



Down Under Dive Club

June Club Meeting

With May done and over, the dive season is now in full swing. Water temps are getting up in the comfortable range, the seas are behaving better and the sun has been shining. If you haven't already done so, now is great time to get that gear serviced and make sure all your equipment is in order. While diving is supposed to be fun — safety is always a priority. Now is also a good time to brush up on our diving skills so that we interact with other divers and the environment safely and responsibly.

Don't miss this month's meeting on June 9th. The topic for this month's presentation is **"Go ECO: Explore, Conserve, and Observe"** with Trevor Wichmann of Pura Vida Divers. To practice and promote environmental awareness and conservation with our marine ecosystems is critical. As scuba divers, we recognize the fact that common diving practices have evolved significantly. We are also growing more and more aware of our surroundings and realizing that, from underwater photography to spearfishing, every diver can make a difference. Topics of discussion include environmentally sound scuba diving practices, positive marine interactions, responsible harvesting techniques and issues, and local conservation activities.

About Trevor: As an active PADI Instructor, USCG-licensed Captain, and avid diver, Trevor has introduced thousands of divers to the incredible coral reefs and wrecks of Palm Beach, Florida. As co-owner of Pura Vida Divers, a recipient of the 2003 Project AWARE Environmental Achievement Award, he has continually promoted environmental awareness and conservation with divers and snorkelers. Relocating from Oregon in order to dive year-round, Trevor has enjoyed many unique marine encounters in the waters of South Florida and the Bahamas.

Don't forget to check out the upcoming dives and events!!

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Dive Quiz by Phil

Question: You should initiate pressure equalization in your ears:

- A. Prior to beginning a descent
- B. At the beginning of a descent
- C. Before reaching a depth of 10 feet
- D. When you feel pain in your ears

(Answer on page 10)

New Club Game Begins June 9th !!!



DUDC is introducing a new contest called 50/50 at the next meeting with an interesting twist.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$3.00. Up to three tickets will be drawn each night and **cash prizes** awarded.

The twist is that each ticket drawn will have the chance of winning the big cash jackpot, if the lucky card is selected. If the lucky card is not drawn by any of the night's winners, then the card is thrown out and a new card will be used next time and the money from the jackpot will be rolled over to the next meeting.

This will increase the jackpot and the chances for winning. With this new game the jack pot could grow to a large sum of money. More details will be presented at the meeting. Don't miss it!!

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DUDC DIVE & EVENT CALENDAR

Event	Time	Location/Charter	Member's Cost (Non-members Extra)	Payment Due Date	Coordinator Phone # / E-mail	
Almost Full Moon Dive	Saturday, 6/5/04	Starfish Enterprise	\$55 + tanks	5/28/04	Michael 727-1028	Mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com
DUDC Club Meeting	Wednesday, 6/9/04 @ 7:30 p.m.	Hyperbaric Chamber	Free		Martin 253-4713	info@downunderdiveclub.com
Ocean Watch's 16th Annual Reef Sweep	Saturday, 6/12/04	Various			954-467-1366	http://www.oceanwatch.org/reefsweep.htm
DUDC Board of Director's Meeting	Tuesday, 6/22/03 @ 7 p.m.	Melbourne Library	Free			info@downunderdiveclub.com
West Palm Beach Dive	Saturday, 6/26/2004 @ 8:30 a.m.**	Pura Vida Divers	\$45.50 + tanks	6/12/04	Debi 728-7243	dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com
4th of July Night Dive	Sunday, 7/4/04 Time TBD	Pura Vida Divers	\$55 + tanks	6/20/04	Debi 728-7243	dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com
WPB Dive	Saturday, 7/24/04 <i>Tentative</i>	Narcosis	\$50 + tanks	7/10/04	Michael 727-1028	Mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com
DUDC Club Meeting	Wednesday, 7/14/04 @ 7:30 p.m.	Hyperbaric Chamber	Free		Martin 253-4713	info@downunderdiveclub.com
DUDC Board of Director's Meeting	Tuesday, 7/27/04 @ 7 p.m.	Melbourne Library	Free			info@downunderdiveclub.com
DUDC 20th Anniversary Clam Bake	Sunday, 8/8/04 10 am to 4 pm	Sebastian Inlet State Park	\$2.50 per member & BYOB	7/25/04		info@downunderdiveclub.com
DUDC Club Meeting	Wednesday, 8/11/04 @ 7:30 p.m.	Hyperbaric Chamber	Free		Martin 253-4713	info@downunderdiveclub.com
3 Tank Afternoon Club dive	Saturday, 8/14/04	Narcosis	\$80 + tanks	7/31/04	Michael 727-1028	Mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com
DUDC Board of Director's Meeting	Tuesday, 7/27/04 @ 7 p.m.	Melbourne Library	Free			info@downunderdiveclub.com
West Palm Beach Dive	Saturday, 8/28/2004 @ 8:30 a.m.**	Pura Vida Divers	\$45.50 + tanks	6/12/04	Debi 728-7243	dbuck@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. Exceptions can be made in the event of a death in the family or illness with Board approval. 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.
 You are not signed up for a dive until you have paid in full for the day trips or a deposit for the weekend trips. If you are interested in running a dive, please contact Michael at 727-1028 for more information.
 Divers not belonging to DUDC add \$5

