

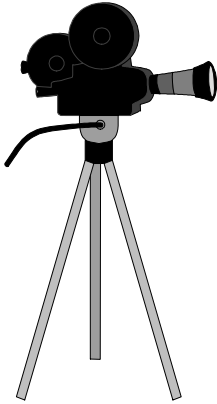
*It's always an adventure*

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## Underwater Video Show

The October program is an experimental video night featuring the best few minutes of video from each club videographer. They will be put on one continuous tape by Larry Townsend and it will run as the program. I hope this will be the start of an annual "best of the year" video night. Come see what our folks can do. You have already seen the fabulous stuff Larry T has shown at several past meetings.

Dinner as usual at the Avian Restaurant at 5:45 till 7:00, program starts at 8.

*Ray McAllister, VP of Programs*



## November Slide Show

At the NOVEMBER meeting of the Under Sea Adventurers dive club we plan to present photos from the various club trips this year. So if you have any slides from the trips that the rest of the members would enjoy seeing, would you please contact Carol Schurtz ([madnurse@aol.com](mailto:madnurse@aol.com)) and coordinate with her.

If you have prints or digital shots, please let me know as soon as possible. I will scan in the prints, and put them together with the digital shots in a format that can also be

projected. I will need these soon, in order to have time to scan them and put it all together.

So please help Carol and I put together a presentation showing how great our club trips were!

*Linda Ianniello*



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## UnderSea Adventurers website:

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

## DAN website:

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

### Meetings:

First Thursday of each month at

#### Avian Restaurant

1401 S.Federal Highway

Deerfield Beach, FL

Dinner: 6:00 PM, Early Bird until

6:00PM

Social: 7:30 PM, Happy Hour 6-8PM

Meeting: 8:00 PM

## Come Join Us!

At the Avian Restaurant, four blocks  
South of 10th St. on the West side,  
in front of the Ramada Inn.

## USA Hall of Fame

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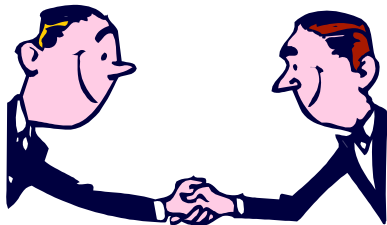
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# President's Waves

Congratulations Pam O'Rourke! A few months ago I called for a volunteer to be our club Public Relations representative. Pam came forward and we have created a new position on the Board of Directors for her. She will be contacting publications with club news and notices about functions. She will also be visiting dive shops and leaving fliers about our club. Pam joined USA just a few months ago. I hope Pam's enthusiasm spreads to others, and we can attract more new members like her.



I notice that some people attend our meetings but don't join. Maybe they don't realize they will receive 2 coupons each worth \$20 off a local club dive. That actually covers the expense of joining. Let's try to get our friends to be joiners instead of hangers-on.

Another thing Matt will do is make the current newsletter unavailable on-line to non-members. He will send out the e-mail notice to members and will include a secure link to get the newsletter. After one month the newsletter will be on-line for anybody to check out but if someone wants current information, they will need to join.

Are you enthusiastic? Could you make our club more fun? Please consider joining the Board of Directors for 2003. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and have a nice dinner at a Board member's home, the location rotating through the group. These meetings are one of the best opportunities to socialize, and I look forward to them even more than the General Meeting. We will be taking nominations for all positions soon. Please give it some thought. Are there any volunteers for President out there? I wish I had more time and imagination to give to the job. Maybe you could do better. Don't hesitate...if no one else steps forward, I will be happy to continue for another year but I want the club to prosper and expand so a new face might be



what we need. Your 2002 Board has been great, and I hope they all chose to continue for 2003. Thirty years is quite a longevity record for a club like this and we owe our success to good leadership.

*Kathi McCutcheon  
USA President for 2002*



# BIMINI-LIVE-A-BOARD

## Paradise Charters – Easy Goin’ July 17-20, Summer 2003



Trip is \$715 + Bahamas taxes \$55, total of \$770.  
Cheaper if we get a full boat of 7 divers.

We plan to go to Bimini one or more times in the summer. This trip only holds 6-7 divers. It is on a 62' Foot boat called Easy Goin'. The boat is equipped with the latest in navigational, communications, and safety equipment. It also has a full galley where delicious meals and snacks are prepared, and a comfortable dining area where you can kick back and enjoy your meals. And when it's time for bed you'll sleep comfortably in air-conditioned quarters (double occupancy accommodations). For your enjoyment they also offer satellite TV, VCR, and stereo, or for the more energetic guests - an Ocean Kayak. The boat leaves on Thursday night and travels to Bimini/Cat Cay area. We dive all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning, arriving home Sunday evening. The price for this trip is \$770.00 per person/double occupancy.

