



# DOWN UNDER DIVE CLUB

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## DUDC Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th @7 pm

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## Photo Composition and What Can You Find at Blue Heron Bridge?

As a kickoff to our photo contest, our very own Jeri Curley will present a short presentation on Photo Composition. Jeri recently received her AA in Web Design and Multimedia Arts from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and has placed in several major photo contests. She is now a moderator on the world wide underwaterphotography.com daily, monthly and yearly contests. Through the years she has compiled an extensive library of rare and beautiful finds at Blue Heron Bridge—a world renowned dive destination found in our own backyard.



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

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

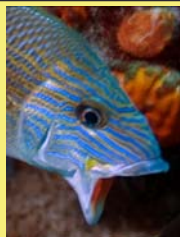
**COME EARLY AND ORDER A FABULOUS MEAL**

### Meeting Location

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

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

Meeting Day Change  
**TUESDAY, November 11**



# 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
Blue Heron Bridge Dive	Any time the Tide is Right!	Free	Jeri Curley	<a href="mailto:jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com">jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
Capt. SI8tr August Dive	12/14/14 @ 9:30 am	\$58.90	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



Yes, back by popular request. The DUDC photo contest winners will be judged and prizes awarded at our February meeting. Deadline for submission will be January 30, 2015. Email photos to [Admin@DownUnderDiveClub.com](mailto:Admin@DownUnderDiveClub.com)

Categories:

Wide Angle      Macro      Topside

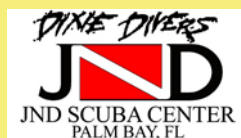


### Hatt's Diving Headquarters, Inc.

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

### JND Scuba Center

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



# Photo Contest

## President's Message

It seems like such a long time since our last meeting. The summer is ending but the dive season has only just begun. The goliath grouper are beginning to aggregate off of Jupiter and the Lemon Sharks are just around the corner. Many of you have already braved the Lobster mini season. I wanted to take a minute to remind you of how lucky we are to live in Florida. Blue Heron Bridge has been ranked one of the top 10 dives in the world. We all know how beautiful our reefs are off of Jupiter and West Palm.



**Meeting for November has been changed to TUESDAY, November 11 @ 7pm**



We have new t-shirts for sale with a Diving is Life logo on the back. Regular T-shirts are \$16, Women's tanks are \$16, Performance T's are \$20.

**Let's Go Diving! .....Jeri L. Curley**

## "Safety at the Surface"

By Terry Peterman

When a Diver leaves the shore or boat, but has not submerged below the surface, they are said to be in transition. It is during this period the diver is most likely to experience problems. This is when we tend to realize we have forgotten, or drop and lose, a needed piece of equipment. Get tossed in rough seas and have unfortunate encounters with the boat. There are some guidelines that can help you keep control and make your transition to the underwater world a smooth one. There are basically three reasons we find ourselves at the surface, Waiting for our dive buddy or group to enter the water before leaving the surface, after ascending to the surface at the end of our dive, and to solve a problem that could not be solved underwater. When you find yourself at the surface one of the most important practices is to keep your mask on your face and the regulator or snorkel in your mouth. This will keep waves out of your eyes and out of your mouth. If you must take your mask off, pull it down around your neck, on your forehead is just asking for a wave to take it off and send it to the bottom. As Divers, we don't spend a lot of time on the surface, it is easy to forget to inflate your BC, but this can make all the difference between resting at the surface and wearing yourself down. Inflate your BC enough to keep you afloat but don't over inflate it as this can restrict your breathing and effect stability. Stay back from the boat except immediately after entering or before leaving the water. Be wary of a jumping dive platform in rough water, a 10,000 lb boat landing on your head is bound to leave a lasting impression. Use a tagline if there is a current to deal with rather than hanging onto the platform, if the boat operator doesn't routinely use one, ask them to. If your having problems while diving it is almost always better to try to solve the problem on the bottom where it is calm and still, this is where a good dive buddy comes in handy. Only go to the surface if low on air or as a last resort. Experience and being relaxed go a long way to ensuring a smooth transition and following these guidelines should go a long way to that end. See you at the anchor.

# 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](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).

### 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

<b>President :</b>	Jeri L. Curley	<a href="mailto:jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com">jcurley@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
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Photo by Jeri L. Curley