

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels.

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Diving Rebels Calendar of Events

- Oct 5 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Oct 22 Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest
Lake Murray
- Nov 2 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Nov 19 Chili Cook-Off, Joe Pool Lake
Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup
- Dec 7 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Dec 10 Christmas Party

Presidents Report

We are now moving into that busy time of year that will culminate with the holidays. There is a lot going on now with the Diving Rebels, including the upcoming pumpkin dive (underwater pumpkin carving contest), our chili cook-off at Joe Pool lake preceded by our quarterly trash pickup and then finally our Christmas party. So please check the schedule of upcoming events for details.

In addition to these events, we will elect the 2006 Diving Rebels Board. Nominations will be taken at the October club meeting, so if you know someone, including yourself, who would like to run for a Board position, we will be taking nominations. The requirement for a board position is that the nominees have attended three meetings and three club events by the October meeting. That way, we have someone who has demonstrated his or her interest in club activities. We would like to see some new folks involved, so if you have any interest, please come to the meeting or contact any of the board members.

Just a brief comment on our Lake Ouachita outing, this was a very enjoyable event with good weather, diving and food. So if you missed it, you really missed it. I want to give special recognition to Mark Gowdy, who proved to be a very capable diver, as he and I were buddied up. Mark more than doubled his previous deep dive as we went to over 120 feet deep there in the cold, dark depths of Lake Ouachita. And even though he lost his mask when we came back up and surfaced, we were able to come back the next day and find it, so that was good.

Happy and safe diving, all.

Steve Ogden



PUMPKIN DIVE LAKE MURRAY October 22 - 23, 2005

Get your carving tools ready for the Diving Rebels Annual U/W pumpkin-carving contest. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entries. There will also be a judging for the most creatively decorated campsite (or vehicle) for those not braving the water. Camping will be at Marietta Landing - Elec/water, small fee. Group meal share for Sat. lunch, dinner and Sun. breakfast. Sign-up at Oct. meeting or call/email Linda Magnuson @ 817-540-2950 lmagnuson@comcast.net



Caribbean Corals Hit by Warm, Storm-Spawning Seas

Corals in the Caribbean are being damaged by the same warm seas that have fuelled Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, according to the WWF conservation group. Corals off Florida, Barbados, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Cuba seemed to be undergoing the worst damage, known as bleaching, since 1997-1998. Corals are vital breeding grounds for many species of fish and draw divers to the Caribbean.

<http://www.enn.com/today.html?id=8888>

Letter from the Treasurer



Diving Rebel Members,

Well, this has certainly been a dynamic year for the Rebels and me personally. As all of you probably know, I underwent back surgery about the middle of November 2004. While not exactly 100% even today, I am glad to announce that I resumed diving on Father's Day at the Diving Rebel mid-year party. My daughter accompanied me diving on that eventful weekend and made it even more special. I do have to say the Ouachita 2005 Rebel outing stressed it to the limits with all the loading and unloading of gear.

I am also pleased to announce that the club is healthy and thriving. We have over 50 members on the role, an average membership meeting attendance of about 23 (excluding August when members were carried away to La Paz and attendance was abnormally low). We are getting excellent coverage and response to our club web site that Danny has so diligently cultivated. And while outing turnout tends to be below average compared to previous years, those that are attending are all expressing their enjoyment and we are definitely doing some diving.

Unless someone else wishes to run for Treasurer, I plan to seek another term. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the current board and many of us are willing to continue our service to the club. It looks like we will have openings for the Secretary, and we have had interest shown in the Jr. Board member opening. If there are particular positions you would consider filling, please make it know at the October 5th meeting during nominations.

Our rebate program to drive early renewals was a grand success for 2005, even with my surgical outing. Over 50% of the club took advantage of the early renewal offer. From a Treasurer point of view, that sure beats the previous 2 years where I was sometimes wondering down to the wire if members would renew. The financial position of the club is strong and in keeping with the Board's desire to drive early renewals, **if you pay by the end of the December meeting, you will receive the approximate 10% discount.** If you talk to me nice and maybe bring me a gift, I might do Treasurer work at the Christmas Party Dec 10th in the Arlington Parks facility on Arkansas at Lake Arlington. **The rebate makes the rates \$22 - individual, \$13 - each additional family member and \$4 non-diver.**

As of the January meeting the rates are at the current full rates (\$25, \$15, \$5), so don't miss out. And remember if you haven't paid before the meeting March 2006, the initiation fee applies.