### Check out Rodale Scuba Diving magazine for October 2002: A+ Rating - again!

There is an option to this trip if we all agree: add one extra day, start Wednesday night, add an extra 5 dives and the ability to go further south for \$195, including tips

#### Departs:

Thursday, July 17,  
7:00pm (Bahia Mar area)

#### Returns:

Sunday, July 20

#### Package Includes:

- 3 nights on M/V Easy Goin' (double occupancy)
- 3 days diving (12 dives)
- Tanks & weights included
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks
- Beer or wine with dinner
- Taxes + Tip



Website: <http://www.paradisecharters.com>

### PLEASE SIGN-UP EARLY

*Trip Leader*

*Nils Jacobsen: 954-783-1667 or 954-723-4598 at work*



# BONAIRE

## Buddy Dive Resort, June 21-28, 2003



Where can you enjoy daily boat dives combined with unlimited shore dives? With your fellow USA'ers in Bonaire this coming June 2003, that's where.

Join us for a week of spectacular diving and activities at Buddy Dive Resort, a PADI 5-Star resort, complete with two bedroom / two bath ocean view condos with full kitchen, breakfast daily, a Toyota double-cab pickup per quad for island exploring, and drive-thru tank fill facilities.

Bonaire is well-known for it's shore dives, having fringing reefs within 30 feet of the shore, and visibility in the 100+ foot range, with a comfortable 80F water temperature. The Bonaire Marine Park surrounding the island boasts of more than 80 listed dive sites.

Divers will enjoy searching for any of the 364 species of fish that reside in the local reefs. According to REEF, Bonaire has the highest recorded fish species diversity in the Caribbean. Bonaire is also known as the macro capital of the Caribbean, a delight for underwater photography and videography. Daily boat trips are made to the nearby island of Klein Bonaire, a short 10 minute boat ride away. Guided night dives are also available.

For the non-diver, other activities include:

- snorkeling
- cave exploration
- kayaking
- sport fishing
- mountain biking
- windsurfing
- just good ol' rest and relaxation



Your package includes:

- 7 nights stay
- 11 two tank boat dives over 6 days of diving
- unlimited shore diving
- full breakfast daily
- Toyota double-cab pickup per quad
- airfare plus tips

Price: \$1422 diver, \$1108 non-diver

Be sure to visit their website at

<http://www.buddydive.com>  
<http://www.searchbonaire.com>  
<http://www.bonairewebcams.com>

Trip Leader: Matthew Barton  
(561) 338-9846, [bartonmg@bellsouth.net](mailto:bartonmg@bellsouth.net)



# GRENADA AND THE GRENADINES

## LIVE ABOARD AND LAND BASED

**August 2 - 12, 2003**

Fly to Grenada-Board the "MV Sea Hawk" for a **8 day / 7 night** upmarket live aboard experience, a normal Saturday to Saturday boat schedule. Per USA'er Greg Galland, "The Sea Hawk is the best live aboard that I have ever been on". This 87' newly remodeled vessel has 6 double cabins each furnished with both a single and double bed, private head and shower, and full A/C. The diving should be very good with both wrecks/reefs and, hopefully lots of large critters. Manta's seem to be very common. Water temperature in the mid 80's. Normal vis is 60-120 feet.

I talked to the owner, the website will be updated soon with a full itinerary for the trip. Until then the reefs are healthy, no bleaching! A few dives have currents. Often you can dive down the wall or stay



on top of a more shallow reef. The boat will go North towards St. Vincent, this is the details I got (Remember this is a Dane and A German exchanging information about mostly French geographical names):

Ronde Island, (Isle de Rond'e), Coral Garden, Carriacou, Frigat island, Rose Rock, Mayreau Garden,



Snake channel, Canouan Island, Mystique island, and back.

As of January 2003, the Sea Hawk will operate as part of the **Peter Hughes' Fleet**.

The Sea Hawk is conveniently docked at the resort where we will spend the 3 day land portion of the trip. We'll have 3 full days to relax and snorkel on the beaches of this beautiful resort. Grenada is a good sized island (12 miles wide by 22 miles long) – containing large areas of rain forest, waterfalls, etc. We have tours scheduled for each of the 3 land days:

Day #1 – Full day island tour

Day # 2 – Half day hike in the rain forest

Day #3 – A 2/3 hour tour of the markets and gardens of St. George, the capital city

The package includes:

- Round trip air fare from Miami
- **8 days / 7 nights**  
on the MV Sea Hawk
- All meals/beverages
- 5 dives/day, tanks + weights
- 3 nights at the  
Rendezvous beach Resort
- Full breakfast
- Transportation to and from  
the airport

An upgrade to a larger room that feature a queen rather than 2 single beds is available. Nitrox is offered at an extra charge.



