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

DIVING REBELS - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS in 2008

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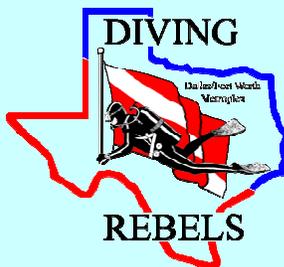
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – October 1, 2008

Meeting Time

6:30pm Social - 7:15pm Meeting

What's Inside?

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October Meeting Program

Danny Bouska will provide a series of slides shows, video and audio as an overview of the Club's trip to Utila Honduras is presented.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Oct 1	Monthly Membership Meeting
Oct 11-13	Broken Bow
Nov 5	Monthly Membership Meeting
Nov 15	Chili Cook Off – Joe Pool Lake
Dec 3	Monthly Membership Meeting
Dec 6	Christmas Party
Jan TBA	San Marcos River Dive
Feb TBA	Arctic Dive / Wine & Cheese Festival – Lake Murray

President's Report

Diving Rebel Members,

Wow, what a Chinese Auction! Such lively bidding and some good takes and takens, brought a fun time to J Gilligan's. We had total sales of \$1,288, incredible. That is the largest since 2001 when I became a member. Apparently, the group would like to see a President in dive gear rather than in drag. Thank goodness! The dive plans will continue to be developed and I'll be sure to keep you informed.

And we still have one item we did not have time for... a buddy for the Dec 6th dive. So we will cover the old/new business first at this month's meeting and get that settled. We should be able to get over the 1300 mark without too much trouble. I don't have the budget in front of me as I write this, but I'll bet that is more than double the expectation.

Ok to jump to another subject, let's talk elections; no, not for the country, just a little more local, for the Club. October is nominations month. As has been the practice for the last few years, a slate of officers willing to return is the starting point and nominations will add to the list to complete the ballot. We had a strong group of candidates with many contested races and I hope to see that again this year. Think about what you may want to do and have someone nominate you or place your own name in the hat.

Well that all for now. I look forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting.

Fellow Diving Rebel,
Keith



Aqua Lung America Recalls Apeks Scuba Diving Regulators Due To Drowning Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.)

Name of product: Apeks Second Stage Scuba Regulators Units: About 25,000 Distributor: Aqua Lung America of Vista, Calif. Manufacturer: Apeks Marine Equipment Ltd., of Blackburn, England

Hazard: These regulators can be missing the diaphragm cover which can cause the diaphragm to become displaced during a dive, allowing water to enter the scuba regulator. This poses a drowning hazard to divers.

Incidents/Injuries: None

Description: This recall involves Apeks TX, ATX, and XTX second stage regulators that have never been serviced. Apeks and TX, ATX, or XTX is printed on the regulator. Sold at: Authorized Apeks dealers nationwide from February 2000 through June 2008 for between \$420 and \$1,450.

Manufactured in: England

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop diving with these regulators and visit an authorized Apeks dealer for a free inspection and free installation of a diaphragm cover, if the cover is missing.



Broken Bow, OK is OK for October October 11, 12 and 13

Come join the Diving Rebels as we take a 3 day outing to Oklahoma and Broken Bow Lake. We will be at Stephen's Gap near the boat ramp where we have been for the last couple of trips there. Maps and directions will be at the meeting and posted on the web.

Sign up sheets for attendance and meal-share will be available at the meeting. Meal share is planned for Sat lunch and dinner, three meals on Sunday and Monday breakfast. If you miss signing up, contact the Outing Magnifico, Marc Gowdy, at rebal_diver1976@yahoo.com or call 972-639-2709, or contact Keith Weber at actionfigurekeith@hotmail.com or at 817-581-9010.

Several of the group is planning to go on Friday and at press time, it is believed the earliest to departure from the DFW area will be about 4pm.

There are events such as a Halloween costume contest and a pumpkin carving contest scheduled for this outing. Marc has the gauntlet down for trying to break the record of the largest pumpkin of 137 lbs (pretty sure the weight is correct). So be sure to select a good carver for a buddy and bring your pumpkin, large or small, to see if you are the best team this year.

We have use of the dive shop boat and depending on how many go; Keith will take his boat if needed. If the weather holds out, this should be a very nice weekend.



