



DOWN UNDER DIVE CLUB

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DUDC Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 12th @7 pm

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Speaker for September Randy Jordan of Emerald Dive Charters



Randy is the owner of [Emerald Dive Charters](#). He lives in Jupiter, studied at the University of South Florida. He is the inventor of the Lion Tamer. Among his many accomplishments, he discovered the wreckage of a Navy WWII Curtiss SB2C Helldiver plane in December 2011. He was certified in 1980 and currently dives over 700 dives per year. Randy Jordan is the definition of experienced diver. And of course he is a Native Floridian.

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

NEW RAFFLE PRIZE

DUDC will be raffling off a new dive light from Hatt's Diving Headquarters. Ticket prices will be \$2 for one ticket and \$5 for 3 tickets.



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	jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com
DUDC Board Meeting **Meeting place TBD	Every 4th Monday of the Month @ 6:30 pm	Free		Contact any Board Member to Attend
Blue Heron Bridge Dive	Any time the Tide is Right!	Free	Jeri Curley	jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com
Jupiter Dive Center, Riviera Beach	8 September 2012, @ 9 am	\$60	Terry Peterman	tpeterman@downunderdiveclub.com
Shark Tooth Dive	13 October 2012, @ 8 am	\$60 plus hotel	Scott Newland	Divecoordinator@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 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 OVERDUE

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.



President's Message



Photo by Vicky Spang

The snorkeler's trail is down at Blue Heron Bridge. Already the fish are starting to stake out their territories. The seahorse population is starting to re-cover since the site was deemed a no tropical fish take zone. It is a fabulous dive.

Where has the year gone—September already. I am sitting here at my computer

pondering all the great diving this year has brought us and dreaming about our upcoming trip to Roatan. Sigh...I will miss our great speaker this month. He truly has a gift for spinning tall tales. I've already packed my bags, waking up at 3 am because I remembered something else that I can't forget to take with me. The excitement has been doubled for me because I have been called in to head to New Orleans to help with the damage assessments from Hurricane Isaac. So my message will be very brief this month and I'll fill the space with dreams of diving! Until Next time, I'll See you Down Under!

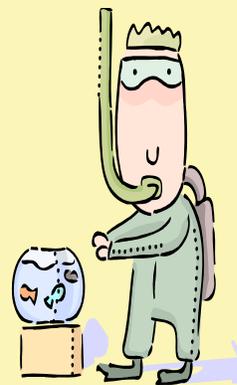


Photo by Jeri L. Curley

—Jeri L. Curley, President



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“Keep Up Your Diving Skills”

by Terry Peterman

The reason we got into diving was for the fun and enjoyment of the adventure. But let's face it we want the adventure to be exciting and not scary. Undoubtedly the best way to become comfortable in the water is with experience. That means actually diving, it's the experience of multiple and varied dives that allows us to realize what limitations we might have and where we may need to improve our skills. This is where dive buddies come in handy. Two heads really are better than one. If your new to diving or haven't dove in a while, start with some basic diving. The Blue Heron Bridge dive in West Palm is a good example, but even though "Skin Diver Magazine" may have voted it one of the top ten most popular dive sites; if you want to hone your skills your going to need to move up to ocean diving. It's a good idea to dive with a buddy or a group that may have more experience than you and take your cues from them. If you find yourself having some concerns discuss them with others. If there is a dive guide they should be able to help you assuage your fears. Don't be afraid to ask questions of the crew or other divers, we all understand the apprehension of diving unfamiliar territory and you will be surprised how at ease a discussion of your concerns can be. If your concerns are not addressed to your satisfaction, enjoy the boat ride and don't make the dive. Remember your diving for the fun of it. This is probably a good time to remind you how a good dive plan including what to do if things aren't as you expected when you get to the bottom. Remember "Dive, Dive, Dive" is the best way to make you comfortable in the water and keep up your skills. See you at the anchor.



Photo by Terry Peterman

"AUGUST 18TH WEST PALM BEACH DIVE"

By Terry Peterman

King Neptune was smiling on us Saturday August 18th after days of rainy weather we got a break with fantastic weather for the dive. There were 5 of us from the club on "The Deep Obsession" Jim Abernathy's Scuba Adventures Dive Boat. The first dive was on the corridor wrecks. It had been a long time since I was on the Mizpah but it was like visiting an old friend. We had 70-80 foot visibility and absolutely no current, it was strange having to swim from wreck to wreck but it was great for picture taking. One thing different from the last time I was on the wrecks is the trail of rocks put down to lead you between the Mizpah, Barge and Amayllis. It was a fantastic dive. The second dive was north of the inlet, unusual for the large dive boats, we went to an area just south of an area I call the bomb craters. I've become very familiar with this reef lately as it is loaded with very short lobster. Unlike the wrecks the current was very strong, the dive guide was unable to swim against it to stay on the reef. We spent most of the time flying over the top of the reef. Not as nice a dive as the first one but the visibility was good and cruising along the bottom at 3 knots is an interesting experience. As most of you realized I misread the timetable and high tide at Blue Heron Bridge was at 9:40am and the low water slack tide was pretty dirty so we called off the bridge dive. But all in all it was a great dive day.

Photo by Jeri L. Curley

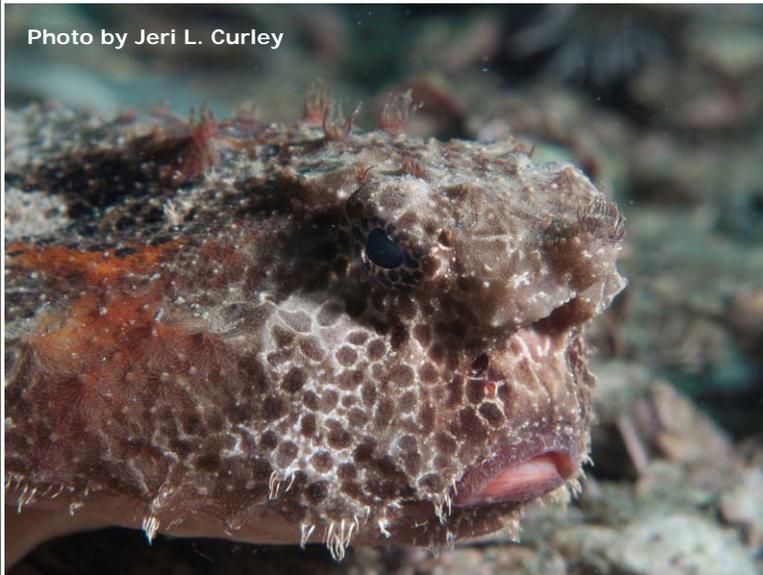


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Dreams of Diving

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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

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.

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



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