

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels.

-Oldest Scuba Club in Texas-

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Coming Next Month....When will you need a passport to travel to the Caribbean, Canada and Mexico? Find out in next months edition!

Reminder! – Mid-Year Outing Clear Springs Scuba Park

More Information will be announced at the membership meeting and in a follow-up email. The information will also be posted on the website.

June Meeting Program

Paula Robinson, a member of the Dallas Underwater Photographic Society, will present a program of fascinating underwater photographs that will be educational, informative and entertaining. Since this is not to be missed, please be sure and join us for our May meeting.

Calendar of Events

- June 1 Monthly Membership Meeting
June TBA Mid-Year Party, Clear Springs Scuba Park
July 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, **Chinese Auction**
July TBA Membership Drive-Clear Springs
July 31 La Paz Baja California Mexico

President's Report

Nine Rebels and guests are currently preparing to trek across most of the state to end up at Balmorhea State Park for our fourth sort-of annual pilgrimage to dive in the desert for one of the most unique dive experiences anywhere. The May edition of Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine contained a good article about the park that extolled its unique virtues. We hope to have a good report of our diving and other activities to present at the June 1 club meeting.

I would like to give special thanks and recognition to Mark Stonebridge, a Rebel member for the past couple of years, who provided a program at the May club meeting where he presented pictures, artifacts and information on his diving in the north Atlantic ocean, off the coast of New York. Unfortunately, the lap top computer that I brought did not match up with the format of Mark's underwater photographs and we were not able to view them. But Mark still had a fascinating array of items including bottles, plates, ammunition and various other artifacts that he collected on the ocean bottom or from underwater wrecks, including the *Andrea Doria*, that he dove in the north Atlantic. This was a lot of work to put all this together and bring it for our viewing pleasure and we appreciate it.

Danny Bouska, our VP, newsletter editor and webmaster has rolled out a beta version of a member's only section of the Diving Rebels web page that the board is first going to evaluate. Upon approval from the board, Danny will be releasing this to the membership. This section of the web page will include features such as the following:

- Membership Directory
- Member Bulletin Board with Shop N' Swap Area
- Outing Questionnaires

I think that this will be a valuable addition to our web site that will well serve the membership (that's y'all).

Just a couple reminders about upcoming activities - we will be having our annual mid-year party at Clear Springs Scuba Park near Terrell. The board has had discussions about which date is best and we will have an announcement on that by the time of the meeting next Wednesday, June 1. Also, please remember to get ready for one of our big fundraisers for the club, that of the Chinese auction, which will occur at the July club meeting. So be getting your items ready for this and loosen up your purse strings.

Keith has pinned down the Lake Arlington shelter for our Christmas party on December 10 (thanks, Keith). We have not used this location for the past couple of years and we thought we'd try it again. The club will have to pay a usage fee, but perhaps the location will be conducive to a better turnout. A great thanks to Ronnie and Scott Jones for procuring the Herman Son's Hall in Fort Worth for the past two Christmas parties.

Steve Ogden

Members Only Section on divingrebels.org is now undergoing beta testing by the board!

A Members Only area on the website is now going thru beta testing by the board and will be available soon. Members will be notified via email with details on how to access the area. This is a password-protected area to which only Members will be given access. Included in the Members Only area is:

- Membership Directory
- Member Chat Area
- Swap N' Shop Area
- Outing Questionnaires

This is a beginning. New items may and will be added to the area. Watch your email for information and use the login and password that you received via email and start communicating with each other today!

Won't receive the login and password because you're not a member?
Become a member of the Diving Rebels and see what you're missing!

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Dave Burleson,	June 10th
Randall Paden,	June 10th
Scott Jones,	June 27th

Anniversaries

Mark & Mary Stonebridge	June 3rd
Steve Herman & Ellen Fourton	June 6th
Ronnie & Darlene Jones	June 18th

Membership Survey!

The Diving Rebels Board of Directors will be mailing out a Membership Survey in June to current members. This is your club, and we as a board wish to gather member input on a variety of areas. The survey will be due by the July 6th meeting. By bringing your survey and attending the July membership meeting and Chinese Auction, you will receive a free ticket for the door prize drawing. Help the board make the club the best in the DFW area and Texas by taking a few minutes and completing the survey and attending the July membership meeting and Chinese Auction.

Mark your Calendars!

July 6, 2005

CHINESE AUCTION!!!!!! Make plans now!
This is a major fund raising event for the Rebels, so let's have a very great turnout.

La Paz – July 31 – Aug 5, 2005

The deadline has passed, but if you are still interested please contact Danny or Jill Bouska. We may still be able to get you signed up for this exciting trip.

Tyler State Park Outing --- It Didn't Rain ---

After several years in a row of having wet Tyler outings, this year was a pleasant break from our wet tradition this time having great weather not counting a little wind Saturday night. The lake had very good visibility 15 foot or better due partly because we got this dive in before the late April pine pollen had a chance to stain the water. The early date of the outing coupled with the coolness of this spring meant that the water was an unusually cool 64 degrees above the thermo cline and several degrees lower below it. Full wet suits really were required. Those of us who made a dive in our Caribbean suits got chilled rather quickly.