I just know a good year of diving is ahead in 2006,
Keith Weber

Birthdays

Danny Bouska Oct 8th
Sherry Hammond Oct 22nd

Anniversaries

Scott & Shannon Jones Oct 3rd
Leonard & Anneke Patterson Oct 10th



15 spaces available!
21 of the original 24 spaces have been filled and due to demand, an additional 12 spaces have been added.



**Join the
Diving Rebels
Scuba Club**

June 10th - 17th 2006

**Fantasy Island
Beach Resort
Roatan Honduras**



Please see page 4 or the website for more information on this fantastic trip

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**Fantasy Island Beach Resort
Roatan Honduras**

Roatan is located 30 miles off the Northern coast of Honduras and lies on the second largest barrier reef in the world, after the one in Australia. Some of the world's best diving is found only minutes from the resort. Over 50 dive sites, characterized by spectacular crevices and tunnels opening to breathtaking walls, offer excellent visibility, abundant fish and brilliant corals. Most sites are within 10-20 minutes, and good diving is accessible approximately 40 yards from the beach.

Fantasy Island Beach Resort is located on a private, 21-acre island off the south shore and is 8 miles from the airport. With air-conditioned rooms, restaurant, two bars, dive shop and operation, and souvenir shop, Fantasy Island offers the ultimate in guest comfort and luxury. The rooms are tastefully decorated and have, satellite TV, telephone and refrigerator. Other amenities including a fresh water swimming pool and tennis courts. Guests can unwind in intimate indoor and outdoor lounges, and the restaurant is one of the finest in all of the Bay Islands. Served buffet style, by courteous staff, it offers an outstanding culinary selection, including sumptuous seafood, steaks, native specialties, and delicious desserts.

Fantasy Island Beach Resort was built specifically for the needs of traveling divers. There are SSI/PADI certified Divemasters and 6 dive boats with the capacity of 5 to 20 divers. The full service dive shop offers a large selection of rental equipment. There is a hyperbaric chamber on the Resort. The spacious guest gear storage area, underwater photo center, compressors and equipment rental facility are all nearby. The famed south shore dive sites are but minutes away, and when conditions favor the excellent north side diving.

For those who prefer to dive from shore at their own place, day or night, a unique dive Gazebo places a mysterious shipwreck, a sunken airplane a beautiful shallow reef and dramatic wall diving just a giant stride away.



The price of \$1600.00* per person double occupancy, and \$1530* per person triple occupancy, includes roundtrip airfare from DFW, airport transfers, meals, lodging, 3 boat dives per day, 1 boat night dive and unlimited shore diving. A deposit of \$200 reserves your spot with balance due by April 11th 2006.

*Price is for cash, check, or other certified funds. Credit cards will be accepted via Pay Pal and will be subject to a 3% fee. Package price may vary slightly higher or lower depending on final airfare cost, but it is anticipated that the package price will be lower.

For more information: www.divingrebels.org/fibr.htm
or call 817-291-7039

Diving Rebel Adopt-a-Highway September 17, 2005

A group of us turned out to pick clean the stretch of Pioneer Parkway/FM303 between Collins and 360. Vicki Drakes and I anchored the median while Steve Shipe and his boys, Brandon and Connor, scoured the south side. Danny Bouska handled about half of the north side alone and then Jim Magnuson miraculously appeared on his bicycle. He assisted Danny from there and looped back into the median to assist Vicki and myself near the end.

Danny had to rush off to attend a wedding and the rest of us were pretty wiped out by the heat and glad to sit in Angelo's coolness and enjoy a good meal.

I know I am looking forward to cooler weather in November for the pick up on the 19th and then have lunch at Joe Pool as we get ready for the Chili cook-off. So let's have a good crowd on the street and caravan out to the lake for food and fun.

Trashman Diving Rebel,
Keith



Lake Ouachita Outing Labor Day Weekend September 2 – 5, 2005

This is another one for the record books. There were 6 divers and my little 16' runabout. We were too few to handle the barge and just a little too many for one small boat with comfort. But we managed in Rebel style and had a great time. We experienced some new places and even though we had a GPS, the coordinates from the web and those of the device we had were in different measurements and we did not locate that darn bus.

