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A note from the Secretary

Why Pay Dues??

Do you think Corn Beef and Cabbage grows on trees??

Dues cover the following expenses:

- Room Rent
- Snacks and soft drinks
- A/V equipment
- Social Activities
- Publicity
- Web Site
- Club Photos/Scrapbook
- Banking Fees
- Local Dive Coupons
- Dinner for our guest speakers

Can you believe that you get all of the above for less than 11 cents per day? This bargain is also the result of many hours of dedicated volunteers. It is truly a labor of love! You are all valued members so pay your dues and join us in the fun.

Submit your photos for the Page One Shot to webmaster@underseas.org



April Meeting Program: Cause and Effects of Algae on our Reef System

BRIAN LAPOINTE OF HARBOR BRANCH

Our featured speaker for the April meeting is Dr. Brian Lapointe from the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution. His topic is the algae that are affecting Florida's reef system.

Dr. Lapointe graduated from Boston University, where he received his BS in biology. At the University of Florida he completed a master's in environmental engineering, then finished his Ph.D in marine biology at the University of South Florida. For several years he worked for Wood's Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts and helped develop the aquaculture program at Harbor Branch between 1973 and 1977. He joined the staff full-time in 1983 and now lives in Vero Beach.

We invite you to visit a website regarding Dr. Lapointe's research: <http://www.hboi.edu/news/features/lapointe.html>.

This is a very important topic for us as divers since we have seen first hand the devastation to the reef system from the algae.

Another interesting and informative presentation - - - don't miss it!

*Ray McAllister
VP of Programs*

President's Waves



The weather forecast for the weekend was rain, but good fortune smiled on Under Sea Adventurers and Force E. They had invited us to set up a tent in order to showcase our club at their annual seafood festival. The board had talked about doing this at other marine type venues and this was an opportunity to get our feet wet before going big time. Many club members showed up to work together to make this a success. Bob Weybrecht had a new banner for us and ordered a sheet cake with the USA logo. Force E hadn't ordered dessert so the cake was a big hit. Thanks to all of the members and their guests who showed up to help. For those of you who missed it, there are several more opportunities coming up. Read on.

We met with World Watersports/Divers Direct (WW/DD) and they offered to hand out our flyers at the Dania Marine Flea Market March 31st to April 3rd and Ocean Fest on April 15th through the 17th. We will be needing volunteers to hand out flyers and talk about our club in their booth at the Pompano Beach Seafood Festival on April 22nd through the 24th and we will have our own booth at InTenCity put on at WW/DD on May 21st. InTenCity will give customers a chance to try SCUBA, check out new gear, and meet photographer, Stephen Frink, plus other activities. WW/DD has also invited us to set up a booth outside their store on weekends to talk about our club. They will also provide gear for us to try out on our local dives. They get equipment from manufacturers such as regulators, fins, masks, and cameras.

Kim has found a new restaurant, Pat's Place, for this month's dinner. The Thursday night special is Wings, however, there are other things on the menu. We went on a couple of test runs with Kim and Carol Schurtz and we all agreed that the food is good. Kim is also busy working on the awards dinner on May 14th. The location is beautiful and she has great plans for us. The theme is Tails and Tennis shoes. Just half of your body needs to dress up the other half is casual. According to Ronnie Farr a trashy chic look. You can lean either way – more trashy or more chic. It will be interesting to see what kinds of outfits the members come up with. I plan on visiting several thrift stores between now and then.

Dr. Brian Lapointe, from the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, is the featured speaker this month. See more about him elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are still looking for people to fill the trips to Irian Jaya, Cozumel, and Bimini. Where are those Under Sea Adventurers? Take advantage of the time payment plans! The camping trip to Jonathan Dickinson State Park is coming up on April 15th & 16th.

Your 2005 dues are overdue. They are still \$40.00 and haven't gone up since last month. See Roger Styles at the meeting or simply drop him a check made out to Under Sea Adventurers at 3861 Ottawa Lane, Cooper City, FL 33026.

For those of you who are not yet members and would like to check us out, our meeting is at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6th Street, Pompano Beach the first Thursday of the month. Our social get together is at 7:00 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:30. To get to the Civic Center turn west off of Federal at Jet's Pizza, which is on the NW corner of Federal and 6th St. and drive down a couple blocks. The Civic Center is on the North Side of the street and parking is available on the east and west sides of the building.

Mary LePage
USA President for 2005

Local Diving

with Larry B

A GENTLE reminder that our first 2005 local Club dive will be on Saturday, April 23 with the StarFish Enterprise out of beautiful Lantana. <http://www.idivestarfish.com/>



The StarFish is certified to carry 22 divers, but she sails with no more than 16. We already have 10 folks registered (and 2 paid!!) so with just 6 more divers the boat is all ours.

