



Triton's Call



NASJAX SCUBA DIVING CLUB

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March 2023



Mitch & Kathy at the Sea Turtle Seminar-Diver's Supply Demo Day

President's Comments - Kathy Lawler

Before the March meeting started, former members Bonnie & Jeff Krone visited with us. Jeff told the NASJAX Scuba Club that, the diving in Palau is worth the (long plane) trip. Kathy invited them to visit again for the 50th anniversary.

In January, the club had agreed to a 50th celebration. There was a discussion at February's meeting about a location. Devils Den was suggested, & 2 members suggested having a party near Jax. Having a picnic at Devils Den for those who want to dive, and because we are a dive club, was a combination of the suggestions.

A video was shown highlighting the beauty of Devils Den, possible swim throughs, and formations in the cave wall. There was some discussion about the steep steps with the gear. It will be more difficult ascending. Those who are wary of the steps may choose to snorkel.

There followed a short discussion about Blue Grotto and \$50+ charge for diving there, and 5/6 being a weekend many instructors with classes would be there. A vote was taken, and it was decided to proceed with Devils Den.

NASJAX 50th Anniversary Picnic:

Members & Former Members of NASJAX Skin & Scuba Club are invited to celebrate this occasion on **Saturday May 6** from 9:30am -4 pm at **Devil's Den: 5390 NE 180th Ave., Williston, FL. 32696 Cabana 3 & 4** are reserved for us with a grill. Dive into or snorkel an otherworldly place with amazing geology. Navigate the swimthroughs that have light on the left. See the way the earth looked millions of years ago! Look for fossils in the walls and the cavern floor.

Cost: \$38 a diver, \$25 a snorkeler, \$12 visitor Divers remember to bring your certification cards & your own equipment.

Devil's Den video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=r6TnsePsvTo#bottom-sheet>

Please RSVP to Kathy by April 28 so we have enough food & drink! Kathy KLA7099350@bellsouth.net or 904-254-9390

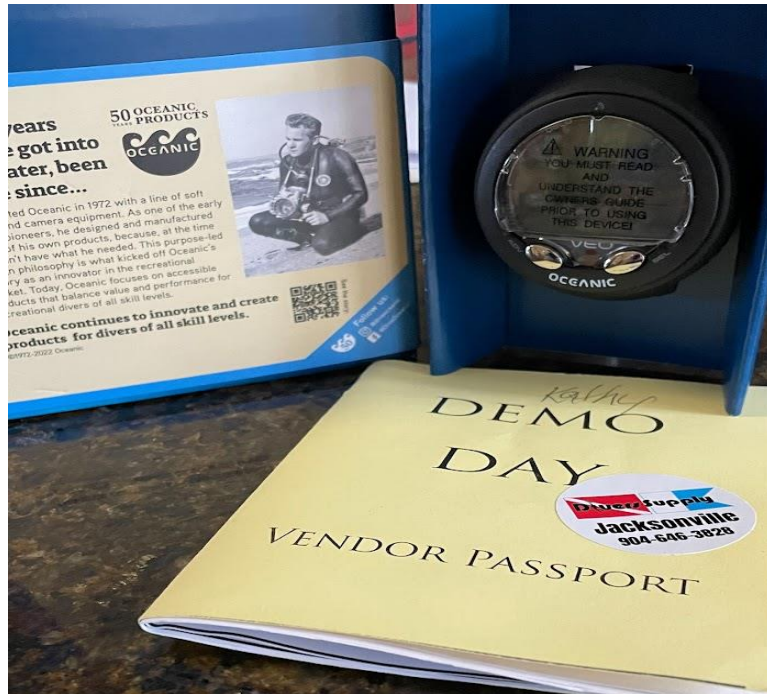
We look forward to seeing each of you and catching up.

Demo Day At Divers Supply:

Saturday March 11, nine vendors showcased new items and answered questions from a crowd of 80 divers. There was a new format with added activities for raffle tickets for prizes, and special interests. One activity was a dunk a diver supply employee, another activity was corn hole, and vendor passport. We threw baseballs at the dunk tank but failed 😞. We missed the corn hole because we were talking with vendors. When talking with vendors you had a specific question to answer to get the stamp in the passport. We learned that in 2012, Sherwood created a biosphere, Nemo's Garden, the first plant basil! Another vendor informed us what their name means, TUSA is Total Underwater Space Adventure. I really enjoyed the new components of Demo Day.

