

Under Sea Adventurers

# Dive Lines

*It's always an adventure*

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## September 6, Meeting

### September program

Norman Beumel, one of the partners in Coastal Planning and Engineering, will present a view of the Broward County sea floor, out to about 140 feet, with the water removed. It is like looking down on the nearshore area and reefs from a blimp. This spectacular view shows reefs, shipwrecks, etc, and was done by an Australian company called Tenix. If you dive the coastal waters, don't miss this spectacular showing of these color photos. Get a look at your favorite Broward County dive site! The survey is done with a laser and is called LADS (Laser Airborne Depth Survey). This is the most spectacular bathymetric technique presently available. I will miss the meeting because I must talk to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, but I have a personal set of the LADS Survey. Be sure you see it!

*Ray McAllister, VP of Programs*

## September 6, Pre-Meeting Dinner

### September Dinner

Our pre-meeting dinner will be at Roadhouse Grill, 401 N Federal Hwy, Deerfield Beach. That is 4 blocks N of Hillsboro Blvd on the West Side of Federal. Be there at 6:00 pm. While we are not assured of all sitting together, they say they will make every possible effort. Try to be early and tell the hostess that you want the USA party.

*Mary Field, VP of Social*

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**Dry Tortugas Trip**  
**September 24-28**  
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**A few open slots**

## 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

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# President's Waves

“ On a recent trip to Little Cayman on the Cayman Aggressor, with several other USAer's, we had the privilege to meet Jim Church. Jim is a world renowned Photographer and Videographer. He has written articles for Skin Diver Magazine for over 20 years and is presently writing video articles for Rodale's Scuba Diving Magazine. Jim has put aside his trusty old Nikonus which has made him many dollars over the years. And is now sporting an Olympus 3030 digital camera with a Light and Motion housing. It takes some pretty impressive pictures with its 3.3 mega pixel ability. He still has it with the Nikonus, as most of our photographers on the trip were seen huddled around him trying to gain whatever knowledge they could from him. Hi seminars were well done and informative. And divers always wanted to dive with him to watch and learn.

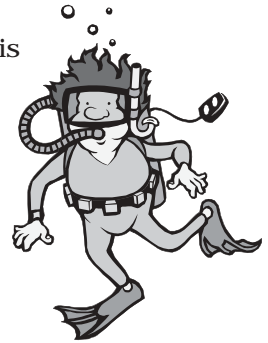
One day, I had found a group of three juvenile spotted drums on the same coral head as a huge grouper who just sat there like a little puppy dog. It is quite a picture with the grouper in the background. As I was showing my video of this, Jim wanted to know where it was so he could take a picture. No problem, I said. Follow me on the next dive. There was one other photographer on the boat who also had an Olympus 3030 but with a different housing. He also wanted to take the same picture that Jim wanted. We geared up and grabbed our cameras and set out to find the drums and grouper. After a little bit of a swim, we found the coral head we were looking for. And sure enough there were the fish just as I had described. I left the two to their pleasure and went off in search of mine. On the

way back, I ran into Jeff, the one with the other Olympus. I asked if he had gotten the pictures he wanted and I got some sign language

that I still do not understand, but that is not the point here.

When we returned to the boat, I again asked about the pictures and the sign language. No pictures and the sign was a flooded camera. This particular model of camera is

about \$600 give or take and Jeff didn't seem too worried about it. Obviously, he would take no more pictures home, but the financial loss did not seem to bother him. As I found out later, he had insured it and after the deductible, it would probably be replaced. And that is exactly what happened. He had insured his camera with DEPP (Dive Insurance Protection Program). So, those of us with the expensive cameras and maybe the not so expensive ones who are not protected might want to think about it. There are several companies; PADI sponsors another one, which is Scuba Equipment Protection Program. I had never considered it, but I am now a believer. I have seen the results. Jeff had to send in his flooded camera for them to examine and verify, but he received a brand new camera from DEPP. By the way, his excuse for the flooded housing was that he was in a hurry to get in the water with Jim and was not as careful as he should have been with closing the housing and twisted an O-ring. His lesson learned here was not to get in a hurry when closing the housing.



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# 2002 Overseas Dive - BRAZIL

## FERNANDO DE NORONHA

THE WORD IS OUT! Fernando de Noronha is featured in the August issue of Undercurrent. It was rated 4 1/2 stars for experienced divers with 4 stars for food, accommodations and money's worth. Hurry and sign up for our club trip as there are only a few spaces left.

A few quotes from Undercurrent: "Remote. Isolated. A protected marine park. Reasonably inexpensive...yet why come to Brazil for the diving? Because it's a refreshing change from the Caribbean. Jagged, dramatic boulders, all thoroughly encrusted in extremely colorful sponges, algae and hard coral, dominate the underwater landscape. The waters are alive, and though there may be fewer species than at many Caribbean locations, the quantity of fishes, as well as the average size, far surpass most Caribbean...destinations."

