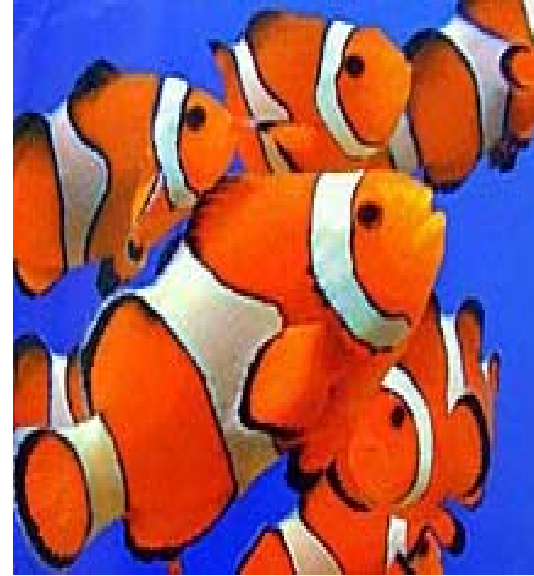


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Member Gail Cistrelli submitted the following article. It is from the January-February 2005 issue of Audubon. What will they think of next?

The Poop on Paper

South Asians are trying to save their elephants by turning elephant poo into paper. Asian elephants and their fibrous piles of dung are familiar to circus-goers in the United States, but in their homelands, the elephants' wild counterparts face extinction from loss of habitat and conflict with humans. In an effort to change how Sri Lankans view elephants, Thusitha Ranasinghe, managing director of Maximus Ltd., began manufacturing dung paper in 1998. The elephant, he explains, is "a perfectly eco-friendly, living paper-pulping being." It does in its stomach what is done chemically in a paper mill by degrading fibrous matter "to papermaking-grade pulp." Through Project Peace Paper, Maximus is working to create facilities in areas where the human-elephant conflict is greatest. By using wild-elephant dung in the papermaking process, villagers may see elephants as more of an economic asset. "You can take their poo and give everyone in this community a job," says Karl Wald, a biochemist and former volunteer in Sri Lanka, who began selling Sri Lanka elephant-dung paper last summer. His company, Mr. Ellie Pooh, is the sole U.S. distributor. For more information, go to www.mrelliepooh.com.
--Jessica Ebert

PRE-PARTY CAYMAN AGGRESSOR SUNDAY MAY 15TH

Time: 3:00pm

**Location: Ronnie & Nils home
4011 NE 24th Ave.
Lighthouse Point, FL
Phone: 954-783-1667**

**Food: Dish to Share
BYOB & BYOD (bring your own drink)**

Try and make this party where I will give you a print out of your E-ticket and seat assignment. I will also give you your Cabin number. Come and party with your fellow USA divers.

**RSVP :954-249-6797
farrv@planetautomotive.com**

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

May Meeting Program: Wild Dolphin Project in the Bahamas

Dr. Denise Herzing

Our featured speaker for the May meeting is Dr. Denise Herzing from Jupiter, Florida. Her topic is the Wild Dolphin Project .

Denise Herzing, Research Director of the Wild Dolphin Project has completed 18 years of her long-term study of the Atlantic spotted dolphins inhabiting Bahamian waters. She received her B.S. in Marine Zoology in 1979; her M.A. in Behavioral Biology in 1988; and her Ph.D. in Behavioral Biology in 1993. She is Research Faculty in Biological Sciences at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida.

Dr. Herzing has authored and co-authored many papers in the fields of whale biology, animal behavior and communication and environmental ethics. Coverage of her work with the spotted dolphins has appeared in National Geographic, BBC Wildlife, Ocean Realm and Sonar magazines. Her work has also been featured on the Nature series in the U.S., Discovery Channel, PBS, ABC network television, BBC in England and NHK channel in Japan. Her fields of interest are animal consciousness, behavior and communication of cetaceans, and environmental ethics.

We invite you to visit a website regarding Dr. Herzing's work:

<http://caribzones.com/wilddolphinproject.html>

Here is a list of publications you can download:

<http://www.wilddolphinproject.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=library.main&CFID=16100760&CFTOKEN=95816500>

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

*Ray McAllister
VP of Programs*

President's Waves



We've been on our first 2005 local dive. Sixteen of us filled the Starfish Enterprise on Sat., April 23rd. I speak from experience when I say it is better to dive with club members. They are safe divers, help one another, and are seriously concerned about the health of our local reefs. Larry and I dove with Judy Townsend, who can really find stuff. She should hire out as a "reef guide." Every time I looked at her she was pointing at something. Divers Direct has promised us some masks and digital cameras to try out on our May 28th dive go to the Local Dives and read all about it.

We are looking for volunteers to man (or person?) a booth at InTenCity on May 21st. It will be an all day affair held at Divers Direct in Dania Beach. Divers Direct is in the same complex as the Bass Pro Shop. Thanks to Linda Ianniello, Bob Weybrecht, Larry Townsend, and Linda Caldwell for helping pass out flyers and talking to divers about our club at the Pompano Beach Seafood Festival.

Dr. Brian LaPointe, our April guest speaker, will be back this summer to hold a workshop for those members who are interested in helping him research the algae growing on the reef. He is extending the area of his research into South Broward and North Miami-Dade. We also have a survey form to fill out with your observation of algae during your local dives. The forms will be available at the May meeting or give us a call and we will mail some to you.

We are working with Ocean Watch and are planning to participate in the Reef Sweep & Beach Clean Up on June 11th. This will be our June local dive. We have sixteen divers at the present time and are looking for more. In the evening, there is an all you can eat supper with hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken plus the trimmings for \$5.00.

