

# The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958

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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Wednesday – May 2, 2007**  
**6:30pm Social - 7:15pm Meeting**

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## **May Meeting Program**

**Ted Glodowski, a Rebel Member, having just completed Commercial Dive School in Houston, will discuss his adventures and his current job in commercial diving.**

## Upcoming Events

- May 2 Monthly Membership Meeting  
May 5 – 6 Blue Lagoon - Huntsville  
May 26-28 Memorial Day Weekend Outing  
Location: TBA  
June 6 Monthly Membership Meeting  
June 23-24 Skill Improvement Weekend  
Lake Whitney  
July TBD Monthly Membership Meeting  
July 14-15 Mid-Year Outing  
Possum Kingdom

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

I want to start off this month's president's corner with a hale and hearty congratulation to member Ted Glodowski who has just successfully graduated his training as a commercial diver. Ted made this major career move after a presentation by the Ocean Corporation at a meeting last year. This is some serious DIVE training not for the faint of heart. Congratulations Ted! He is expected to be our presenter at the May meeting and will give us greater details of his exploits and answer question for any who may consider following his lead.

On another note, per plan, the Diving Rebels are getting all of the bad rainy day weather out of our system early. We had the rain and threatening weather for the Lake Murray outing, a few of us that went to Sea Space had to thread the needle of flood closed Interstates to get to Houston, and our latest trek to Tyler State Park saw many of us packing our cars while listening to tornado sirens, and the overnight temperatures were in the very low 30's. As if to get the last of this out of our system, while I am writing this yet another storm is approaching, tornado warnings have been issued and I expect the sirens to wail at any moment. I said this was all planned and it was. It was agreed to at a board meeting, motioned and voted on and per the motion all the bad weather has now been exhausted and we can look forward to moderate temperatures and dry weekends for the rest of the year.

I want to thank everyone who made it out to Tyler, and there were quite a few, that shows true Rebel spirit, Woody and Selena actually came out through the storm on Friday night subjecting themselves to multiple hits when they stopped for food and gas giving the east bound storm repeated shots at them.

-- Oh good! The Tornado sirens just started, I wonder if OZ has a hot spot I can use to send this much of my article to Danny --

Well to wrap this up quick before I take shelter.... Sea Space was interesting but a little less so than I expected. Major kudos to the Houston Under Photographic Society for their exhibit of photos and providing some great great shots. Also exhibited for sale were the paintings by Pascal Lecocq.



His work is very interesting. He has redone other famous paintings but made them into underwater scenes including divers like the above example of the bullfighter.

The best cool toys had to be the rebreathers, but still far out of my reach economically at \$10,000, but at least they are looking a bit more like something you might trust your life to as opposed to some high school science project. The most unique item was the fold up fins that with one switch fold up at the toe toward the shin. No more taking your fins off to get back on the boat!

The Scubadillos crawfish boil was a great success. It's the first one I have been able to make and I see now what all the raving was about. That is some serious tail! I hope to see everyone at the meeting, I am going to duck, cover, drop and roll for now.

Jim Magnuson

## TYLER STATE PARK OUTING REPORT

Loaded down with all the family's camping gear, Goldie and I had an easy delightful drive eastward to Tyler State Park on Thursday evening. I claimed our campsites that bright sunny Friday morning, and proceeded to set up camp. As the day wore on, clouds and light showers began to appear. The campgrounds were sprinkled with other group's early arrivers who were very friendly in offering me reports on the impending weather and provided multiple offers to help erect tarps. I was thankful to be in the company of such a caring community of fellow campers. As night approached, I hunkered down in my tent to ride out the storm. As the rain was subsiding, I heard a gentle calling of my name and groggily awoke to greet Woody and Selena who had braved driving in the storm. When asked where they could set up camp, I indicated a campsite behind me. In my not fully awake state, I had forgotten that I had changed the orientation of my tent and was actually pointing to the lake! (I didn't really mean to tell you to jump in the lake!)

As the weather began to clear and other Diving Rebels began to arrive, we offered a delicious breakfast burrito brunch. Unfortunately the rains had diminished the wonderful clarity of the water and the air temperature was much cooler; however, several Rebels entered the warm waters to scavenge and see the underwater sights. Numerous turtles, bass, trout and other fish were observed in the 68-degree, 10-15 foot visibility water. Landlubbers were beginning their scavenger hunting, taking walks and cross-country cycling. To stave off the chill of the day, we started a campfire with wood from Mark's recent deck building project. (Thanks go to Mark and others who procured firewood and helped keep the fire going.) To get us refueled and warmed from the inside, Jim and Phyllis served a lunch of childdogs. As all campsites were set up, we gathered around the fire for camaraderie, talking about the dives and just catching up. As we were enjoying our evening meal of "crock-pot style" Jambalaya, we were entertained by a resident raccoon coming right up to our chairs!

