



The Rebel Yell



A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958
January 2008

2008 DIVING REBEL BOARD

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – January 2, 2008



6:30pm Social
7:15pm Meeting

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January Meeting Program

Randy Cook, a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer, will discuss Ice Diving and his ice diving escapades which have taken him to the extreme environment of Antarctica and the frozen lakes of Iowa! Please join us for this very informational as well as shivering presentation!

Calendar of Events

- Jan 19-20 San Marcos River Dive
- Feb 6 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Feb 24-25 Artic Dive / Wine & Cheese Contest
Lake Murray Oklahoma
- Mar 5 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Mar TBA Monthly Outing
- Apr 2 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Apr 12-13 Tyler State Park

President's Report

Well another year have come and gone. We had a lot of change on the Diving Rebel Board and I look forward to my new role as President. I know Jim listed the new officers last month, but I will include them again a little later just so we can all get used to the folks doing their new jobs. I am really looking forward to an active club this year. With Michele helping with the social outings and George the adventurous diver I think we will be fully stocked on activities. We will need some help to coordinate outings and actually be able to pull off a robust calendar of events. As most of you know I not immune to mistakes and as a first-time President may need a little coaching. Please be gentle, but please don't be silent – good and not so good comments are welcome. Overall I want to be a good President like some of those I have witnessed. Now just for a reminder, here is the rest of the Rebel Board.

Vice-President: Mark Estill
Treasurer: Selena Woodward
Secretary: Ellen Fourton
Sr. Board Member: John Richerson
Jr. Board Member: Jonathan Bowman
Webmaster/Editor: Danny Bouska

Thanks to all of you that were on the ballot, it was quite a showing. I am looking forward to a wonderful year as we all go diving.

Keith Weber, President

We Want YOU! To be a Diving Rebel in 2008! Renew your membership or Join Now!

Be a part of all the fun in 2008 – expand your knowledge, enjoy some diving, make new friends and have a few laughs with long-time friends – all for the low, low prices of \$25 (individual) \$15 (additional member) and \$5 (non-diver). Remember – you have to pay by the March meeting or another initiation fee will apply – so hurry!

As the gavel falls to mark the end of the January meeting, it will also mark the end of the Early Bird Membership Discounts for renewing your 2008 Diving Rebels Scuba Club Membership or joining the club. Until the end of the meeting - \$22 individual, \$13 additional family member. \$15 initiation fee still applicable to new members.

Membership Benefits are listed on page 6 of this newsletter and can only be obtained by showing your 2008 Membership Card at the participating dive shops and restaurants. New benefits may be added throughout the year!

Why is the Ocean Salty?

The saltiness of the sea comes from dissolved minerals, especially sodium, chlorine, sulfur, calcium, magnesium, and potassium, says Galen McKinley, a UW-Madison professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences.

Today's ocean salt has ancient origins. As the earth formed, gases spewing from its interior released salt ions that reached the ocean via rainfall or land runoff.

Now, the ocean's salinity is basically constant. "Ions aren't being removed or supplied in an appreciable amount," McKinley says. "The removal and sources that do exist are so small and the reservoir is so large that those ions just stay in the water."

For example, she says, "Each year, runoff from the land adds only 0.00005 percent of total ocean salts."

In lakes, relatively rapid turnover of water and its dissolved salts keeps the water fresh – a water droplet and its ions will stay in Lake Superior for about 200 years, compared to roughly 100 to 200 million years in the ocean. "Even if you did have any accumulation of an ion in a lake, it would be washed out quickly," McKinley explains.