Kim Whaley is well into the planning of our annual Awards Dinner on May 14th. She is planning another surprise this year (last year was a belly dancer), so plan on attending and honoring those members who work so hard to make your club a success.

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 each 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

I'm writing this before our April 23rd dive, but I'm going to go out on a limb (how's that for optimism?) and bet we all had a fabulous dive.

Yours truly, Mary and Larry L, Russ and Julie M, Clare A, Martha B, Jay O, Cathy G, Glada B, Deborah K, Alex S, Carol Ann T, Ray G, Bob L, and Judy T took advantage of the Club's first local dive of 2005.

For the first time since I've been scheduling the local dives our local dive was completely sold out.

That's 16 available seats and 16 willing divers.

Before the fact I can't {honestly} crow about the warm weather and the calm seas, but with the entire boat filled with USA Club divers I can safely say we had a great day (if I remembered to bring the brownies, that is).

I'll have some pictures and a better description of the dives for our next Newsletter, but heres' a thousand heart felt thanks for everyone's support in filling the boat. (Would you believe we even had a waiting list??) (And if it snows April 23rd and the dive is cancelled am I ever going to be embarrassed for typing all this positive stuff before hand).



Please keep May 28 open for our May dive

Our next local dive is Saturday, May 28. 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 mine car at the Mine Car 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 (sorry, a little pricey for air,

but that's his fees for the tanks). It's a show at 8am go at 8:30. Most of the Club enjoys the reef and 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. So 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. Perhaps we can fill another boat!!! 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.

A message from World Watersports regarding their participation in our dive

"I should have 4 to 5 Sea & Sea DX5000G cameras from Sea & Sea for that day, These are the newest and greatest cameras from them and are a 5 megapixel camera. I have been authorized to provide a discount for these cameras if anyone wants to purchase them, these will be brand new camera's that are being sent here for the intencity tour and never used before that date. Let your members know about this exciting day of diving and the trial of the new DX5000G camera. I have also posted one of those flyers on our board and will continue to let people know about the club, Looking forward to May 21st now and then the dive on the 28th."

So....we've got May scheduled out. As always, please shout if you have any boats/operators you'd like me to try out. See you on the water.

Larry Baum
VP Local Diving lbaum@us.ibm.com

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Social Activities

DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Pats Place Sports Bar and Resturant
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.

You are cordially invited to the
Under Sea Adventurers' Annual Spring Banquet

TAILS TO TENNIS SHOES
Attire: Formal to Casual or Mix It Up!!!
Saturday May 14, 2005 6:30 - 11:00 pm

OCEAN MANOR RESORT
4040 GALT OCEAN MILE
FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308

Buffet Menu: Fruit & Vegetable Platter
Mixed Green Salad
Chicken Kabobs
Filet Kabobs
Baked Mahi Mahi
Vegetable Medley
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Dessert
Soft Drinks & Coffee
Cash Bar

Live Steel Band for Music & Dancing
\$35.00/Person

Contact Kim Whaley for Tickets
954-485-7988 or kspike007@aol.com

Make your check out to Under Sea Adventurers and mail to:
Kim Whaley 105 Lake Emerald Dr #614 Ft Lauderdale, FL 33309
Checks MUST be received by May 7th
Hotel accommodations available at special rates

Kim Whaley, VP Social



USA's Overseas Trips for 2005



Program:

- Cozumel: May 21-28 - 11 people are going
- Cayman Aggressor, June 18-25 – Sold Out - waiting list only
- 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 -
 - 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 ...

YOU MISSED IT !!!!!

CAMPING

APRIL 15, 16, 2005

JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK





Seventeen members, relatives, and friends became land lubbers, of sorts, the weekend of April 15th.

Some had tents, some rented cabins, one couple slept in their Volkswagen bus, and Paul Guyon had what appeared to be a rain fly over a plastic ground cover with mosquito netting, none of which he used. Home was a short drive away and he decided it was quieter there.

A tip from a friend of Larry Townsend's sent us to the Darlin Marlin for supper Friday night. The food was very good and we'd like the restaurant moved further south.

Knowing that we were fish out of water, the wind came up early Saturday morning, along with some rain so we didn't miss being wet. The rain forced Ronnie and Chary out of their tent, which hadn't been used for several years and had developed a severe leak. They tried to set up camp in the car but the mosquitoes had the same idea. Ronnie, Chary, and the mosquitoes went back to the tent.

Eleven of us went kayaking/canoeing on Saturday. Most of us were severely challenged as to the mechanics of keeping the things going forward, out of the things growing along the banks, and staying dry. There was some serious paddling over logs, under hanging branches, a bridge, and a little waterfall. Some openings were just wide enough for the boats to pass through. The alligator sunning itself on the bank unnerved us just a little. We all made it back to base safely with only one member going for a dive. We have no way of knowing if this was before or after the alligator returned to the water.

All of us got together that evening at the Manhold/Anthon campsite for a buffet supper followed by singing and storytelling. Sunday morning was spent trading stuff we had loaned out or borrowed when we got there.

Thanks to Ronnie Farr for putting this together.

Bet you're sorry you missed the fun.

Cinco de Mayo(5-5-5)

- **May 5th, 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

- **May 12th Board Meeting**

- Robert Shearer

- **May 14th @ 6:30 - 11:00 pm Annual Spring Banquet**

- See Kim Whaley for tickets

- **May 15th**

- Cayman pre-party @ Ronnie and Nils place -RSVP: 954-249-6797 farrv@planetautomotive.com

- **May 21-28th**

- Cozumel - Trip Leader: Ann Stambaugh

- **June 18 - 24th**

- Cayman Aggressor - Trip Leader Ronnie Farr.

- **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.

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1801 NE 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL

Social: 7:00 PM, Meeting: 7:30 PM

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