



MARTIN DIVE CLUB

News

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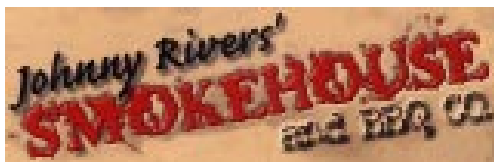
Greet Your New Officers at Our July Meeting!

Come join your **MARTIN DIVE CLUB** friends at Johnny Rivers' Smokehouse restaurant on Tuesday, July 11th. As usual, the gathering will kick off at 6:30 with socializing and drinks.

Last month's meeting was exciting and dramatic, what with all the campaigning for the various elected positions. Our outgoing president, Mark DuBiel, lead us through a slightly chaotic process of cajoling, arm twisting, begging (not really), and voting to

arrive at the slate of leaders shown on page 2 of this edition. Here's your chance to talk to the folks who will shape the coming dive year.

At 7 pm, Johnny's will be serving a 'Gospel Feast' dinner for our crew for \$10 per person, including tax and tip. You will be served a platter of some of our favorites: spare rib, pulled pig, 1/4 chicken, bread, cole slaw, and baked beans. Your drink orders will be handled separately, please pay as you go. Drinks are at happy hour prices until 7 pm.



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.

This Just In: Dive Trip to Cozumel in the Works

A week at Scuba Club Cozumel

October 21 through 28

5 days of 2-tank boat dives, unlimited shore diving

Great accommodations and all meals included

Includes air fare from Miami

*Less than \$1000, contact Bill Paskert at
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Message from Our President

Greetings Fellow Divers!

We had a great meeting and a super turnout last month! The food was delicious and the discussion lively.

The members present elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. And here's a first, there were no less than four hats in the ring for vice president. Please join me in congratulating Marie Frank in that position, Jim Streeter continues as treasurer, and Joanne Rowley joins as secretary.

I would like to thank Mark DuBiel and his officers for all of their hard work and dedication in doing a terrific job last year.

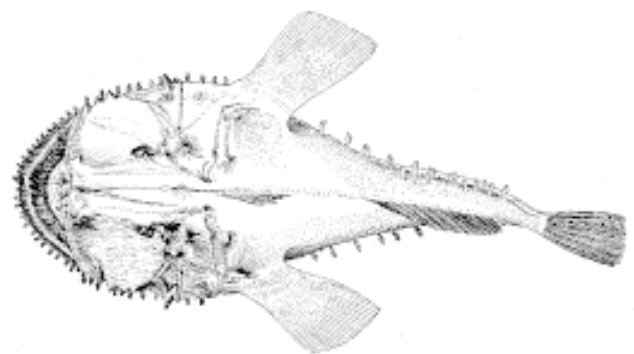
It is my intent to focus on increased member participation and to survey the members' preference for feedback and direction. Depending on interest, I would like to start having monthly 15- to 20-minute pre-meetings to focus on specific topics relating to diving or underwater photography. I would like to see us schedule at least one meeting or activity with both the KSC Barracuda and Blue Dolphin clubs.

Ultimately, I would like to see our **CLUB** membership grow and to build up the treasury with fundraisers.

Your officers, board of directors, committee chairpersons, and I thank you for your support and are looking forward to a great year!

See you at Johnny Rivers on the 11th!

Bob Grapentine



Goosefish

Your Officers and Staff

President Bob Grapentine	(407) 306-6914	Activity Chairperson Mike McCleskey	(407) 273-6655
Vice President Marie Frank	(407) 356-8256	Meeting Chairperson Karen Streeter	(407) 351-1514
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MDC Does Ocean Fest

Where can you see all the latest diving toys in one place? Ocean Fest 2000 of course! Seven determined **Club** members decided to check out the festivities this year at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. The adventurers included Bill Paskert, Joanne Rowley, Chuck Brown, Fred Sittler, Mike McCleskey, Mike Frank, and Mark DuBiel.



In typical Ocean Fest fashion, the weather refused to cooperate, and very little diving was done. Surf was WAY up, and visibility was tempered, like the label on your mask. Rumor has it that Chuck snuck in a boat dive, but that was it. Even the beach activities were cancelled. No Coast Guard demos, no treasure hunt, not even the world's largest Dive In! Sounds pretty disappointing, but au contraire!



ScubaRadio's Diver Dick and Jean Michel Cousteau



Jean-Michel Cousteau and 'the mermaid'

When you hang with Greg Holt and the gang from ScubaRadio, there's never a dull moment. We talked with Jean-Michel Cousteau about freeing Willy, chatted with the new Mrs. Florida, and whispered with the wild woman of Weeki-Watchee. When was the last time you talked with a mermaid? There were also some awesome presentations, complete with slide shows. "Big John" McLaughlin shared his stories of filming the James Bond movies. Al Hornsby, the editor of Skin Diver Magazine, showed us his best shots of Palau and Truk Lagoon.



