

Triton's Call



NASJAX SCUBADIVING CLUB



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Shatner and Josh Gates.



William Shatner petting a shark at Tiger Beach Bahamas.

President's Comments - Kathy Lawler

Reminder your dive buddy should be near to share the joys of diving, point out the cool sea creatures, watch your back, be ready to help in an out of air situation, or any other emergency. As a mature experienced dive group we could experience a medical emergency. In an emergency Keep calm, try to self-rescue, communicate with the dive buddy, and the dive master, end the dive by ascending slowly. On deck inform the boat captain and call for assistance as needed, a call to the Coast Guard or DAN might be warranted. Then follow up with your family doctor.

Stay safe & keep diving, Kathy

Glen Akins – Secretary (usually our newsletter editor) absent- due to medical tests

Safety Officer -Chet Tomlinson absent: The Club discussed the tragic death of spearfisherman Timmothy Obi.

www.firstcoastnews.com/article/news/local/coast-guard-calls-of-search-for-timothy-obi/77-3714e923-0425-4237-9c49-9ed9cfaeac07

Treasurer – Monster Molyneux absent Treasurer's report - We have about \$1,038.75 in the NASJAX dive club account.

Web Master-Sharon Green 2 interested people emailed Club, one needs dive training. Visits to our web page:

142page views- up 4%, 70 Unique views

Other News – Mitch told us about Shark Fest, especially a device with electronic sensors that deter sharks and they have been used by surfers in South Africa and tested in Australia. The device was invented by surfboard maker Dave Smith. It costs about \$390. <https://www.businessinsider.com/shark-repellent-surf-board-invention-protect-surfers-2015-9#the-company-says-you-should-feel-a-pulse-in-the-water-below-the-board-if-the-device-is-working-it-forms-a-protective-3-meter-barrier-around-the-board-in-every-direction-9>

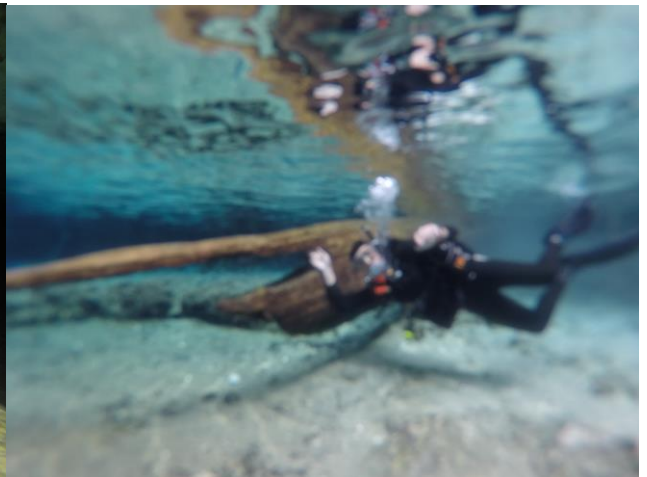
Kathy shared that at Tiger Beach they tested a floating magnet fence that repelled all the sharks during a shark feeding. Josh Gates of Expedition Unknown and William Shatner aged 90! of Star Trek fame, participated in the dive. William Shatner was facing his fear of sharks, he even touched one of the big Tiger sharks. He said it was a dive and experience of a lifetime. Catch this program on National Geographic or Disney Plus channel.

Kathy gave a brief overview of the T-shirt & prize inventory. See last page for a complete updated inventory. The club discussed buying stainless travel mugs. All agreed to wait for a special so we don't have to order so many, minimum order is 36 for mugs. Sharon explained that we can order as few as 5 embroidered items. She will look for a royal blue vented ball cap with our logo and report back on cost before we order & bring a photo.

Billy S Let us know that the OP Golden Corral should open soon even though the web site has not been updated.

DIVE REPORTS

Mitch, my son's family and I visited Ginnie Springs on June 16, 2021. Mitch and I did 3 dives, 2 on the Main Cave at Ginnie, and a very short shallow dive out on the river. We were the first divers to reach the Main Cave that day so visibility was good & clear, water temp 71, maximum depth was 45 ft. I took a few good photos with the go pro but, unfortunately there was a leak and most photos are fuzzy. Mitch found a sunken tree that looked like a marlin, photo below. Highlight of our dives was returning from the river we found several small fresh water flounder. We chased the flounders and showed them to the grandchildren. The grandchildren snorkeled and played enjoying their first visit to Ginnie Springs. Just before we left the water two women dressed as Mermaids arrived! They had the complete costume swim fin attached to a fish scale swim suit and elaborate bikini tops! My granddaughter was fascinated. She spoke with the Mermaids, asking a thousand questions as only a 7 year old would. Then she followed the mermaids across the spring swimming like a mermaid. We had a nice picnic lunch and a wonderful day.



Those in attendance were: Sharon Green & Jax, Art LaRue, Kathy Lawler, Mitch Maxson, Elmer Osborne, Billy Schofield & Bradley, and Venessa Wood.

Club meeting Kathy will set up- Next meeting Wednesday August 4th in person at 7:00pm location TBA. Location will be on the web site and will be emailed to all.

NASJAX Scuba Club Inventory July 2021

<u>Large clear blue plastic box</u>			<u>Suitcase</u> Club shirts					
			S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Club Logo pins-	38							
Club dive flag bus. Card	125*	Lt grey dapple			4			
Club License plate frame	30	Grey		2	6			
Centurion Dive Patch	71	Drk Grey	2		5			
Club dive flag magnet	5	Brt green	1	2				
Club dive flag sticker	310*	Brt blue		2		1		
DAN sticker	4	Red Old			1			
NAUI drawstring bag pur	1							
Large tropical fish wall chrt	1	Fitness shirts						
NAUI beverage cozy	3	women						
DAN pla luggage tag	4	white				2		
BINGO cards	250	royal blue		1				
		Navy blue	1					
<u>White box with blue lid</u>								
Pocket knives	2	Men						
DAN float key chain	1	black					2	
Coprolite award	1	grey						1
Dippy Diver award	1							
Club dive license plate	1	Soft fleece jacket royal blue						1
Dive tank O rings key chain	4							
Mini light key chain	9	PRIZES in suitcase						
Key safe float	2	mask strap		1				
Net bags diff size	3	Club leather bag		1				
DAN log books, 1 cover	2	Dive flag towel		1				
Emergency whistle lanyard	2	Dive shop t-shirts		4				
Club key chain flag gold	1	small tote bags		3				
Club logo jacket patch	1	draw string bags		2				
Coin purse red	1	mesh bag small		1				
Ocean diver cozy	1	small roll raffle tix		1				
Jacket fish pins various	6	large roll raffle tix		1				
Lrg mesh dive bag	1							
Reef fish behavior bk	1							
Dive knives	2							
Dry bag	1							

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