



LOCKHEED MARTIN DIVE CLUB

News

May 2009



May Meeting

Reef Ball Foundation with Larry Beggs and Torey McCleskey

Join us at our May 12th meeting to meet Larry Beggs, a representative of Reef Innovations and Diving Specialists Inc. of Florida, and the Reef Ball Development Group, Inc. Larry will show-and-tell us all about the mission and activities of the Reef Ball Foundation.

Man's activities and natural disasters have led to reductions in our natural reef systems. Recreationally, growth in sports fishing, scuba diving, and boating has increased the pressures on these systems. Commercially, our seafood industry is dependent on developing the ocean to enable ever larger, yet sustainable, harvests. The loss of our natural systems, coupled with increased use, compels us to do everything we can to save natural reefs.

Even so, the natural reefs cannot rebuild themselves fast enough to meet human demands. Long lasting artificial reefs are useful tools for restoring our reef systems to a natural and productive balance. The Reef Balls Larry will describe have been very successful in hundreds of reef building projects.

More than 10,000 reef balls have been deployed throughout the world over the past 4 years, according to Larry. Reef Innovations and Diving Specialists Inc. has been involved in projects in the Persian Gulf, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and the Caribbean. It is currently working on a year-long project to replace a damaged natural reef off Puerto Rico.



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

The Election,

Well that about sums it up right there! All our attention this past month has been focused on electing a new Board of Directors. This May, we will ask all members in good standing to come together and select a team to lead the **Club** for the 2009-2010 year. While the act of voting doesn't take long, it has an impact that will last the entire year, so your vote is very important.

In past years we have simply come to the May members' meeting and with a show of hands asked people to vote for the one (usually) candidate that was running for each office. Times have changed. We now have several people nominated for a position and in an effort to include as many members as possible in the election process, we are now accepting votes from members through our website. This allows more members to express their thoughts and to be involved in setting the future direction for the **Club**. This is good, right? It sounds good. It certainly sounds like something we should do.

If you are a member in good standing of the **Club**, then you are entitled to vote. Unfortunately many people do not. Please vote for a candidate you are familiar with and feel will represent the **Club** and you in conducting **Club** business. We should be voting for a person we honestly feel can perform the job the best, someone with the right

experience and background. I ask everyone to carefully consider their vote before it's cast. We owe it to ourselves and the **Club** to put the best people we can find in the correct position.

This will mark the first year we have published the officers' duties to the members prior to the election. This has not been done in the past because we are a recreational **Club** and we rely heavily on volunteers to get the work done. We tend not to be sticklers for detail if a volunteer doesn't fulfill each and every duty as outlined in the Bylaws or guidelines. The Board of Directors generally works together as a team and gets the **Club** business done. So I'm not going to review each position here, however our current Director at Large has tried very hard to make everyone aware of the positions that are open and she has also provided a description of each position. This will not only let the candidates know what is expected of them, but also let the members know what they should expect from their elected Board members. I hope you have taken some time and reviewed the information. All Board positions and descriptions are published elsewhere in this newsletter.

Well, so much for that dry administrative stuff, let's get back to the things we enjoy and the real reason we are here . . .

Keep diving and enjoy the experience!!

Jim Kennedy

Your Club Leadership

<p>President Jim Kennedy (352) 874-3305</p> <p>Vice President Wendy McCleskey (407) 273-6655</p> <p>Secretary Nancy Wileden (407) 971-8525</p> <p>Treasurer Denise Aldridge (407) 568-2060</p> <p>Director at Large Cherie Jarvis (407) 760-0906</p> <p>Board of Directors</p> <p>Chuck Brown (407) 856-0026</p> <p>Mike McCleskey (407) 808-6453</p> <p>Bill Paskert (407) 356-2290</p>	<p>Committee Chairs</p> <p>Activity Marie Frank (321) 945-4244</p> <p>Camera Art Beaulieu (407) 856-9088</p> <p>Communications Bill Paskert (407) 356-2290</p> <p>Equipment Bill Paskert (407) 356-2290</p> <p>Meeting Wendy McCleskey (407) 273-6655</p> <p>Membership Denise Aldridge (407) 568-2060</p> <p>Merchandise Al Wileden (407) 356-8954</p> <p>Safety and Training Open</p> <p>Webmaster Stuart Gibson (352) 978-4191</p>
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Lockheed Martin Dive Club 2009 Activity Schedule

Hello fellow dive members,

Let's get wet! Below is the 2009 Activity Schedule. My trip in May to Key Largo is filled! There is another trip to Key Largo in July. Bill Paskert is running that trip if you are interested in going. Also, check out the KSC Barracudas trips

on our activity schedule, and I am still looking for volunteers to run a trip in August or September. If you are interested, please let me know and I will help you put it together.

