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Picture of the month. Christmas Party 2004

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## What happened in 1971?

- Richard Nixon is president.
- Walt Disney World opens.
- Intel introduced the first single chip microprocessor
- Ray Tomlinson sends the first e-mail
- Baltimore Colts win Superbowl V
- Median income is \$9028
- First Class Postage goes from \$.06 to \$.08
- Simon & Garfunkel break up
- Under Sea Adventurers Dive Club is founded.

The first club meeting was held at the Treasure Cove Dive Shop in Fort Lauderdale. Five people attended the meeting. The club moved its meeting place to the Race Track Animal Hospital, where a contest was held and Under Sea Adventurers was selected as the club name. The club moved to Norris Catfish House, Bachelors III, Sierra Inn, Hidden Harbor Restaurant, Pompano Beach Country Club, Fort Lauderdale Inn, Deerfield Chamber of Commerce, Avian Restaurant, Pompano Beach Civic Center and, most recently, to Galuppi's Restaurant in Pompano Beach.

The programs that first year listed several experts addressing the membership. They included Dr. F. F. Monroe of the FAU Ocean Engineering Department, who spoke about

offshore oil wells at one of his presentations in 1972 and Mr. Chapman, a professional diver and expert about shell collecting. Jim Vincent and John Malatak's presentations were about safety: CPR and a four meeting first aid course. Our own Dr. Ray also did a couple of presentations that year but there was not a record of his topics.

During the first year, the club took trips to Bimini, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Elliot Key, and the Keys. By the end of the first year, there were 29 members.

The club membership grew to a peak of approximately 200 members and a Board of Directors consisting of 20 people.

The first elected officers were:

President	Carl Meyers
Vice-President	David Keich
Secretary	Barbara Smith
Treasurer	Joe Klimowski

The Committee Chairpersons filled positions such as Historian, Diving Coordinator, Distant Diving Director, Membership Committee and Promotion Committee.

Officers from the early club years, and whose names newer members may recognize, are Anne Harrington DuPont (Promotions 1978),

Russ Manhold (Photography 1987),

Chuck Goby (Safety 1976),

Rick Brohammer (Safety 1973),

Hank Resch (Photography 1984),

Steve McCutcheon (Membership 1987),

Kathi McCutcheon (Membership 1987),

Joe Dellafera (Membership 1985) ,

Mary May Barrows (Membership 1986),

Marie York (Membership 1984),

Sue Revie (Local Diving 1987),

Larry Townsend (First Vice President 1987),

Jim Dunn (Second Vice President 1986),

and Carl Nolting (President 1976). Through the years these people also served in other positions.

Besides diving, members participated in other social activities including the annual

dinner dance, raft-ups, costume parties, and beach parties.

In 1981, the Hall of Fame was instituted to honor members for their long and continued service to the club on the Board of Directors.

What is this leading to?

The Under Sea Adventurer's Dive Club is celebrating its 35th Anniversary at our December meeting.

Come and join the fun.

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## Program for December 7th

Annual Holiday Party

Election of next year's officers

Annual Holiday Party



Vote on Club By-Law change

- Click [HERE](#) to review changes

Annual Holiday Party

Preview of next year's Dive Trips

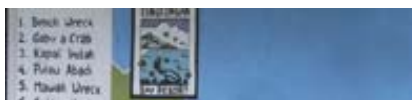
Annual Holiday Party

Happy Birthday to USA!

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VP of Programs  
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## President's Waves



This is my swan song, as far as the Waves are concerned. I am not running for President in 2007. I would like to take

this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for their help these past three years. Members don't realize what goes on behind the scenes to make this a successful club.

- We are fortunate to have Dr. Ray as our Vice President of Programs. He knows everyone, but is always networking to get us the most interesting presentations.
- I am amazed by Nils Jacobsen, our Vice President of Overseas Diving. The trip to Indonesia last year included our contracted boat being sold and his negotiating with the new owners, four of us arriving at Kungkungan Bay Resort one date, one person a second date, three others arriving a couple of days later to a different resort in the same area, all of us merging to travel to the Pelagian, and three of us continuing on to tour Bali. He shrugged this off as no big deal.
- Larry Baum and Glada Blench both did stints as Vice President of Local Diving. Larry is famous for Jan's baked treats and Glada loves to dive and has us back in cold water (winter months for you wimps).
- Ronnie Farr puts together adventurous mini trips for us. They don't start to be adventurous but often some little things happen to make it a memorable occasion.
- There is always a surprise at events put on by Kim Whaley, VP of Social Events. She was always negotiating for more of everything for us and has incredible energy which she used in her planning.
- Our Secretary, Linda Caldwell, served in that position for eight years. She kept track of the General Meetings and Board Meetings every month during that time. That comes to 192 meetings.
- Our Overseas Dive Accountant, Chary Lynn, moved from Awards to Treasurer. She attended classes in Excel to help her take on the task of bookkeeping for our trips.
- Judy Townsend is our Treasurer and keeps us out of trouble. She files papers with the government in order to keep our not for profit status, keeps tracks of bank accounts, makes us budget, keeps us on budget, and provides reports on expenditures. It is still a mystery to me.
- Larry LePage was our A-V guy for three years. Before every meeting he was crawling around on the floor hooking up speakers and microphones, taping down all the cable so no one would trip. Those of you who attend the meetings realize the audio is a big challenge for me.
- Speaking of A-V, Bob Weybrecht took over for Larry these past few months. We encouraged Larry to get a projector but he wasn't able to part with the money. When Larry had surgery Bob Weybrecht took over and purchased a new projector. In addition, Bob designed our web site with those cute icons announcing the newsletter, put together and published the newsletter, and designed and maintained the database.
- Ann Stambaugh painted the Board of Directors' awards for the past three years. I am honored to have several of these original works of art.
- Roger Styles handled the Membership position. He is at every meeting interviewing prospective members.

