

Under Sea Adventurers

# Dive Lines

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## February program

David Pearlman, genial proprietor of Undersea Imagery in Pompano Beach, will present a slide show for us. I first met David on the bus coming back from the Shark Feeding presentation to the State. When he showed me some of his work, I said "Send 10 of your best to National Geographic and they will hire you in a heartbeat!" His work is as good or better than Dave Doubilet's! David often shoots on the fish feeding ventures on the Pompano Dropoff and the Sea Emperor. He will include some shots of these adventures. Don't miss this one.

*Ray McAllister, VP of Programs*

## Annual Dinner Dance

We will party to a New Orleans jazz band, Saturday 3/24, 7-11 pm. Location to be announced. Dress is optionally formal.

*Mary Field, VP Social*

## 2002 OVERSEAS DIVE

## COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2001 (THURS.)

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## February Meeting Dinner

Dinner will be at the picnic grounds at the end of the street next to the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce at 6pm. We will have a spiral cut ham so bring stuff to go with it. If you want mustard or ketchup, bring it. Otherwise our caterers will bring utensils, napkins and all the things we have come to expect from Fields and Dunn, inc.

*Ray McAllister, VP of Programs*

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## UnderSea Adventurers

### Web site:

[www.underseas.org](http://www.underseas.org)

### DAN website:

[www.diversalertnetwork.org](http://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.

### USA Hall of Fame

Alan Barrows	Ray McAllister
Mary May Barrows	Kathi McCutcheon
Joe DellaFera	Carl Meyer
Esther Drury	Jerry Millsbaugh
Jim Dunn	Kathy Millsbaugh
Anne Dupont	Carl Nolting
Ronnie Farr	Hank Paurowski
Sue Fish	Sue Revie
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# President's Waves

My first dive trip with USA was back in 1984 to Grand Cayman. As I recall there were about 16 of us, mostly members of the club who had been around a lot longer than me. As I have said before, a USA trip is always an adventure and this was no exception. I had never dove with a group before and even though my buddy who asked me before we went in if I could recognize her, I still came up with no buddy. On the second dive, I found my buddy, but when we came up to the ladder, everyone on the boat was yelling, "Don't touch the ladder!" Silly me, how do I get on the boat? I went up the ladder, and found out that one of our divers, we will call Lois Lane had gotten her finger caught between the ladder and the boat and her finger was now in her glove without her hand. Needless to say, she only got to do two dives on that trip. More recently on another USA trip to Grand Turk, another of our fearless divers, whom I will call Jimmy Olsen, had an encounter one night with a box jellyfish. If you do not know what they will do for you, ask the Australians. They put nets around beaches to keep them from killing the swimmers. On this particular night, we saw the box jellies swimming around the boat, attracted to the lights. One passed by me about the size of my fist with tentacles about 15-18 inches long. By the time I got to the ladder, déjà vu. On the boat, they were yelling something about the ladder again. Silly me, I did what I always do. I went up it. Seems that a box jelly had struck Jimmy on the face and he had gone into anaphylactic shock and was on his way to the hospital. The screams were for me to quickly get out of the water. I knew they were there

of course and was trying to avoid them, but the screams only slowed me down

trying to figure out what was going on.

Jimmy Olsen missed several days of diving on that trip. The point of all this is not necessarily to entertain you, but to inform.

Lois and Jim missed at least a week of diving between them.

