



DOWN UNDER DIVE CLUB

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November's DUDC Monthly Meeting is Wednesday, November 8th @ 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker this month is Dale Purchase. Dale Purchase has over 30 years of diving experience in environments ranging from caves, wrecks, and heck, even the ice. He will be presenting pictures and stories of some of the better wrecks he has dove over the years. Dale is a highly respected diver among his peers and brings a unique experience, training, and wisdom to diving.

Dale's presentations are always enjoyable, so don't miss this month's meeting.



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Visitors Welcome!!!

Our monthly meetings are held every month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the

Indian River Lagoon House
3275 Dixie HWY. NE
Palm Bay, FL 32905

Dive Quiz by AL:

Quiz:

Divers can be assured of the gas mixture contained in a tank when:

- A) The mixture has been blended using the partial pressure method.
- B) They have personally analyzed or witnessed the analysis of the tank's contents.
- C) The tank has a contents tag.
- D) The tank contains a green and yellow encircling band.

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DUDC Event & Activity Calendar

Event		Time	Member's Cost	Coordinator Phone # / E-mail	
DUDC Club Meeting Indian River Lagoon House		Wednesday, 11/8/2006 @ 7:30 p.m	Free	Bill Allen	ballen@downunderdiveclub.com
Jupiter 2 tank Dive Jupiter Dive Center	Average depths 70-90 ft	Saturday, 11/18/2006 @ 9am	Contact Michael Wheat for details	Michael 727-1028	Mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com
DUDC Board of Director's Meeting		Tuesday, 11/28/2006@ 7 pm	Contact any board member for details		
DUDC Club Meeting Indian River Lagoon House & Annual Christmas Party		Wednesday, 12/13/2006 @ 7:30 p.m	Free	Bill Allen	info@downunderdiveclub.com

Cancellation Policy for Club Sponsored Dives: Deposits will be refunded with **2 weeks notice** of the scheduled event or with a paid replacement divers. Refunds of money paid after the 2 week cancellation period is subject to **board approval**. All requests for refunds after this period **MUST** be made in writing. Money and deposits are refunded when dives are cancelled by the Charter or DUDC.

ALL DIVES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE DIVE.
(This calendar is tentative and subject to change.)

Answer to Dive Quiz:

Answer: B

DUDC Jupiter Club Dive

Location: Jupiter, Florida
Charter: Jupiter Dive Charters
Date: October 21, 2006



On a beautiful Florida day on the 21st of October, 9 eager DUDC divers journeyed out to sea aboard the Republic IV from Jupiter Dive Center. Dive members included Rochelle Hood (fill in trip leader), David Slonim, Hank Green, Rick Halcomb, Jeri Curley, Michael Walsh, Bill Allen and Tom & Sandy Mephram.

Our first dive site was Area 51. Vizability was about 40 feet, however we all enjoyed the warm 80+ water temperatures. My dive



buddy, David, and I were on a quest to see the notorius marine life of Jupiter. We were not let down, on dive #1 we spotted turtles (David got to swim along side of one), sting rays, a nurse shark and David's first sighting of a Goliath Grouper...what a treat. The group all returned and shared fish stories after the first dive, while we enjoyed some early Halloween treats...Oreos and Nutter Butter cookies in special DUDC club treat bags.

The second dive took us to Lighthouse Reef. A site I had not visited in a long time. Our avid photographers, Rick and Jeri, captured many beautiful shots to share the vast fish life we discovered on this reef. David



and I drifted along in a very moderate current (it may have been a good thing that I only saw 1 baby lobster all day....I have no idea how I'd hang on to snare an adult) and we completed our marine life check list with a near face to face encounter with a green moray eel.

Everyone made it back to the boat safely and we snagged a quick (okay, no so quick) group photo on the deck, complete with a guest aboard the boat who was excited about diving and meeting new friends.



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Many of the group traveled over to RJ Gators afterwards to share more adventures, compare stories and rate the happy hour drinks. Thanks to

Carolyn Green for joining us for lunch and providing her critic of the Gator Mojito. I appreciate Michael for giving me a chance to fill in as dive leader. It was a fun club dive, great to enjoy friends, warm water and tasty treats afterwards.

R. Hood



October Prize Winners

Door Prize Winners:

David Slomin — Dry box
License Plate — Tuyet Mintz
Light — Dale Purchase

Door prizes are given away at each club meeting. Come to the meeting and sign-in to win.

50/50

\$3 — Keith Caldwell
\$2 — Al Audet

**Al Audet picked the winning card and won the \$351 jackpot!!!
Congratulations Al!!!!**

A new 50/50 will begin at the November meeting using the same method for letting the jackpot accumulate.

President's Message

Sorry I missed everyone at the last meeting, but I was in Tampa for training. Wish I could say it was scuba related, but no, nothing so interesting – just work. I want to thank Debi for picking up the gavel and making sure the meeting was a success. I hated to miss it; I personally find the social meetings the most enjoyable sometimes. They give us more time to talk and share our adventures together.

Our speaker for November is the venerable Dale Purchase. We are very fortunate to have some of Dale's experience in our club and for him to share some of his experiences with us. So I highly suggest everyone that can, make it out for our November meeting. Dale's presentations are always highly entertaining as well as educational.

We are also going to be announcing our annual club dive vacation at the meeting. We have something very special planned that I think everyone is going to like. But we have limited slots this year and they will go on a first come first serve basis. So come to meeting to hear about our upcoming adventures and reserve one of the slots.

Also, don't forget about our Annual Christmas party on December 13th. We will be having a nice dinner again followed by our annual Chinese gift exchange. Come see how devious some of your dive buddies can be as we scheme and plot to get that gift that you have your hands on 😊

On a personal note, many of you have called or emailed regarding my health. First of all, thank you for all the warm thoughts, they have helped cheer up a dry diver. October will be the first time I have gone a month without diving in two years. Instead, I got to spend most of the month in doctor offices while they bounced me around trying to figure out the problem. It turns out I have a slight tear in the tendons on my left shoulder. The pain is very minimal, but they are recommending that I take it easy for a couple of months. But the good news is that according to several of the doctors, that has most likely been the source of my pain on my last few dives. But they were still quick to tell me that doing 6 dives in one day was "not the best idea" 😊

See you down under in 2007!!!

Michael



About the Down Under Dive Club

The Down Under Dive Club is located in Melbourne on the sunny east central coast of Florida. Formed in 1984 by a group of enthusiastic divers, DUDC currently has about 100 members. Our mission is to promote safe, organized dive events, provide a social setting comfortable to everyone, and encourage environmental responsibility among the diving community. Our past dives have covered the Atlantic ocean, from Georgia to Bonaire. We organize all types of dives: drift dives, wreck dives, shore dives, live-aboards, spring dives, and even shark dives! Our members include a diverse group of divers. There are men, women and kids, ages from 11 to 65+ with all certification levels from new Open Water divers to Instructors.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Indian River Lagoon House, Located just south of University Blvd. on US1 in Melbourne. Door prizes are awarded each month and we book a fascinating assortment of guest speakers. We invite everyone interested in SCUBA diving to stop by for some stimulating conversation, meet our group, and have some fun! If you have any questions, you can E-mail us at info@downunderdiveclub.com

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