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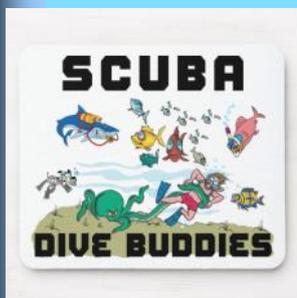
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Got My Eyes On You!!



These could be your bubbles.
Come join us.



DIVING REBELS SCUBA SCOOP

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OCTOBER NOTES



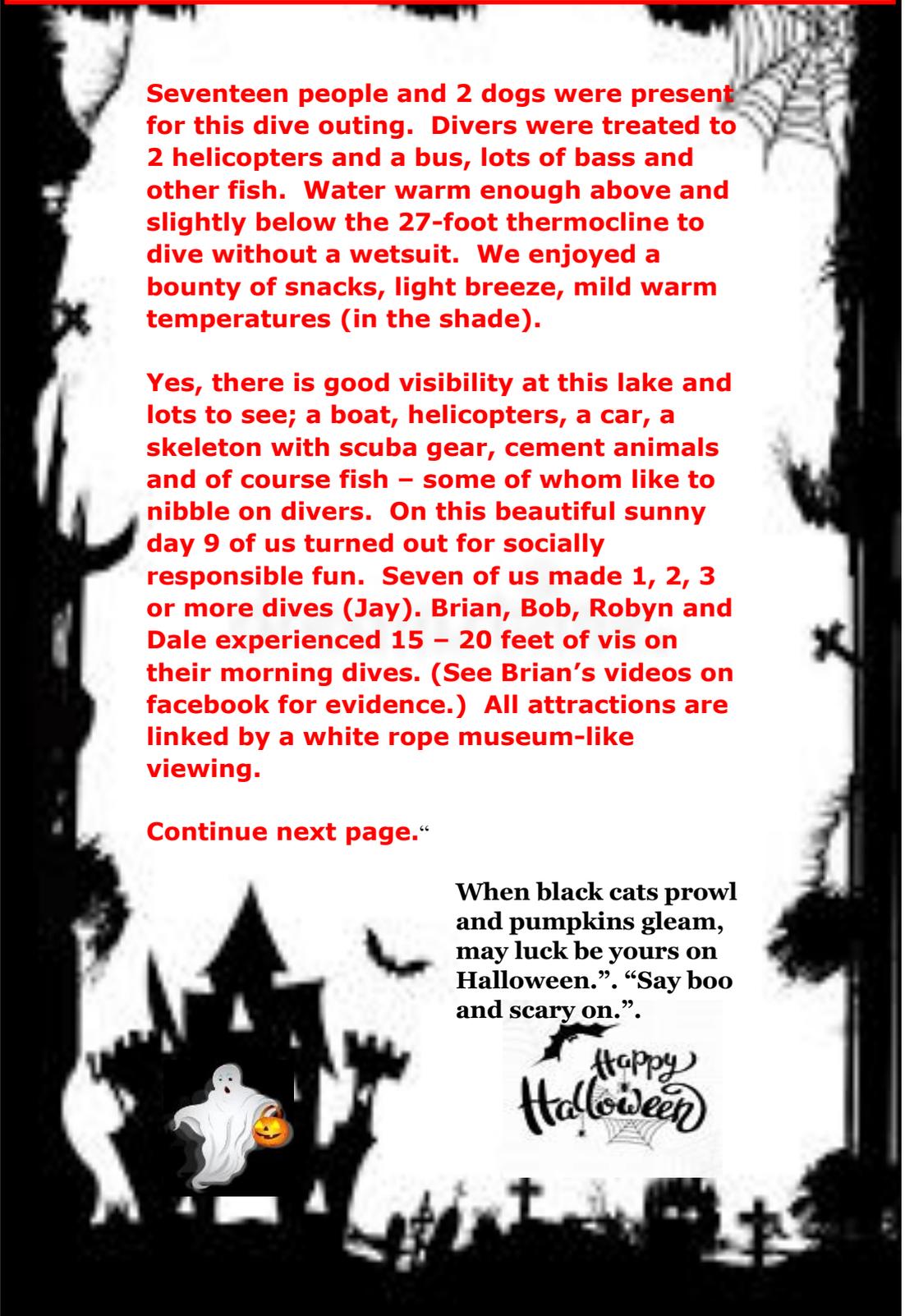
Wheeler Branch Dive September 2020

Seventeen people and 2 dogs were present for this dive outing. Divers were treated to 2 helicopters and a bus, lots of bass and other fish. Water warm enough above and slightly below the 27-foot thermocline to dive without a wetsuit. We enjoyed a bounty of snacks, light breeze, mild warm temperatures (in the shade).