Marie Frank
Activity Chair

Date	Event	Contact	Partic- ipants	Deposit Amount	Cut-off Date	Total Cost
May 15 -17	Amy Slate's Amoray Dive Resort, Key Largo – 2-tank dive Sat & Sun	Marie Frank marie.s.frank@lmco.com	18	\$100	April 13	\$260
Jun 6 -13	Grenadines - Trip Full, Boat Full, Backups Welcome Wind Dancer Live-aboard	Beth Shaffer - KSC* 321-453-6522 bbshaffr@aol.com	10	\$500	TBD	\$1595
Jul 1 - 5	Amy Slate's Amoray Dive Resort, Key Largo – 2-tank dive Thurs, Fri, Sat.	Bill Paskert 407-356-2290	10	\$100	May 15	\$470
Jul 29 - 30	West Palm Beach, Lobster Mini-Season - Narcosis out of Rivera Beach (2-tank dive; price per day –Wed and/or Thurs) Motel optional	John Lawlor - KSC* 321-459-3374 (hm) 321-476-5408 (wk) jlawlor@cfl.rr.com	8 – 4 open	\$60	8/8/09	\$60 own tks \$80 Air, \$90 Nitrox
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 – 2 open	\$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 23 - 25	Fantasy Fest	Mike McCleskey 407-808-6453	20	TBD	TBD	TBD
Nov 13 - 15	Mote Marine Aquarium and Florida Aquarium Tour	Bill Paskert 407-356-2290	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dec 6	Holiday Party	Cherie Jarvis 407-905-4591	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>

2009 Election Process

Our upcoming **Club** election will be supported by our website (martindiveclub.org), with an online election form provided for the use of our members who might be unable to attend the May 12th meeting. We recognize many members may have other commitments for that evening, and would like to include them in our election process. The online election form will open May 6th and close on May 12th at 5 pm to allow votes to be tallied by the end of the regular meeting on the 12th. Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to the year ahead.

The Board of Directors consists of four elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and three general members of the Board; these are seven of the eight Board members. The eighth member is the Director at Large (the only non-elected official); the immediate past president fills this seat.

If you nominated someone and their name does not appear on this list, they were contacted and declined the nomination.

If you would like, you can still nominate someone from the floor at the May 12th election meeting; of course, they will not have the benefit of having been on the list of nominees offered to the members that vote online. However, if they are willing to take the position and carry the required majority vote and meet the membership requirements, they are eligible for the position.

This election ballot contains names of confirmed candidates for each of the elected positions as of May 6th. When making your selection for the positions of the three general members of the Board, please be sure you choose three different names. The three receiving the most votes will be the general members.

Again, thank you for your participation in the election; and remember, these are the people you are choosing to represent your interests in the **Club!**

Nominees for President

Stuart Gibson

Cherie Jarvis

Nominees for Vice-President

Stuart Gibson

Cherie Jarvis

Nominees for Secretary

August Bugge

Bill Paskert

Nominee for Treasurer

Claudia DeYoung

Nominees for Three General Members of the Board of Directors

Art Beaulieu

August Bugge

Kim Cole

Eric Davies

Mike McCleskey

George McGuire

Warren Musacchia

Bill Paskert

Darrell Seale.

Cherie Jarvis
Director at Large

Get Involved in Your **Club's** Future!!

With the elections at the next meeting, I wanted to take a moment to have all our members review the Officers titles and responsibilities.

Please take this time to think about whom you feel would best serve your **Club** for each position.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

- Preside at all Club and Board meetings.
- Appoint committees and serve as ex officio member of all committees.
- Monitor Officer and Committee action.
- Assume ultimate responsibility to assure all Officers fulfill their duties.
- Appoint replacements for vacant positions.

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Elections, from page 4

- Plan date, place, and refreshments for Board meetings.
- Authorize expenditures up to \$250.00.
- Represent the Club at conferences and other public gatherings or appoint any member of the Club in his/her place.
- Participate in supplying input for Club newsletter.
- Support the objectives of the Club as set forth in Article I, Section 2 [of the Club Bylaws].

VICE-PRESIDENT

- Aid and assist the President at all meetings.
- Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- Authorize expenditures up to \$250.00.
- Assume ultimate responsibility to ensure all Committee Chairs fulfill their duties and periodically report action to President.
- Participate in supplying input for Club newsletter.
- Serve on at least one standing committee.
- Support the objectives of the Club as set forth in Article I, Section 2.

SECRETARY

- Preside at Club meetings if the President and Vice President are absent.
- Keep minutes of all General Membership and Board meetings. Present these minutes at each Club and Board Meeting. Submit finished minutes to the President for distribution no later than one week after each meeting.
- Provide all members with a copy of the Club Bylaws and any amendments to same upon request.
- Amend Bylaws annually or upon periodic request by the President and Board of Directors.
- Maintain the Club's Operating Guidelines documentation that contains details of the specific practices of Club operation.
- Conduct all correspondence as directed by the officers and keep a file of same for transfer to subsequent Club secretary.
- Provide a replacement if he/she will not be able to attend a function to take minutes.
- Participate in supplying input for Club newsletter.
- Serve on at least one standing committee.

TREASURER

- Preside at Club meetings if the President, Vice President, and Secretary are absent.
- Receive all funds belonging to the Club and deposit them in the Club account as soon thereafter as practical.
- Pay and record all expenditures approved by the Club.
- Present a financial report at all meetings and when requested by the Officers and Board of Directors.
- Assume the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the Vice President.

