



DOWN UNDER DIVE CLUB

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DUDC Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 9th @7 pm

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Speaker for April Captain SL8R

Captain Slater's love of the arts and entertainment make him engaging, personable and a far different / energetic option than your average Dive Charter Captain. He served as full time Captain and Director of Operations for Blue Tang Dive Charters prior to starting Capt SL8R Charters. From the Atlantic waterways to a theatre near you, the world is literally Captain SL8R's stage.

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

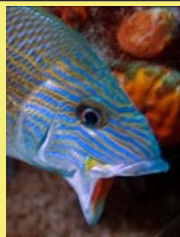
Meeting Location

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

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NEW RAFFLE
ALADIN 2G DIVE COMPUTER



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
St. Paddy's Dive	March 15 TBD		Scott Newland	Divecoordinator@downunderdiveclub.com
Kayak Adventure	March 29, 2014	\$47	Diane Ford	Secretary@downunderdiveclub.com
Keys Trip	April TBD		Scott Newland	Divecoordinator@downunderdiveclub.com
June Turtle Night Dive	June TBD		Scott Newland	Divecoordinator@downunderdiveclub.com
July 4th Night Dive	July 4th, TBD		Jeri Curley	jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com
DUDC Picnic	May 17th, 10-3	FREE with side dish	Jeri Curley	jcurley@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

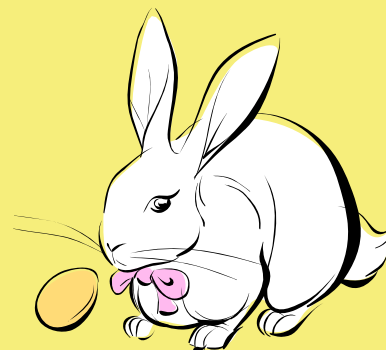


Hatt's Diving Headquarters, Inc.

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

JND Scuba Center

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



President's Message

We've got some great adventures planned for this year, but we need your help! If anyone would like to help the board plan and run dives, give us a shout!

We are scheduled to be there in April. Come and say Hi! I will most likely be there unless I'm on a beer run...

If anyone has any contacts with any of the other Friday Fests, let me know. Meg O'Malleys has graciously given us their spot for our occasional use.

Let's Go Diving!Jeri L. Curley



Keys Dive May 3-4

Plan:

- ➔ Leave for Key Largo Friday 5/2 PM (Car pool if possible)
- ➔ Spend Friday 5/2 at the [Creekside Inn](#) Tavernier, Fl.
- ➔ 2 Dives Saturday 5/3 with Conch Republic Divers. AM Eagle / Reef PM Duane / Reef
- ➔ Spend Saturday night at Creekside Inn
- ➔ 1 Dive Sunday AM
- ➔ Spiegel Grove / Reef
- ➔ Sunday PM head home
- ➔ AOW required for all three wrecks

Cost \$410 worst case, can drop if more diver participate. Double occupancy. Your equipment and air/nitrox. Both are available at Conch Republic, if needed.

Possible Non-Refundable Deposits: Creekside Inn \$149 (3 day cancellation notice).

Diving Time is Here Again

By Terry Peterman

The heat of summer is already here and diving is creeping into every thought but before you head for the ocean it's time to pull that gear out of the closet and give it the once over, maybe even twice over. Our dive gear is made up of Rubber, Plastic, and Metal all of which is subject to oxidation and decay. Unless your specially trained for it, your regulator should take a trip to the dive shop for service. Remember your life quite literally depends on it. Inspect the O rings in your tank valves for dry rot and check the inspection sticker and hydro to be sure your current. If the air in your tank has been sitting there since September you might want to consider dumping it and getting a fresh fill, stale air can give you a nasty headache. Hook up your BC to a tank and regulator and fill it completely pull the dump valves to make sure the seats aren't sticking and listen for leaking air from anywhere, If your BC uses lead shot for ballast check to make sure it has not corroded into a giant lump ready to dissolve after you get into the water. Check all the hoses for cracking activate both auto and oral inflators. Check the quick disconnect for corrosion and clean with vinegar if necessary. Look for fabric tears you may have missed during the last season and be sure your plastic buckles are not brittle and ready to break. Likewise if the straps have gotten hard and difficult to use you may want to replace them. Check the rubber on your mask, mask straps and fins for cracking. Don't forget the ones in your save a dive kit, check everything in your save a dive kit for rotting or expiration. The national hurricane center has predicted this year to be infrequent on hurricanes so lets make it frequent for diving, but first make sure your gear is ready. See you at the Anchor.

Kayak Adventure!

