



# LOCKHEED MARTIN DIVE CLUB

## News

August 2009



### August Meeting

## Photo Contest Plans - Art Beaulieu



Come to our monthly meeting, next Tuesday, August 11th, to hear **Club** member and professional photographer Art Beaulieu show us the plans for our upcoming Photo Contest.



Art has organized a great process for members to select their entries best suited to the contest categories and have them evaluated by a panel of distinguished photo judges.

Come join the contest. Check out the diving photos you've taken recently, pick out the best, and submit them to Art. Yours could be winners like these.

Art

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We'll be gathering at 6:30 p.m., with the evening's presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. Afterwards, 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 Expressway) on the east side of SR 436, between Pershing and Gatlin.

## President's Column

Hello Fellow Dive Enthusiasts,

I'm sure many of our members are actively diving and enjoying the summer season ahead of the more turbulent hurricane season approaching. The good news is that they are predicting fewer hurricanes than average, so we can hope to enjoy our activities with fewer interruptions.

I special 'Thank You' to Art Beaulieu for all his hard work this past month organizing the Photo Contest and the time he has taken to find us professional photographers to judge, along with the presentation this coming Tuesday. The Board will announce prizes at the General Meeting this week, so dig out your photos, read the rules, and get your submissions in, I look forward to seeing entries from all abilities!

No one has come forward to offer support for Activity Chair or the Meeting Chair at this time. As you all know, these are the two critical teams for organizing events for the **Club**; while your Board of Director's can help, we need volunteers to help manage activities over the coming year. Please, please, if you feel you can offer even limited help to the **Club**, contact any Board member and discuss ideas for getting us out diving.

Dive organizers can start with simple, single-day dives, easy to put together, with minimal cost; it's just a few phone calls and a great day out! We need your involvement to keep the **Club** active!.

Lets go dive!

*Stuart Gibson*



## Your Club Leadership

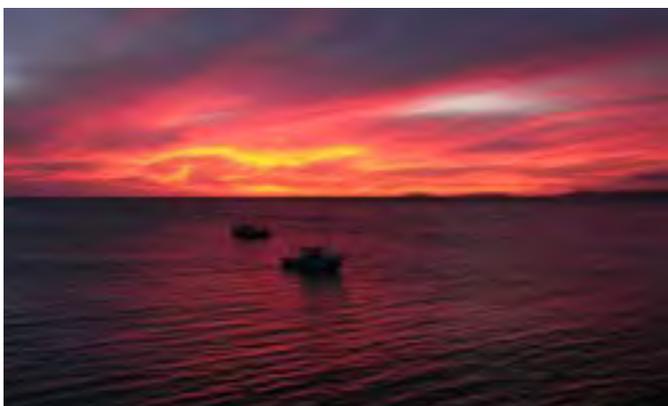
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## Lockheed Martin Dive Club 2009 Activity Schedule

Date	Event	Contact	Partic- ipants	Deposit Amount	Cut- off Date	Total Cost
Aug	West Palm or Venice Beach	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sep	Rainbow River	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sep 26 - Oct 3	Bonaire I (one week) – Two openings	Max Farley - KSC* 321-452-1435 maxfarley@cfl.rr.com	16	\$300 Now	Jul 1	\$1500
Sep 26 - Oct 10	Bonaire II (two weeks) – Full, but accepting backups	Max Farley - KSC*	8	\$450 Now	Jul 1	\$2250
Oct 30 - Nov 1	Fantasy Fest	Mike McCleskey 407-808-6453	20	\$100	Sep 15	\$220
Nov 13 - 15	Aquarium Tour – Mote Marine Aquarium in Sarasota and Florida Aquarium in Tampa	Bill Paskert 407-356-2290	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dec 6	Holiday Party	Cherie Jarvis 407-760-0906	40	\$0	Nov 29	\$25 est

\* The KSC Barracudas is our sister club. We can participate in their activities on par with their members and they in ours. For more information on dive trips by the KSC Barracudas, please see their website:  
<http://www.mindspring.com/~cudas/home.html>

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## July Meeting

### Similan National Park and Beyond - George McGuire

At our July 14th meeting, long-time **Club** member and world traveler George McGuire described his most recent big adventure.



