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

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday – May 5, 2010

Meeting Time
6:30pm Social
7:15pm Meeting

What's Inside?

May Meeting Program

Rebel Wear Merchandise Madness
See page 3 for more information

Upcoming Events Calendar

May	5	Monthly Membership Meeting
May	21-23	Gulf Diving Trip
June	2	Monthly Membership Meeting
June	26-27	Mid Year Outing – Lake Fork
July	7	Monthly Membership Meeting
Aug	4	Monthly Membership Meeting
Sept	1	Monthly Membership Meeting

President's Report

Rebel Divers,

If you were unable to attend the April meeting, you really missed a fun evening. Tracie Benson was with us and had some great shark diving stories and a couple of fabulous pictures. The presentation was very interactive and enjoyed thoroughly.

This is one of those months that I haven't come up with a good subject. With a daughter's wedding in Costa Rica in the immediate future, it has been hard to think of something diving related to write about. Instead, I have just been diving and not writing.

So this one will be short and let's just all close our eyes and imagine we were at the last good place we dove - for some of us that would be Tyler State Park. Ah, that feels good.

Can't wait for the next dive,
Keith

Diving Rebel Mid-year party
June 26-27, 2010
Lake Fork, TX – at the Barentine's property

Mark your calendars for another new place to have some Diving Rebel festivities. The Barentine's have graciously offered the use of their semi-developed lake front property at beautiful Lake Fork. While known as a fishing lake, after the Rebels are there it will have been dived. Of course that won't be the highlight as we plan to have our usual Board-served feast, camping, fire, and lots of fun. More details to follow as the planning has just started. Rest assured it will not be an outing to miss.

Hey!
There's a sale on!

Our meeting this month will include **May Merchandise Madness**. Many of you have spoken and the Board was listening and took action. We will be having various samples of Diving Rebel gear that we will take orders for such as hoodies, jackets, tank tops and more. There will be samples of the various items to look over and Mark Stonebridge will be ready to take your orders. An added bonus will be that the samples that will be demonstrated will be for immediate sale for those who show him the money!

Please note: Since we are offering specialty items all orders will need to have a $10 non-refundable deposit per item placed at the time of the order. You will be able to pay your items by cash or check, so bring your appetite for official Diving Rebel gear and the funds to feed it.

Making Waves

As far as a divers concern for waves goes, the smaller the better. Waves are created by wind. When a breeze blows over water it creates ripples. The wind pushing at the back of the ripple causes eddies to form at the front, reinforcing the wave shape. The energy of the wind is transferred to, and stored in, the waves.

A deep water wave travels by virtue of a circular motion of water near the surface. The speed of the circular wave motion decreases with depth. This is why a diver at, say, 90 feet can be unaware of the development of a rough sea above following a change in the weather.

The height of waves is determined by the fetch, or the distance over which the wind is blowing. Being the largest ocean the Pacific has the biggest fetch; therefore, usually the highest waves.

When waves approach shallow water the energy of the wave is concentrated into the available depth making the height of the wave increase and the speed decrease, both of which increase the steepness of the waves. This increase in wave height is known as the ground swell.

Birthdays

May 1	Jimmy Atkinson
May 6	Doug Sheppard
May 8	Connie Mitchell
May 14	Steve Ogden
May 17	Rita Simpson
May 20	Mark Stonebridge

Anniversaries

May 13 - Jill & Danny Bouska
May14 - Michele & Mark Estill

Did we miss your special date? If so, it's not in our database. Contact Mark Estill to update your info!

Diving for a Cure - Scuba Divers support breast cancer research

http://www.diverwire.com/scuba-community-news/494-diving-for-a-cure-patches.html

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

Aquatic Blue

NAVY & NATURAL

BLACK   NAVY

Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

April Outing – April 23 -25, 2010 - Tyler State Park

Well, tradition holds and the Tyler outing had rain again this year. Much to our delight, the storms only lasted for Friday night so Saturday brought Mother Nature out in magnificent style. Unfortunately, the storms also took the power out and our restrooms that were so close were shut down. But for the most part, the food was good, diving wonderful, and the campfire cozy.

We had a total of about 7 divers take to the waters coming back with various stories on what they had seen or experienced but one sentiment which was shared by all of the divers which was how good the visibility was in the water. The temps were pleasant, the water surface temp was about 70 and we found 52 degrees on the bottom after passing through two thermo clines to reach a max depth of 24 ft.

Keith, Etson & Ray made a fine meal of fried fish, chicken and hushpuppies not to mention the various side dishes. We all agreed that it was a great meal and it was decided to do it again really soon!

We did have a fishing contest for the biggest fish that went on throughout the whole weekend with the prize being a pocket knife from Scuba Toys. We had several people try for the prize but it went to Etson Barentine who caught the only fish over the weekend. Etson's strategy was unique in that he caught a small 6-7" bass with a fishing net while diving. Don't worry though; he did release it back into the lake so it would have a chance to grow bigger for next year's event.
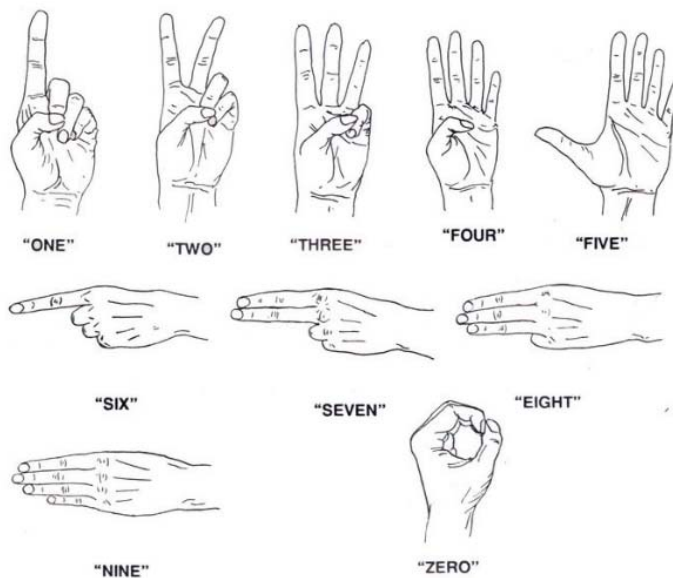
Scuba Signs

By Danny Bouska

Communication plays an important role in everything we do, even while scuba diving. Most divers can't afford electronic underwater communication systems so divers communicate with each other, the boat crew or others using internationally accepted hand signals. Sure you were shown these signals as part of your entry-level scuba course and probably in advanced courses also, but without regular use, they quickly fade from memory.

Ask yourself: Do you know what hand signals to use underwater? Before a dive, do you review the hand signals you will use underwater with a new dive buddy or review the signals with your usual dive buddy?

Particularly as club members, on club outings, the likelihood of diving with someone whom you've never dove is very likely. Knowing how to communicate with each other underwater is as important as the BWRAF is before the dive. If not reviewed as part of your pre dive planning, miscommunication underwater between yourself and your buddy is quite likely.

One of the most often used scuba hand signs are numbers. These hand signals are used by many divers because they can be implemented with one hand. These signs do not require addition or counting of subsequent signs such as flashing 5's.

"ONE"   "TWO"   "THREE"   "FOUR"   "FIVE"

"SIX"   "SEVEN"   "EIGHT"

"NINE"   "ZERO"

Here are a few more of the most commonly used scuba hand signals:

Go Down   Go Up   Stop   OK

Something is Wrong   Get with your buddy   Boat