Probably both of these mishaps were unavoidable under the circumstances. And the lost days of diving also were unavoidable. On a more recent USA trip to Dominica another of our divers, whom we will call Nancy Drew fell on a hiking trip and injured an arm, also causing her to lose several days of diving. This is where our story differs. Nancy had the *new* Dan Preferred Plan, which has a \$5000 lifetime Diving Vacation Interruption benefit. Nancy was compensated for her missed diving, whereas Lois and Jim lost those days of diving with no compensation. If you are still diving without DAN, I would urge you to reconsider and join DAN today. There are three insurance plans ranging from \$25-\$70 per year. With DAN membership, it ranges from \$54-\$99. I don't think any of us would drive down I-95 without auto insurance. And I don't think any of us should go diving without dive insurance. You may contact DAN at 1-800-446-2671 or log on to [www.DiversAlertNetwork.org](http://www.DiversAlertNetwork.org). Or see Karen Valpa, our Membership Coordinator at the next meeting and she



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# DRY TORTUGAS

Aug. 30 - Sep. 3, 2001

The Dry Tortugas have always had a reputation for the biggest and most abundant catch of lobsters in Florida waters. For the past three years I have personally enjoyed this trip. Our merciless USA hunters have caught loads of lobsters, snapper, grouper, and hogfish. With 6 dives per day you can fill your catch bag with bugs, bugs, bugs! The Dry Tortugas is one of the few pris-

tine dive locations in the Caribbean, untravelled by the day-dive boats, with some of the most interesting dive sites that I have seen. Even non-hunters love it for sightseeing and photography.

We will board the Ultimate Getaway in Ft. Myers Thursday evening, travel during the night to the site and be ready to go early Friday morning for 3 solid days of diving. Nitrox fills are available for the diving die-hards. Be sure to bring lights for those night dives.

Remember, if you can't get a big bug in your bag just signal your trip leader who will be more than happy to put it in his. ;)

## Package includes:

4 nights & 3 days diving  
Tanks, weights, nitrox fills (\$10)  
All meals, beverages, snacks  
Gratuities

## Not included:

Bedding (sheet & blanket/sleeping bag)  
Towels, personal items  
Beer/wine You may bring a small cooler

## Cost:

\$666.00

## Trip Leader:

Matt Barton



## 2001 Non-Caribbean Dive Trip to: Wakatobi, Indonesia

Oct. 16 - Nov. 3, 2001

If you are looking for your next great adventure, look no further. Only a handful of divers have visited this area as of now. The Wakatobi Resort is on the Tukang Besi archipelago, in southeastern Sulawesi, Indonesia. Wakatobi has been called the epicenter of marine biodiversity. One of the reasons for this is because the last ice age did not affect this area. The reefs are in pristine condition. There are massive coral heads, trees and colonies swarming with reef fishes. There are a variety of reef structures and colored soft corals. Reefs start shallow and there is an excellent house reef.

Upgrade to private bungalow lodging for an additional \$345 pp double occupancy. (One king-sized bed)

Check out the website at  
[www.islandream.com/wakatobi/](http://www.islandream.com/wakatobi/)

Est. Cost (2000 rates) approx. \$4419 from Ft Laud'ale.

*Trip leader: Patrice Marker*

# Dolphin Diving with Scuba Adventures Live-a-board-Shear Water 65'

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## Full. Wait List, only.

Leave night of Wednesday May 16th. Dive all day Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Return on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

Up to Six dives a day. All meals and drinks included.

You may bring your own liquor

Only room for 12 divers

Total price including tip \$875.00 (port charges not included-\$15.00)

If we fill the boat with 12 paid divers, then the trip will cost only \$802.00



Contact Ronnie Farr

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## Belize for 2001: May 26 - June 9, 2001

The great adventure of 2001 will begin May 26 with a flight to Belize City and 7 days on one of the most luxurious live aboard dive boats in the Caribbean area, the Peter Hughes Wave Dancer. The lucky trip participants will then spend three days at Ian Andersons Jungle Camp, then 3 days in Placencia diving with the Seahorse Dive shop while visiting with the whale sharks.

The basic plan is to combine three elements:

1. a week aboard the Peter Hughes "Wave Dancer" in Belize (docks in Belize City).
2. three days at Ian Andersons Jungle Camp ( check out [www.cavesbranch.com](http://www.cavesbranch.com) on the internet) which includes a tube trip inside (that is not at typo....I mean INSIDE a mountain) a mountain via an underground stream. The trip contains Mayan ruins, underground waterfalls, Jaguar walks, and much more.
3. three days in Placencia to dive with the Whale Sharks.