(This calendar is tentative and subject to change.)

Dive Boat Etiquette

Well, the season is upon us. With warmer water temps and calmer seas, everyone is rushing to the water. This means more people on boats and manners (yes, manners), are more important than ever. There is nothing worse than being stuck on the boat (or in the water) with rude and inconsiderate divers. A bit of boat etiquette might mean the difference between a great dive experience and being forced to walk the plank with all your dive gear. So, while the rules of dive boat etiquette aren't written in stone, there are several that are standard. Keep these simple courtesies in mind, so your fellow divers don't vote YOU off the boat:

Prior to the dive:

- **Reservations/ Canceling** — Once you've made a reservation, show up. If you haven't prepaid, you're costing the charter operator money as well as denying someone else a place on the dive trip. Ask about the cancellation policy when you sign up. Many charters require 24 or 48 hours notice to guarantee a refund. If you must cancel, do so as early as possible. Even if something comes up at the last minute, call anyway, as there may be standby divers who would love to have your space.
- **Arrive on Time** — If you arrive just before the scheduled departure, you're likely to be very unpopular with the divers who got there on time and now have to sit around waiting for you to check in. If you arrive after departure time, don't be surprised if an empty dock greets you.

On the Boat:

- **Captain and crew** — There is only one captain on the boat. If the boat captain asks you to do something, do it. Right away. There's usually a very good reason for his request. The dive master and crew are following the directions of the captain, so consider their requests to be coming from the captain — listen & obey.
- **Stowing Gear** — Space is always at a premium on a dive boat. Space for personal gear is usually limited to a section of the bench 2 tanks wide which should be plenty for all of your basic gear. BC & regulator should be set up on a tank as soon as you board. Your mask should be attached to your BC or in your dive bag. Fins should be together under your seat. Small items, such as knives and lights should stay in your bag until it is time to suit up. Your dive bag should go under the seat and out of the way.
- **Eating** — If you bring your own snacks or drinks—label them. If no one knows its not for everyone, don't be surprised if they get eaten and all you get is an empty container. If the boat provides snacks, be considerate and try to leave some for someone else. There is nothing worse than coming up for a snack after the dive and all you find is half a cookie.
- **Getting sick** — Use your head and not the boat's. If you get seasick, throw up over the railing, downwind from everyone. In the SCUBA world, getting seasick is also called feeding the fish. Note that there are no fish in the boat's head to feed. Making a smelly, disgusting mess in the lavatory is unnecessary and very bad form. Just because it is called a head does not mean that is where yours goes.
- **Smoking** — If smoking is allowed on the boat, the proper place is on the deck at the stern (rear), preferably on the downwind side. Never smoke inside the cabin; it presents a serious fire hazard, not to mention an annoyance to others. If smoking is not permitted—don't. If you are not sure, ask.
- **Weights** — Do not put your weights on anything higher than what you want them to slide off of, and on to your toes. Or worse, your neighbor's toes! Not only can those weights break a toe but more importantly they could ruin the dive. If possible, keep those weights on the boat deck under your bench or otherwise out of the way and secure. Additionally, be sure to secure tank (s) as instructed by the crew or Divemaster. A loose cylinder on a pitching boat can be deadly; to everyone, including you.
- **Be Ready** — Don't wait until you hear "Dive, Dive, Dive" to start putting your fins on or defogging your mask.
- **Courtesy**— Wait your turn. Yes, we all want to get into the water. Does that mean you can jump up and run over all the other divers to be first off the boat? I don't think so!