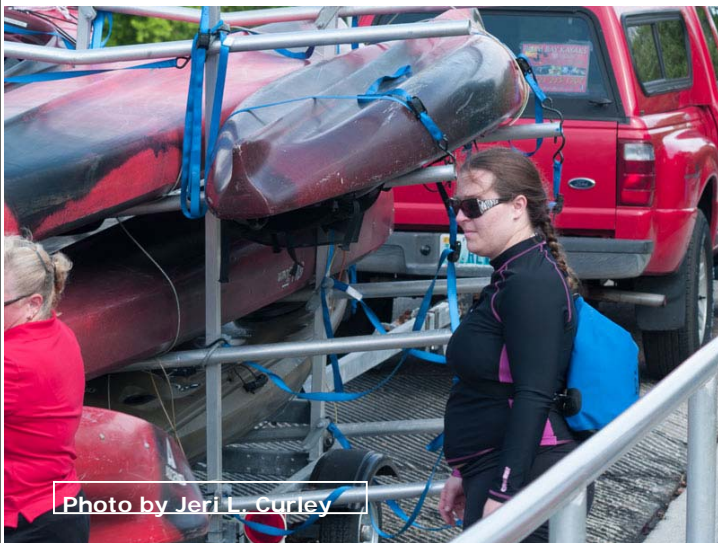
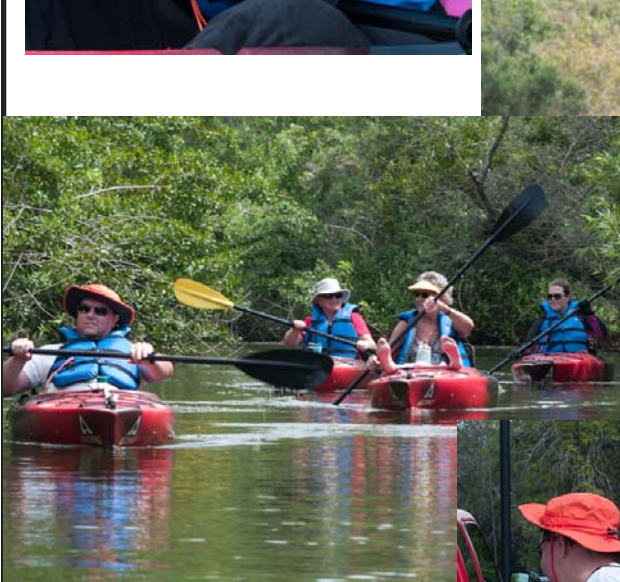
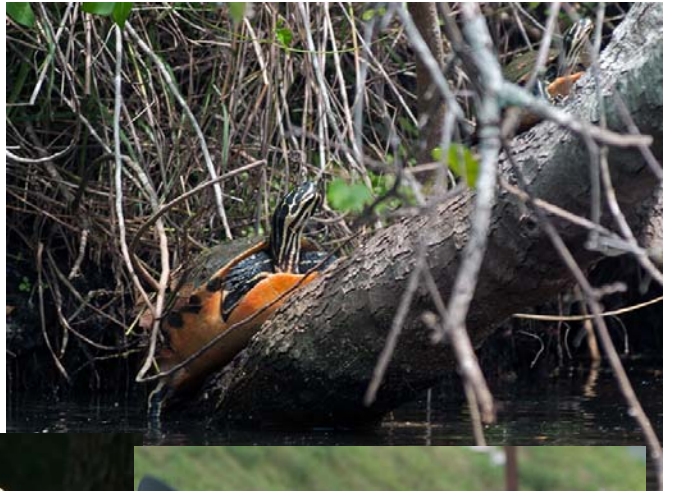


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About the Down Under Dive Club

The Down Under Dive Club (DUDC) is centrally located along the sunny, Space Coast of Florida, in Brevard County. Formed in 1984 by a group of enthusiastic divers, DUDC's numbers have grown to 100 strong. Our mission is to promote safe diving practices; organize dives for the benefit of our members; encourage the camaraderie of our members by providing relaxed social settings and encourage environmental responsibility throughout the dive community. Our dives have covered the Atlantic ocean, from Georgia to Bonaire. We organize all types of dives: drift dives, wreck dives, shore dives, live-aboard trips, spring dives, and even shark dives! We are a very diverse group of divers with men, women and kids from ages from 11 to 65+ and 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.

Miscellaneous Dive Equipment for Sale – Make an offer

- REGULATOR - US Divers Micra, 1st and 2nd stage with octopus 2nd
- COMPUTER - Oceanic DataMax Sport Dive
- LED LIGHT - Princeton dive light with 4 C batteries
- LED LIGHT - Intova dive light with 3 AAA batteries
- LED LIGHT - 1400 Lumen Dive light with 18650 Li-Ion battery and charger

➔ And more....

Make offer. John Dockendorf 321.431.0430 [johndockendorf@earthlink.net](mailto: johndockendorf@earthlink.net)

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.

Melbourne Friday Fest:

Say Hello to your board members at Melbourne's Friday Fest. Every few months, we'll be next to Meg's handing out information on the club and trying to increase our list of dive buddies! We'll let you know when at our meeting or email a board member.



Board of Directors

President :	Jeri L. Curley	jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com
Vice President:	Shauna Hume	VicePresident@downunderdiveclub.com
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Dive Coordinator:	Scott Newland	Divecoordinator@downunderdiveclub.com



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