



Triton's Call



NASJAX SCUBA DIVING CLUB

www.nasjaxscubadivers.org

April 2023



President's Comments - Kathy Lawler

The club welcomed 3 guests to the April 12th NASJAX Scuba Club meeting: Steve Clancy, Ken Koteles, and Beau Worsham. They told about their dive experiences, all very skilled. We look forward to seeing them in May for the meeting and the May 6 Devils Den Picnic.

Kathy reviewed the zoom E-board meeting held March 16 to discuss & budget for the May 6 Anniversary Picnic. All members were invited to participate. Carol, Mitch, Sharon, and Venessa reviewed 6 survey questions and made decisions below:

1. Continue planning the 50th Anniversary picnic at Devils Den? Yes
2. Spend \$300-\$500 on items for picnic? \$300

3. Buy a sheet cake? No small 9-10 inch cake or cupcakes, stay within \$300 budget
4. Order 50th Anniversary pins with logo? No
Let people pay as they order Anniversary T-shirt.
5. Suggestions for the picnic? Let people attending bring sides or dessert to go with the burgers & brats. Agreed
6. Will we collect dues for 2023 since website & domain name are paid already? No, only new members will pay because they don't have any money in the club account.

Next Club meeting is Wednesday May 3 at 7 pm in Casa Amigos Bar & Grill, 6 to dine.

Keep Diving 🤿
Kathy Lawler

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)

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 Cabanas 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.

Let's get out there...**Dive, Dive, Dive!!**



Thanks,

Carol

Treasurer-Venessa Wood

Our club bank account balance is \$1212.00.

Safety Officer-Mitch Maxson

Unawareness of IPE Strikes Again March 21, 2023, Article from Undercurrent.org

If a diver has difficulty breathing and signals out-of-air when he still has a working supply of air, he could be suffering from Immersion Pulmonary Edema (IPE), where the lungs spontaneously fill with body fluids upon immersion in cold water. If the diver is not pulled from the water and treated quickly, he asphyxiates. Nigel Craig, a British technical diving instructor, was prosecuted in 2022 for the death of a trainee in 2016. The prosecution based its case on the macabre idea that Craig had held his unwilling student underwater, in the misguided belief that forcing him to make a safety stop was more critical than preventing him from drowning. Yet both had adequate air. The prosecution had largely ignored that IPO may have caused his death. Craig was eventually found not guilty.

Webmaster - Sharon Green

Website Traffic:

41 Unique visits

171 page views

Dive Reports:



Whales, Dolphins, & Turtles by Kathy Lawler

On Friday March 31st we snorkeled at beautiful & tropical Waimanalo Beach Park O'ahu under clear skies with a light breeze. The air temp was 76 & the water temp was 74. Mitch manned the GoPro. At this park there are pretty patch reefs in shallow water, grey blue & bright yellow coral. Striped Convict Butterfly fish, Surgeon fish, & Threadfin Butterfly fish wind their way through the reef. We swam out 50 feet then moved parallel to the shore. After 30 minutes Kathy saw a green sea turtle feeding along the reef. Kathy called Mitch over so he could video the turtle. The turtle allowed Kathy to swim alongside for a few minutes. Two turtles!!

Two days later we spotted humpback whales & spinner dolphins on a tour from Lahaina, Maui. The tour lasted 2 hours and we observed about 30 whales from 100 yards away. They would blow, then dive or breach as seen below. In the middle photo the hump is clearly seen. For spinner dolphins it is unusual to be close to the whales, lucky us!





Interesting Dive Articles:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/popular-florida-spring-closed-to-visitors-for-six-months-%E2%80%94-heres-why/ar-AA19Xf5c?li=BBnb7Kz>

Are Caribbean Dive Operators Priced Out of the Insurance Market? March 21, 2023

The upscale Antigua Hotel Curtain Bluff, which operates a PADI Dive Center, has written: "After many decades of offering scuba diving, Curtain Bluff will, effective immediately, suspend all scuba diving operations. This is due to the fact that we no longer can secure insurance for this activity." They add that the problem affects many more operators throughout the Caribbean. If you're engaged in any Caribbean dive business and experiencing similar difficulties, write to BenDDavison@undercurrent.org, with your name and location.

Dive Club Members/Guests attending the April meeting:

Sharon & Rick Green, Carol Hughes, Kathy Lawler, Mitch Maxson, Elmer Osborne, Ed Fite, Kim Walther, Bill Davis, Willy Levine, Bobbi Kanter, Glen Akins, and guests above stated.

May 3rd, 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.

It is cool in there, may want a jacket. 😊

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Vice President-vacant

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Web Master - Sharon Green

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