For further information:

[www.rendezvousresort.com](http://www.rendezvousresort.com)

[www.seahawkcharters.net](http://www.seahawkcharters.net)

Estimated price:

- Round trip air fare and live aboard \$2195
- Add on 3 day land package \$ 450

*Nils Jacobsen, VP of Overseas Diving*  
954-783-1667 or 954-723-4598 at work

# DRY TORTUGAS

## SEPT. 25-SEPT 29, 2003

### 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 Thursday, September 25. They leave the dock on Friday 26 at 5:00am and start diving around 9:00am. We dive all day Friday, Saturday, Sunday and 3 dives on Monday. We will average "6" dives a day. We'll return on Monday 29 around 3:30pm. Please feel free to bring your own sodas, beer, wine, or liquor.

#### Price includes:

- All meals, snacks, iced tea or lemonade,
- Live aboard accommodations,
- Dive tanks (aluminum 80's 3000PSI), air fills, 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, and Beef Stroganoff. This is just a sample of the great food you will enjoy. Not to mention the fantastic desserts.

All of this for \$990 including Tip. Nitrox users \$1090 including tip. (Please note that this is still 2002 prices, we will not get the final price until September). The boat only holds a total of "11".

See their Website at: <http://www.diveplaymate.com>

*Trip Leader*

*Nils Jacobsen 954-783-1667 or 954-723-4598 at work*



# ON THE HOMEFRONT

Dear Club Members:

My cousin, John Rugo, is in Kabul, Afghanistan - serving in the U S Army.

His National Guard unit was activated in May, and shipped to Afghanistan in July.

John is a fine young man, 22 years old, 6'5" tall and, until his unit was activated, a senior at the University of Massachusetts.


Conditions in Afghanistan are difficult, and extremely dangerous. At the time of his last letter, he was assigned as a machine gunner on a humvee.

Letters of support, from home, can only raise his morale.

**John Rugo**  
**772 MP Co., 4th Platoon**  
**CJTF 180**  
**APO AE 09354**

Thanks again for your prayers and letters.

*Sean Horin*



**John Rugo**  
**772 MP CO. 4th Platoon**  
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I look forward to hearing from you.  
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# LOCAL DIVING with Linda G



Fourteen....yes, the largest group of USA Divers on a local dive this year....set sail on the Ibis Saturday morning, Sept 14, for Tenneco Towers. Bob L, Gary S, Mike S, Pam O, Phil B, Marilyn V, Jim G, Bonnie C, Roger S, Nancy S, Larry B, Linda C, Jerry G & I met at the Royal Palm Yacht Basin and loaded our gear on a hot, humid morning, under blue skies, with scattered clouds. The ride out to the Towers was a bit rough, but we were in the water about 9:30. Water was a warm 83 +/- degrees, with a mild thermo cline at around 70 feet, and visibility about 40 feet. The coral growth was awesome...tube sponges growing horizontally off the underneath side of the I-beams of the tower. Our second dive was on Hammerhead Reef where a green moray, rays, queen angels, and most of the common reef inhabitants were spotted....but no lobsters were caught. Upon our return to shore, twelve of us went to Dockers Restaurant (US 1/Old Griffin Road) for a tasty lunch.

Ten of us will be heading to the Keys October 4-6, for a weekend of diving. We plan on doing the Spiegel Grove on Saturday, and will pick a good spot for Sunday's dive.

The next local dive will be on Saturday, October 19, aboard the Starfish Enterprise. Cost is \$40 (includes tip & snacks), be at the boat by 7:30 am, boat leaves at 8:00 am. Our first dive will be on the Captain Tony, a 168 foot freighter setting in about 85 foot of water, with a 3 story superstructure...so you'll see the superstructure around 40-45 feet. Second dive will be on a reef of our choice.

Saturday, November 16th I've booked a morning dive with South Florida Diving on their 28' boat, the Safari Diver. Cost is \$40 (includes tip & snacks), be at the boat by 8:00 am, boat leaves at 8:30 am. Our first dive will be at the site of the James Scutty, a tugboat, and the Tracy, an old ferryboat. These wrecks are sitting in about 70 feet of water. We'll do a drift dive on a reef of our choice on the way back.

