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## President's Waves

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DIVE, DIVE, DIVE!!! That's what it is all about for USA members. A group of us just returned from another adventure and this time we went to Grenada and the Grenadines. The diving was wonderful with smooth drifting along steep walls...my favorite kind of dive. It was such a pleasure to see so many healthy corals, sponges and live reefs. Black coral was shallow (25-30ft.), there were huge basket stars and we had many wonderful dives around the small islands. We loved swimming through huge schools of various fish, swirling in formation, gently parting for us.

We stopped at mountainous islands along the way, each harbor more picturesque and breathtaking than the last one. Nils, our VP of Overseas Diving, arranged a wonderful trip culminating in three days on Grenada at the Rendezvous Resort where we found really nice rooms and beautiful grounds with lots of different flowering trees and plants. There were land tours each day and the locals were celebrating Carnival so things were festive and colorful.

We are customizing our itineraries for the March 2004 trip to Thailand, Burma and Cambodia. There is still space available. See Nil's article. Then there is our Local Diving Program.

Saturday, August 23rd, we went on a two tank dive on the "Fathoms of Fun" charter. You will hear the lobster stories at the meeting.

We are collecting eyeglasses for a club donation to the Lions Club for their use in providing eyewear to those in need. If you have old eyeglasses, please do bring them in to the next meeting.

DON'T FORGET WE HAVE MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION!!! Show up at the Pompano Beach Civic Center, 1801 NE 6th St., Pompano Beach at 7:30pm Thursday, September 4th for our next meeting which will be presented by Linda Kelly of the IGF museum. Don't miss her tips on saltwater fishing and other topics.



*Kathi McCutcheon*  
*USA President for 2003*

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## ***September Meeting Program:***

Glenda Kelley, Sr. Ichthyologist (fish lady) at the International Game Fish Association Museum in N Lauderdale (Off Griffin) will discuss and show pictures of the IGFA, expeditions they have been involved in, game fish and other interesting salt water fish, and some huge squid (10 feet long) which would eat you if you ever fell overboard where they are! I've had a delightful hour in her office and I suspect you will find her just as interesting too!

We will meet at Piranha Pats (Flanagan's) at 6-6:20. It is on Atlantic, about 3 blocks east of US #1 on the south side. Then 7 to 7:30 at Pompano Beach Civic Center at 1801 NE 6th St. Plenty of parking and safe as anywhere in S Florida for the girls. If you can leave a message on my voice mail; I can TRY to set aside an area for us to sit together. Since we only had 4 diners last month, I need some

ammunition to get them interested. I will eat there. They are reputed to have fabulous ribs!

Remember, we meet at the [Pompano Beach Civic Center](#) in, yes, you guessed it, Pompano Beach.

*Ray McAllister*  
*VP of Programs*



## Local Diving

September 6th - the date to dive Shark Canyon aboard the Narcosis out of Riviera Beach. It's been reported that this is an awesome dive. Divers always see some large critters besides sharks like wahoo and pompano. Should be some great photo opportunities! Don't wait! Spots are already spoken for! Cost is \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members, tank rentals (air) are \$5. Call me at (561) 369-1286 or email me at [ljg247@hotmail.com](mailto:ljg247@hotmail.com). Make checks payable to USA Divers.

### LOCAL DIVE CALENDAR

**!!!RAFT UP!!!**  
**– OCTOBER 4 –**  
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Did I hear someone ask "When's the next USA Club **Raft Up**?" .....well it's just around the corner.....**Saturday, October 4th**. Boat owners...please check to see if you're schedule allows you to participate and let me know. I'll start a list of participating boats and number of spaces available for club members. For those of you who are new to the Club, a raft up is when those boat owners in the club fill up their boat with club members for a morning dive. After diving, boats will meet in Lake Boca to tie up together for the afternoon, where folks can go from boat to boat to eat, drink and be merry, lounge on the deck and/or cool off in the water.