Sunday morning – what a beautiful day! (Too bad it was a day late, oh well...) Thanks to Steve and Ellen for starting our day off with a tasty continental style breakfast. Several of us enjoyed a few more activities before heading home on a wonderful day for diving...oops...driving!

### Attendees (17 + 3 dogs) and assorted comments (\* - made dives):

Steve Ogden\* – surprise appearance and winner of the GC  
Danny Bouska\* – second place  
Ted Glodowski\* – 3rd place. Congrats on earning your commercial diver rating!  
Mark Stonebridge\* – fire hero  
Jim & Phyllis Kirchoff – Love your trailer talisman  
Steve Herman\* & Ellen Fourton – clever car-tent  
Steve (Woody) & Selena Woodward along with Krystal & K.C. (granddaughters)  
Eli\* and Anita\* DeLeon – What a nice surprise to see you two.  
Jim\*, Linda & Christine Magnuson  
Dogs: Goldie, Nolan & Zeke – all got along

Photos: A: Jim K. & Ted; B: Anita & Mark; C: Lake Alien, a.k.a. Steve H.; D: Tyler State Park Lake @ dawn



A



B



C



D

## Blue Lagoon Outing May 5 thru 6

Where: Blue Lagoon 936-291-6111  
649 Pinedale Rd.  
Huntsville, TX

Arrive: Saturday, May 5 at 11:00am

Depart: Sunday, May 6, time ???

Dive Costs: \$15 per day per diver  
Non-divers are welcome at a rate of \$15 per day  
Non-divers must be accompanied by a certified diver  
Pets are not allowed

Air Fills: \$ 5

Tank Rentals: \$10 per day

John Richerson is the activity coordinator for this event. John may be reached via cell phone at 817-454-9553

Blue Lagoon: 936-291-6111

Plan on quarry side camping Saturday night. Bring your tents and camping gear. Shaded picnic shelter #4 located on lagoon #2 has been reserved for the weekend.

Food Plan: At this time, plan on bringing your own food. A charcoal grill will be available.

Getting there: Easy as 123,4

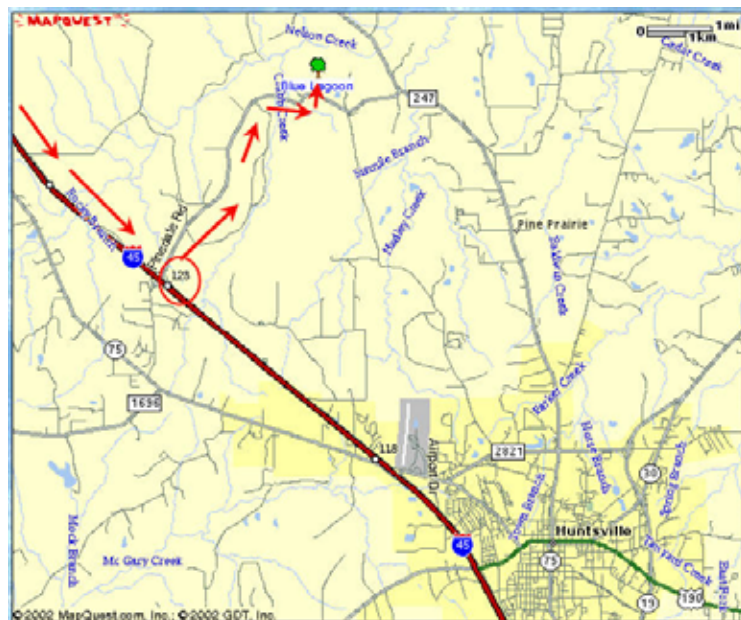
Take I-45 south to exit #123

Take exit 123 and turn to the left (heading northeast).

Follow the road until you get to the Blue Lagoon (approx. 4 miles).

Approximate drive time is 2 hrs, 45 min

Let's have some fun and go diving! I'll be there! Will you? And always remember, a bad day diving is always better than a good day at work.



## Birthdays

Doug Sheppard	May 6
Steve Ogden	May 14
Mark Stonebridge	May 20

## Anniversaries

Danny & Jill Bouska	May 13
Mark & Michele Estill	May 14

## Diving News From Around the World

### Sea sponge leads way to cheaper solar cells

Marine sponges can harvest silicon from seawater and use it to build spiky filaments all over their body, inspiring the development of a cheap, low-energy method of manufacturing solar cells. The current way of making solar cells is done at high temperature and very low pressure, making it an expensive and energy-intensive process. Some sponges synthesise pristine layers of silica without benefit of high temperatures or low pressures.

