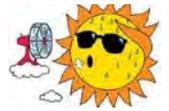




The Rebel Yell



August 2018 🌊 "Celebrating Our 60th Anniversary as a Dive Club!!"

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – August 1, 2018

J. Gilligans, 400 E. Abrams St. Arlington, TX 76010

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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August Meeting Program

The August 2018 membership meeting of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club will again feature **Brady Hale** from the Texas Lionfish Control Unit, who has provided previous programs concerning the introduction, propagation, and attempted control and eradication of lionfish in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean. He will present an update on the efforts of his organization and discuss opportunities for Diving Rebels to participate in lionfish control adventures. Be sure to attend the August 1 meeting to learn more about this important effort and how we can contribute to it.

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Aug 10 Restaurant of the Month: Star India
- Aug 15 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm, Ted E's Kitchen, Bedford
- Aug 18–19 Athens Scuba Park Outing
- Sep 21–23 Lake Travis Outing: Windy Point Park

Newsletter Editor Position

I'll be stepping down as Newsletter Editor at the end of 2018. This is the fourth year that I have served as editor, and it's time for some new (and perhaps younger) blood to take over.

If you're interested in serving the club as its Newsletter Editor in 2019 or have any questions about the position, please contact me or any other member of the club's Board of Directors.

Jay Delmar
newsletter@divingrebels.org

Birthdays

Aug 02 Ellen Fourton
 Aug 02 Kari-Ann Melendez
 Aug 06 Bob Munger
 Aug 07 Ted Glodowski
 Aug 07 Robert Martinez
 Aug 07 Steven Woodward
 Aug 12 Jim Magnuson
 Aug 21 Phyllis Kirchhoff
 Aug 23 Edie Biggs
 Aug 25 Gerald Bartz



Anniversaries

Aug 5 Kevin and Amy Clements
 Aug 24 Jim and Phyllis Kirchhoff



Did we miss/make an error with your special date? If so, it's either not included or incorrect in our database.

Contact **Vice President Dale Romack** to update/correct your information!

Welcome to Our New Members

Here's a Diving Rebels' "Howdy" to the newest members of the club!

Garth and Dawn Shackelford
Kristen Ames
Robyn Doege

Welcome to the Diving Rebels Scuba Club! Here's to some great fellowship together!!

Prorated 2018 New Memberships

As midyear approaches, Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership dues are prorated starting July 1 to reflect a 50% decrease in diving member dues. The club offers a number of significant advantages; see <http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/benefits> for a list of some of the benefits that club members receive.

The following table outlines the schedule and payments for Diving Rebels Scuba Club prorated membership dues.

	Single Diver – Regular Member	Initiation Fee*	Each Additional Diver – Family Member in Same Household	Nondiving/ Nonvoting
Joining July 1 and Later	\$15.50/\$15.00**	\$15.50/\$15.00**	\$10.30/\$10.00*	\$5.15/\$5.00**

If you cannot pay your club dues at a monthly membership meeting, remember that Chase Quick Pay is always an option. For more details on Chase Quick Pay, see the article in the January 2018 issue of *The Rebel Yell* (<http://www.divingrebels.org/newsletter/newsletters2018/Jan18newsletter.pdf>), or contact **Allen Bothwell** at allenbothwell@att.net for a mailing address.

* The initiation fee is per diving member and includes a club t-shirt.

** Cash/check discount



President's Letter



Well, well, well, July 27, the day I'm writing this, is National Scotch Day! I think I will just have to partake—might help to get this message written. BRB!

That did not go as planned. No scotch, so bourbon had to suffice and no beer. And the First Lady arrived from work, so we had all the pomp and circumstance; enjoyed celebratory drinks (faux scotch for me); inquired into her day; participated in dinner-making and dog feeding; and had my laptop hijacked so she could approve time cards. BRB . . . being summoned to partake in National Scotch Day!

All silliness aside (with a shot), we're in an open enrollment period at work for selecting our benefits. We have a new medical option, so we've been looking at the option's details. I noticed that international travel and in-network options were discussed and thought, hmmm, this relates to a conversation I overheard at The Scuba Ranch outing. Folks were talking about insurance coverage while traveling internationally for both car rentals and health care. The consensus was that the insurance options offered by the Divers Alert Network (DAN) were pretty good (you might want to go to DAN's website at <https://www.diversalertnetwork.org/insurance/> to check out what they offer).

After all, life misadventures can happen anywhere and at any time, and everything isn't all pomp and circumstance. So be prepared for your diving adventures by doing your pre-travel research and making informed decisions about what you need to check out before you travel.

Safe travels to wherever your adventures take you, and we shall see you soon.

