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Picture of the month.

Soft Coral Crab shot during the club trip to Indonesia in 2005.

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DUES ARE DUE

Just a reminder that your 2007 membership dues are due, as of January 1st. Dues must be paid up in order to sign up for any Overseas Dive Trip and/or Local Dives. If your dues are not paid by April 1st your membership will be suspended.

Please send your dues checks to our Membership Coordinator, Mary LePage, at her address listed in the club directory. You can e-mail her at membership@usadiveclub.com if you need additional information.

Thank you for promptly attending to this matter.

Program for February 1st

Dr Ivan Montoya

Dr Montoya is in charge of the Miami Hyperbaric Facility at Mercy Hospital, which has been identified as the world's busiest facility for scuba related accidents. In it's history, over 2000 divers have been treated. Dr Montoya will share information about some of these events.

President's Waves



At our January General Meeting Nils Jacobsen, our VP of Overseas diving, along with this year's trip leaders, presented the overseas trips scheduled for 2007. Please also read Nils' Overseas Diving column in this newsletter about the trips we are looking forward to.

Words cannot express how much we appreciate everyone who contributes their time and energy to this club. Last month, here in the Waves, I thanked the outgoing elected board members. This month I would like to thank those that held the appointed positions.

Thank you for your service to our club in 2006:

Membership: Roger Styles

A-V: Larry LePage

Promotions: Linda Ianniello

Overseas Dive Accounting: Chary Lynn

SafetyCoordinator: Larry Baum

Newsletter/Webmater/Database: Bob Weybrecht

Awards: Ann Stanbagh

At the January Board Meeting the appointed members of the board were confirmed for 2007. Roger Styles will be taking over A-V. Chary Lynn will continue in her position of Overseas Dive Accountant and for Promotions we have Linda Ianniello volunteering for another year. Kurt Kohler will be working as Safety Coordinator assisted by Nils Jacobsen. Mary LePage is taking over Membership. Carol Schurtz has stepped up and offered to do Photography/Scrapbook. For both scrapbook and photography we look to all of our members to employ the wonderful world of digital photography and electronic communications and keep Carol supplied with pictures of all the fun we have above and below the seas. These same pictures could be of use to the Webmaster and the newsletter. Cathi McCutchen has offered to assist Carol in whatever way or ways she can. That's the spirit! Again, thank you, thank you all!

Our first official local club dive of 2007 has been set for March 31. For more information see the information elsewhere in this newsletter.

A few of us joined Captain Craig and Dive Master Linda on the Starfish Enterprise January the 6th. The weather above was nice and the water was, well, ummmm... invigorating. Thank goodness for neoprene. We were all suited up appropriately and had a great day. A few of our divers saw an Eagle Ray and we saw an old hawksbill turtle with barnacles growing on his back toward the end of the first dive. On the second dive there were three spotted moray eels in different areas and an area where there were four cowfish all together.

If you haven't taken care of your dues for 2007 please let this serve as a reminder

The February General Meeting will be on Thursday February 1st at Gallupi's 1103 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach Florida. Join us for cocktails and dinner, on your own, at 6:00PM with the meeting starting at 7:30PM.

Glada Blench
President for 2007
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Local Diving

With Larry Baum



Saturday, March 31, 2007
STARFISH ENTERPRISE
7:30am show, 8:00am go

Okay, let's get this party started....

The first official Local Club dive of the year will be on Saturday, March 31, 2007 7:30am show, 8:00am go with (drum roll please), Captain Craig Smart, Divemaster Linda, and the [STARFISH ENTERPRISE](#). Janet would start baking the brownies now, but somehow I don't think they'd stay fresh until then.

You all know the drill, \$47 per diver includes goodies, **BUT NOT THE TIP**, and if we get 16 Club divers we can have the whole boat for \$600 (\$39.50 per diver)!! Tank rentals are available at \$7 each, air and \$14 each, Nitrox. Of course, please let me know if you'll be needing tanks.

I did not discuss the dive profiles with Craig, but I know he's pretty flexible on where he'll go and I would expect 2 reef dives at the 50' to 75' range. Please let me know if you have any sites you'd propose and I'll get those requests over to Craig asap. For those interested, let's plan on an apres' dive lunch right at the Tiki-Bar. Hopefully this early notification will give everyone the chance to get this dive on their calendars and I'm betting the conditions will be perfect in late March.



