

Under Sea Adventurers

Dive Lines

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August 5th Meeting

Papua New Guinea 2000 Exotic Trip

UnderSea Adventurers Exotic Trip for the year 2000 is set for Papua New Guinea. For our August Meeting, Peter Hughes' organization will provide a presentation on Papua New Guinea.

Papua New Guinea (PNG) offers some of the greatest diversity of fishlife in the world. It sits at the confluence of major ocean currents that have turned its waters into rich feeding and genetic mixing grounds for species from Japan, the Indian Ocean, the South Pacific and Australia. The result is a high number of rare and unusual species that few destinations can match.

Paul Humann described PNG as having as many species as anywhere else on earth. We will dive on reefs, walls, and *boomies* which are coral heads that are up to fifty feet in diameter and forty feet high.

PNG reefs have never been destroyed by cyclones because it is north of the cyclone belt. Because no commercial

Dinner at Little Havana

Meet, greet and be sociable by joining us for dinner before the meeting around 6pm at:

Little Havana

Federal Hwy between Hillsboro and 10th.

Sherry Boudreaux & Mary Field, VP Social



Peter Hughes' Star Dancer in Papua New Guinea

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UnderSea Adventurers

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www.gate.net/~usadiver

DAN website:

www.diversalertnetwork.org

Meetings:

First Thursday of each month at
Deerfield Bch Chamber of Commerce
1601 E. Hillsboro Blvd.
Deerfield Beach, FL
Dinner: 6:00 PM (various locations)
Social: 7:30 PM
Meeting: 8:00 PM

Come Join Us!

At the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce, located on the North side of Hillsboro Blvd. at the 2nd traffic light East of US 1 (Federal Hwy.), across the street from the Cove Restaurant.

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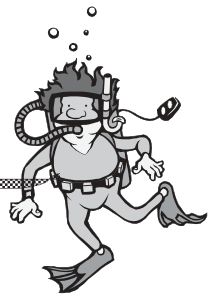
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President's Waves

It's that time again. After two years since our last (and first) Mr./Miss USA contest, the second edition is just around the corner. The September meeting will be the one you won't want to miss. At least that's what they said about the last one. We are looking for a few good men who don't mind looking like a few good women to entertain us as we were two years ago. That time we had 8 and this time rumors are that we will have more. Of course, you never know who will show up or what they will look like. We just hope that they don't get stopped for a traffic violation on the way to the meeting. Or maybe we do, only kidding. We also need a new panel of judges for this year. Jim Dunn has agreed to be our MC again, hoping to top the outstanding job he did at the last contest. If you have the urge to compete or to be a judge, give me a call. Or if you would rather just show up and let everyone guess who you are, that is all right also.

As for the August meeting, we are trying to arrange for a guest appearance of our last Mr./Miss USA. He/She has been so busy representing us for the last couple of years that it is hard to get on his/her calendar. And, you won't believe the change that this honor has had upon our fair winner. So, mark your calendars, I know you will enjoy it.



We apologize for not being able to show the PADI rescue tape at the last meeting. The equipment for the viewing was not available and we only found out about it on short notice. However, our own diving Dinosaur did a great job entertaining everyone with his knowledge and stories about sharks. Thanks again, Dr. Ray McAllister. I think everyone enjoyed it, I know that I certainly did.

As I told you last month, Matt Barton is our new Webmaster and is in charge of our Web site. As Matt updates it and makes it something we can all be proud of, we will let you know the address and features and hope that you will check it out for yourselves. We both have ideas and if there is something you would like to see there, give Matt a call or you might even see him on a local dive.

IF YOU MAKE IT, YOU'LL MAKE IT!!!!

Safe diving and ...

Thank you for your Support!!

Larry Townsend, YOUR President for 1999

Let's Go Down and Get Wet Together

Papua New Guinea, cont.

fishing is allowed, a dazzling array of fish await us. A confetti layer of neon anthias shimmer just above the reef face. Above them are layers of unicornfish, fusiliers, sweetlips and rainbow runners. The reef walls are often visited by hammerhead sharks, dog-tooth tuna, giant trevally, and barracuda. Clusters of crimson seawhips, lace pink gorgonia fans, gold and red soft coral, and multi-colored crinoids add a kaleidoscope of color to the vibrant reefs. The beautiful Merlot's scorpionfish (rhinopias), Mandarinfish, blue-ringed octopus, and Leaf Ghost Pipefish are just a few of the rare sights that await us.