Kevin

When you travel, especially when you travel outside the United States, make sure that you have sufficient insurance coverage for any potential emergency!
Diving Rebels are safe and responsible divers!!

Lessons Learned: What If It Happened to You?

Jim Magnuson

The following discussion is **NOT** a class. It's not intended to be authoritative but is instead designed to remind us all that while diving is easy, struggling to get into wetsuits notwithstanding, we still have to think about what we are doing, prepare for adverse situations that might occur, and show respect for issues that might cause us harm. To get started, I suggest that you read the following scenarios, which we can briefly discuss during our August membership meeting.

Topic: Water Exits and Entrances

Situation #1: Exit

Setup: A very experienced divemaster is leading an ocean dive.

Situation: The divemaster has a normal dive, but on returning to the surface, he encounters rough seas. He tries to exit the water with his tank on. As he approaches the boat's ladder, a large wave raises it out of the water; as it chops down, he protects his head and tries to get out of the ladder's way. As the ladder comes back up, a rope on the ladder catches his regulator, pulling him out of the water only to smash him back down. Back underwater, the diver finds that he's getting only water through his regulator, with no apparent way out of the "up and down" cycle. Staff on the boat are able to grab him and assist him up and out of the water; fortunately, he escapes serious injury.

Cause:

- ∞ The root causes of the problem were the rough water conditions and the rope that cluttered the ladder.
- ∞ The rope that caught the diver's regulator actually pulled his second stage from his mouthpiece, and due to the stress of the situation, the diver didn't realize that his mouthpiece was no longer connected to anything.

Risks: The guillotine effect of many boat ladders in rough water could easily produce a damaging or fatal blow, and if a diver gets struck even a moderate blow, it's hard for him or her to recover and avoid the next "up and down" cycle or identify other issues correctly.

Situation #2: Entrance

Setup: A diver is preparing to dive at Lake Ouachita from a pontoon party barge.

Situation: The diver starts his entrance by sitting on the edge of the barge. As he pushes off to get into the water, his hand drags along the carpet until it gets to the edge of the trim used to hold the carpet down. His wedding ring catches on the trim, but his momentum means that he can't abort his drop into the water. As a result of the incident, the diver's finger is injured so severely that it can't be saved.

Cause:

- ∞ The entry area wasn't designed for the type of entry that the diver attempted.
- ∞ Wearing jewelry while participating in sports is always a hazard.

Risks: Rings, necklaces, and other jewelry can get caught on or tangled in other objects and can cause serious injury.

June and July Restaurant of the Month Reports

Elizabeth Neumann

June Restaurant of the Month: Los Vacqueros Restaurant

On Friday, June 15, 10 Diving Rebels ventured to Los Vacqueros Restaurant in Fort Worth for our Restaurant of the Month (RoM) outing. It took us a while to get seated as the restaurant was very busy, but we had an excellent time having cocktails while we waited for our table. After we were able to order dinner, we received our meals quickly—everything we sampled was tasty! And while we ate, a mariachi band serenaded us compliments of **Terry Crippen** and **Cathy McWilliams**.

Here's the group's rating for Los Vacqueros.

	Scuba Tank Rank
Atmosphere	
Service	
Food Quality	
Price	
Cleanness	
SCORE	4.6

July Restaurant of the Month: Jamaica Gates Caribbean Cuisine

On Friday, July 13, we headed to Jamaica Gates Caribbean Cuisine for our monthly RoM outing. A group of about 10 Diving Rebels had an exceptional time at the restaurant. We enjoyed a wonderful meal while listening to a dynamite Jamaican band. The wait staff was very accommodating and made sure that we were taken care of—the chef even brought out a sample of his special Fish Mac & Cheese. I know several of us will be returning as demonstrated by our “scuba ranking” of the restaurant.

	Scuba Tank Rank
Atmosphere	
Service	
Food Quality	
Price	
Cleanness	
SCORE	5.0

Restaurant of the Month ♪ August



Where: Star India
Address: 703 W. Park Row, Arlington, TX 76013
When: Friday, August 10, 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 265-9020
Web: <http://www.starindiaarlington.com/index.html>
Email: Elizabeth Neumann at social@divingrebels.org



Please join the Diving Rebels at **Star India, 703 W. Park Row, Arlington, TX 76013, at 7:00 pm on Friday, August 10**, for our August Restaurant of the Month (RoM) outing.* This restaurant is special because it uses the best ingredients available to create healthy homemade dishes made from traditional Indian recipes. You won't want to miss trying some authentic Indian food, including tandoori



chicken, lamb vindaloo, and chicken curry.

Just respond by signing up for the event at the August 1 membership meeting; by accepting your invitation to the event on the club's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/96073813073/>); or by contacting me at social@divingrebels.org or calling me at (817) 995-4677.

