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#### Dates to remember

10/11- Scubanauts meeting / Mediterrania 6:00 pm dinner 6:30 pm meeting 904.733.1199

Speaker Lisa Rhinaman from St. John's RiverKeeper

12/9 Christmas Party at Clark's Fish Camp

12/31 Last day to take pictures for the 2017 photo contest

We need trip leaders! If you are interested, please let your officers and board members know!

We need speakers! If you have any suggestion please see VP Nadine Norton.

# SCUBANAUTS NEWSLETTER

October 11th, 2017

## <u>Rob's President's Message</u>

Greetings Scubanauts,

Well it sure has been a stormy September, huh? We roll into October with storm waters still receding and more storms on the way. Crazy. Hopefully everybody is safe and property damage is minimal. I'm glad to see everybody checking in on each other, please continue to help each other out as much as possible as we all recover from hurricane Irma's wrath.

With all of the destruction in the keys, southwest Florida, and the whole state, it can be difficult to harbor optimistic thoughts. While we continue to support those amongst us negatively affected by the storm, let's also remind ourselves that there will likely be some benefits for the scuba diving community. Wrecks shift, ocean floor topography changes, old structures become new artificial reefs, all of which can provide new and exciting underwater places to explore. Shifting sands can expose those gold coins on the bottom. Let's get out and find them!

Cheers, -rob

p.s. please check the announcements in the newsletter; we have several activities in the coming months. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the water this year. And as always, please be thinking about other dive destinations to which you'd like the club to run trips this year. We can always use new trip ideas and new trip leaders!

#### Secretary's Report

There was a meeting and minutes were taken. Minutes will be on the website and available at the meeting. Treasurer's Report

DUES are DUE!

See Vicky Tyde for the 50/50 raffle and available Scubanauts T-shirts, hats etc!

## 2017-2018 Trips !

<u>2018 Roatan trip</u>— July 14th—21st Deposits of \$50 pp are due now. Flyers at the meeting and more details coming. Air fare rates are right about the same as last year.

River Rondazvous Sept 23rd for the Poker Run - see Rob

<u>2019 Wakatobi Trip</u>—Please see Vicky Tyde. She will be putting together some dates for us and will have a "interested" private group meeting in the upcoming months.

We do need a couple of smaller trips throughout the 2018 spring, summer and fall months... some suggestions:

West Palm Beach—easy to get to and there is always a Blue Heron Bridge dive!

Pompano beach

Keys with Florida Keys Dive Center?

Kayaking trip

Please let your officers know if you have a suggestion for a trip / activity!

#### <u>Welcome Guests</u>

Welcome to all guests! We hope to see you this month and the months to come!

#### **Door Prizes**

We have some great door prizes this year. We will be keeping a list this year of winners so that more people can win! One prize per person per year please!

### **Copralite Award**

WHO has the Copralite award?????

Bob Riddle is the current possessor of the Copralite award. He will be looking for any tales to be told so that he can pass it off! Anyone got any tall tales to tell??

Be sure to be at the meeting for any indiscretions that may be revealed!

## 2017 / 2018 Officers & Board Members

President Rob Hagan

Vice President Nadine Norton

Secretary Joan Tournay

Treasurer Vicky Tyde

Website Bob Riddle

Past President Diane Schleissing

Newsletter Nica McAnany

#### Let's go Diving!



## Happy Birthday Scubanauts!

Let's wish a big Happy Birthday To the following August Birthdays!

Pam Kurtz - October 8th Joan Tournay - October 27th Happy belated Sept bdays to Diane, Bruce, Bob, Beth and Scott!

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