



# DOWN UNDER DIVE CLUB

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**DUDC Monthly Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 13th @7 pm

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## Speaker for February Al Audet Scuba Obsession



Photo by Jeri L. Curley

Our very own, Al Audet will presenting the REEF briefing on REEF and the basics of conducting a REEF Fish ID Survey. Many of you know Al because he was your instructor. Now is a good time to continue your education and show him and the rest of the dive community that you are growing as a diver!

### Officer Nominations

Officer Nominations will be held at the February Meeting. A few members of our board will be unable to continue as officers. It would be great if you could volunteer to take their place. Remember, it is a great opportunity to become a more active diver!

**EVERY MEETING WE GIVE AWAY GREAT DOOR PRIZES AND GREAT STORIES!**

**BRING A FRIEND AND CHECK US OUT!**

**COME EARLY AND ORDER A FABULOUS MEAL**

### Meeting Location

The Broken Barrel Tavern  
at 4700 Babcock Street NE  
Palm Bay, Florida 32905



### NEW RAFFLE PRIZE

Cressi Leonardo KS 770052



# DUDC Event & Activity Calendar

Event	Time	Member's Cost	Coordinator Phone # / E-mail	
DUDC Meeting Broken Barrel Tavern, Palm Bay	Every 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 7 pm	Free	Jeri Curley	<a href="mailto:jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com">jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
DUDC Board Meeting **Meeting place TBD	Every 4th Monday of the Month @ 6:30 pm	Free		Contact any Board Member to Attend
<b>Blue Heron Bridge Dive</b>	Any time the Tide is Right!	Free	Jeri Curley	<a href="mailto:jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com">jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
<b>Jupiter Dive Center, Riviera Beach</b>	Feb 23 @ 9 am	\$55	Jeri Curley	<a href="mailto:jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com">jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
<b>Pompano Dive</b>	March TBD	TBD	Scott Newland	<a href="mailto:Divecoordinator@downunderdiveclub.com">Divecoordinator@downunderdiveclub.com</a>

**Cancellation Policy for Club Sponsored Dives:** Deposits will be refunded with **2 weeks notice** of the scheduled event or with a paid replacement diver. 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. NON-MEMBERS ADD \$5.**

*(This calendar is tentative and subject to change.)*

## We Support Our Local Dive Shops:

### Sea Level Scuba

4155 Dow Rd Suite U  
Melbourne, FL. 32934  
(321)255-1825



### Hatt's Diving Headquarters, Inc.

2006 South Front Street  
Melbourne, Florida 32901  
(321) 723-5932

### JND Scuba Center

4651 Babcock Street NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32905  
(321) 723-8888



## DUES

Don't forget Club Dues are Due in February. Keep your membership current. \$25 for single member and \$35 for family membership.

Ask about any discounts available.



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# President's Message

## Officer Nominations at the February Meeting

I want to remind everyone that in February we will be nominating new officers. I had hoped that everyone would stay on the board but alas a few of our officers are leaving. I want to ask everyone to consider volunteering for a position on the Board. Our club can't run by itself.

We will have two more opportunities to take photos to submit to the club for our photo contest. Our February 23 dive with Jupiter Dive Center and our Blue Heron Bridge Dive on February 16.

The Down Under Dive Club (DUDC) is pleased to announce a photography contest. Participants are allowed a maximum of two entries. There are six categories for entries:

- Novice - Above water, but dive related
- Novice - Underwater Wide Angle
- Novice - Underwater Close-Up
- Experienced - Above water, but dive related
- Experienced - Underwater Wide Angle
- Experienced - Underwater Close-Up

All participants must be club members. Entries should measure no more than 1200 pixels on the longest side. Photos should have only minor edits performed (crop, rotate, color correction, scale, etc.) as this is a photography contest, not a graphic design contest. Entries should be submitted in as a [.jpg](#) or [.png](#) file.

Participants will retain copyright on their respective entries. By entering, participants grant the Down Under Dive Club a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free li-

icense to edit, publish, or republish the submission in perpetuity in any and all media for any purpose, without further permission, notice or compensation. Entries must be original works by the contest participant. Attach entries to an Email indicating the category to [photo@downunderdiveclub.com](mailto:photo@downunderdiveclub.com). Include any comments about the entries in that Email. All entries must be received by **February 28, 2013**. Prizes will be awarded at the regular [March meeting](#) on Wednesday, March 13, 2012.

Until Next time,

I'll See you Down Under!