Although we only had two raffle tickets between us, we again won one of the big prizes! Kathy won an

Oceanic Veo dive computer! 😊



Mitch and I attended the Beach Sea Turtle Patrol seminar. The patrol volunteer talked about last year's nest, showed us a photo of a sea turtle's throat that is not designed for throwing up. So, a sea turtle's life is made more hazardous by ocean trash. She asked that we spread the word not to release balloons, also fill in holes at the beach especially during nesting & hatching season March to June. The holes can trap adults & babies, the mother turtle is very weak after digging the nest!

Reminder our next meeting is April 12th at Casa Amigos Mexican Bar & Grill, 6pm to eat!

Keep Diving, 🤿

Kathy

Vice President- vacant

Secretary-Carol Hughes

***PLEASE send information-dive reports, etc. for the newsletter either by email message, an editable PDF, a Word or Google document to me by the 1st week of each month.
(clhughes287@gmail.com)

-4/15: Pura Vida Beach & Park clean up at Blue Heron Bridge

- 4/16: Marineland Blood Drive
- 5/6: 50th Anniversary Picnic Devils Den
- TBA: Venice Beach fossil dive

Remember to RSVP for the May 6th 50th Anniversary Celebration at Devil's Den. We have a covered picnic area with a grill. 😊



Thanks,

Carol

Treasurer-Venessa Wood

Our club bank account balance is \$1212.00.

Safety Officer-Mitch Maxson

Hawaiian snorkel tour company abandoned couple at sea, lawsuit claims.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-64830950>

FL Red Tide Article:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/03/06/red-tide-florida-beaches/11411138002/>

Webmaster - Sharon Green

Website Traffic:

43 Unique visits

64 page views

Dive Reports:

None received.

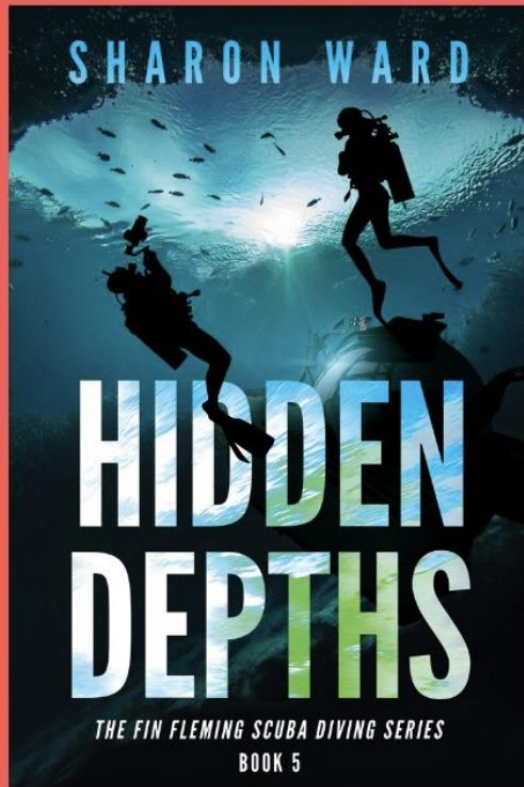
Interesting Info:

Palatka Bartram Schedule:

Here's our plan for Bartram Frolic: Pride of Palatka Guided River Boat Tours – April 22. Reservations for all cruises are required – see website, Eventbrite, and Facebook

- 12:00 PM Cruise #1 Bartram Heritage Tour
- 1:30 PM Cruise #2 Putnam Historical Society
- 3:00 PM Cruise #3 Family Tour – Two children FREE with each Paid Adult
- 4:30 PM Cruise #4 St. Johns Riverkeeper
- 6:00PM – 8:00PM Bartram Sunset Wine Cruise hosted by Billy Bartram, the Long Warrior and Trader Job Wiggin

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 : Sanibel Island Historical Museum

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#floridalighthouses #light #relit #lovefl
#historicpreservation



Dive Club Members/Guests attending the March meeting:

Sharon and Richard Green, Carol Hughes, Art LaRue, Kathy Lawler, Mitch Maxson, Billy Schofield, Venessa Wood, Elmer Osborne, Bill Allen, Ed Fite, Rick Reckert, Bill Davis and Kim Walther

April 12th 2023, Meeting

At 7:00 (eat at 6:00)
Casa Amigos Mexican Bar & Grill
11112 San Jose Blvd. Ste. 23
(Near Mandarin Ale House & I-295)
We will meet in the back room.

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