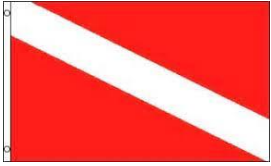


Triton's Call



NASJAX SCUBADIVING CLUB



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Molasses Reef Keys, Florida

President's Comments - Kathy Lawler

Hello, hope all dive mothers had a wonderful day on Sunday May 9.

In dive news Robert Ballard who found the Titanic and made 150 underwater expeditions plus significant scientific discoveries, is featured in National Geographic. Here is a condensed MSN article based on Nat Geo [//www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/robert-ballard-the-man-who-found-the-titanic-has-a-new-quest/ar-BB1gpXzY](http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/robert-ballard-the-man-who-found-the-titanic-has-a-new-quest/ar-BB1gpXzY)

Safety Topic - Redundant Safety Signal Devices



It is important to have more than one device to guard against device failure and insure the diver is picked up. Does the diver have two items that can be seen or heard miles away? (Not a whistle) A horn that attaches to the BC inflator, a dive light with a strobe, a separate floating strobe, a mirror, and the safety signal sausage are all good choices. When is the last time the safety signal device was inflated to check for leaks, and is the reel properly rolled to prevent tangles? Kudos to Bill who has 3 safety signaling devices!

Stay safe & keep diving, Kathy & Chet

Glen Akins – Secretary (& usually our newsletter editor)

Safety Officer -Chet Tomlinson

Dive Club Treasurer – Monster Molyneux

Treasurer's report - We have \$1,038.75 in the NASJAX dive club account.

Monster

Web Master-Sharon Green 110 page views- down 10%, 82 Unique Visits -down 4%, 2 requests for membership, Kathy will send the 2 applications.

Dive Reports and Happenings

Rick Reckert: Major and I ventured to Venice to dive with Venice Dive Shop. Good outfit and will put divers on the Megs except for me and Major. Got small teeth and no megs while others found the Meg field and came up with numerous teeth in the 2-4" range. A young 11 year old girl diving with her grandfather and mother came up with a 4 3/4" Meg and some large makos. Ben the dive guide who we were unable to find, found many nice megs as well. Both dives were for 1-1/2 hrs each at a depth of 29'. Lots of surging seaweed on bottom and Ben explained that the seaweed actually aids in finding the megs as it stirs them over to where the cleaner side is showing and they were laying in the sand. Water temp was 81°.

Great day on in West Palm Beach. We dived with Pura Vida. First dive was on the North Double Ledges. Strong current 2-3 knots. Lots of typical tropicals with the exception of the 8' bull shark swimming by us. Max Depth-87' Water Temp 78°

Dive # 2 was on the Corridor which is the wreck trek including Ana Cecelia, Mizpah, Rock Piles, Amaryllis and Chang Barge. LG Goliath on the Ana Cecilia large bull and reef shark that came out from behind the Mizpah which is more scattered than it used to be. Typical tropicals and lots of barracuda. It felt great to get wet!

Pura Vida still docks at Lake Park marina. Crew was very helpful loading and unloading tanks and gear.



John Moore, 55, was diving near Jupiter earlier this month when he snapped the giant female predator a bull shark and her razor-sharp teeth, Caters News reported. Rest of the story:

<https://nypost.com/2021/05/11/underwater-photographer-snaps-huge-shark-in-florida/>

Other News – Chet let us know that the VA is reimbursing Vets, dependents, and Gold Star families for taking dive training courses from certified agencies.

Billy S & son won some nice prizes at the Diver Supply Supplier Demo Days. Billy won a mask and Jeff \$200 fins :)

Rick sent in a link about the Peace River <https://www.foxnews.com/science/florida-scuba-50-pound-ice-age-mammoth-bone>

Kim Walther & Bill Davis encouraged us to be active and protest the hunt on Goliath Groupers.

<https://mission-blue.org/2021/04/the-invaluable-goliath-grouper-our-coastal-southeast-florida-hope-spot-needs-your-help/>



Those in attendance were: Bill Davis, Sharon Green, Carol Hughes, Art LaRue, Kathy Lawler, Mitch Maxson, Monster Molyneux, Major Nemick, Rick Reckert, Billy Schofield, Chet Tomlinson, Mark Vogel, Kim Walter, Venessa Wood

Club meeting Kathy will set up- Next meeting June 9th in person at 7:00pm location TBA