Mark 'Forrest Gump' DuBiel, 'the mermaid,' and Mrs. Florida

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We can't thank ScubaRadio enough for supplying festival passes for our crew and getting us discounted rooms at the Clarion Beach Resort. For those of us who distributed the sound systems and manned the ScubaRadio booth, Greg even threw in a complimentary dive with the South Florida Dive Headquarters. Stay tuned for next month's report on the Aqua Zoo!

Mark DuBiel



Just last month you read about the 'Dan the SafetyMan Mascot.' Look who was working the crowd at Ocean Fest. Here with our new Secretary, Joanne Rowley



Jean-Michel Cousteau, event organizer Neal Watson, and ScubaRadio's Greg the Divemaster



So, what's the magic of the mermaids? Your investigative reporter get's 'the rest of the story'



Sunday afternoon a fantastic double rainbow appeared over the Atlantic just after the fleet of Tall Ships sailed north to New York Harbor for the 4th of July celebration

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Clean Reefs and Beaches Worldwide

The first annual Dive In To Earth Day, held April 16-22, encouraged the public to participate in Earth Day activities that focused on marine themes, such as underwater clean-ups, coral reef and fish surveys, beach clean-ups and installing artificial reefs. Approximately 1,635 divers took up the Dive In challenge by diving into the underwater world and doing something beneficial for the environment. Over 2,500 other participants teamed-up to build artificial reefs, remove debris from beaches and shores, and operate booths at local Earth Day fairs to remind the general public that over 70% of the Earth is covered by water - a valuable resource that needs to be conserved. Overall, Dive In To Earth Day activities took place in 37 countries and volunteers removed at least 35,000 pounds of trash from marine and shoreline areas. Given the success of this first year, Dive In To Earth Day is expected to grow in popularity among divers and the dive industry for years to come.



Check Out the Online Version of the *MDC* News

For all of you with Internet connections, we publish this newsletter on the World Wide Web. You can view it if you have an Internet connection and a current Web browser. See it on our **CLUB** home page at:

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“It is surprising just how much trash and debris can be hidden under such seemingly peaceful and serene waters,” said Kevin Parkhurst of the Moss Bay Diving Association. “Let’s hope that the general population will sit up and take notice of the environmental problems below.”

Earth Day, held annually on April 22, celebrated its 30th anniversary this year with over 500 million people participating, according to Earth Day Network organizers. This year’s Earth Day 2000 theme, “Clean Energy Now!” encouraged the public and governments throughout the world to support clean energy sources, such as wind and solar power, while reducing energy use, most of which is derived from fossil fuels. Energy derived from fossil fuels can lead to trapped gases in our atmosphere and cause global climate change. The ultimate result of climate change is a warmer planet and warmer water, which can bring about coral bleaching, rising sea levels and more intense (and damaging) tropical storms. Dive In To Earth Day highlighted these negative impacts on the water due to energy use and sought to focus attention on protecting our oceans, lakes, rivers and coral reefs. For more information about Dive In To Earth Day or to find post event updates and pictures, visit the Dive In To Earth Day web site at www.coral.org/divein.html.

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Editors 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:

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The Top 5 Signs Your Dive Buddy Is A Supermodel:

5. She is the only one who, after 10 years, still fits into the same wetsuit.
4. She says “no” to a weight belt, and just wraps her watch around her waist.
3. She refuses to wear that “ugly orange jacket thing” because it clashes with her thong.
2. She happily reports you can, indeed, purge through your regulator.
1. No matter how much weight she uses, her silicone implants keep bringing her right back to the surface.

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Flotsam & Jetsam

MOSQUITO PERFUME: (Given a choice, mosquitoes prefer- men to women, adults to children, dark colors to light colors, and sweaty skin to dry. They're also lured by CO₂ and lactic acid on human skin, but scientists have recently learned that humans give off' hundreds of other scents the pests find irresistible. Efforts to create the ultimate 'mosquito perfume' produced a blend that will lure 90% of the bugs in a cage, compared to about 70% for tester's arms. Scientists hope the process will produce attractant-enhanced traps, repellent devices, and even repellent pills that folks can swallow to make themselves well, smell lousy, to put it bluntly. Of course, some of the research gets a little weird. Entomologist Daniel Kline discovered that mosquitoes love, of all things, dirty socks. He says he wore the same pair for days on end, just to make sure.



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Upcoming Events

- July 11 - Meeting
- July 26 - KSC Barracudas Trip, Riviera Beach
Lobster Dive - John Lawlor (321) 459-3374
- August 5 - Dive Trip, Weeki Wachee - Mark DuBiel
- August 12-13 - KSC Barracudas Trip, West Palm Beach
Rampage - Phil Stasik (321) 455-2221
- August 8 - Meeting