palm Beach Dive Adventure

Saturday, October 20, 2007

*First*, a two-tank boat dive with Walker's Dive Charters ([www.walkersdivecharters.com](http://www.walkersdivecharters.com)). We expect to dive Governor's Walk (a wreck field with five scuttled ships) and North Double Ledge (a deep reef). Both dives will be in the 80-90 foot range and some current is usual.



Governor's Walk: Heidi Camarillo - ggm

Cost: \$60 includes the boat trip, but it does not include crew tip, tanks, or weights. Bring your own tanks or rent from Walkers: air \$7/tank, nitrox \$14/tank. All prices include tax. You will need to be at the North Palm Beach Marina by 7:30 a.m. The marina is about a 3 hour drive from Orlando; it has a nice shower and changing facility.

*Second*, after the morning dive, we will gather at Phil Foster County Park ([www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/parks/philfoster/aboutphilfoster.htm](http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/parks/philfoster/aboutphilfoster.htm))



North Double Ledge: common octopus (octopus vulgaris) - ggm

for a picnic. There's no charge for this, but you must bring your own food and drink (no alcohol is allowed in the park).



*Third*, about 3:30 p.m. (high tide is expected around 4:00 p.m.), we will enter the water beneath the Blue Heron Blvd. Bridge for a muck dive to see what interesting creatures we can find. Maximum depth is expected to be between 15 and 20 feet, and the dive will last about an hour or until the tide starts to flow out. You will need to provide your own tank. Tanks can be rented from the nearby Force-E dive shop for about \$10/tank, plus tax. Please tell me if you plan to rent a tank from Force-E so that I can reserve an adequate number of tanks; you will pay Force-E directly.



Deposit: \$30 for the boat dive due at sign-up; balance due by the **Club** meeting on October 9. Make your checks payable to me.

For the picnic and/or Blue Heron Bridge dive, let me know. Participation in the boat dive is not a requirement, but let me know you plan to attend.

Contact: Sigornee Colby  
923 W. Princeton St.  
Orlando, FL 32804  
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## October Meeting

# Cayman Aggressor Chuck Brown & Terry Keeney

Our September 11th meeting featured a video presentation by **LMDC** member Chuck Brown and Kennedy Space Center Barracudas member Terry Keeney. The subject of the video was their June voyage to the Cayman Islands with the **Club** on the Cayman Aggressor IV.

The Cayman Islands are 630 miles due south of Orlando in the Caribbean Sea. Hurricane Ivan made a direct hit on the Island of Grand Cayman in 2004 and devastated the terrestrial zone of the island. Some mangroves and a few palm trees are the only living things more than 6 feet off the ground. The restaurant at the airport still hasn't reopened but other enterprises are back to business as usual.

Fortunately for divers, the reef fared much better. Turtles, rays, grouper, and many other sea creatures still call the Cayman Islands home. The reef inhabitants were captured in video and still images and set to music by Chuck and Terry. During



the course of their week-long voyage, they plied the waters from Seven Mile Beach, around to the North side, and out to the East End. Because of weather concerns, they didn't make it to Little Cayman or Cayman Brac.

The trip had a bit of an unusual twist that went something like this . . .

“The Cayman Islands. A place once known for pirates and uncharted reefs. These islands are home to spectacular sea life, wrecked ships, and jagged underwater reefs. On June 9th, 2007, eighteen hardy travelers were stranded off the Grand Cayman coast on the dive ship Cayman Aggressor IV. 8 days. 18 people. One survivor.”



### LMDC 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: [www.martindiveclub.org](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-93
- 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)

## Rainbow River Dive Trip

The Rainbow River trip was great. Everything went as planned, we enjoyed a relaxing drift dive in a 1-knot current down the Rainbow River spring system. Mike, Wendy, and Torey McCleskey; Jim and Patsy Kennedy; Chuck Brown; Terry Keeney; Mark Kishlock; and Bill Barney attended. Kim Cole lead the drift dive, and Gene Condon made sure no one stayed behind.



*Gene and Terry in a View from a Spring*

Photo by Chuck



*Gar*

Photo by Jim

Jim and Chuck took pictures; the great variety of scenery offered many photo ops. Small fish like to munch the algae stirred up by the sand boils - Mike and Torey had them eating out of their hands. We also ran across about a dozen gars at Gar Hole.

The boat ride was 20 minutes, and the drift back was 1 hour and 40 minutes. The water was a crisp 72 degrees, and the maximum water depth was 22 feet.

We returned to the park, where Gene got the BBQ underway. Great dive, good food, and back in Orlando by 5 p.m. A nice way to spend a Saturday!

*Kim and Gene*



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## Upcoming Events

Oct 9 **Meeting:** 2008 Activity Planning

Oct 20 **Trip:** Palm Beach - Sigornee Colby

Oct 26-29 **Trip:** Fantasy Fest - Mike McCleskey; **LAST CALL: CONTACT MIKE ASAP: (407) 808-MIKE**

Nov 10-11 **Trip:** Manatees - Mike McCleskey

Nov 13 **Meeting:** South Pacific - Stasiks

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