Yes, there is good visibility at this lake and lots to see; a boat, helicopters, a car, a skeleton with scuba gear, cement animals and of course fish – some of whom like to nibble on divers. On this beautiful sunny day 9 of us turned out for socially responsible fun. Seven of us made 1, 2, 3 or more dives (Jay). Brian, Bob, Robyn and Dale experienced 15 – 20 feet of vis on their morning dives. (See Brian’s videos on facebook for evidence.) All attractions are linked by a white rope museum-like viewing.

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When black cats prowl and pumpkins gleam, may luck be yours on Halloween.”. “Say boo and scary on.”.



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Jim's brisket was accompanied by a variety of side dishes and appetizers. A vote was held to deem the most interesting. Robyn's home-made Jalapeno Poppers were hands down favorite, with Linda's Apple-Jalapeno Salsa and Toppo's chips being 2nd and Claudia's mixed bean salad rounding 3rd. Rita's grapes were a tasty honorable mention. Bob's donuts were a hit and my personal favorite was Robyn's Herb Roasted Veggies. Hope to see more Rebels at the pumpkin outing in October.

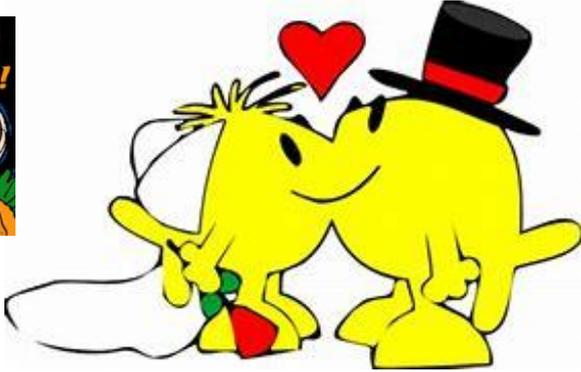
by Linda Magnuson



Happy
Halloween



Happy Wedding Anniversary!



David Woodward	October	2
Dale Romck	October	14
Becky Marak	October	19
Bill Davidson	October	23
Doren Sherry	October	26

None

Cow Fish

When I was a new diver on a club camp out at Possum Kingdom lake, a campfire lore was floated there was a fish in the lake called a Cow Fish and that if you waited until after midnight, these fish would come to the surface and make a call sort of like a cow. It was basically a snipe hunt, expertly sold by seasoned pro instructor Pat Hollabaugh.



Fast forward to August 2020 Lake Travis. It was an incredibly peaceful night and so I decided to go to church, which for me is a solo night dive. Shortly into the dive I started to hear a sound like a bull frog, but under water? As I moved parallel along the shore line, I continued to hear the haunting

At first I thought maybe my 1st stage was making some weird new sound so to eliminate that I did what is highly recommended in basic training, I turned off my air and held my breath. Mooooo..... Mooooo.... Mooooo. I turned my air back on and thought about other causes. My nail beds looked OK, vision normal and no headache so I figure my air was probably OK. There was a possible gypsy woman in West, but she had smiled at me so I ruled out being cursed. So according to Sherlock Holmes "when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth" vuala! I give you the Cow Fish.

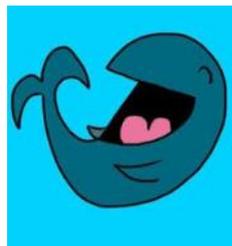
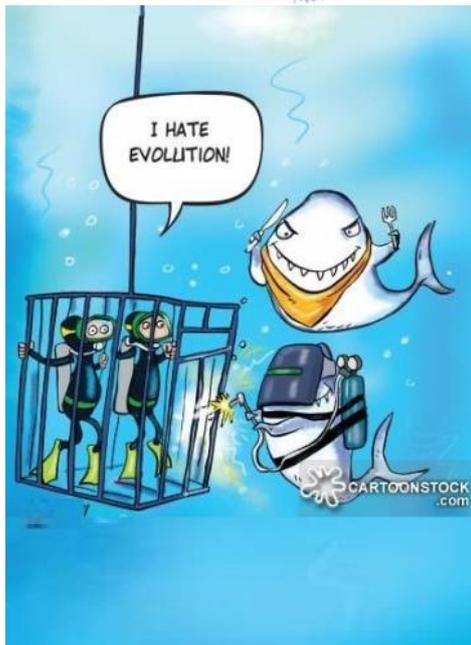
It would have been helpful to have had Google underwater, as a little searching turned up the fact that catfish have a pair of ribbed bones by their pectoral fins that they can rub together like a cricket to produce the noise. Some of you may have heard this before, but it was a first for me. Reading up on this it seems that the catfish does this either during courtship or if agitated and I am hoping it was agitated. As I never saw this alleged "cat