Jimdunn99@aol.com or 561-495-2162

Price:approx \$3000 for all three elements (airfare can not be determined at this time, too early)

Date: May 26-June 2 for the live aboard, June 3-5 for Jungle camp, June 6-8 for whale sharks, with travel back to Miami on June 9.

Included: air from Miami to Belize City/ transportation (air or van) to Plancecia, lodging, most food, tips, taxes.



# MINI -TRIP: MARCH 9,10,11 - 2001

## HIGHLAND HAMMOCKS STATE PARK

### Sebring, FL: CAMPING & BIKING

Highway 27-North to Hammock Road (634)  
Turn left at the light follow signs to Park.  
Lake Jackson in on your right as you  
make your turn at Hammock Road. 1-  
863-386-6094. Maps will be handed out.

Price is \$15.00 a person for two nights. I  
have estimated high, because it depends  
on how many tents on a site and how  
many are in a tent. Two tents are allowed  
on each site. The price is per site for  
non-electric. If you want a site with  
electricity please let me know and the  
price is \$16.05 a site a night. Yes, there  
are bathroom facilities.

BRING- Everything. Your Bike and all  
your camping stuff, food and drink. There

are grills for our use. There are restau-  
rants close by. You can eat out Friday  
night after you set up your campsite.  
Saturday morning for breakfast there is a  
little diner at the country store in the  
Hammocks. Several of us are planning  
on going there. Saturday for lunch we  
usually bring our own stuff and even stop  
while biking and eat something. But,  
PLEASE plan on eating with everyone  
around the campfire on Saturday night.  
Some of us even tell ghost stories.

The club has been there many times,  
and this is a great place to sit back and  
relax. The nature trails are excellent for  
hiking and seeing wild life. Biking is 3  
miles around the Hammocks.

*Contact: Ronnie Farr, 954-783-1667*

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### *Overseas Committee 2002 - continued from pg. 3*

Be there or be square. This is your  
chance to voice your opinion on where  
YOU would like to go diving. Every year I  
have members coming up to me saying  
“why doesn't the club go diving —“? And  
my response is, “why were you not at the  
committee meeting”? A member has  
already come up to me this year and said  
that he is interested in diving in a  
certain location. I encouraged him to  
come to the meetings and bring some  
information.

This is the first meeting where we come  
up with ideas and then members re-  
search the locations. Then we meet  
again in a few months and EVERYONE at  
the MEETING decides if this would be a go  
location or not. And of course price is a  
big factor. As I have previously men-

tioned, diving has become very popular,  
and we have to make our reservations at  
least a year in advance. Depending on  
the location, diving is better in certain  
months, and everyone wants to dive at  
the best time for visibility, warm weather  
and marine life.

Please mark your calendars for February  
22<sup>nd</sup>. We bring what we want to drink and  
then order in food. Even if you do not  
have any ideas, this is a great time to get  
together with other club members for  
comradery.

*Ronnie Farr, VP of overseas diving*

*Ronnie & Nils home*

*4011 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Ave.*

*LHP 954-783-1667*

*Thursday 7:00pm Feb. 22nd*

*President's waves - continued from pg. 3*

will provide you with the form. I urge you to do it today. My DAN membership and insurance is due at the first of every year and I make sure that it gets renewed.