- Serve as the permanent chairman of the Membership Committee.
- Balance Club financial accounts.
- Authorize expenditures up to \$100.00.
- Approve and log all Trip Reports.
- Monitor deposits and withdrawals of Merchandising Committee.
- Prepare periodic financial reports for the Officers and Board of Directors to review. A year-end report must be presented.
- Participate in supplying input for Club newsletter.
- Serve on at least one standing committee.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors shall be composed of all elected Club officers, three members elected at large, and the Director at Large. The Director at Large is the immediate past president.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

- Lend expertise to fellow officers.
- Approve (in conjunction with the entire Board of Directors) expenditures of more than \$250.00 but less than \$1000.00.
- Participate in developing long-term plans and objectives for the Club.
- Participate in supplying input for Club newsletter.



Undercurrent Online, Apr 6, 2009

www.undercurrent.org

Dive News

Lionfish Keep Spreading Around The Caribbean: That Pacific lionfish, inadvertently introduced into Florida waters in the early 90s, has now made its way to Belize. There have been reports of fish sightings off Turneffe and Glover's Cayes. In March, Michael Hancock of the Amigos del Mar dive shop in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, caught one near the Turneffe atoll and turned it over to the Belize Fisheries Department. Channel Five News in Belize reported that Hancock wrapped it in his t-shirt and got stung when the long spines penetrated the cloth and his hand, but fortunately the injury wasn't serious.

PS: Join a lionfish research effort in North Carolina, May 18-19. Discovery Diving, in cooperation with NOAA and REEF, hopes to capture 150 live lionfish to study their spawning. The \$350 fee will include charter, seminar, optional lodging. Go to www.discoverydiving.com for details.

Amy Slate's Amoray Dive Resort

Key Largo

July 1 - 5, 2009

May trip sold out. Send your deposit for the July 4th Weekend now!

Enjoy a long weekend in the Florida Keys. Two-tank dives on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning for \$470 per diver. Reef or wreck diving may be accommodated. All rooms have a refrigerator and a microwave. The Club will furnish breakfast and juice, and drinks for the boat.



Award-winning dive resort: A PADI - National Geographic Gold Palm Resort and rated by Scuba Diving Magazine Best in the Florida Keys in 2008

www.amoray.com



Payment schedule: \$100 due at sign-up; sign-up deadline is May 15th. Balance due Jun 1st.

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Make your check payable to Bill Paskert



April Meeting

Hawaiian Monk Seals with Amanda Bryant

At our April 14th meeting, we learned about Hawaiian Monk Seals from Amanda Bryant, who lived on and dove the island of Kauai for over a year.



Amanda had the opportunity to transfer with Lockheed Martin to Kauai supporting the THAAD [anti-ballistic missile] flight test program. It was while on this assignment that she was able to fulfill her dream of becoming a certified SCUBA diver. While living on the island, Amanda completed over 50 dives and experienced diving with the endangered Hawaiian Monk Seal.

A few fast facts about them:

- Estimated life span is 25-30 years
- Only 1200-1500 individuals left in the wild
- 25 seals use Kauai as their home base
- Females are up to 8 feet long, 400-600 lb
- Males are up to 7 feet long, 300-400 lb
- Pups are typically 3 feet long and 30-40 lb when born
- Adults can dive up to 600 feet deep for up to 20 minutes.

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.



There are fewer than 1500 of the seals left, and the majority of them live in and around the north-western Hawaiian islands. Conservation efforts are ongoing and include the bi-annual monk seal count, pup sitting when mother seals give birth on a populated beach, and a volunteer network that places barricades on beaches when seals haul out to rest, and that report injured, hooked, or ensnared seals.



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; or at home: wpaskert@cfl.rr.com

Website Update

The "Member's only" area of the **Club** website continues to grow, with 22 members participating in our members contact list. The list allows our members to find out who are advanced divers, cave divers, or instructors; and those who are in search of new dive buddies. Please add your name to the site, this is your opportunity to connect and have fun.

In addition, our upcoming election will be supported by the website, with an online election form provided for our members unable to attend the monthly meeting. We recognize many members have other commitments and would like to include them in our election process. The election form will open May 6th and close electronic voting on May 12th at 5pm to allow votes to be tallied by the end of the regular meeting on the 12th. Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to the year ahead.

Stuart Gibson
Webmaster

Undercurrent Online, May 4, 2009

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Dive News

Check This Video: Londoners were bewildered when 30 people in full dive gear were spotted walking around the city -- in flippers -- in late April. They were "frogmen" hired by British TV studio Sky to congregate in "flash mobs" throughout London to raise awareness of Earth Day and what people, even non-divers, can do to reduce climate change. Here's the YouTube video of the frogmen giving eco-friendly advice (although they probably should have taken the snorkels out of their mouths before speaking): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzeomVC2n1k&feature=player_embedded



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Upcoming Events

May 12 **Meeting:** Reef Balls - Larry Beggs and Torey McCleskey

May 15-17 **Trip:** Key Largo - Marie Frank