by Jim Magnuson

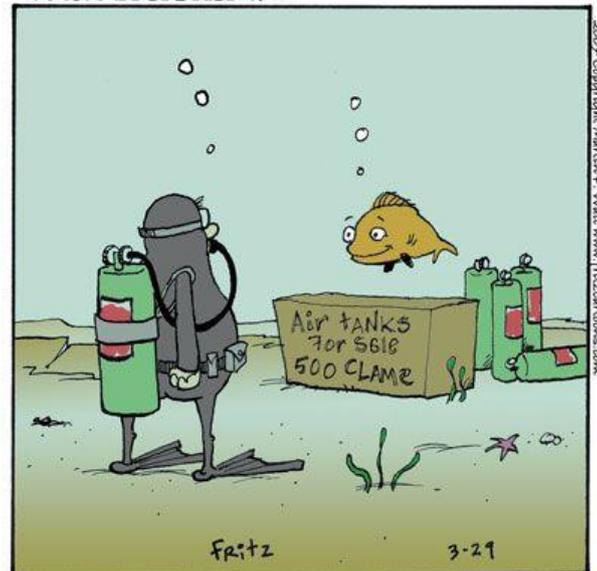




SCOOP DIVE HUMOR



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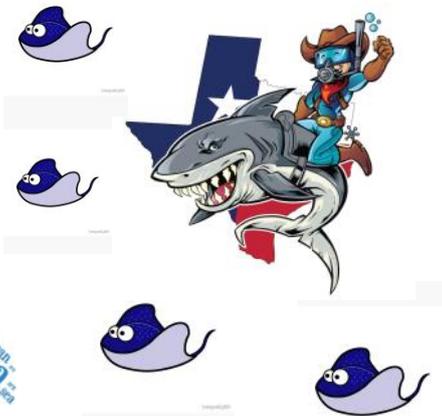
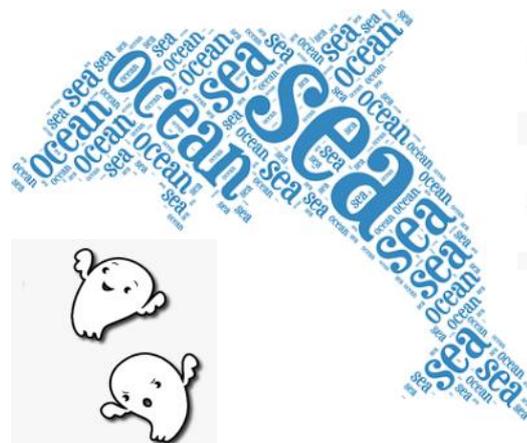


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Drowning Bait



What do you do if injured while scuba diving?
Sea Kelp Immediately.



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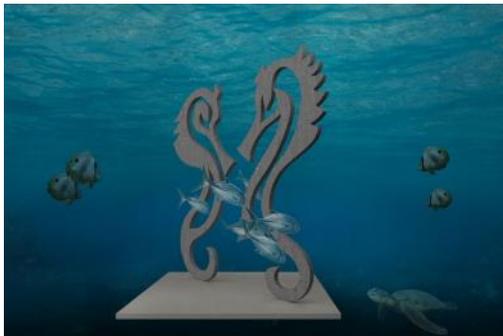
Did You Know There Are Underwater Art Museums?

By Selena Woodward

UMA— Florida Grayton Beach State Park

The Underwater Museum of Art is the first permanent underwater sculpture garden in the U.S. Located in the Gulf of Mexico, off of Walton County, Florida, the museum lies at a depth of 58-feet and at a distance of .93-miles from the shore of Grayton Beach State Park. Each year, a juried selection of sculptural works, drawn from artists throughout the world, is installed in the underwater garden. The sculptures quickly attract a wide variety of marine life and, over time, metamorphize into a living reef. This eco-tourism attraction not only entices art lovers and divers from around the country and around the globe, it provides a much-needed habitat for local marine life and fisheries as well as providing marine scientists, wildlife management professionals, ecologists, and students, with an opportunity to study marine life and measure the impact of artificial reef systems on the Gulf ecosystem. Made possible by Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County South Walton Artificial Reef Association.

<https://umaf1.org/>



MUSA – Cancun Underwater Museum

The Cancún Underwater Museum is a non-profit organization based in Cancún, Mexico devoted to the art of conservation. The museum has a total of 500 sculptures, most by the British sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor and the others by five Mexican sculptors, with three different galleries submerged between three and six meters deep in the ocean at the Cancún National Marine Park. The museum was thought up by Marine Park Director Jaime Gonzalez Canto, with Taylor's assistance, with the objective of saving the nearby coral reefs by providing an alternative destination for divers. It was started in 2009 and officially opened in November 2010.

<https://musamexico.org>

