

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for The Diving Rebels.

-Oldest Scuba Club in Texas-

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June 21st - 22nd Mid-Year Party Lake Travis – Austin, TX.

We have reserved 2 pods that can hold 20 campers each (sites 5 and 6) for Friday, June 20 and Sat., June 21. It doesn't cost us anything to reserve the sites so we went ahead and booked the two sites for both nights. Keith plans to take Friday the 20th afternoon off work to be there and get the campsite somewhat established. The park closes at 9pm.

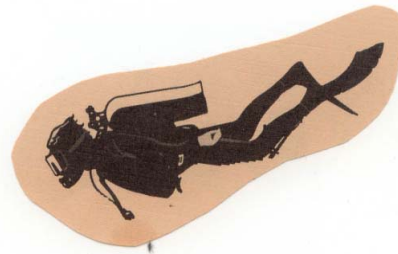
Here's the scoop.

Camping is \$15 per night per vehicle (so we'll want to carpool) may even want to arrange one of the park and ride type things close and then check in as a group in one vehicle.

The day use fee is \$5 per vehicle and is waived for campers.

The night dive permit is \$5 - C card required.

There is an underwater trail and compass course that is supposed to connect the dive attractions - sunken boats, historic dam construction materials and geological points of interest. 🗺️



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 4 th -	Membership Meeting
JUNE 7 th - 8 th	SeaSpace Houston
JUNE 21 st -22 nd	Mid Year Party
JULY 2 nd -	Membership Meeting
AUGUST 6 th -	Membership Meeting

Protecting Sharks Worldwide

June Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Randal Paden 6/10

Ronnie Jones 6/29

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ANNIVERSARIES


Ronnie Jones 6/18



Do you worry about sharks? If you don't, maybe you should. Not because they're out to get you but because sharks themselves are in serious trouble - with at least 70 of the more than 350 species threatened by extinction - largely due to fining.

But if you want to protect the sharks there are many ways to get involved. One of the most important things you can do is work with your government to design and implement fining prohibitions. To help further understanding of shark species and the threats they face, Project AWARE developed the Protect the Sharks campaign in 2000. In addition, the nonprofit organization WildAid is looking for fining evidence. If you have any photographs or footage you should contact them at www.wildaid.org.

In the case of these highly migratory species, however, local legislation isn't always enough. Because they are wide ranging, many sharks are susceptible when in the open ocean, which is subject to no single nation's laws. The Shark Trust, a nonprofit based in the United Kingdom is looking for signatures for an online petition in support of a United Nations resolution to ban fining globally. You can lend your signature to the list at www.sharktrust.org.


Divers are the perfect ambassadors for the underwater environment. Use this opportunity to speak out and make a difference. For more information on the Protect the Sharks campaign go to www.projectaware.org. 

Miscellaneous Info:

We are currently updating all telephone and address info in order to issue a new club roster. Please advise **Robert Dove** of any changes over the past two years.



10 THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

1. 80% of divers admit they pee in their wetsuits. (The other 20% are lying.)
2. 24% of divers say their regulator is older than 4 years.
3. 13% of divers say they made more than 80 dives last year.
4. 28% of divers say they have used duct tape to repair a piece of dive gear.
5. There are 360,000 square miles of living coral reefs worldwide. Reefs may cover a small fraction of the ocean floor, but they secrete calcium carbonate on a scale so massive that they absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and help regulate the global climate.
6. Black Grouper are sighted 40% of the time in Cozumel Marine Park, and only 24% elsewhere in the Caribbean.
7. Cayman law forbids gloves on reef dives.
8. The Caribbean National Forest, also known as El Yunque, is the only true tropical rainforest on U.S. soil.
9. John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park is 40 years old this year.
10. 72% of divers own their dive gear. 

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