Birthdays

Danny Bouska	Oct 8
KC Von Gesjen	Oct 13
Sherry Hammond	Oct 22



Don't forget Diving Rebels Caps and T-Shirts On sale at any monthly meeting!



Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

SCUBA JOKES

Q How To Fail Your Open Water Test????

- A
- a. Tell your instructor you will race him to the surface.
 - b. Lie face down and motionless while holding your breath.
 - c. Loudly proclaim that safety stops are for "wossies".
 - d. Show up with a set of tables based on your own algorithm "that's WAY better".
 - e. Spit in your wetsuit and pee in your mask.
 - f. Ask your instructor, which fin goes on which foot.
 - g. Tell your instructor there is no way you can lift a cylinder with 2000 pounds of air in it.
 - h. When asked for your dive plan, you hand over a bundle of travel brochures.

Q How Do You Know Your Buddy Is Suffering From 'narcs'

- A
- a. He keeps staring at himself in your mask.
 - b. You find him buddy breathing with a shark.
 - c. He pees in his dry suit.
 - d. His mask fogs under water and he spits in it.
 - e. Your mask fogs and he spits in it.
 - f. He looks at you cross-eyed and slurs his bubbles

Q What Not To Say On A Dive Boat

- A
- a. "Can I keep this coral your anchor broke off?"
 - b. "Buddy? Oh, did I go down with a buddy?"
 - c. "Can someone lend me a computer, mine keeps flashing 'DECO VIOLATION'?"
 - d. "Does anyone else smell smoke?"
 - e. "What do I do with this bucket of vomit?"
 - f. "Is that your mask under my tank?"

Q When Do You Need To Practice Better Buoyancy Control?

- A
- a. You rely on the silt trail you always stir up to find the shot line at the end of the dive.
 - b. You insist that you never wear fins because it makes it more difficult to walk on the bottom.
 - c. The only place you can hover is at the surface.
 - d. On ascents, your entire body clears the surface of the water.
 - e. You use 50 bar for breathing and 150 bar for your BC.
 - f. You are certain you went for one dive, but your computer has logged three.
 - g. You think being neutral in the water means that you don't fight with your buddy.

Q Why go diving with a buddy?

- A
- My SCUBA instructor always stressed that you should never go diving alone. If you have equipment problems, your buddy can help you. If you run out of air, your buddy can help you. If you meet an aggressive shark, your odds are 50-50 instead of 100%.

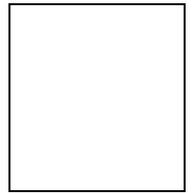
Thanks to http://www.saltydogdivecenter.com/scuba_jokes.htm

Test your Knowledge!

1. The two most common dive boat entry techniques are the:
 - A. Giant stride and backroll
 - B. Giant stride and controlled seated entry
 - C. Backroll and controlled seated entry
 - D. None of the above
2. The dive experience in which anywhere from 6 to 30 divers live, eat and dive together for the duration of a trip on a vessel is most commonly known as:
 - A. Boat diving
 - B. Live-aboard diving
 - C. Cenote diving
 - D. Kayak diving
3. A 2003 Duke University study says that as long as aging divers are healthy, the normal decline in pulmonary function is not significant enough to keep them from:
 - A. Deep-sea diving
 - B. Snorkeling
 - C. A technical dive
 - D. A typical recreational dive
4. In preparing for diving in limited-visibility conditions, divers should:
 - A. Complete a limited-visibility specialty course
 - B. Get pointers from someone experienced in limited-visibility diving
 - C. A & B are correct.
5. The oldest and the northernmost of the eight major Hawaiian islands is:
 - A. Oahu
 - B. Maui
 - C. Kauai
6. Tourists can avoid drawing attention to themselves by:
 - A. Avoiding a severe sunburn
 - B. Learning some of the local language
 - C. A & B are correct.
7. Diver's Cove in Laguna Beach, California, was named after:
 - A. Cliff divers
 - B. Scuba divers
 - C. Sky divers
8. Elongated bodies, bluntly shaped heads, relatively large eyes and mouths, and one long dorsal fin best characterize which small creature?
 - A. Blennies
 - B. Gobies
 - C. Christmas tree worm
9. A boat not moored or anchored when divers enter or exit the water is best known as a:
 - A. Stationary boat
 - B. Hot boat
 - C. Live boat



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