Saturday, December 14th we have another morning dive with Captain Craig Smart on the Starfish Enterprise. We'll dive on the freighter Budweiser, which lies in about 90 feet of water. An added attraction to this dive is that one of Mel Fisher's boats, the Swordfish, is found on the starboard side of the Budweiser wreck. Cost is \$40 (includes tip & snacks), be at the boat by 7:30 am, boat leaves at 8:00 am.

Happy diving!

send checks payable to **USA** to:

*Linda Grist*

*5557 Boynton Place*

*Boynton Beach, FL 33437*

*(561) 369-1286*



# USA Overseas Dive Program 2002/2003

The **2002 dive program** is coming to an end. We have two more trips to go. As you receive this Newsletter some of us will hopefully, if Isidore and Lili allow, be in Dry Tortugas. And in November we will finish the year with a land based trip to Costa Rica. We had a little extra current on the SeaExplorer than expected, except for that the year has been a great success so far. I originally lost a dive light, getting back on the SeaExplorer after a night dive. Somebody on a later trip picked it up from the bottom and sent it back to Jim Dunn, because his name was still on it. Nice to receive help from fellow divers even after you think it is over.

For the **2003 dive program**, the signups are in progress. Some of you have already signed up, and paid your deposits. Thank you for the prompt response. Several members have called and announced an intent to sign up. Please remember that you do not get a priority position on the list until you pay your sign-up deposit. We need these very early signups, to ensure that we can get to the best destination in their prime season. Very often we need to be out there more than a year in advance to ensure room on a popular Live-Aboard. And also if we fail to fill a trip we need to know early so we can mitigate any cost impact to the club, by canceling early. I hope you all understand and appreciate the necessity of these steps.

Let us break the mold and wipe out the image of the "last minute club" and sign up early!

**Planning for the future:** both the current and your prior VP of Overseas diving will be going to DEMA's annual tradeshow in October to check out what is going on in the dive travel industry. Sean Horin and Greg Galland will join us. We will meet with and talk to dive boat and dive resort representatives, for instance the owners of Seahawk and Ocean Rover. Let us know at the next meeting if you want us to check out anything in particular – so we have fresh input to start the 2004 planning from? Or if you want us to be on the outlook for good deals for the coming "low season"?

*VP Overseas Diving  
Nils Jacobsen*



## 2003 Overseas Dive Trips Payment Schedule

Please mail Payments to Linda Ianniello, 359 Cottonwood Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33487

2003 DESTINATIONS	DATE	Paid	Oct	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total
<b>Bonaire, Buddy Resort</b>	6/21-6/28	289	189	189	189	189	189	188	1422
<b>Bonaire, Non-diver</b>	6/21-6/28	244	144	144	144	144	144	144	1108
<b>Bimini, Paradise Charters</b>	7/17-7/20	212	112	112	112	111	111		770
<b>Seahawk/Grenada</b>	8/2-8/12	466	364	364	364	364	364	364	2650
<b>Seahawk/Diving only</b>	8/2-8/9	400	300	300	300	300	300	295	2195
<b>Dry Tortugas-Playmate w/Nx</b>	9/25-9/29	244	141	141	141	141	141	141	1090
<b>Dry Tortugas-Playmate w/air</b>	9/25-9/29	228	127	127	127	127	127	127	990

Please make your October payment at the meeting or mail it to Linda no later than 10/3  
The "Paid" column is what your balance should be before the October payment.

## Did You Know ...

What it costs to produce a Newsletter print copy:

Printing            \$0.45  
Postage            0.37

plus time and effort, folding, stapling, folding,  
sticking, labelling, mailing ...

What it costs to produce an eMail Newsletter:

***Zip - Nada - Zilch!***

Our monthly newsletter costs have gone down from about \$300 to \$33 thanks to those who have allowed us to make the switch to eMail delivery. TAKE A BOW!

For those remaining 30 people who still insist on paper and postage, Please Please Please, **HELP SAVE YOUR CLUB FUNDS!** Sign up for eMail delivery!

Matthew Barton  
6114 Woodbury Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33433

**FIRST**  
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Watch the upcoming newsletters for details on diving with the Manatees in Crystal River. **February 2003** is the target date.

*Ronnie Farr*  
*Mini-Trip Coordinator*



# Calendar

Oct. 3rd, Thurs	6:00pm Dinner @ Avian 7:00pm Social 7:30pm Meeting
<b>Program:</b>	<b>USA Video Show</b>
Oct 4-6, Fri-Sun	Spiegel Grove Dive Trip
Oct. 10th, Thurs	7pm, Board Meeting
Oct 19th, Sat	7:30am <b>Local Dive:</b> Starfish Enterprise, Lantana
Nov 16th, Sat	8:00am, <b>Local Dive:</b> Safari Diver