In the Water:

- **Descending**—watch what and who you land on. No one likes to be landed on by another diver. Trust me on this. It hurts. Also, there is absolutely no reason why you should land on the reef or the bottom. Buoyancy control is the key.
- **Touch as little as reasonably possible when diving.** Humans are tactile creatures, but putting that pinky on a blue ringed octopus could be the last less-than-brilliant thing you do. Touching aquatic creatures can also wipe away their protective coating of slime and leave them open to disease.
- **When the dive is guided, stay within sight of the dive master or guide.** If he/she has to waste bottom time waiting for you or looking for you, the group may not make it to all of the features normally visited at that sight.
- **On unguided dives, follow the dive master's instructions about when you are expected to return to the boat.** Besides the obvious safety issues, even though you have excellent air consumption and additional bottom time allowed by a dive computer, these are not the only factors influencing the bottom time recommended by the captain and crew. The boat may need to be back at the dock at a particular time and it is inconsiderate to strand the rest of the divers on a rocking boat waiting for you to surface.

Of course, this is not all inclusive. Best thing to do is use common sense AND common courtesy. With just a little effort, everyone on the boat can have a great and safe trip.

D. Buck

West Palm Beach Dive Trip Report

Location: Singer Island, Florida

Charter Boat: Pura Vida Divers

Date: May 22nd, 2004

What a great day for diving! The seas were nearly flat and the sun was out. As we left the dock at Phil Foster Park we were all excited about the conditions. There were 8 members diving today: Jeri Curley, Bob Jensen, John Whitehead, Lee Simmons, Russell Bremmer, Kelly Watkins, Gary Buck and myself.

Today we headed north instead of south where we normally go and headed toward Jolly Jacks. First thing real noticeable was the incredible visibility which was around 80 feet. The next thing, was that the water was warmer than it had been for awhile. My computer was reading 79-80 degrees all morning.

Jolly Jacks is a great site. Depth was around 80 feet. There are deep undercuts and fabulous ledges. The reef was just covered in life. We saw several turtles, a nurse shark and lots of the usual tropicals. Unfortunately, the current was fast enough that we didn't get to take our time exploring every little niche (guess we'll have to go back).

Our next dive site was Yellowtail. Depth was around 75 feet. Yellowtail differs from a lot of the sites around West Palm in that the ledges are not as pronounced. It is like the difference between the rugged mountains and rolling hills. Despite this difference, there is a lot of marine life here. In fact there were several turtles (one very large loggerhead), a southern stingray, barracuda, porkfish and grunts (to name just a few).

After we all reluctantly surfaced, Captain Dean noticed that we had some remoras trying to attach themselves to the boat. That was all it took for Trevor (who was our dive master today instead of captain), to jump in the water along with my camera. Thanks to Trevor we have some great shots of remora that he took while hanging upside down off the boat ladder. Luckily, the remoras didn't seem to care for him.

All in all, you couldn't ask for a much better day for diving (well, a whale shark or at least a manta ray would've been nice). It was loads of fun and, of course, we'll have to do this again soon.

D. Buck

More Photos of this Dive and other dives at <http://www.downunderdiveclub.com/photoalbum/>



Coming at the July 14th Meeting

DUDC's Annual Ice Cream Social!



Ocean Watch's 16th Annual Reef Sweep and Beach Cleanup Saturday, June 12, 2004 from 9am - 1pm

On Saturday, June 12, Ocean Watch Foundation will be having its 16th Annual Reef Sweep and Beach Cleanup. A great family activity too. All ages. Already a South Florida tradition, local charter boats, private boaters and beach walkers will sweep our beaches and coral reefs clean from harmful garbage and debris. We are expecting over 800 beach lovers and coastal residents (but want many more) to pitch-in to preserve the natural beauty of the shores and reefs along Broward County.

Ocean Watch Foundation is a local 501(c)(3) volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of our local coral reef ecosystems through education, conservation, and beach and reef cleanups. Coral reefs are among the most fragile ecosystems on this planet and have existed for millions of years. In the tri-county area, coral reefs contribute over \$1 billion dollars annually to the economy and provide over 30,000 jobs in the area. What gets dropped on the beach as litter gets washed into the ocean harming the coral reefs and marine life? This is just one reason why it is important to help with beach cleanups, besides the aesthetic beauty and human health for beach goers. Over the years, Ocean Watch volunteers have collected some 20 tons of debris from our beaches and reefs. Imagine hauling that down to the curb or dumpster.