We will be diving for ten days on Peter Hughes Star Dancer and the Febrina. The Star Dancer only holds sixteen so I have contracted all fourteen spaces on the Febrina as backup. We get the same 20% wholesale discount on the Febrina that we get on the Star Dancer. Both liveaboards will depart from Rabaul. We will travel west to Father Reef where the Febrina will travel on to its home port of Walindi and the Star Dancer will make a grand loop around an archipelago of islands and return to Rabaul.

Topside sights as rare as anything underwater await us. PNG travel guides call it one of the last unknown, unspoiled places on earth. It was the last inhabited place explored by



Europeans. In 1995 another Stone Age tribe made its first contact with the outside world. More than 700 distinct languages (a third of all the world's languages) are spoken in PNG

which is the size of California.

One Stone Age tribe, the Huli wigmen, will greet us with brightly painted yellow faces and tall wigs made of human hair that is intricately woven around feathers from the beautiful bird of paradise. Another tribe will be covered in dried gray mud. We will bargain in some villages for world famous carved masks that adorn the walls of the Rockefeller museum in New York. Visit your local book store and browse travel books on PNG. You will be amazed at the adventure that awaits us on this millennium trip.

It is important to signup now! All unfilled spaces will be returned to Peter Hughes Diving on August 31.

Liveaboard and land:

June 16, 2000 - July 6, 2000 \$6490

Liveaboard only:

June 16, 2000 - June 30, 2000 \$4460



Exotic Trip Organizer:
Gary Sharp - 561-750-0013

LOCAL DIVING

Finally!! Yes folks, the sun shined on one of our RAFT-UPS! On July 10, 1999, a group of USAers and their guests gathered in Lake Boca to enjoy the sun, warm water, food and each other. There were nine boats all together and forty people, plus or minus. I hear that two people rode dolphins out to the party (I wasn't there because of work and sinuses) but I have been unable to confirm that! The Florida Marine Patrol has notified me that the following Captains and First Mates may be brought up on keel hauling charges:

Captains & First Mates:

Nils Jacobsen & Ronnie Farr
Bill Watts
Pete & Sharon Kendrigan
Bob Weybrecht & Linda Ianniello
Ray McAllister
Bob Moon
Maurice & Vicky Jemison
Bruce & Loren Harlan
Judy Townsend (Al was in Australia)

Crew:

Anne S, Karen V
Kim, Jill
Lindy, Mary
Jim, Sally, Scott, Laura
Cindy P, SharonC, Matt
Sherry, Leon

Gail

Steve, Cindy S, Kint, Connie, Carol, Waymeth, Greg

These charges will not be officially filed until the RAFT-UP season is over just in case there are further violations that need to be addressed. The crews involved have been pretty closed-mouthed about the whole affair for fear of further retribution and as we all know loose lips sink ships! Thanks to all that participated.

While the weather may have cooperated on this RAFT-UP, it did not do so on June 12 for our scheduled dive on the Diversity and the BBQ that was to follow! It wasn't the best day for diving but the boat went out with only four USAers on board and I think that those hearty souls need to be mentioned. Dan Loglia, Nancy Hennis and Frank & Joanne Morgan are the sea otters who went out. Frank and Joanne had come down all the way from Jacksonville hopefully the next time they come the weather will be better. To make matters worse, I was not able to get a refund for the saddles that I rented for the sea cucumbers! :)

A couple of weeks ago, on June 20, we did a Sunday dive on the Starfish Enterprise and the day, and the diving were great. We repeated the Florida diving experience again the following weekend on Sat. the 26th. *I heard that a hammerhead was stalking a few of our divers but in the end decided to leave well enough alone!*

The Wednesday Nite Quickies are still in effect even if the boat and the contact have changed. Al & Judy Townsend will be the hosts for the quickies and Linda Ianniello, the Night Diving Quickie Queen, will be the contact. Give Linda a call if you are interested but space is limited! Don't worry, Steve will still be around even if the Wild Goose isn't may the winds continue to be at her back. Speaking of night diving, on July 17, eight USAers explored the depths South of Boynton Inlet and saw lots of interesting "creatures of the night". *Scott Pluskis says that it was one of the best night*

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(local diving cont.)

dives that he has done yet! Our thanks go to Steve Miller & the Starfish, and to Linda for putting the dive together.

August is going to be a busy month. As you know, there is RAFT-UP scheduled for Aug 7th so be sure to get in touch with one of the El Capitans! If you wait too long there may not be any space! We have another two tank night dive scheduled for August 21 on the Diversity. The departure time is 6:30 PM from Pennell's Marina. Give Linda or myself a call and there will be sign-up sheets at the August meeting. The cost is \$39 and space is limited no money, no spot!! ANOTHER LOCAL DIVE ANNOUNCEMENT Also, we have another Sunday dive for those who have trouble making it on Saturdays, On August 29, on the Starfish Enterprise we have an 8:30 AM departure time. We will do it again on Saturday September 4, which is Labor Day weekend and again it will be on the Starfish with an 8:30 AM departure. The cost is \$32 for both dive trips and don't be late! Bring those coupons that you may have laying around and use them on either dive. If you want to go, let me know. Space is limited!

