



# Lockheed Martin Dive Club

## April 2020

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### **APRIL MEETING CANCELLED**

### **Mark your calendars - Dive Club Meeting May 12.**

#### **Presidents Message**

Over the past two months quite a bit has happened. Some of our members went to the Bahama's to visit the hammerhead sharks, to Disney DiveQuest, to the Caribbean, and some to the local springs. Although this pandemic has slowed down the ability to meet, we are hopeful that May's dive club meeting will allow our club to get back to normal, and in a new meeting location, because we do have a lot of dives to share. Unfortunately, Social Distancing means we need to cancel the April's meeting as none of us want to get this virus. After we get back to normal I would like to revisit the dive schedule and see if we can pick up where we left off. I hope everyone is safe and healthy in this time of crisis.

#### **Epcot Living Seas**

On March 5 twelve of us from both the KSC Barracudas and Lockheed Martin Dive Club got the opportunity to dive in Epcot's 5.7 million gallon saltwater aquarium. It was an simple, easy dive which they furnished all the equipment. Prior to the 40-40 dive, we received a backstage tour of Living Seas.

It was a good dive with an awesome group. In our one dive, we saw 8 different species of rays, turtles and many types of sharks.

Little did we know that 11 days later all Disney parks would close indefinitely.

- Marie Frank

#### **\$\$ Dues are due! \$\$**

It's that time of year again. Lockheed Martin Dive Club dues are due in March. Due to the March meeting being cancelled the deadline has been extended to April 30th. You'll want to get your dues in early so you can enjoy all the exciting dives and activities that the Club has planned for you this year.

Dues are still only \$25 per year (\$20 if you are a current DAN member). Dues may be paid by cash or check.

Make your check or money order out to "Martin Dive Club" and mail it to our Treasurer Keri Pitts, 5299 Southeast 92nd St, Ocala, FL 34480.

## Call for Nominations

The dive club conducts elections in May as the club bylaws indicate the election is to be held prior to June 1. Officer terms run from June 1 to May 31. Elected officers consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Three members are elected to the Board of Directors. A Director at Large position is filled by the immediate past president.

Currently the elected positions are being filled by the persons shown below. If you would like to volunteer to fill any position in the club please contact Chuck Brown ([cbrown4664@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cbrown4664@cfl.rr.com)).

*Table 1 Martin Dive Club Officers 2019-2020*

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
<i>President</i>	<i>Mike Smetana</i>
<i>Vice-president</i>	<i>Chuck Brown</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mike McCleskey</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Keri Pitts</i>
<i>Director at Large</i>	<i>Carol Comstock</i>
<i>Director</i>	<i>Bob Claudy</i>
<i>Director</i>	<i>Joshua Childs</i>
<i>Director</i>	<i>Terry Keeney</i>

## “Conversation Conversations” New free webinar series

Notice from Ana Zangroniz from Florida Sea Grant Extension office of a free webinar series.

Hello there, fellow divers!

In light of Covid-19 developments, and measures implemented to ensure our health and safety, I have partnered with Miami-Dade County ECO Adventures to offer a new free weekly webinar series called “Conservation Conversations.” It will feature presentations given by ECO Adventures staff and myself about topics that are local and relevant to Florida.

Our first webinar will feature the invasive Indo-Pacific lionfish and take place **Friday, April 10**. The same webinar will be given at two different times.

To register, please go here:

[1:00pm webinar session](#)

OR

[5:00pm webinar session](#)

These webinars will be about 30 minutes total and offer the opportunity for educational interaction. If participating via phone, you will have to download the Zoom app. If you are on a desktop or laptop, all you should have to do is click “Open Zoom Meetings/ Launcher” when that dialogue box pops up.

Rather than bombarding you with emails every week, we will post the topic and registration links to the week's webinars every Monday (change to ECO's day) on our social media pages ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)).

We really hope that you can join us for the launch of this new series. Please contact me if you have any questions.

All my best,  
Ana

Ana Zangroniz  
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## Lockheed Martin Dive Club 2020 Activity Schedule

Date	Event	Contact	MDC/Barra cudas	Particip ants	Deposit Amount	Cut-off Date	Total Cost
3/5/20	Disney EPCOT DiveQuest	Marie Frank mariefrank2010@gmail.com	MDC	12	\$100	2/11/20	\$106.50
6/5/20	Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive, High Tide 9:16 PM (8:07 PM to 9:45 PM), Full Moon, 8:11 PM Sunset, Force-E Scuba Center	Michael Smetana michael.smetana@lmco.com 321-720-9694	MDC	No limit	\$0	-	\$0
6/26/20	Blue Heron Bridge Day Dive, High Tide 1:10 PM , Backup Date 7/10/2020 (12:55 PM)	Chuck Brown cbrown4664@cfl.rr.com 407-267-6511	MDC	No limit	\$0	-	\$0
7/24/20	Blue Heron Bridge Day Dive, High Tide 12:01 PM	Chuck Brown cbrown4664@cfl.rr.com 407-267-6511	MDC	No limit	\$0	-	\$0

## **Items For Sale or Wanted**

This space is available for members to sell or look for dive related items. Please email Terry ([tkeyknee@yahoo.com](mailto:tkeyknee@yahoo.com)) with inputs

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## **Upcoming Activities**

4/14 - General Meeting Cancelled

5/12 General Meeting

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