



# DOWN UNDER DIVE CLUB

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**DUDC Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 11th @ 7 pm**

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## I Scream, You Scream. We All Scream for Ice Cream!!

Yes, its that time of the year again! Sum, Sum, Sum, Summertime! A time to think about vacations, beaches, DIVING, and ways to escape the stifling, *ESCALATING*



heat! What better way to do that than with America's Favorite Dessert—ICE CREAM!! All you aspiring photogs and videographers, bring your photos and dvds. This is a great time to reminisce about past dives and plan future ones!

## Coming Soon!

Down Under Dive Club Photo Contest. We are still working on the details. Basically, it will be a judged contest. This will allow contestants constructive feedback to help them grow as a photographer. There will be a category for those of you who are just beginning to find the allure of underwater photography or just take photos for the fun of it.

**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

[WWW.BROKENBARRELTAVERN.COM](http://WWW.BROKENBARRELTAVERN.COM)

### RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations, Dianne Ford for winning the \$200 gift Certificate from Sea Level Scuba.

NEW RAFFLE Coming Soon



# 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>Splash Down Divers, Boynton Beach</b>	21 July 2012 @ 1 pm	\$66	Terry Peterman	<a href="mailto:tpeterman@downunderdiveclub.com">tpeterman@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
<b>Abernethy, Riviera Beach</b>	18 August 2012, @ 8 am	\$68	Terry Peterman	<a href="mailto:tpeterman@downunderdiveclub.com">tpeterman@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



## DUES ARE DUE

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.



### 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



## The Diver Down Flag

### Chapter 27 of the 2003 Florida Statutes:

Any vessel other than a law enforcement or rescue vessel that approaches within 100 feet of a divers-down flag on a river, inlet, or navigation channel, or within 300 feet of a divers-down flag on waters other than a river, inlet, or navigation channel, must proceed no faster than is necessary to maintain headway and steerageway.

Additionally, diver must remain within these specified distances of the dive flag when they are diving.



Photo by Jeri L. Curley

## President's Message



Drawing by Jeri L. Curley

The summer water is finally here. I've put away my 7 mm wet suit and was able to dive with my 2mm. What great dives we've had! And what great dives we have planned in the coming months! Don't miss out! We've got our upcoming Splash Down Dive on July 21 out of Boynton Beach. If you've never dove out of Boynton, you are in for a treat. The reefs easily rival those of West Palm and some of the ledges rival those of Jupiter. We've got our Abernethy dive on August 18—

always a great dive experience and wonderful for photography. Of course, we will continue to head down to Blue Heron Bridge. The frogfish, seahorses and octopus are coming out of hiding. We saw a spoon-nosed eel—very rare for Florida!

As I sit here in front of my computer, it occurred to me that we don't give our club volunteers enough praise. The officers and technical supporters on the board give freely of their time to keep this club going. They sometimes put in long hours, using their own resources to keep the books straight, set up dives, keep the web-



Photo by Jeri L. Curley



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site up to date, publish the newsletter.... For myself, I am happy when I hear "What an awesome dive!" But I can tell you, those two little words that we've somehow lost in this fast pace world can miraculously lift the weight of the world from your shoulders—"Thank You." We've become too engrossed in what we are entitled to that we've forgotten the people that have worked hard to bring it to us. So I take this time to pay tribute to all of the people that have worked hard to make this club a success. Your efforts are GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Until Next time, I'll See you Down Under!

—Jeri L. Curley, President

# SUNSCREEN AND DIVING

By Terry Peterman

Summer time is here again and along with it comes the intense rays of the Florida sun. Those of us who have lived in Florida for a while are well aware of the importance of sun screen. But as I observed on the memorial weekend boat dives few people on the boat were prepared for the sun. It's important to remember that on a boat reflections off the water can double the radiation exposure, making protection more imperative. Also you should keep in mind that a wet T shirt provides very little protection. Now that I have you convinced you need sunscreen I want to make you aware of a recent concern that sunscreen may be killing our reefs. The UV filters implicated are butylparaben, ethylhexylmethoxycinnamate, benzophenone-3 and 4-methylbenzylidene camphor. These ingredients, commonly found in many chemical sunscreens, are touted to cause complete coral bleaching at very low concentrations. The claim is that these chemicals cause an explosion of virus growth in the zooxanthallae of the coral which kills the host coral and then spreads to neighboring coral. There are also claims of up to 6000 metric tons of sunscreen entering the ocean each year. Tests have been done that appear to confirm these claims but there are concerns the concentrations used were unrealistically high and the test coral may have been pre-stressed before the test. But prudence would seem a good idea. The safest sunscreens to use are physical blockers like Zinc Oxide and Titanium Oxide. But there are some chemical based sunscreens that are considered enviro-safe. [Http://breakingnews.ewg.org/2012/sunscreen/best-sunscreens/best-beach-sport-sunscreens/](http://breakingnews.ewg.org/2012/sunscreen/best-sunscreens/best-beach-sport-sunscreens/) is a good resource for these. Be Wise and Protect yourself from the sun whenever possible. See You at the Anchor.



Photo by Terry Peterman

## Jeri's Birthday Dives

By Jeri L. Curley

The Date: May 26, 2012

The Place: Jupiter Dive Center

The Dives: Zion Wreck Trek, Tunnels

The Date: May 28, 2012

The Place: Jupiter Dive Center

The Dives: Area 51, Lee's Ledge



Photo by Jeri L. Curley

What wonderful days for diving! The sun was shining, the seas calm, current non-existent and the viz 60 foot. The boats were packed both days, morning and afternoon. Who could blame anyone for wanting to hit the water?! We headed out to Bubba Gumps after the dive. The food was great but we almost died of starvation waiting for the food!

I will let my photos tell the rest of my tale!





Photo by Jeri L. Curley



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# Photos from Blue Heron Bridge



Photo by Jeri L. Curley

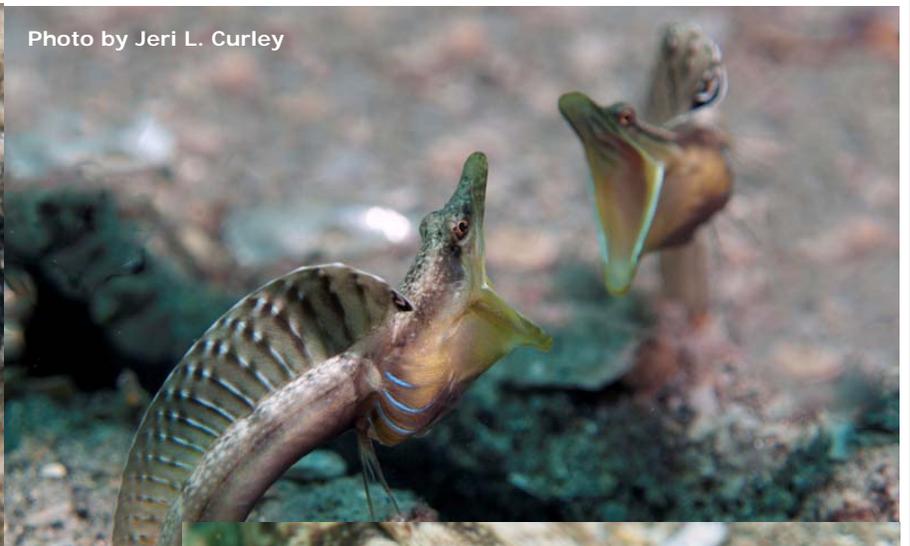


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# About the Down Under Dive Club

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)



## Board of Directors

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