The fish were particularly plentiful and made the diving worthwhile even if you were not participating in the underwater game. That game was land based five-card draw, but to draw or discard you had to go and find a card at one of six underwater stations. You could exchange any one of your cards for the card at the station if it would help your hand, and you go to any station as many times as you wanted. But the card you leave is available for the next diver to upgrade his hand. Steve O. built the best hand with King high full house, Danny trailing with three aces.

The outing also sponsored a barbeque cook-off with entries in several meat categories, Danny and Jill cleaned up most categories via their full size smoker and obvious skill at the sport. All entries were very good and the judges had a hard time picking the winners. If you like barbeque and missed this outing you missed a great opportunity to compare different styles. One of the tastiest treats was provided by Jill who made cantaloupe ice cream as the centerpiece desert.

Good weather, good friends, good food, good diving = "A good time was had by all"

Jim

June 4 & 5th



Special Guests: Norbert Wu, James Watt, Guy Harvey, Tim Blanton and more

- * Exhibit Hall with over 200 booths
- * Scuba diving, kayaking, sailing
- * Kid's Place packed with fun, FREE activities
- * FREE intro to Scuba in the pool
- * Gallery of underwater photos
- * Film festival
- * Workshops, seminars, demos, FUN for the entire family!

SEASPACE is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation with event proceeds funding a marine-related scholarship program. Open to the public, SEASPACE is an annual exposition of Adventure Sports, Travel, and Scuba Diving. SEASPACE 2005 is scheduled June 4 & 5 at Reliant Center in Houston, Texas. The show will feature cinematographer **Norbert Wu** and his latest film, "Under Antarctic Ice."

Known as the finest Adventure Exposition in the Southwest USA, SEASPACE combines exotic travel, adventure sports, scuba diving and a host of related outdoor activities. Held in Reliant Center over the weekend of June 4-5, SEASPACE 2005 will feature over 200 booths and exhibits for the outdoor sports and travel enthusiast, as well as a host of seminars and workshops that both entertain and educate. Whether you wish to investigate a new outdoor sport, or select a top-quality island holiday destination, SEASPACE is the place to be.

Additional highlights include a Gallery of Underwater Photography presented by the Houston Underwater Photographic Society, and an extensive children's activity area, "Kid's Place at SEASPACE," sponsored by the Houston Underwater Club. Among a variety of thought-provoking educational activities, youngsters aged 5-12 can go on a simulated scuba dive through a coral reef constructed of recycled materials.

Adults will enjoy a wide array of seminars and presentations by luminaries including **Norbert Wu, James Watt,** and **Tim Blanton**. Among other events, Watt will teach an in-depth "Digital Photography Workshop" and Blanton will present an "Underwater Video Workshop."

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Admission to SEASPACE 2005 Exhibit Hall at Reliant Center is just \$6 per person. Kids 12 and under, and scouts in uniform, are admitted free of charge. Exhibit Hall hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 5. Additional and advance ticket order information and a complete weekend schedule are available [here](#). For additional information about SEASPACE 2005 you may also call 713-467-6675.

There has been interest expressed in car-pooling to Houston for Seaspace 2005. There is no better way to learn more about your fellow members than in a car-pool to one of the best, and probably the biggest, consumer scuba shows in Texas. More discussion at the meeting on Wednesday. If you can't come to the meeting, but are interested in joining and/or creating a car-pool, send an email to seaspace@divingrebels.org by 5:00 PM on Wednesday June 1st and get your name placed in the pool.

<http://www.seaspace.org/>

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

This place is special.....This place teems with life!

Picture yourself over 100 miles from land, in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico. At times, the seas can be very unforgiving, and the weather can turn foul in an instant. But here, in the midst of this unpredictable Gulf, lie three of the most beautiful and wild places in all the world. Manta rays, whale sharks, coral heads that are bigger than cars, hundreds of species of fish and invertebrates...

Mention the Flower Gardens to most people and their first thoughts are of hot houses and neatly trimmed marigold beds. This is not surprising when you consider where these entrancing coral reefs got their name. Turn of the century snapper fishermen could actually see the "gardens" of corals and sponges 50 to 100 feet below the surface. They occasionally snagged brightly colored bits of these animals on their lines as they fished. They likened them to the more familiar common flowers, hence the name, Flower Gardens!