There are six sites throughout Broward County that volunteers can easily take part in by just showing up at the beach and lending a hand. Then there are also beach shore diving sites for SCUBA divers and private charter boats going out to the reefs. See location and dive boat operator information for more information. Note, for the dive boat charters there is a reduced fee for the dive excursion to divers. All other activities for the cleanup are free.

.BEACH WALKERS:

- North Beach Park (at Sheridan Street in Hollywood Beach)
- Dania Pier (just North of Dania Beach Blvd in Dania Beach)
- Birch State Park (across from Birch State Park A1A and Sunrise),
Parking provided inside the park if street parking not available.
- Lauderdale-By-The-Sea (at Commercial Blvd and El Mar Drive)
- Pompano Beach Pier (just North of Atlantic Blvd in Pompano Beach)
- Deerfield Beach (at Hillsboro Blvd in Deerfield Beach)

BEACH SHORE DIVERS:

- Pompano Beach Pier (just North of Atlantic Blvd in Pompano Beach)
- Deerfield Beach Pier (at Hillsboro Blvd in Deerfield Beach)

PRIVATE BOATERS:

Lighthouse Point (Fletcher Park 3035 NE 31st Avenue) Site for drop-off of collected trash only that you may have found in the waterways or on private dives.

CHARTER BOAT DIVES:

For divers interested in going to a reef cleanup, please call one of the following operators and let them know you are with Reef Sweep to obtain the discount. Also, be sure to get all details on where to meet the boat and what time.

American Dream II 954-577-0338
Diversion 954-430-3483
Diversity 561-368-9952
Dry Martini 954-963-0757
Fathoms O'Fun 954-942-7333
Fish Food 954-942-7333

Ibis 954-922-8134
Lady Go Diver 954-420-0009
Miss Conduct 954-698-6139
Pro Diver II 954-776-3483
Reef Roamer 954-524-2112
Tonto 954-788-9483

For more information visit: <http://www.oceanwatch.org/reefsweep.htm> or call 954-467-1366 and leave a voice mail.

All participants are invited to the **Reef Sweep Party** immediately after the cleanup 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm where awards will be given to the people who collect the most garbage, rope and monofilament. This lively party includes food, live entertainment, raffle and door prizes. Bring your children too. \$10 Non-volunteers \$5 Volunteers \$3 for children under 12. We will have discount coupons available, if you want to walk over to the Museum of Discovery and Science to see the world's largest captive Atlantic coral reef. There will also be Soap Box Derby Races in the streets that day. Don't worry about Parking. Plenty of garages and the City Public Garage Across from the Library (1.5 blocks away).

Check out the party location, Baja Fort Lauderdale at the Fort Lauderdale Las Olas Riverfront Complex (300 SW 1st Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 Phone: 954-462-5604) and the live entertainment.

Raffle tickets are available for an \$8,000 value LUXURY cruise from Radisson Seven Seas Cruises. There will also be hotel stays and airline tickets to raffle off plus much more.

Memorial Day 3 Tank Club Dive

We all meet at the Riviera Beach marina at 12:30 for our impending adventure aboard the Narcosis dive charter. As we watched the morning trips coming back to dock I noticed just how PACKED all the boats were! It wasn't until that very moment that I realized just how happy I was that the dive club had bought out the boat. We put 10 people on a 50+ foot boat. We each had so much room we almost had to use our cell phones to talk to each other ;-)

Mother Nature gave us an excellent day for diving. The weather was perfect and the seas were flat. Water temp could have been a little higher (mid to high 70's throughout the day), but that is why we wear wet suits. As for the viz, it stayed a constant 60-70 feet throughout the day.

Our first dive site was the Princess Anne; which is a 340 foot ferry that was sunk in 1993. Personally, this is my favorite dive in West Palm and she didn't disappoint us today. She was teeming with life; abundant with the usual Goliath Groupers (I saw 3), Angels, barracudas, and grunts. While the usual Bull Shark was not present on the wreck, would he make his appearance later?

The second dive of the day was Juno Ledges. This is a 25' ledge filled with cracks and valley's and loaded with all kinds of sea life. The highlight of the dive was a massive green moray eel. As Bill and Judy Shepherd approached the monster to video it, I was starting to think I was witnessing a "Florida Quickie Divorce". Bill was grabbing Judy's tanks and pushing her in closer, and closer, and closer to the mouth of the beast. Now I know how they get all those GREAT videos!