Enroll early and often, invite any guests you'd like to bring along, and send your payment (a check made out to the Club with any coupons you might have) to my address in the club directory.

I know that March 31 seems like a long way off for now, but it'll be here before you know it.

I look forward to getting back in the water with everyone.

The happiest of holidays to you and yours!!

Directions to the Starfish Enterprise: Get off of I-95 at the Lantana Road exit #61, turn east. At Dixie Hwy/US-1 make a right, go to Ocean Avenue, at Ocean Avenue take a left. The boat docks at the Tiki-Bar behind the **Old Key Lime House**.



To join us on this dive please contact me.

Read the review of our November 18th dive on the the web site at [Local Diving](#).

Larry Baum
VP of Local Diving
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Social Activities

DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING:

Galuppi's Restaurant
1103 N. Federal Highway
Pompano Beach, FL
@6:00 PM

VP Social Events
social@usadiveclub.com

USA's Overseas Diving

Most of our trips for 2207 are full or close to full. Please see the details below. For some of our trips we do still have an option to add additional divers, contingent on boat, hotel and airfare availability. The earlier you try the more likely you are to succeed. We are now into the normal payment period. Please keep up with your payments. Please be aware of the new passport rules for international travel and check your passport expiration date. You should have received your trip confirmation(s) before the February meeting. If you are considering trip insurance, please investigate carefully and make sure that the policy you sign up for really meets your needs. Also note that each policy has a different timing requirement from the date of sign-up. A good link is: [INSURANCE](#).

Any questions give me a call?

Manatees:

Feb 16-18

Trip is full. 14 people going, waiting list only. If you want to be added to the list, please contact Ronnie

BVI:

June 16-23

The trip full. 13 people going. The "overflow hotel" next door still has room - guests staying next door are welcome to come and use the facilities at Tamarind. Please contact Ronnie as soon as possible.

St. Vincent:

July 21-29

So far 8 people going. We will take more signups as long as we can get hotel room and airfare. Please contact Linda I as soon as possible

Dry Tortugas:

August 16-19

1-3 spots open. Please contact Ronnie.

Red Sea:

8 people signed up so far. 2 or more spots open (for fast signup). Please see the updated trip description. The choice of the "Deep South" Red Sea as one of the world's prime dive destinations is supported both by the Lonely Planet dive guide and the January issue of Undercurrent (see that at this month's meeting). Please contact Nils for signups or if you want to be added to the mailing list.

Payment schedule

	2007 DESTINATIONS	DATE	Dep	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
BVI, Tortola, Tamarind, 15 dives		6/16-6/23	200	365	365	365	365				1660
BVI, Tortola, Tamarind, 10 dives			200	335	335	335	330				1535
BVI, Tortola, Tamarind, non-diver			200	225	225	225	225				1100
St Vincent, Young Island, 18 dives		7/21-7/29	500	500	500	500	500	500			3000
St Vincent, Young Is., 18 dives, no-airfare			500	400	400	400	400	300			2400
Dry Tortugas-Playmate w/Nitrox		8/16-8/19	200	250	250	250	250	250			1450
Dry Tortugas-Playmate w/air			200	230	230	230	230	230			1350
Red Sea, serenity w/ land		9/9-9/25	500	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	4070
Red Sea, Serenity w/ transfers		9/11-9/22	500	450	450	450	450	450	450	435	3635
Monthly payments are due by the meeting date each month.											
Bring a check to the meeting, or mail it to Chary Lynn, 2160 NW 10th Street, Delray Beach FL 33445											
Please mail any new signups to: Nils Jacobsen, 4011 NE 24 Ave, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064-8025											

Nils Jacobsen
VP Overseas Diving
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USA Calendar

- **Feb 1st - Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:30 PM**

- Join us for dinner before the meeting at Galuppi's, 6:00 PM

- **Feb 8th - Board Meeting at 7:00 PM**

- Dr Ray's House

- **Feb 14th - Valentine's Day**

- Don't forget your significant other!

- **Feb 16th - 18th Mini-Trip**

- Dive with the **MANATEES**



Birthday greetings in February to the following club members:

- **Rita B, Robert C, Marc C, Joe D, Gerry G, Carl M, David S**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY from your friends in diving!!!

Contact Info:

Under Sea Adventurers web site: www.usadiveclub.com

Meetings: First Thursday of each month at
Galuppi's Restaurant
1103 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, FL
Social: 7:00 PM, Meeting: 7:30 PM

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Membership Dues - - - \$40 Yearly

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