

# Triton's Call

## NASJAX SCUBA DIVING CLUB

1 September 2021

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## **President's Comments - Kathy Lawler**

The dive club was happy to see Billy Schofield has recovered from his appendicitis and we saw some other club members we had not seen for a few months.

Please practice the lightning squat with feet together. If you have other dive questions check the DAN website. I was able to look up lightning without logging in with a member #. Glen sent the lightning article via separate email.

Thanks to all who zoomed. *Kathy*

**Dive Club Secretary - Glen Akins** We conducted our September 2021 Dive Club meeting on Zoom due to the alarming number of COVID 19 and Delta Variant cases in Duval county. Eleven dive club members attended.

Billy Schofield is wanting to buy single Aluminum 80 SCUBA tanks if anyone has any they want to sell.

*Glen*

**Dive Club Treasurer - Monster Molyneux \$\$\$**  
Monster was unable to attend tonight's Zoom meeting. Our bank account balance should be a little over \$1,000.

## **Dive Club Safety Officer - Chet Tomlinson**

Chet discussed DAN insurance. He has a friend that had a dive trip planned and put his dive equipment in a Charleston, SC dive shop to get it checked and updated before his trip. While it was there, the dive shop burned down (thought to be caused by a

homeless person). When his friend checked with DAN for reimbursement, DAN wouldn't pay for the dive equipment. You pretty much have to be in the water with your dive gear for DAN to pay up.

## **Dive Club Webmaster - Sharon Green**

We've had a lot of visits on our dive club website this past month. *Sharon*



## **Dive Reports and Happenings**

No dive reports, but Carol Hughes and her daughters snorkeled and toured three of the Hawaiian Islands recently. They had a very good time. All of them have had their two COVID 19 vaccinations and had no problems. Hawaii has had a recent surge in COVID cases. Carol and the girls were going to do a shark cage dive, but the wind and waves were too high and the dive was canceled.

Venessa Wood and one of her daughters are flying to Greece and some of the Greek islands soon for a vacation. They are of

Greek ancestry and love Greek food and traveling. Should be a great trip.

## CLASSICS





This photo was taken in 1975 on the Pacific coast just south of Tijuana, Mexico at the "Blow Hole". This was the good old days when you could drive from San Diego, CA through Tijuana into Baja California safely. Most of my dive gear was the U.S. Divers brand. Note the white ship's laundry bag. I was going to bring up a lot of "loot".



Hooked on a rod and reel off Jupiter, FL and bit by a big shark before reaching the surface! That was one big shark.

Dive Club Members attending the 1 September meeting:  
Glen Akins, Bill Davis, Sharon Green, Carol Hughes, Kathy Lawler, Rick Reckert, Chet Tomlinson, Billy Schofield, Mark Vogel, Kim Walther and Venessa Wood

“Any club that would ask me to be a member, isn’t worth joining.”  
Groucho Marx

**6 October 2021 Meeting**  
**will be another Zoom Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
Kathy will email the login information prior to the meeting.

**NASJAX SCUBA CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**President - Kathy Lawler**

**Secretary - Glen Akins**

**Treasurer - Monster Molyneux**

**Web Master - Sharon Green**

**Safety Officer - Chet Tomlinson**



**A special salute to those eleven Marines, one soldier and one sailor that gave their lives recently in Afghanistan.**



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## Florida angler lands incredibly rare 'tortilla fish'

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Thomas Bosworth landed the roundish white fish with brown speckles and did not recognize what he had caught so he

sent a photo to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The FWC identified the fish as an orange filefish, a species rarely hooked by anglers but **sometimes collected by divers for the aquarium trade.**

It turns out that orange filefish are not always orange. Among the most popular comments on the FWC's [Facebook post](#) was from Vanessa Griego: "I shall call it... tortilla fish!"

An unexpected catch

What do you do when you pull up a fish you didn't intend to catch? That's what happened to Thomas Bosworth recently when he caught this beautiful orange filefish. This fish is a marine life species, meaning they are typically caught by divers to sell in the aquarium trade and must be kept alive in an aeriated livewell or bucket until they reach their aquarium destination. Remember, if you can't identify your fish, release it... just like Thomas did.

Griego included a photo of a tortilla and the coloration was, indeed, similar.

They do not make good table fare and, in fact, have been associated with cases of ciguatera poisoning.

They're rarely caught by anglers because they typically feed on algae, seagrass, and other vegetation.

Orange filefish, which can measure about 24 inches, are found throughout much of the western Atlantic and in portions of the eastern Atlantic.

**The above article were contributed by Kathy.**

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