We've all done a lot of local dives with a lot of local dive charters and I've picked the StarFish as our 2005 inaugural dive because I honestly think they represent the best of the best in every category; comfort, safety, professionalism, and overall fun. As their ad says, "...When having a great time is just as important as having a great dive!"

All the fine print is in last month's Newsletter, but the 2 tank, 2 reef dive loads at 7:30am and leaves at 8:00am. Cost is \$47 which includes everything but tanks (please let me know if you'll be needing air).

As always, shout if I can answer any questions or fill in any blanks.

Directions to the scuba boat Get off of I-95 at the Lantana Rd exit #61 and turn east towards the ocean. At Dixie Hwy/US-1 make a right and proceed to Ocean Avenue. Make a left onto Ocean Avenue. The boat docks at the Tiki-Bar directly behind the Old Key Lime House. (Isn't that convenient!?)

Here's the fine print; Saturday, April 23rd, 2005 Load at 7:30am, leave at 8:00am Two REEF dives \$47 includes tip, trail mix, pineapple, and my wife's famous brownies. \$5 per tank air, \$10 per tank Nitrox Please let me know asap if you'll be going (and send me a check made out to the Club) so I can keep the records straight and the Captain informed of our numbers. As a courtesy to the boat, I need to have everyone's final payment and plans no later than Friday, April 15 (which will give you something to do after you pay your taxes).

Please keep May 28 open for our May dive. I know that the Club will be coming back from the Cozumel trip that day, but May is turning out to be a difficult month to schedule a Saturday so I hope the 28th will work for as many folks as possible. With the April dive up in Lantana, I thought we'd head in the other direction and go with the American Dream II docked at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Resort (ain't living in Florida a b*tch?).
<http://www.scubafortlauderdale.com/index.htm>

Dive the warm, clear waters of South Florida aboard the **BRAND NEW**

American Dream II



We dove with the American Dream II back in August (and I'm still looking for the minecar at the Minecar Reef we dove that day.) Here's all the fine print. Cost of the 2 tank dive (as always, with tips and goodies) is \$47. Air is \$10 a tank. It's a show at 8am go at 8:30. Most of the Club enjoys the reef drift dives, so I've asked for 2 drift dives that day. Perhaps the Caves, Oakland Ridges, or Barracuda Reefs.

Captain Todd told me that late May fills up pretty quick and he's got to run the boat on a first come, first served basis.

PLEASE let me know if you'll be joining us that day so we can get as many USA divers on the boat as possible. The American Dream II was built after the unfortunate sinking of the American Dream I. She is a BRAND NEW USCG certified 46' custom-built dive vessel. She is both roomy and comfortable, boasting over 400 Sq. Ft. of deck space, complete with upper level seating. Her 16' beam adds to her spaciousness and stability.



Amenities include dual freshwater showers, two large ladders on a full width dive platform with water level entry and camera table.

All outings include complimentary snacks and beverages for passengers.

The American Dream II is manned by a fun, friendly, professional crew, with diver safety and comfort paramount.



The American Dream II is docked at the legendary Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Resort, just minutes from Port Everglades and the best diving South Florida has to offer.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the April Club Meeting, on the April 23 dive, and on the American Dream II on May 28

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Social Activities

DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING:

We are trying a new place. Several of the club members have tried Pats Place and Liked it.

PS: THIS IS NOT PIRANHA PATS

- Pats Place Sports Bar and Resturaunt
635 East Atlantic Blvd
- Pompano Beach, FL 33060
- 954-942-6164
@ 6:00 PM

MEET @ 6PM. SPECIAL: 0.35 CENT CHICKEN WINGS!
A WONDERFUL, INEXPENSIVE MENU WITH GREAT
HAPPY HOUR DRINKS & THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING US!!

1 MILE east of 95 [1/2 mile east of Dixe Highway]on Atlantic Blvd on the North side of the street.

THE ANNUAL UNDERSEAS ADVENTURES AWARDS BANQUET

WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2005 @ 6:30 PM TIL 11:00 PM @
OCEAN MANOR RESORT HOTEL
4040 GALT OCEAN DRIVE
FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308
954-566-7500
<http://www.oceanmanor.com>

THE THEME: "TAILS & TENNIS SHOES"

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL EVENING OF GREAT FRIENDS, GREAT FOOD, GREAT ATMOSPHERE, GREAT
MUSIC & GREAT DANCING UNDER THE STARS ALONG WITH ANN STAMBAUGH'S WONDEFUL ART WORK/AWARDS.

PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDER FOR THIS DATE. INVITATIONS ARE FORTHCOMING.

Kim Whaley, VP Social



USA's Overseas Trips for 2005

Program:

- Cozumel: May 21-28 - 9 people going
- Cayman Aggressor, June 18-25 – Sold Out - waiting list only
- West End Dolphin trip or Bimini, Cat Cay /Orange Cay, Easy Goin', July 24-30 - 4 slots open
- Dry Tortugas, Playmate, Sept 8 (night)-12 - (roll-over from 2004) - One spot open
- Irian Jaya, Raja Ampat, Sorong (on Pelagian: boat dates: embark/disembark: Nov 1-12); 3 nights in Manado Lembeh Straits; dept Thursday Oct 27 – back Sunday Nov 13 - Three slots open
- o Plenty of options for extensions, such as arriving in Manado earlier, say 6 or 8 nights and/or returning via Bali ...

VP Overseas Diving: Nils Jacobsen
TGM349@email.mot.com 954-783-1667

Membership benefits

If you plan on doing your own trip with one of our major providers, please call me first so you get the best deal ...

*VP Overseas Diving
Nils Jacobsen*

CAMPING

APRIL 15, 16, 2005

JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK

Only \$25 will confirm a spot

Full payment will be due no later than April 10th. I will let everyone know how much their balance is.

Located 12 miles south of Stuart

I have reserved "4" sites on the River. We can put Two tents on each site. The sites are paid for and there is a cancellation charge, so we need to have people. I can not give you a price yet, until I know how many people. We divide all sites between how many people sign up. One or as many as Eight could be on a site. Yes, there are also Cabins. Please let me know if you are interested and **send me a \$25.00** deposit made payable to **USA Dive Club**. Everyone will be responsible for their own food and drinks.

If you plan on arriving after 5:00pm on Friday the 15th, you will need to call this number so that they can give you the code to get through the gate: 772-546-2771

Let me know how many will be in a Tent. Let me know if you will have your own car. (two cars per site)

CANOES- I have reserved Canoes. They are \$42.60 for each canoe for two people.

CABINS – If you want a cabin, please reserve them yourselves. They are a little on the high side. \$85.00-\$95.00.

BIKING- This park has nice trails for biking also.

We will try to have a group dinner on Saturday night.

Please send in your **deposit of \$25.00** so that I can hold your spot. I can always add a camp site, but you may not be with the group if you sign up late. Sites that I have reserved are 92, 94, 96 and 97.

You can go on their web site www.floridastateparks.org/jonathandickinson/default.asp

Email me at farrv@planetautomotive.com

People Signed up:

Ronnie Farr, Nils Jacobsen, Russ Manhold, Julie Manhold, Clare Anthon, Tony Anton, Chary Lynn, Bob Moon, Barb Moon, Larry Townsend, Paul Guyon, Carol Schultz, Mike and daughter, Mary LePage, Larry LePage.

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Sea Secrets

This is a program of the Rosenstiel School of Marine Science. The presentations are free and NOT to be missed. Talk to anyone who has been there and you will find an advocate for attendance.

April 13th – Sea Secrets – Surprising Marine Life of the Seafloor’s Sand, Muck and Rubble
Rosenstiel School Auditorium 5:30

Be sure to come early and join other marine advocates for snacks and refreshments(free of course)

USA Calendar

- **April 7th, Thursday Meeting**
DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING:

Join us for dinner before the meeting at:

Pats Place - Sports Bar and Resturaunt
635 East Atlantic Blvd

- Pompano Beach, FL 33060
- 954-942-6164
@ 6:00 PM

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The special on Thursday is 35c wings

- **April 14 Board Meeting**
 - Ronnie Farr & Nils Jacobsen
- **May 21-28th**
 - Cozumel - Trip Leader: Ann Stambaugh
- **June 18 - 24th**
 - Cayman Aggressor - Trip Leader Ronnie Farr.
- July 24 - 30th
 - Bimini - Trip Leader Chary Lynn
- **Sept 8 - 12th**
 - Dry Tortugas - Trip Leader Ronnie Farr
- **Oct 27th - Nov 13**
 - Irian Jaya - Trip Leader: Nils Jacobsen

[For other Ocean and Reef related events and news click here.](#)

Contact Info

Under Sea Adventurers web site: www.underseas.org

DAN web site: www.diversalertnetwork.org

Meetings: First Thursday of each month at
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center
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 Social: 7:00 PM, Meeting: 7:30 PM

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PS : ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

Membership Yearly Dues - - - \$40

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