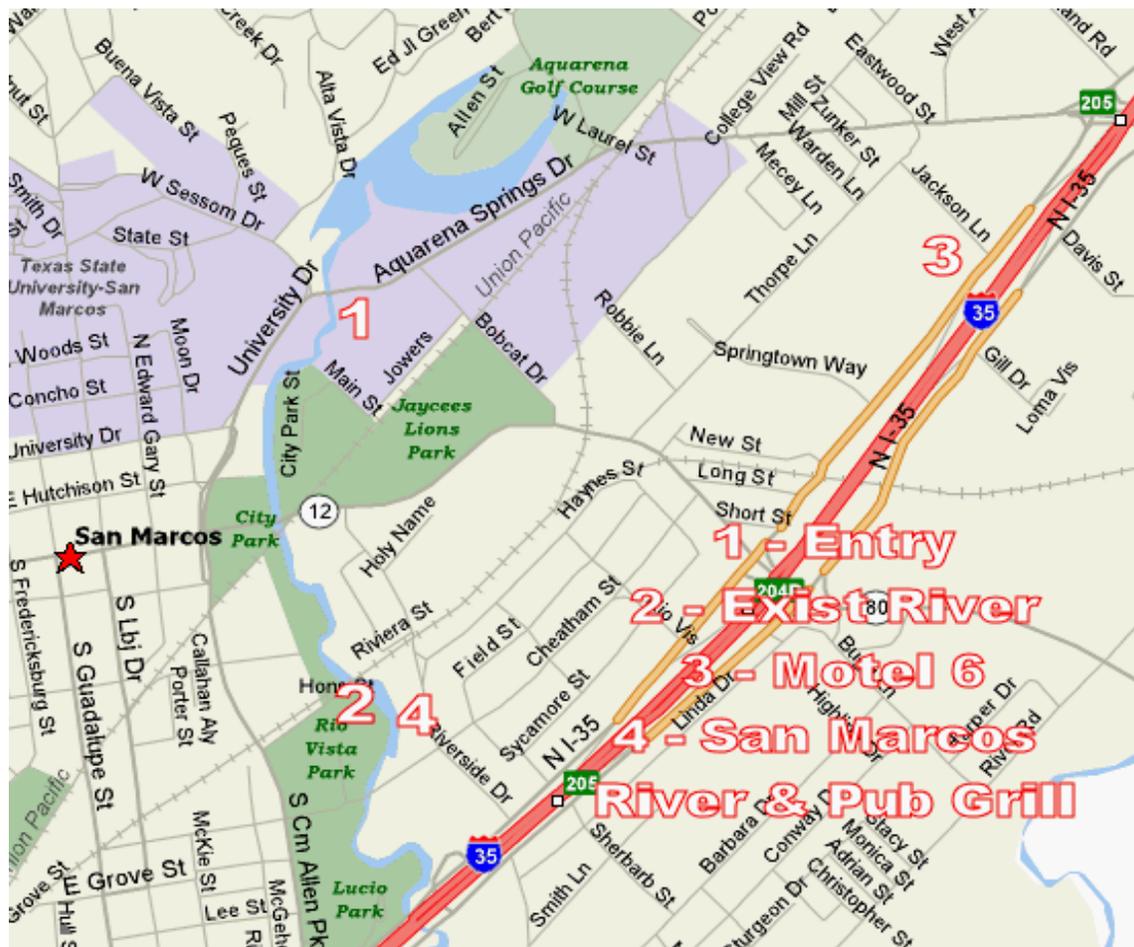
Ocean salts, however, have no place to go. "The ions that were put there long ago have managed to stick around," McKinley says.

San Marcos River Dive – January 20, 2008

Our January outing will be to the San Marcos River and will take place on Saturday, January 20. We plan to start the dive at the usual meeting place of the Aquarena Springs Drive Bridge (on the Texas State University campus, formerly Southwest Texas State University) at the river about 1 PM. Please see the accompanying map that notes the entry and exit points, as well as the location of Motel 6 and the San Marcos River Pub and Grill. George Bartulevicz is the trip coordinator and his cell number is 817-937-5209. Call if you are running late so we will know to wait for you. We will have a prize for the collector of the most unusual object. Dinner together, will most likely be at the San Marcos Pub and Grill.

If you have never participated in this dive, it is a very interesting and rewarding dive experience. The initial portion of the dive features drift diving and ocean quality “vis”, so this is truly one unique dive experience.

Those who will be staying the night will most likely be at the Motel 6 in San Marco. You can make your reservations by calling (512) 396-8705. Rates, if booked on-line (\$35.99 + tax) and \$41.99 for double occupancy.



**DIVER OF THE YEAR and SERVICE
AWARD ANNOUNCED**

The recipients of the 2007 Diver of the Year
and the 2007 Service Award were
announced at the Annual Christmas Party.

**Winner of the 2007 Diver of the Year
Award was John Richerson**

**Winner of the 2007 Service Award was
Danny Bouska**

Birthdays

Phil Kirchhoff	Jan 3
Chris Magnuson	Jan 11
Nick Boyett	Jan 25
Selena Woodward	Jan 29



**Many Thanks to the 2007 Board of
Directors for your Service and
Leadership during the past year!**



**The Diving Rebels
Scuba Club**



Invites you and them

A **SUBDUED, 2008**

**Deep Blue Resort
Utila, Honduras**

**The Whale Shark Capital of the
Caribbean**

**0 of the 20 Spaces Remain
Available**



**Life's an adventure; don't miss out,
SIGN UP today!**

**Spaces will be held for Diving Rebels Members and
Family until January 1, 2008 and will be opened to
others at that time.**

2008 Christmas Party!



Lots of GREAT Raffle Prizes!