White collar butterflyfish



Titan triggerfish

A few months ago he spent a month in Thailand. During that time, he spent almost a week on a live-aboard dive boat in Thailand's Similan National Park. The rest of the time was spent in traveling throughout the country.



Dive boat "Tapana"

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Painted frogfish



Banded sea krait

His diving pictures include a banded sea krait, a zebra shark, swimming with sea turtles, and ghost pipefish. His above-water experiences encompassed ancient temples, dancing girls, dancing elephants, long-neck women, and tiger petting.



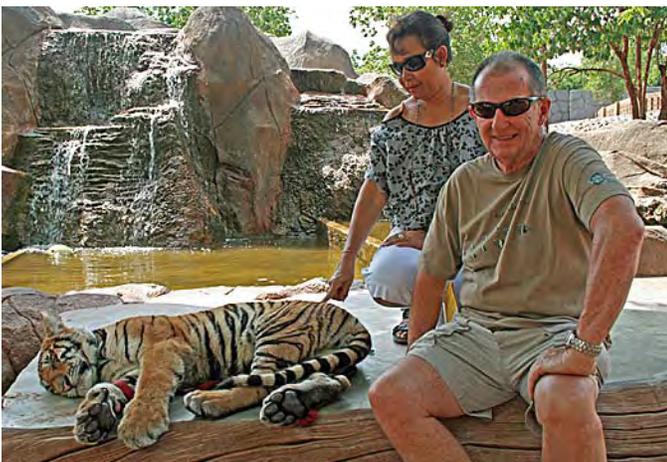
Orangespine unicornfish



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**Divers And Boats Aren't Mixing Well in Florida:**

Even with "diver down" flags in the water, there has been a spate of boats striking divers and snorkelers in Florida waters this year, leading to injuries, amputations and deaths. Ironically, the most recent incidents happened after Governor Charlie Crist issued Dive Flag Awareness Week on June 27-July 3 (that event was initiated by Florida divers after Rob Murphy, 30, lost both legs from a hit-and-run boat while diving near Sandsprit Park on January 10). On July 5, Rudy Perez, 43, and his 15-year-old son, Christian, were snorkeling off Hollywood Beach when a 25-foot speedboat named "Karma" ignored their dive flag and slammed into them, pushing Christian under the boat. The driver only said sorry and took off. Luckily, neither dad nor son was badly injured. On July 18, Charles Sheppard, 60, died after being cut by the propeller of a pontoon boat's outboard motor. The schoolteacher was snorkeling for scallops off Dixie County's coastline. On July 30, Norman Williams Jr., 60, suffered fatal head injuries when he was hit by a boat driven by another diver, four miles northeast of Key West. According to a spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Williams apparently surfaced "well beyond the 300-foot limit of his boat's dive flag . . . His air-tank hoses were cut , so we don't know if he was out of air before then."



**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)

[undercurrent.org](http://undercurrent.org)

**Attack Of The Humboldt Squid:** Divers in San Diego report far more sightings of the squid than normal, and that they're unusually aggressive. Shanda Magill was doing a night dive near La Jolla on July 15, when, "all of a sudden, from behind, I got hit really hard," she told NBC News. "The Humboldt grabbed my inflator hose, yanked it backwards and pulled me down . . . he gave me a good scare." University of Rhode Island biologist Brad Seibel is annoyed by media reports about the "aggressive man-eaters." After diving with Humboldts in the Gulf of California, he says they were frightened of his dive light but curious about other lights, like reflections off his metal gear and a glow-in-the-dark tool, which one squid briefly attacked. "I didn't get the sense that they saw the entire diver as a food item, but they were definitely going after pieces of our equipment." For divers in the Humboldt's ter-



*Adult Humboldt squid typically are 5 feet long and can weigh up to 100 pounds.*

NFMS via AP

ritory of Southern California and the Gulf of California, Seibel recommends carrying a backup dive light and being tethered to a boat.

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## Upcoming Events

August 11 **Meeting:** Photo Contest - Art Beaulieu

September 8 **Meeting:** Safety and Training - Kim Cole