"When...not diving, I visited several exquisite sparsely peopled beaches. The scenery is spectacular, with rugged volcanic rock formations, tropical forests, gorgeous beaches and scenic mountains." Of course we are offering add-on trips to fill a second week in mainland Brazil. Rio de Janeiro for two nights at the famous Luxor Copacabana Hotel on Copacabana Beach is priced at \$235 with \$50 for each additional night. There is so much to see and do in Rio that some of us will need additional days. Two nights at Iguassu Falls, the world's largest falls located on the border of Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil will be \$206 with accommodations at the 5-star Bourbon Resort. One more option is a side trip to Recife for 2 nights at the Atlante Plaza Hotel on

the beach. Breakfast is included for all these packages. A most interesting add-on can be a trip into the Amazon, staying at Ariau' Amazon Towers for a 4 day 3 night all inclusive package with jungle trekking, visiting native villages, Piranha fishing and boat tours. This ecotourist resort is built into the jungle canopy. The price is \$697 including all meals and the additional airfare.

So far the following USAers have signed up for our March 2002 Brazilian adventure: Gwenn Bissell, Linda Caldwell, Carroll Frederick, Sean Horin, Kathy Kissane, Chary Lynn, Kathi and Steve McCutcheon, Sue Miller (our interpreter), Theresa Pantanella, Tim Sapp and Ann Stambaugh. Hey guys, note the abundance of females!

Trip participants need to send a copy of their passport to Steve McCutcheon. Monthly payments should be mailed to Linda Ianniello, 359 Cottonwood Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33487. Please let Steve know what optional trips you wish to add so the travel agent can reserve space at hotels and on airlines. This is a complicated package but we are excited to be the first to offer this unique destination to a large US group.

Date: March 22, 2002 to March 31 plus individual add-ons

Price: Basic one week trip, double occupancy, diver \$2050, non-diver \$1,750  
Includes:

**Airfare, Transfers, 8 days/ 7 nights/ 6 days diving, 2 tanks per day;**

**Boat tour in Dolphin Bay**

**Buggy tours around island**

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# Last Chance to this Special 2001 Trip Offering DRY TORTUGAS: SEPT. 24-28, 2001 SPEARFISHING, LOBSTERING

Please come and join myself and 10 other divers. The boat is the "MV Playmate" a luxury 60-foot yacht USCG inspected. The boat offers central air-conditioning, satellite TV, VCR, stereo, four separate staterooms, shower facilities inside and out, spacious sun deck, two below deck electric air compressors, DNAX NITROX, fresh water maker, lots of shade, easy water access and most importantly, personal attention. Owned and operated by Bob and Kimberly for over 12 years. The boat is docked at Stock Island in Key West. We board the boat after 6:00pm on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. They leave the dock on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00am and start diving around 9:00am. We dive all day Tuesday, Wednesday,



Thursday and 3 dives on Friday. We will average "6" dives a day. We'll return on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> around

3:30pm. Please feel free to bring your own sodas, beer, wine, or liquor. Price includes: All meals, snacks, iced tea or lemonade, liveaboard accommodations, dive tanks (aluminum 80's 3000PSI), airfills, weights and belts.

Not included: Towels, sodas, and alcoholic beverages. Also bring a large appetite. I have heard that Kim is a

gourmet cook. They offer food items such as, Caesar Salad, Coquilles St. Jacques, Jamaican jerk Chicken, Bahamian conch Salad, Lobster Tails, Grilled Grouper Sandwiches, Steak, Onions and Cheese Strudel, Beef Stroganoff and etc. This is just a sample of the great food you will enjoy. Not to mention the fantastic desserts. All of this for \$864.00 including Tip. Nitrox users \$974.00 including tip. The boat only holds a total of "11".



*Please contact Ronnie Farr  
954-783-1667*

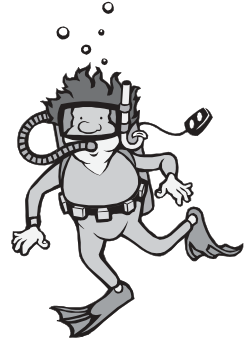
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Not included:  
Lunch and Dinners  
Port and Visa charges  
Additional two tank dives @ \$50

*Trip Leader, Steve McCutcheon (954) 432-1960*

# RAFFLE Doins



If you have not been to a USA meeting lately, at each meeting, we raffle off some dive article donated by one of our local dive shops. Some of our dive shops have been very good with their donations and recognize the exposure. I encourage you to patronize these merchants when possible.