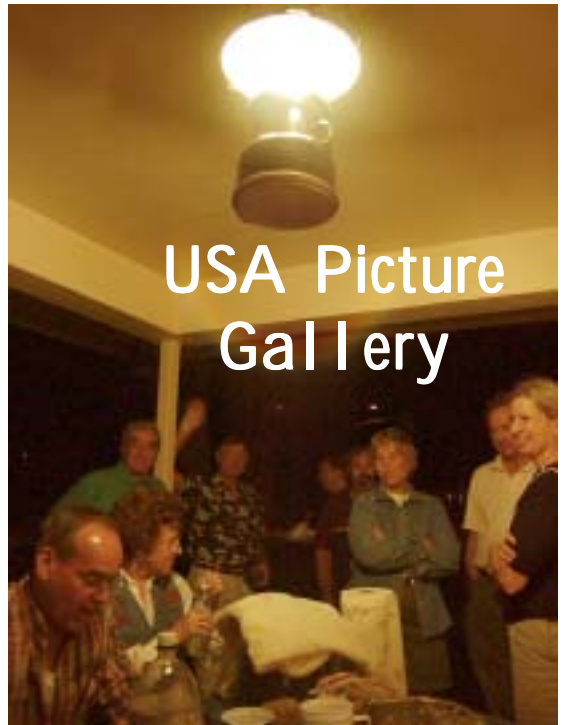
At the last board meeting a recommendation to replace the Fax numbers in the directory with Cell phone numbers was approved. Karen Valpa is in the process of changing this column and also updating the database for the next printing. If you have had a change of address, e-mail address, phone number or other changes to the database, contact Karen. Only Cell phone numbers approved by the owner will be published.

IF YOU MAKE IT, WE WILL MAKE IT!!!!

Safe diving and ...

**Thank you for your Support!!**

*Larry Townsend, YOUR President for 2001  
Let's All Go Down and Get Wet Together*



*Another scene from the November Picnic*

## Membership News and Notes

Please forward all changes, address, phone or email directly to Karen

Want your cell phone number in the roster? Please forward to Karen

*Karen Valpa,  
Membership and  
Database Coordinator*

## 2001 Overseas Dive Program Payment Schedule

DESTINATIONS	DATE	Oct	Nov	Dec-00	Jan-01	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Dolphin Diving w/ Scuba Adventures	5-16/5-21	100	0	0	190	190	190	205	0	0	0	0	875
Belize-Live-a-Board w/Peter Hughes	5-27/6-02												
Belize Jungle Camp	6-03/6-05												
Belize Whale Sharks	6-06/6-08												
<b>Total of all three trips</b>		100	550	550	550	550	550	240	0	0	0	0	3090
Dry Tortugas Live-a-Board	8-30/9-03	100	0	0	100	100	100	100	100	66	0	0	666
Wakatobi, Indonesia	10/16-11/3	500	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	319	4419

# For Sale:

## 1982 Phoenix Weekender:

Twin Diesel Volvo-Penta TAMD 40A's, 1200 hours, PipeWelders flybridge, dual hydraulic steering, outriggers, Bimini top on flybridge, new Fish Finder, cutty cabin, shower, hot water, head, sink, 24 gallon water, twin 100 gallon fuel tanks, fish box with live well, A/C, trim tabs, windlass. \$29,900 obo.

*Please contact:*

*Jim Constable at (561) 750-7258*

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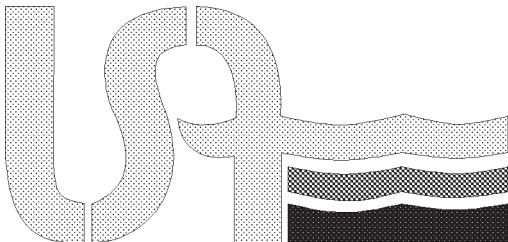
# Calendar

Feb. 1, Thu.	6pm, Picnic, 7:30 Social, 8:00 Meeting, David Pearlman, slides
Feb. 8, Thu.	Board Meeting, location to be announced
Feb. 22, Thu	Overseas Committee meeting, 7pm, Ronnie & Nils
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Mar. 9, Fri	Camping, Highland Hammocks
Mar. 24, Sat.	7-11, Annual Banquet

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