- Linda Ianniello is our Promotions Coordinator. She makes sure that there are meeting announcements in the local papers and that when prospective members search the web, information regarding the club is correct. She is currently setting up a page for us to order club shirts. Linda has also served as Over Seas Dive Accountant.
- Kay Chung served as Photographer/Scrapbook and redid our scrapbooks and nagged us in order to keep our photographic history up to date.
- Steve McCutcheon and, most currently, Larry Baum served as our Safety Coordinator. They did research and kept us aware of recalls and safety issues.
- Kathi McCutcheon– Past President was there to keep me out of trouble. Assisting her were long time members and former officers Robert Shearer, Larry Townsend, and Gary Sharp.
- Carol Schurtz, Marilyn Van Valkenburg, and Matt Barton served as webmaster/newsletter, photographer, and hospitality coordinator respectively. Russ Manhold, stepped in to help the last few months as Hospitality.

Thanks everyone.

Dr. Ray, our V-P of Programs, is a feature writer in The Pompano Pelican. His column, Marine Writer, appears in the weekly paper. The November 17th feature was about shells, wherein Ray dispels myths regarding which way shells coil and writes about cone shells and their poisons. Among Ray's most recent publications is Sea Stories from a Diving Dinosaur.

Dues for 2007 are due. Still the same low price of \$40.00 annually.

The Overseas Trip Committee is ready with plans for next year.

The Florida Dive Show is December 2nd and 3rd. Appearing at Under Sea Adventurers' Booth 515 will be two club members who are published authors. Anne DuPont and Rob Myers will be signing copies of their books. Anne co-authored Caribbean Sea Slugs. And Rob will be showcasing his books, Micronesian Reef Fishes and the Coral Reef Guide – Red Sea. Consider purchasing one of these books as a gift for your favorite diver.

We will hold elections at the December meeting.

Nominees for Elected Board Positions:

President - Glada Blench

Vice President(s) of Programs – Ray McAllister/Larry LePage

Vice President of Overseas Diving – Nils Jacobsen

Vice President of Local Diving – Larry Baum

Vice President of Social Events - Open

Secretary – Robert Shearer

Treasurer – Judy Townsend

Vice President of Social Events is still open. We will entertain nominations from the floor before the voting for all Elected Officer positions. Here's your chance to become part of the action!

The next General Meeting is December 7th at Galuppi's Restaurant, 1103 N. Federal, Pompano Beach. It is our annual holiday get together plus we will celebrate our 35th anniversary. Join us for cocktails and dinner at 6:00. Meeting sometime later.

The pleasure of serving you has been all mine.

Mary LePage  
President for 2006  
[president@usadiveclub.com](mailto:president@usadiveclub.com)

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## Local Diving

With Glada Blench

Nothing currently planned for December.

Read the review of our November 18th dive on the the web site at [Local Diving](#).

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## Social Activities

### Annual Holiday Party & 35th Anniversary

Galuppi's Restaurant  
1103 N. Federal Highway  
Pompano Beach, FL  
@6:00 PM

Prizes and Surprises

Extra Special Lobster Pot(s)

Wear your favorite Holiday Attire

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# USA's Overseas Diving

## OVERSEAS DIVING 2006 – 2008

Since I last reported on the success of our 2006 travel program, the Overseas Committee, 15+ people, has been at work, met 3 times; I and a few other members have attended DEMA; many of you (30+) have been so kind to reply to our questionnaire: We are trying to ensure that we offer a diverse and interesting program while only signing the club up for travel arrangements that have enough interest among the membership to be economically healthy. This is like “good news/bad news”. When we travel as a group we get predictable company and better terms and conditions. On the other side we have to agree on where to go and we have to decide early, and adhere to time limits for sign-up to avoid late cancellation penalties for the club. Both for 2007 and 2008 we will try to push the sign-up process forward in time. We need to get rid of the last-minute-club stigma. For 5 of the 6 trips below we do have the option of adding more divers than we have currently contracted for – but only if we sign up early enough while the spots are still open. All the trips have some kind of bonus arrangements, free spots and or group discounts. These benefits will be shared with the members upon return. This year 3 of 4 trips paid out refunds to the traveler on return. Also please remember that all our trips are prices “all inclusive” If you try to compare our prices and don’t see the club benefit, please come see me and I will explain.