Elizabeth Neumann
Social Coordinator

* Please always check the Diving Rebels' Facebook page or website (<http://www.divingrebels.org/>) to verify the RoM's date and location.

Athens Scuba Park Outing

Mark Stonebridge/Gena Natho-Richerson



Come join **Mark Stonebridge** and other members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club at **Athens Scuba Park (500 N. Murchison St., Athens, TX 75751)** on **August 18–19** for a weekend of food; fun; fellowship; and, of course, diving. Mark will be coordinating the outing this year, and he is even planning on diving and staying Saturday night!

He also plans to have some games to play and some music to enjoy. Whether or not we're going to have a meal share has yet to be decided, but the scuba park is right in town, so there are lots of places to get a meal.

If you've never been to Athens, the town is about 1½ hours southeast of Dallas, and Athens Scuba Park is about a mile from the downtown square.

Unfortunately, because of the water's pH level, you won't see fish, but the park's owner, **Calvin Wilcher**, has sunk numerous wrecks to dive on over the years, so there's a lot to explore.

There are numerous places to camp at the park, and electrical hook-ups are available for RVs (if you need one, you can reserve a spot online at <http://www.athensscubapark.com/rv-site-reservation.html> or by phone at [903] 675-5762). The park also has bathroom and shower facilities.

The entry fee for diving is \$20.00, and divers must have their C-cards. The fee for Friday or Saturday camping or night diving is \$5.00, and electrical hook-ups for RVs cost \$25.00. You can get an air fill for \$10.00. For more information about Athens Scuba Park, check out their website at <http://www.athensscubapark.com/home.html>.

A sign-up sheet for the outing will be available at the August 1 membership meeting, and we'll be discussing the event in more detail then. Even if you can't attend the meeting, make plans to come out and join us at Athens Scuba Park for our fun August outing. We'll be looking for you!!



Lake Travis Outing: Windy Point Park

Travis Wells



Join the Diving Rebels on **September 21–23** at **Windy Point Park, 6506 Bob Wentz Park Rd., Austin, TX 78732**, as the club returns to Lake Travis for a weekend of diving and fellowship. I'll be coordinating the outing, and I'm planning a weekend of camping, diving, and fun! Camping is available Friday night and Saturday night for a fee of \$10.00 per person. The camping is primitive—there's no electricity or water available in the camping area. The park does have outdoor showers, though. The park entry fee on weekdays is \$8.00 per person, while on weekend days and holidays, the fee is \$15 per person; park hours are from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.

The club will be providing one meal on Saturday. I'll be ordering sandwiches and chips from Jason's Deli, but you'll have to bring your own drinks. Jason's Deli does have a gluten-free menu for those who have food allergies, so please let me know if I'll need to make a special order; for more information about the outing or to let me know about your meal needs, you can email me at traviswells2@aol.com. Those who attend the outing will have to provide all other meals for themselves.

Windy Point Park is one of the top diving "hot spots" in the Central Texas area. Recognized by divers and diving instructors from all over the state, the park offers a wealth of items to find, explore, and seek out in Lake Travis. Divers will find boat wrecks and unique metal sculptures of a scuba diver, a sea turtle, a shark, and a manatee along with other interesting objects, including some small boats, a larger sailboat, a Pinto, and more! Six platforms are available to use for training. Divers with advanced



training and experience can enjoy diving a deep underwater canyon wall, plunging to depths well over 100 feet. You should dress warmly, however; the temperature at that depth can differ 30 degrees from that on the surface. For specific information about the Windy Point site, see the park's website at <http://www.windypointpark.com/> or call (512) 266-3337.