Below is a list of our contributors. The percentage is the amount donated

Dive Shop	Owner/manager	Donation/Percentage	Winner
Dixie Divers Deerfield beach	Arlton Pavan	\$189 Atomic Fins (50%) \$80 Automatic Lobster Probe	Tim Sapp Ray McAllister
Force E Delray/Boca/Pompano Beach	Cathy Commagere	\$75 UK C8 Dive Light (100%)	David Perlman
The Scuba Center Delray Beach	Lee Pickens	\$50 LE Clic UW Camera (100%)	Matt Barton
Dive Shop II Boynton Beach	Scottie McClary	\$179 ScubaPro Twin Jet Graphite Fins (100%)	Chary Lynn
Ameri-Dive Scuba Boynton Beach	Karen Warren	\$100 Nitrox Class (100%)	Dan Hajjar
Scuba Network Deerfield Beach	John Laflair	A promise	
USA	Members	\$20 Fins (100%)	Jim Dunn

And, If you missed IT, well .....

Lobster Pot Winners at the August Meeting

**\$20 off USA Local Dive** Tim Sapp  
**\$20 off USA Local Dive** Jennifer Schmidt  
**½ of the Pot** Isabel Cortez, our guest trip rep. for Fernando de Noronha, Brazil

Remember:  
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*Larry Townsend, YOUR President for 2001*

Not even for Jim church. The other one is to protect your investment with Insurance. I am not selling insurance and am in no way compensated, I'm just trying to make each of you aware that things do happen and you can insure yourself against financial loss. As Roger Styles says, "Diving is an unnatural act." That probably applies to underwater photography also.

If you are not into underwater photography or video, it is something you might consider. But you should also consider insuring your equipment.

And we extend a warm welcome to

Theresa Shaner to the USA board of directors as the Promotions Coordinator. You probably noticed a lack of promotions on our USA line of accessories since the departure of Waymeth Stowell. Theresa is going to get it back on track. And our thanks to Waymeth Stowell for the work time and effort she contributed to the board. Thanks again to both Waymeth and Theresa!

Safe diving and ...

**Thank you for your Support!!**

*Larry Townsend, YOUR President for 2001*

***Let's All Go Down and Get Wet Together***

**Insurance**

Since last year, DEPP has got a new web site: <http://equipmentprotection.com> and new phone number: 888-678-4096; The PADI sponsored program ceased dive equipment insurance. This year I opted out of flood insurance and took out only travel/theft insurance - and that payed off this year: 85\$ in damages vs \$160 for flood premium

*Nils Jacobsen - Editor*

**For Sale**

The SEA & SEA MX-10 is a compact, lightweight amphibious camera that is ideal for diving, snorkeling, rafting, all outdoor activities. Simple to use, versatile and affordably priced, it is the perfect camera for beginners.

Built-in focus-free 32 mm lens Automatic film loading, advance and rewind Shutter speed fixed at 1/100 second

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**Membership News and Notes**

Welcome to our new Applicants: Larry LePage

Mary LePage

Glenn Monroe

*Karen Valpa,  
Membership and  
Database Coordinator*

**2001/2 Overseas Dive Program Payment Schedule**

Please mail Payments to Linda Ianniello

DESTINATIONS	DATE	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-02	Feb	Total
Dry Tortugas, Playmate, air	9-24/9-28	172	172	172	172	179							867
Dry Tortugas, Playmate, Nitrox	9-24/9-28	195	195	195	195	194							974
Brazil-Fernando-De-Noronha	3-22/3/31				100	279	279	279	279	279	279	276	2050
Brazil, Non-Diver	3-22/3/31				100	236	236	236	236	236	236	234	1750

*For sale - continued from pg. 7*

Built-in flash for indoors, outdoors, or underwater Exterior mount lets you add on or take off accessory lenses underwater Constructed of non-corrosive polycarbonate

Summer is here and you're back in the water. Your kid or brother-in-law want to try photography and your not about to let them use your camera. What are you gonna do?

You've got to have a camera for them or you want them to buy their own. And NOW's the best time to buy one. At an ONLY \$399 SALE this offers a fantastic savings on one of Sea & Seas best-selling underwater cameras. Its so easy you just point and shoot and it can be used on land just the same. The most popular MX-10 camera. Strobe kit and accessory lenses that you can change underwater, all sold separately.

*Carol Schurtz*

# Calendar

Aug 31, Fri	Islamorada, mini trip
Sept. 6, Thu	6.00 Dinner Road House Grill, 7.30 Social, 8.00 Meeting,
Sept. 8, Sat.	Local Diving, 7.30, dept.: 8.00 am,Starfish Enterprise
Sept. 13, Thu	Board meeting, Ronnie & Nils
Sept. 15, Sat	Post Party, Cayman trips, Greg Galand
Sept 22, Sat.	Local Diving, 7.30, dept.: 8.00 am,Starfish Enterprise
Sept 24, Mon.	Dry Tortugas Lobster trip, board in the evening

## Local Diving

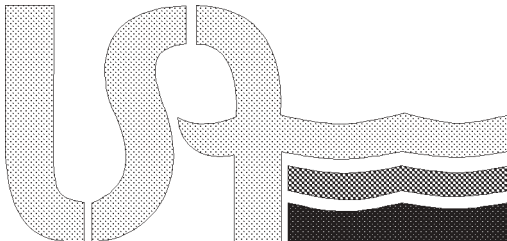
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