In the process of getting the 2007 program together, we planned ahead and now have final plans for the next 18 months: we confirmed a cheap trip to Egypt, September; we pushed one trip, Utila Aggressor into 2008, March, e.g. prime season. We also contracted for Fiji’s most famous, liveaboard, Naia, for May of 2008. This means that the club has laid out 6 deposits hence the need to ask you to make your deposits early...

### **Exotic 2007 & 2008:**

Two years ago we surveyed and Red Sea was the primary candidate. Since I have heard many people express concerns over safety of traveling to Egypt. According to the state department Egypt is safer than say Indonesia and Philippines! And 8.6 million tourists annually agree w/ that ... Egypt also have some else going for it. Egypt is working hard to rebuild its tourism industry and price competitiveness is one of the weapons. The price of diving has come up significantly in the Caribbean area over the last years. Not so in Egypt. The price for the 2007 trip is lower than the price for the prior 1995 trip (there are small difference in the itinerary, but this is a significant difference to the Caribbean liveaboard market, where price often increase \$100/year).

The latest survey we did showed a strong interest for Naia, Fiji. And this is a popular destination ...so naturally we could not book that any earlier than 2008.

Need an idea for a Christmas gift for that special someone? (Or for yourself, because you’re special, aren’t you?).

The normal trip announcements will be at the January meeting, with full presentations. At this time we have included most of the details on this Website. We will take preliminary signups and deposits for 2007 trips at the December meeting. We will open up for 2008 deposits in a few months.

Sign-up forms and payment schedules will be added to the website later, via links, or they will be available in hardcopy at the regular December meeting.

## **Program 2007**

### [BVI, Tortola, June 16-23, 2007](#)

- USA is returning to BVI after 22 years. We found a cozy hotel, Tamarind Club, 5 minutes from the dive shop w/ shuttle. Based on 3 people sharing 2 bedrooms. Diving w/ Sail Caribbean Divers (excellent remarks in Undercurrent) Close to the majority of the Island dive pots. \$1660 w/ 15 dives or \$1540 w/ 10 dives. Non-diver options available.

### [St Vincent, Young Island, July 21-29, 2007](#)

- Added to the program on request. Note 8 nights (the last one is free) 6 days of diving, 3 dives a day; full board, upscale hotel. Diving w/ Bill Tewes (excellent remarks in Undercurrent). Bill is an expert in small stuff. The club will have control over at least one dive boat, but you can choose your kind of diving. \$3000.

### [Dry Tortugas, Playmate, August 15-19, 2007](#)

- An old favorite; 6th year on this boat; 3 ½ days of diving – 6 dives a day. Excellent food \$1350 or \$1450 w/ Nitrox ...

### [Red Sea, September 9-25 \(11-22\), 2007](#)

- 3 nights in Cairo, 2 (21/2) days of sightseeing, then off to Marsa Alam, Egypt's southern-most terminal for dive boats. We will board the Serenity, liveaboard on 9/13 for a 7 cruise to one of the world's top-10 liveaboard destinations. Diving most likely "Simply Magnificent" or "Simply the Best". This 140 foot boat is the best of the Emperor fleet, and offers free Nitrox. A week later, 9/20, we will transfer to Luxor for an overnight stay. Friday morning we will continue to Aswan and board a Nile cruise boat for a 4 day/3 night Cruise. We will disembark in Luxor, take the night train to Cairo and fly home.
- Included: Air from Ft. Lauderdale, all hotels, excursions, diving, tip, marine park taxes; Nitrox all meals on both boats, \$4070.
- A "boat only" option is available, \$3650 (Sept 11 to Sept 22, w/ 3 nights in Cairo and transfer to and from the boat)

## **Program 2008**

Utila Aggressor, Bay Islands, Honduras, March 15-22, 2008

- This is the prime season for whale sharks. We hold 9 of 14spots on this boat. Non-stop flight form Miami. <http://www.aggressor.com/subpage14.php> Details to follow.

Fiji, Naia Liveaboard, May 17-24, 2008

- We will most likely go to Kadavu, mix of diving - with Mantas – and land excursions in the week preceding Naia. We hold only half a boat and based on the survey we might be able to fill more spots if not the entire boat. Details and signup instructions to follow. <http://www.naia.com.fj>

Please direct any questions to:

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## USA Calendar

- **December 2nd & 3rd - [Florida Dive Show](#)**
  - Palm Beach Convention Center
- **December 7th - Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:30 PM**
  - Annual Holiday Party 6:00 PM
- **December 9th - Board Meeting at 5:30 PM**
  - Board Holiday Party at Mary L's



Birthday greetings in December to the following club members:

- Glada B, Rick D, Eric G, Chuck G, Sean-Bob H, Rob M, Don P, Randall S, Robert S

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** from your friends in diving!!!

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Under Sea Adventurers web site: [www.usadiveclub.com](http://www.usadiveclub.com)

Meetings: First Thursday of each month at

## Galuppi's Restaurant

1103 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, FL

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

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## Membership Dues - - - \$40 Yearly

Download the Membership Packet from our website.

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