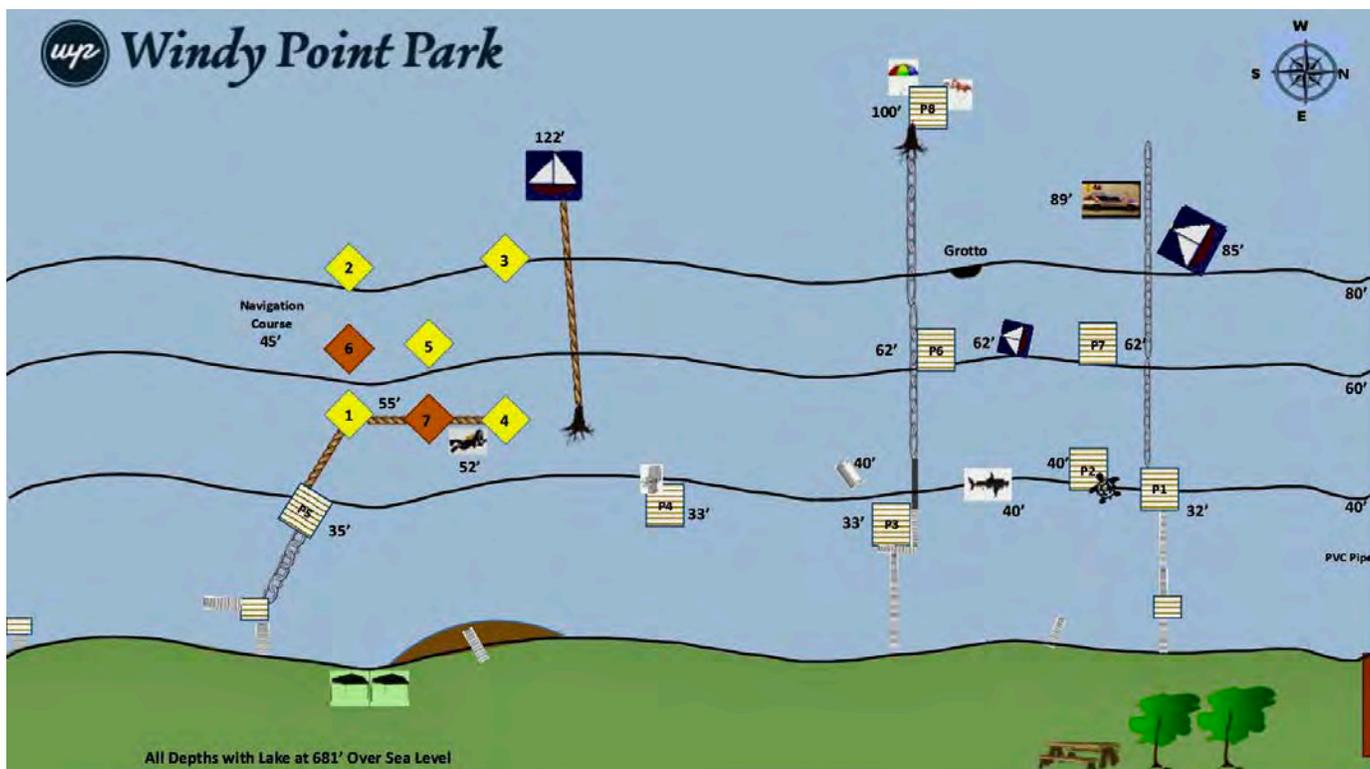


Facilities at Windy Point Park include grills, an onsite air fill station, courtesy carts to transport your equipment, camping areas with fire pits, clean restrooms and porta-potties, protected swim and dive areas, stairs for easy access to the lake, changing facilities, rinse-off showers, picnic tables, free Wi-Fi across the park, and a concession area.

Windy Point Park has the following policies:

- ∞ No reservations. Park amenities are first come, first served.
- ∞ Maximum 14 nights camping.
- ∞ Lake Travis has deep water access only.
- ∞ No lifeguards; swim at your own risk.
- ∞ Children, 16 and under, must be accompanied by an adult.
- ∞ No pets, glass containers, firearms, or spearguns are allowed.
- ∞ Fishing is prohibited because of scuba diving.
- ∞ Jumping or diving from the rocks or stairs is not allowed.

Check out the site map below, and see why diving at Windy Point Park would be a great experience. Make your plans now to join me and your fellow Diving Rebels at Windy Point Park on September 21–23. Whether you come out for the whole weekend or just on Saturday, you should have a good time!



The Scuba Ranch at Clear Springs Outing Report

Johnny Griffin

On July 21–22, the Diving Rebels met at The Scuba Ranch, formerly known at Clear Springs Scuba Park, in Terrell. **Connie Griffin** and I arrived early, and the place was very busy. We really lucked out and were able to set up at Pavilion #1, which is down on the far left of the park as you enter it, near where the big plane was sunk. Thirteen Diving Rebels attended the outing despite the excessive heat–related warnings that had been issued for the weekend; four of us even camped out. The heat was actually not that bad where we set up; we had shade from the pavilion roof, and the wind was blowing across the lake, which seemed to really cool the air. Of course, you could always go below 25' on your dive and get as cold as you like!

Visibility was good, reaching 20' in some areas, and the water temperature was 85 degrees. I do believe that everyone enjoyed their dives and had a good time—I know that Connie and I did.

Here's a Diving Rebels "Thank you!" to the new members who joined us at the outing and to some old members whom we haven't seen for a while; it was great to see you, and I hope to see you all again real soon!

By the way, if you haven't been to The Scuba Ranch this year, the new owners have really fixed the place up. In addition, they now take credit/debit cards and even have ice cream for sale!

Fun in the Sun and Shade at The Scuba Ranch





Connie Griffin and Jay Delmar “shooting” each other!







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