For our third and final dive of the day, we headed over to Shark Canyon. Now I've done this dive 3 other times and NEVER seen a shark. Thought we would give it one last chance. The site didn't let us down today – there were several Reef Sharks, Nurse Sharks, and my Bull Shark even swam over from the Princess to say hello. The Reef Sharks tended to follow us down the ledge; almost to the point where you could hear them talking amongst themselves – "hey George, I hear the ones with Pink Fins taste like chicken".

Overall it was an AWESOME day of diving. Thanks again to everyone who participated – you were the best part of the trip for me!!!!

Michael Wheat



Pensacola Dive Report

Well, the seas were calm, the weather was beautiful and boats were available. Unfortunately, my daughter had scheduled her wedding in the middle of this great dive opportunity. And, my wife insisted that I be cleaned up for public display at the wedding so I was not able to get any diving in over the week-end. Did do some after the wedding, more about that later!

My son-in-law's sister however did manage to go diving offshore Friday, 21 May; before the wedding! She reported visibility was about 70 ft on one wreck and about half that on a small ledge the dive boat took them to. Both were about 5 miles offshore. I was surprised by the cost. It was \$70 plus tanks and weights! That seemed to be the norm. I started wondering about the cost of an Oriskany expedition!! At any rate she enjoyed the dives, even though it was well over \$100 by the time she paid for tanks and tips!!

After the "event" I called a couple of dive shops, but the weather was starting to deteriorate and/or boats were down for maintenance, etc. I did manage to get a beach dive in at Ft Pickens. It was on a pile of old (very old) parts of the fort walls that had been dropped in about 50 ft of water about 70 ft off the beach. Saw some nice black grouper and Sgt major and some others! All seemed accustomed to divers and frequently came up to check me out rather than heading out! Got to practice underwater navigation skills as I had a map of the rock piles with bearing and distance to various "landmarks"

I did discuss the Oriskany project with one of the dive operators. They expect the Oriskany to be moved from Corpus Christi to Pensacola by 4 July, then expect final prep to take about 4 weeks so it should be on the bottom by 1 Aug according to this guy. I asked what the expected pricing was for a trip to the Oriskany and he said a number of the operators were working on that and it would probably be about \$90 plus tanks, but it was still open. That's all for now!!



Eco - Operators

Project AWARE honors outstanding dive retailers and resorts with the Project AWARE Environmental Achievement Award. These facilities operate in an environmentally-responsible manner and promote Project AWARE's philosophy of aquatic conservation to their customers and community members each day.

As divers and water enthusiasts, we're responsible for the future health of the underwater environment. The Environmental Achievement Award winners recognize the importance of preserving the local resources we depend on every day and implement solutions through responsible business practices.

To qualify for this prestigious award, the following operators were evaluated on award criteria in the following six areas: 1) Environmental Events, 2) Environmental Education, 3) Responsible Business Practices, 4) Project AWARE Program Support, 5) Public Awareness, 6) Responsible Diving Practices.

Winners of the Project AWARE Environmental Achievement Award 2003 include:

A1 Scuba Center - Englewood, Colorado, USA
American Pro Diving Center - Crystal River, Florida, USA
Caicos Adventures - Providenciales, Turks & Caicos
California Dive Center - San Bruno, California, USA
Dive In - Pafos, Cyprus
Diver's Realm, Inc. - Appleton, Wisconsin, USA
Minnesota School of Diving - Brainerd, Minnesota, USA
Punta Cana Resort & Club - S. Domingo D.G., Dominican Republic
Pura Vida Divers - Singer Island, Florida, USA
Reefwatch Worldwide - Krabi, Thailand
Scuba Dogs - Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
Scuba Joe - Boulder, Colorado, USA
Sea Saba Dive Center - Saba
Seatasea Scuba & Windsurfing Center - Hiawatha, Iowa, USA
Virginia Scuba - Manassas, Virginia, USA

Project AWARE honors award winners with an official plaque and window decal to recognize their dedication to sustainable business practices and the environment.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

Pura Vida
SINGER ISLAND, FLORIDA
Divers

For their outstanding achievement in being one of two Florida dive operations (and fifteen worldwide) to win the Project AWARE Environmental Achievement Award for 2003



June & July Club Dives



Saturday, June 5th —

Almost Full Moon Dive. Join the DUDC on a great 2 tank night dive under the light of the full moon (well, almost full), on board the Starfish Enterprise out of Lantana. We did this dive last year and it was phenomenal! Don't wait to sign up, this one will fill up fast. Cost for the dive will be \$55 + tanks. Contact Michael Wheat for more information or to sign up at mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com or via phone at 727-1028.