The thermocline was sharp indeed and at about 24ft to boot. Most of our diving was of the shallower sort. Oggie and Mark Gowdy did don the full gear and plunged into the bitter cold of about 120ft and temps in the 40's. Mark recorded his deepest dive of his diving life on this trip. Jim, Linda and Christine Magnuson and myself elected the shorties or no suit and just played with the upper thermocline. The visibility was good to a little better than good with about 12 – 20 ft the norm.

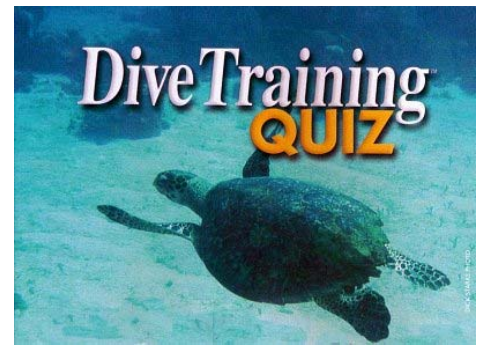
As always the food was good and plentiful. And the weather was fantastic. The first night was a little sultry and was short since we arrived late and had a little difficulty locating the campsite in the dark. A cool front moved through and the next 2 nights were picture perfect for stargazing and sleeping. We did a dive on Monday and got one of the latest starts for home I think I have done, pulling out about 6pm.

So for next year there remains the bus to be found and of course that town site still lurks on the bottom. And then there is island 39 that was an extremely cool dive.

Fellow Diving Rebel,
Keith

1. Fishes such as barracudas, yellowtail and wahoo have torpedo-shaped bodies that help them attain fast swimming speeds. This shape is described as:

- A. Flagellar
- B. Flared
- C. Florid
- D. Fusiform



2. Many tunas are able to tuck their fins away in special grooves in the body when they are moving quickly.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The bodies of many fast-swimming fishes are covered with a layer of slimy mucous that is secreted from glands beneath their scales.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Sand ripples form in rows parallel to shore. When near the shore they:

- A. Are spaced closer together
- B. Are spaced farther apart

5. The term "red tide" describes:

- A. A seasonal tide change that occurs when cooler water and warmer water mix
- B. A widespread fish die-off caused by pollution
- C. A massive bloom of phytoplankton
- D. All of the above

6. Plankton move about:

- A. On ocean currents
- B. Using tiny hairlike appendages called cilia
- C. Both A and B are correct

7. Nearly half of the atmosphere's oxygen is produced by tiny single-celled phytoplankton found floating in the ocean.

- A. True
- B. False

8. A bitter-tasting liquid used in Fijian kava ceremonies is made from:

- A. Kava berries
- B. The leaves of the kavakava tree
- C. A fruit called kavaleke
- D. The roots of a plant in the pepper family

9. Fijians pass their history from one generation to the next through the art of storytelling. Two popular forms of storytelling in Fiji are:

- A. Kavaleke and Meke
- B. Talanoa and Meke
- C. Taveuni and Kavaleke
- D. Meke and Teke

10. Seals use their keen sense of smell to hunt prey underwater.

- A. True
- B. False

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Exercise during a decompression stop reduces bubbles

Decompression sickness is initiated by the formation of gas bubbles in tissue and blood if a diver returns to the surface too fast. A new study finds that a mild underwater swimming during a 3-min decompression period reduced postdive gas bubbles.

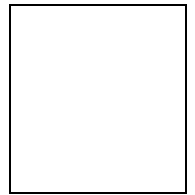
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;16118578>

Divers Risk Attack from Armed Dolphins

Armed dolphins, trained by the US military to shoot terrorists and pinpoint spies underwater, may be missing in the Gulf of Mexico as a result of hurricane Katrina. Experts who have studied the US navy's cetacean training exercises claim the 36 mammals could be carrying 'toxic dart' guns. Divers and surfers risk attack, they claim, from a species considered to be among the planet's smartest. The US navy admits it has been training dolphins for military purposes, but has refused to confirm that any are missing.

<http://observer.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,6903,1577753,00.html>

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