—Jeri L. Curley, President



Photo by Vicky Spang



Photo by Jeri L. Curley

# "Dress to Impress"

By Terry Peterman

It's winter time and as one would expect the water temps have dropped and we no longer have the bathwater warm water we all love diving in during the summer. Because the temperature has dropped is no reason to hang up your dive gear for the season. Along with the cooler water we have less rain and generally improved visibility from the lack of run off. As those of us who come from the north know well, you dress for the cold. In the earlier days of diving the dress was anywhere from ¼ inch to 3/8 inch thick neoprene wet suits which function by trapping and insulating a warm layer of water against your body and much like the ford model T you could get it in your favorite color as long as that was black. After wrestling them on besides having a feeling of being the Michelin man it was a real work out stretching the material to move in the suit. Neoprene wet suits are still a popular cold water diving dress but thanks to nylon coatings they are available in many colors. In addition, thinner layers and improved designs have greatly improved donning ease and mobility. Dry suits were once considered something only arctic divers used but in fact with a dry suit you select the amount of insulation depending on the cloths worn underneath, the suit itself has no real insulation. They are still more expensive than wet suits but not as high as they once were. There are some new suits using modern materials such as delphite and metalite to create very thin super stretchy and heat reflective materials. Fit is everything with wet suits making it one piece of equipment you don't want to get mail order, you need to be able to try the suit on to be sure the fit is tight but comfortable. Surf suits are generally not as durable and don't insulate as well as suits made for diving. If your slight of build or chill easily don't ignore your head, while diving, 85% of your body heat is lost through your head. The addition of a hood can make a great difference. Don't let the winter stop you from diving, instead get suited up. See you at the anchor.



Photo by Terry Peterman

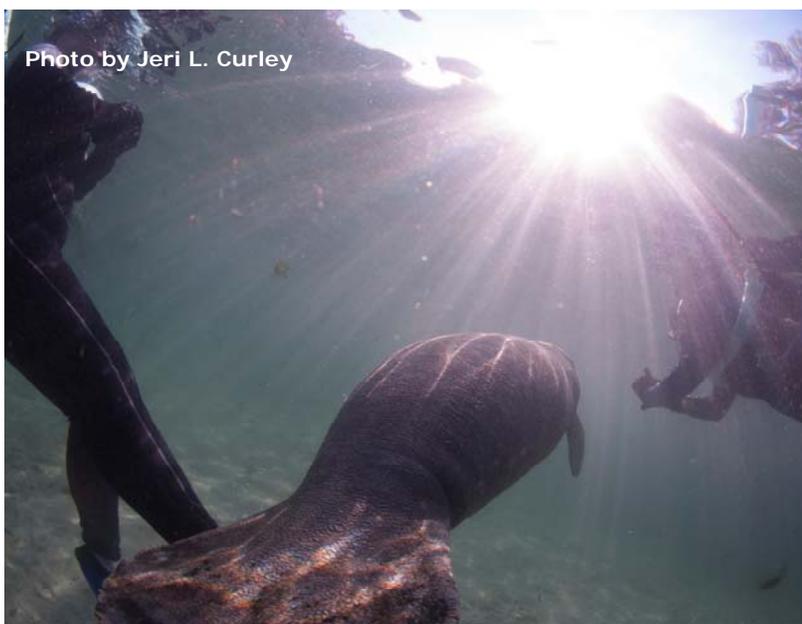


Photo by Jeri L. Curley

## MANATEES

By Jeri Curley

I woke up at O'dark Thirty with a BUZZ-ing in my ear. The sleepy little town of Crystal River wasn't so sleepy Friday night. Diane Bryant and I made the seven hour trek over to Crystal River that Friday before the snorkel trip. What, you tell me, it's not a 7 hour drive? Well, we didn't end up in Tallahassee but we did stop along the way—a few times. When we left our hotel

room, we found ourselves surrounded by the thickest fog that you could imagine! We stumbled into the dive shop and were informed of yet another restriction for snorkeling with the manatees. You can't use flash or a strobe until 8:30 am. Awwww! We all got on our boat and our captain made his way through the fog—we didn't hit anything, though at times we came close. Our first stop was King's Spring. Every other time that I've been to this spring, we've encountered very few manatees. This time it was different. Dianne Ford, once again, was molested by the wildlife. The manatee would not let her swim away. He grabbed her arm and held on as though she was his life line! It was truly amaz-



Photo by Jeri L. Curley



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ing to be surrounded by manatees that demanded our attention! After drinking hot chocolate and eating the complementary donuts—and we needed both, we headed on to Three Sisters for the main event. As you can tell from the photos, Three Sisters has crystal clear water—when the swimmers don't muck it up. We arrived a little after 8:30 and hit the water for our photo ops. The young manatee below harassed me until I had taken more than a dozen photos. He pirouetted under water until he got his belly rub. With more hot chocolate in our bellies, we headed back to the dock. It was a little early for lunch so we waited until Charlie's opened we enjoyed the repast and the conversation. Diane and I headed over to Homosassa State Park—making a few detours along the way. It was a perfect end to our mini-vacation!



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# 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 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 7:00 PM at the Broken Barrel Tavern, Located on the southwest corner of Babcock Street and Palm Bay Road. 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](mailto:info@downunderdiveclub.com)



## ITEMS FOR SALE OR TRADE:

If you have any items you wish to sell or trade, send an email with a brief description to [jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com](mailto:jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com).

**PHOTOS FOR SALE:** Help support a starving diver/artist. Jeri Curley has her dive photos for sale. You can purchase them at the monthly club meetings or at Sea Level Scuba.

## Cameras for Sale – Make an offer

Canon G10 15MP camera & housing, Bonica Neon-XP strobes, Nikon D80 SLR 10MP camera & housing, SB-800 strobe & housing, Intova strobes and lots more. Will sell all or individual items as needed. Make offer. John Dockendorf 321.431.0430 [johndockendorf@earthlink.net](mailto:johndockendorf@earthlink.net)

Taking orders for 2013 Calendar. There appear to be a lot of Seahorses in my 2013 calendar...wonder why?!!!

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## Board of Directors

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