



Lockheed Martin Dive Club

June 2020

JUNE MEETING CANCELLED

Mark your calendars - Dive Club Meeting July 14.

Presidents Message

June, one of my favorite months for diving. Why? Well because the tropics haven't kicked off yet, it's hot, sunny, and the visibility is usually over 40 feet in the Atlantic. This month many of our divers are heading to the Keys on 12-14th staying at Amy Slates again, and Chuck is sponsoring a day dive the Blue Herron bridge on July 10th (so please arrive around 2 hours early for that and let Chuck know you're coming). The Social distancing protocols remain in effect for groups of 10 or less in restaurants, so our dive meeting is yet again cancelled, however that requirement expires at the end of the month, so we should be back to normal in July which is when we plan to run our dive club election cycle again. When we get back to normal, Keri has a presentation on her latest dive trip at Isla Socorro where she flies with the massive manta, Jaime has one on the Disney Dive and the Bahama's day trip, and I have one local spring and Atlantic diving (less than 2.5 hours from Orlando). I hope everyone stays wet, happy, and healthy in this very unusual time.

Call for Nominations

The dive club elections in have been delayed until we resume monthly meetings. 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. Michael Smetana (President), Chuck Brown (Vice President), Bob Claudy (Director), Joshua Childs (Director) and Terry Keeney (Director) have agreed to continue in their current positions.

If you would like to volunteer to fill the Treasurer or Secretary position in the club please contact Carol Comstock, (ccomstock520@gmail.com).

Table 1 Martin Dive Club Officers 2019-2020

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

“Conservation Conversations” Free webinar series continues

The Florida Sea Grant Extension office in partnership with Miami-Dade County ECO Adventures is offering a free weekly webinar series called “Conservation Conversations.” on Fridays. It will feature presentations given by ECO Adventures staff and the Florida Sea Grant Extension office staff about topics that are local and relevant to Florida.

The topic for this Friday’s (6/5) Conservation Conversation will be on Seagrass, presented by Kasia Williams of Miami Eco Adventures. Sign up on the UF / IFAS Extension Miami-Dade County Sea Grant Extension office [Facebook](#) page

The UF / IFAS Extension Miami-Dade County Sea Grant Extension office will post the topic and registration links to the week’s webinars every Monday on their social media pages ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)).

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.

Previous "Conservation Conversations" Webinar Series have been posted to Youtube. They can be viewed at the following links:

Date	Topic
4/10/20	<u>Lionfish: What they are, their effects and how we can get rid of them</u>
4/17/20	<u>Conservation of Sea Turtles and Their Habitates in Miami-Dade County</u>
4/24/20	<u>Marine Debris: Challenges and Solutions</u>
5/1/20	<u>Overview of Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease on Florida</u>
5/8/20	<u>Invasive Species Focus: Feral Cats</u>
5/15/20	<u>The Importance of the Everglades</u>
5/22/20	<u>The Spotted Eagle Ray</u>
5/29/20	<u>Climate Change 101</u>

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Blue Heron Bridge diving with the Martin Dive Club

Phil Foster Park has opened but parking has been reported to be more of a challenge than normal. Join the Martin Dive Club for an excursion to the world-famous Blue Heron Bridge (BHB). The dive at BHB is a shore dive originating from Phil Foster Park in Palm Beach County. Dives are best conducted at high tide. Dives at high slack tide take advantage of mild currents and better visibility.

Divers in Florida must display a diver down flag when in the water. BHB is no exception. Come prepared. If you need to purchase a flag or any other gear, the Force-E SCUBA Center at 155 East Blue Heron Blvd, Riviera Beach is available. Pura Vida Divers at 2513 Beach Ct, Riviera Beach, is also there to provide for your needs.

The beach area at Phil Foster Park closes at sunset. Special provisions for night dives are arranged through the local dive shops, Force-E, and Pura Vida.

Blue Heron Bridge References:

<https://www.puravidadivers.com/dive-blue-heron-bridge-phil-foster-park>

<https://www.force-e.com/go-diving/shore-dive-sites/blue-heron-bridge-at-phil-foster-park/>

<https://www.tdisdi.com/sdi-diver-news/diving-the-blue-heron-bridge/>

<http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Locations/Phil-Foster.aspx>

If you are interested in joining the Martin Dive Club for a BHB dive contact the coordinator shown in the activity schedule.

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) with inputs



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@g mail.com	MDC	12	\$100	2/11/20	\$106.50
6/5/2020 cancelled	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
6/12-14/20	Key Largo, Amoray Dive Center	Gwen Hagar hagar33805@yaho o.com	MDC	10	-	Full	\$338
7/10/20	Blue Heron Bridge Day Dive, High Tide 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

Upcoming Activities

6/9 - General Meeting Cancelled

7/10 - Blue Heron Bridge

6/12-14 - Key Largo

7/14 - General Meeting