As always, if you have a spot or a dive boat that you would like to visit or use, please let me know. If you are not on my e-mail list and you want to be kept abreast of spontaneous dive events, please get your address and or telephone number to me. If you would like to lead a dive, let me know in the meantime, keep your dial tuned to WTHY your dive information station!

*Tommy Younger
Local Diving VP 561-338-7687
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2000 Overseas Dive Mtg

August 10th, Tuesday 7:00pm

I would like to invite everyone in the club who is interested in diving, to this very important meeting. This is where we plan for all of our overseas dives for next year; from weekend diving to 3 weeks of diving.

We welcome your ideas. We need new places to dive and we need **your** suggestions. If you are thinking of going overseas diving next year, please bring your ideas to this meeting. Come and see how you can be a trip leader.

We all profit from going as a group, and we will receive discounts that smaller groups would not be eligible for.

At our first meeting on June 16th, we had a great turn out with a lot of great ideas. At this August 10th meeting, we will start our planning for next year diving. We have many places to choose from. Please attend and be in on our planning.

Let's make the year 2000 a great year for diving.

*Call Ronnie Farr - VP Overseas diving
954-783-1667
4011 NE 24th Ave. LHP*



Membership News

Welcome New Members

Ray Dranoff

Debbie Wolf

Marni Weiner

Roger Jones

Welcome New Applicants

Elicia Syson

Maurice Jemison

Dry Tortugas Trip

We're going to some of the best game-producing reefs in Florida - the waters surrounding the Dry Tortugas National Park, 70 miles west of Key West.

Depart (from Fort Myers):

Thursday, Aug 12, 1998, 7:00 PM.

Return: Monday, Aug 16, 1998, 4-5:00 PM.

Package includes:

4 nights & 3 + days diving

Tanks, weights, nitrox fills

All meals, beverages, snacks

Gratuities

Not included:

bedding (sheet & blanket / sleeping bag),

towels, personal items

Beer/wine — (BYOB)

Cost: \$640

Trip Leader: Robert Shearer (561) 487-7442

For a report on last year's trip, visit the USA web site: www.gate.net/~usadiver

The Divers who are going on this trip:

Gary Allen, John Baron, Matt Barton, Joe Bonnette, Gail Cistrelli, Charlie and Ed Collette, Jim Constable, Greg DeFelice, Chuck Goby, Jim Guld, Nancy Hennis, Nils Jacobsen, Dan Logia, Jimmy Lyon, Lolin Pallares, Robert Shearer, Geno Traina, Bill Watts, Kim Whaley.

Dive Tips from Ray

◆ Generally keep your mask and fins on (and your mouthpiece in your mouth if you have air) while coming aboard. That way, if you slip back in you are still in control, with the mask to keep water out of your nose, and fins to propel you against the current. If you hand your tank in or tie it off to a trailing line, release the mouthpiece as the last thing. Never give up the mouthpiece for a snorkle while you have air in your tank. As long as the regulator works you are in control. Most dive courses teach you to knock the mask down around the neck, instead of putting it up on the forehead, where it can get knocked off and lost. I keep mine on my face!

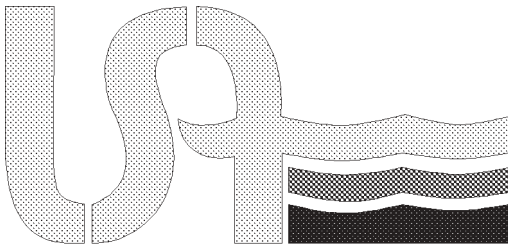
◆ Anytime you take off your tank and BC after a dive, put enough air in their BC so it floats if it gets accidentally released.

Calendar

Aug 5, Thu.	7:30 Social 8:00 Meeting - Papua New Guinea, Peter Hughes
Aug 10	7pm 2000 Overseas Mtg Ronnie Farr 954-783-1667
Aug 12, Thu.	7:00 Board Meeting Linda Caldwell
Aug 7	Raft Up!
Aug 12	Dry Tortugas
Aug 21	Local Night Dive
Aug 28	Beach Party Bob Horin's
Aug 29	Local Dive
Sep 4	Local Dive
Oct 30	Coral Sea trip

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