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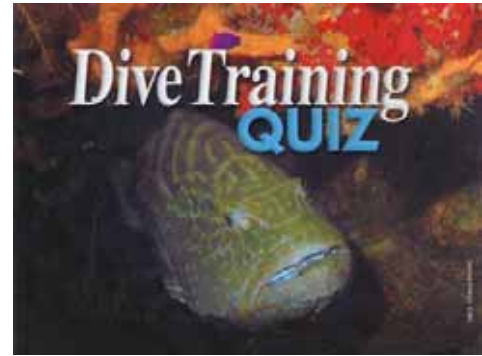


## More Tyler Outing Pictures



## Crawfish Boil





**1. Career opportunities as a scientific diver include:**

- A. Monitoring historic wrecks and protected sites.
- B. Conducting scientific field surveys.
- C. Collecting marine specimens for aquariums.
- D. All of the above

**2. According to a 2004 study, the optimal method for reducing post-dive bubble formation is:**

- A. An ascent rate of 30 feet (9 m) per minute.
- B. A deep stop at about half the depth of the dive.
- C. A stop at 15 feet (5 m) for three to five minutes.
- D. All of the above.

**3. The amount of heat loss that occurs through the head is:**

- A. 33 percent
- B. 40 percent
- C. 75 percent
- D. 90 percent

**4. Questions to consider when booking a live-aboard dive trip include:**

- A. Do passengers dive when they want or on a specific schedule?
- B. Is diving from the boat or out of a tender, as is common when drift diving?
- C. How many dives are average for the trip?
- D. All of the above.

**5. While waiting their turn to exit the water onto a dive boat, divers should:**

- A. Follow closely behind the diver in front.
- B. Remain a safe distance away from the ladder.
- C. Help their buddy climb the ladder.

**6. Residents of Cayman Brac have long used the caves in the island's bluffs as:**

- A. A storage area for dive gear.
- B. A place to hide shipwreck treasure.
- C. Shelter during storms.

**7. For the right to drive in many countries, a dive traveler needs:**

- A. An international driver's license
- B. An International Driving Permit
- C. A birth certificate

**8. Characteristics of the peacock grouper include:**

- A. Torpedo shape
- B. Broad tail
- C. Numerous small, dark-margined, blue spots
- D. All of the above

**9. Possum Kingdom Lake in Texas is known for its sheer rock walls with numerous cutouts and caves.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. A degree in marine science is a prerequisite for a career in underwater cinematography.**

- A. True
- B. False

## **7 Tips for Underwater Photographers**

### **1. Photograph with Care**

Dive carefully as many aquatic creatures are fragile regardless of size. Improper techniques while taking or editing photos underwater can damage sensitive aquatic life and harm fragile organisms with the bump of a camera or tank, swipe of a fin or even the touch of a hand.

### **2. Dive Neutral**

Camera systems may add weight or be buoyant. Make sure to secure photo and dive equipment and be properly weighted to avoid contact with reefs or other vital habitat. Practice buoyancy control and photography skills in a pool before swimming near sensitive and fragile environments.

### **3. Resist Temptation**

Avoid touching, handling, feeding, chasing or riding aquatic life. Avoid altering an organism's location to get the perfect shot. Many aquatic creatures are shy and easily stressed. These actions may interrupt feeding, disturb mating or provoke aggression in a normally nonaggressive species.

### **4. Easy Does It**

While diving, move slowly and deliberately through the water. Be patient and still while photographing - allow organisms to show their natural behavior for a more significant and meaningful shot.

### **5. Sharpen Your Skills**

Make sure the difficulty of the dive and the environmental conditions are appropriate for your current skills and comfort level. Avoid stabilizing underwater by grabbing onto the reef for a better photo. Enroll in Underwater Photographer, Digital Underwater Photography and Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty courses to become a more skilled and successful photographer.

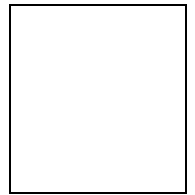
### **6. Be Informed**

Be aware of local regulations and protocols regarding behavior around marine mammals and other species before entering the water. These regulations protect creatures and aim to assure their preservation for future generations.

### **7. Take Only Pictures, Leave Only Bubbles**

Avoid souvenir collection. Nearly everything found in the aquatic realm is alive or will be used by a living creature. Removing specimens such as corals and shells can disturb the delicate balance and quickly deplete dive sites of both their resources and their beauty.

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