Saturday, June 26th —

WPB Drift Dive with Pura Vida Divers. Join DUDC and Pura Vida Divers as do some great diving off West Palm Beach. Price is \$45.50 + tanks (if we fill all 12 spaces the price goes down) Space is limited, so reserve your spot early. Contact Debi (321) 728-7243 or dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com to sign up or for more information.

Sunday, July 4th —

Ever want to watch fireworks from a boat? Enjoy Night Diving? Get the best of both worlds and do both! Join the DUDC for a 2 tank night dive with Pura Vida Divers in West Palm Beach. **SOLD OUT!!!!!!** Cost \$55 + tanks. **Dive must be paid in full by June 19th.** Contact Debi (321) 728-7243 or dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com to sign up or for more information.

Saturday, July 24th -

Two tank morning dive with Narcosis. \$50/pp. This is the last weekend before mini-lobster season and the dive boats go nuts! Tanks are \$5 for air and \$10 for Nitrox. Contact Michael Wheat for more information or to sign up at mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com or via phone at 727-1028.
Tentative



DUDC Bulletin Board:

Divers Wanted (No Experience Necessary) — Down Under Dive Club (DUDC) is looking for enthusiastic divers who wish to participate in the exploration of our Underwater World. By joining our club you will not only be kept informed of upcoming chances to further your diving skills and experience, but also be eligible for discount prices on dives. You will also get a subscription to our monthly newsletter. For more information call Martin Munnich at 253-4713 or send an e-mail to info@downunderdiveclub.com

Hatt's Diving Headquarters offers a 10% discount for DUDC members. Stop by the shop at 2006 S. Front Street Melbourne, FL. (321) 723-5932 and ask for details.

10% Discount for DUDC Members with Pura Vida Divers. Pura Vida Divers in Singer Island is offering a discount for all DUDC members. Pura Vida offers daily scuba diving charters, instruction, open water referrals, dive vacation packages, and scuba diving and snorkeling equipment sales, service, and rentals as well as enriched air (nitrox) and air fills. Mention that you are a DUDC member and receive a discount. *** **Pura Vida now has underwater scooters available for rent [\$25].** *** Contact Pura Vida Divers at (888) DIVE WPB (348-3972) or e-mail at info@puravidadivers.com. Check out the website: www.puravidadivers.com

Summer SCUBA Camp for kids - PDI is offering several summer SCUBA Camps for kids ages 12 and up. These camps will be a weeklong experience for young people who have the motivation and desire to get certified as PADI OW or PADI Jr. OW Divers. The camp consists of one week of classes and a weekend. (for the four required open water dives.) Class size will be limited to 8. PDI Senior instructor, Judy Shepherd, a PADI MSDT with a Master's Degree in Science Ed., will be teaching these classes. They will begin shortly after regular school ends for the summer. Call PDI at 254-1200 for schedules, cost and more details. Let your kids do something really meaningful this summer that will last a lifetime!!!!

Do you have something you're looking to buy, sell, trade or give away or just an announcement you would like to make, drop me a line at dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com and we can put it in the newsletter for you.

DUDC Now Takes Credit Cards

**You can now pay for Dives, Membership fees,
& Merchandise**



***Want to receive the newsletter by email and enjoy the newsletter in full color?
Send us an e-mail and ask to be put on the list.***



May's Prize Winners

Door Prize Winners:

Jessica Buck — Bumper Sticker
Carla Donovan — Bumper Sticker
Sandy Mepham — Waterproof Fish ID Book
Ron Powell — The Very Best of Palau video
Kelly Watkins — Z knife
Judy Shepard — Stamps

Raffle Winner:

Heather Barnes was the winner of the
Free 2 tank Club Dive

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

Answer to Dive Quiz . . .

Answer: **A or B**

Some divers like to pump up their ears prior to starting a descent. It is important to keep ahead of ambient pressure increases. If the outside pressure exceeds internal ear pressure, the differential will hold the Eustachian tubes closed and make equalization impossible. You can prevent the effect by equalizing early and often

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