Good Food!



With a lot of camaraderie and fun for all!

Joining the Diving Rebels Scuba Club has many advantages:

- Membership in one of the oldest diving club in Texas.
- Gives the diver an opportunity to meet people with a common interest.
- Divers can learn from and socialize with one another in friendly surroundings.
- Monthly meetings with guest speakers who educate the audience on topics related to diving such as; artifact restoration, shipwrecks, travel destinations, new technology, photography, equipment maintenance, etc.
- A dive club is a great place to hang out with friends and learn. Keep your diving skills current!!
- Group discounts on dive trips and equipment purchases and rentals at local dive shops.
- Member-first club trips (only spots not booked by members offered to non-members)
- Diving is more fun in a group.
- Monthly Newsletter with club and scuba related news and events
- Monthly outings to a variety of destinations in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and the Caribbean
- Club outings.....No buddy, no worries, friends & family, bring them too, these are family oriented events. It's the best value you will get anywhere with heaps of company, a lot of fun, and maybe one of many memorable dives.
- Free Diving Rebels T-Shirt upon joining
- In addition to the benefits listed above, local dive shops, restaurants, and businesses support our club through the following discounts and benefits. Show your membership card to these supporters and pay for your membership many times!

Arlington Scuba: 10% discount and Free Air on Wednesdays.
Limit 1 fill per member per Wednesday.

Scuba Toys: 6 free air fills

Tiger Shark Scuba: 10% discount and 5 free air fills

We B Divin': 10% discount and 6 free air fills

Vision City of Lake Worth: 15% discount on Sea Vision Prescription Dive Mask

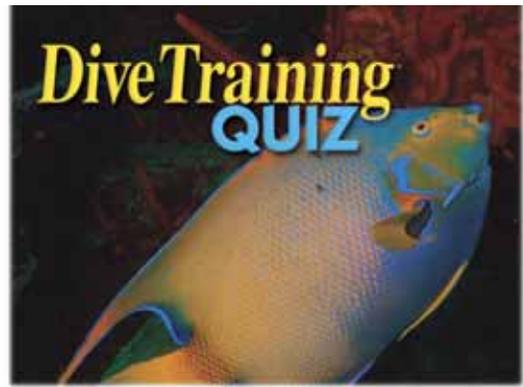
Total savings in air fills alone could be over \$300 or over 12 times your membership dues!

1. In an average year, the number of fatal shark attacks worldwide number:

- A. 8-12
- B. 40-60
- C. 100-120
- D. More than 200

2. Two important considerations when purchasing dive equipment are:

- A. Your anticipated diving environment
- B. Test diving the equipment
- C. How good you look
- D. A & B are correct



3. Lionfish envenomization is not life-threatening, except in individuals who might experience an allergic reaction.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Variables affecting buoyancy control include:

- A. The amount and type of exposure protection worn.
- B. Fresh water or salt water.
- C. Size and composition of cylinder used.
- D. All of the above

5. The I'M SAFE checklist, which is used to determine fitness for diving and is popular in the aviation field, is an acronym for:

- A. Illness, Medication, Strain, Alcohol, Fitness and Execution
- B. Illness, Medication, Stress, Accident, Fear and Extreme
- C. Illness, Medication, Stress, Alcohol, Fatigue and Eating
- D. None of the above

6. Residents of Palau often relax by chewing a concoction called:

- A. Betelnut
- B. Buuch
- C. Coconut gum
- D. A & B are correct

7. The phone service Skype is gaining popularity for what feature?

- A. It's free.
- B. Call waiting
- C. Voicemail
- D. Caribbean ringtones

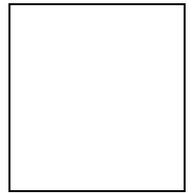
8. Male jawfish that incubate eggs in their mouth are called:

- A. Egg holders
- B. Mouth brooders
- C. Bigmouth fish
- D. Egg carriers

9. Securing a mouthpiece to a second-stage regulator should be done using a:

- A. Tie wrap
- B. Twist-tie
- C. Rubber band
- D. Large paper clip

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