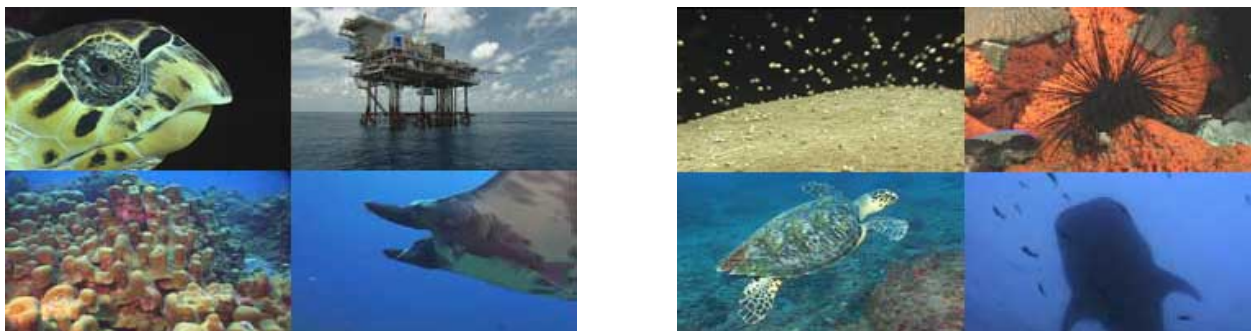
The Flower Gardens are actually the northernmost coral reefs in the United States. Located about 105 miles directly south of the Texas/Louisiana border ([click to see map](#)), they are perched atop two salt domes rising above the sea floor. Salt formation began 160 to 170 million years ago when salt layers were deposited in what was then a shallow sea subject to evaporation. In subsequent years, miles of sediments were deposited over the salt layers.

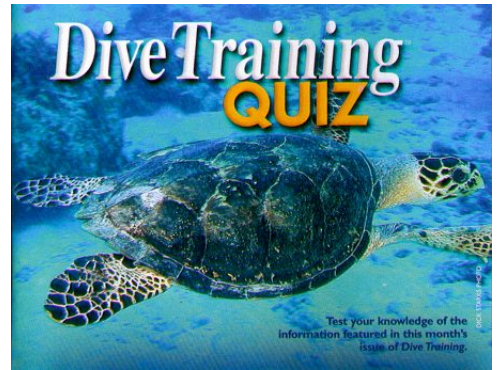
There is an abundance of life on the Flower Gardens. Twenty-one species of coral have been documented, with no large branching corals, sea fans or sea whips. There are 80+ species of algae and 250+ macroinvertebrate species of invertebrates. Two hundred plus species of fish inhabit the Flower Gardens and there are 3 documented species of marine turtles, with only the loggerhead turtle as a resident.

If you are interested in going to the Flower Gardens, come join Jill and Danny as they lead a group to the Gardens on July 22. The trip will depart, from Freeport Texas, at 8:00pm on the 22nd and return on July 24th between 5 and 6pm. Trip includes up to 7 diving opportunities, conditions permitting. Accommodations, meals and beverages are provided while onboard. This is a condition controlled dive trip and the final word on whether the trip is a "go" or not will be announced at 12 Noon on the day of the trip. Cost of the trip is \$380.00. If you are Enriched Air certified (EAN) and want to dive Nitrox, add an additional \$65.00. If you are not EAN certified and would like to be, the classroom part of the class will be taught the Tuesday prior to the trip and the required dives will be done at the Flower Gardens. Cost of the class is \$99.00, which is a savings of \$50 off of the regular price.

For additional information on the Flower Gardens: www.gulf-diving.com/index.html

To sign up for the trip, contact: Jill 817-291-7039 or Danny 214-668-6127





1. When reproducing asexually an anemone reproduces a genetic replica of itself through a process known as:

- A. Replication
- B. Clustering
- C. Halving
- D. Budding

2. All cnidarians are equipped with virulent stinging cells known as:

- A. Nematoblasts
- B. Cnidae
- C. Nematocysts
- D. A and B are correct
- E. B and C are correct

3. The two Native American tribes who originally occupied the Caribbean islands are known as the:

- A. Arawaks and Wakulas
- B. Arawaks and Caribs
- C. Caribs and Wakulas
- D. Cayute and Wahnai

4. A leafy green vegetable resembling spinach in flavor and used in a traditional Caribbean-style soup is called:

- A. Chayote
- B. B. Christophene
- C. Callaloo
- D. D. Creole

5. Underwater photographers often use a strobe to light their photos because available light (sunlight) is lost through:

- A. Absorption
- B. Reflection
- C. Refraction
- D. All of the above

6. Scientists refer to an ecosystem's ability to recover from a variety of natural and man-made threats as its:

- A. "Resilience"
- B. "Recovery Load"
- C. "Rebound Quotient"
- D. "Reliability"

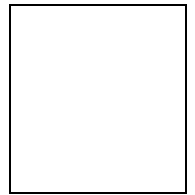
7. The technique used most often to propel scuba divers through the water efficiently is known as the:

- A. Flutter kick
- B. Butterfly
- C. Sculling kick
- D. Frog kick

8. A "hookah" is a common name for:

- A. A person who scuba dives without wearing a snorkel
- B. Surface-supplied diving equipment systems
- C. A scuba diver from Nebraska
- D. All of the above

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