

# The Scuba Scoop

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**Club Meetings-**  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
of each month. Held at  
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**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year

**next meeting: July 11**

## This Meeting- 13<sup>th</sup>



equal time-  
Happy Fathers Day

(English Language Version)

## Inside....

*Club Picnic Plan  
Tank VIPs  
Local Dive News  
U.S.S. Oriskany  
Operator Schedule  
Dive Insurance*

*also selected short  
subjects*

***Remember Our Troops!***

## Club Picnic! Otter Lake!

Plan Now on attending the annual dive/picnic/meeting held in July. It will be the regular club meeting date, Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup>, held at the beautiful brisk waters of Otter Lake. For early arrivals, let's figure about 5:00 for diving, and picnicking at around 6-6:30. Eating is an important part of this agenda, so the food line will not be limited by a final time. The business meeting will start after everyone is full. Brats anyone? Bring a dish to pass, your choice of beverage, maybe some eating utensils. Good time guaranteed!

## VIP'd ?

Last month's meeting was the last of the scheduled VIP's. Anyone needing a VIP service will have to contact the appropriate operator prior to a tank fill. The current fill schedule is included further in this SCOOP; be sure to keep it out for reference. Remember you must call an operator ahead to affirm they will be at the compressor site.



Don C. with light; about to VIP tank

## Sherwood Show

Greg Prenzler, member of the marine division dive team, put on a demo for 1<sup>st</sup> graders at Sherwood Elementary School last month. Assisted by Aaron Gaudreau, Mike Garner, Mike Fabish, and Kirk Newman, the youngsters were treated to most of the equipment used by the team. They got a tour of the van, the inflatable boat, and even tried on some gear. Greg had a dedicated audience, but he did a natural job keeping them enthused. Greg also gave a demo for Boy Scouts during the April Jamboree.



Greg P: "Who wants to try this on?" Mike F. modeling

## Cozumel Dive

Dave Sommers made a Cozumel trip about a month back, and he reports the hurricane damage is still evident.

"Got in 6 dives over Easter week. Went cruising in the Caribbean with a two tank dive in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, George Town, Grand Cayman and Cozumel. I had forgotten how clear the water can be especially when I splashed in at Grand Cayman and could see the bottom 100 feet down, and of course the dive boat could be seen from the bottom. There were all the usual fish and undersea attractions.

I had only done the Caribbean a couple of times before so it was a real treat, especially not having to wear a dry suit. In talking to some of the other divers and the dive masters, none had ever worn a dry suit.

Some of the divers had been to Cozumel before and said the hurricane had caused a lot of damage. There were many dead trees on shore and damaged docks and piers. They said there was a lot of underwater damage with the coral covered in sand. I still thought the 2 drift dives in Cozumel were great."

Incidentally, Dave got to meet Jean-Michael Cousteau who was recently in this area.



Cozumel Pier damage; note that clear water!

## Increase Your SCUBA Vocab...

**And the winner!**- Dave Sommers was the first to return a correct answer:

ben-thic or ben-thon-ic adj

-Relating to or characteristic of the bottom of a sea, lake, or deep river, or the animals and plants that live there

“This is too easy”

The SCOOP would be negligent if it didn't also give an honorable mention to Val Geidans-

“As for the scuba term, I think I've got it or been there. You know, the day after a good drunk and you wake up and what's between your ears has "been thick". Let me know what I won.” -Val

This month's term is **Crepuscular**

Submit your definition quickly!

## U.S.S. Oriskany Scuttled

After a number of delays, the decommissioned aircraft carrier U.S.S. Oriskany was sunk on 5-17-06 to form an artificial reef off Pensacola Florida. Great photos of the sinking can be seen online at

<http://www.irishmansoftware.com/Oriskany.htm>

The Oriskany was named after a battle site in New York during the Revolutionary war. RIP, CV-34 (thanks, Leo)

## DAN vs SSS Update

A May court date had been scheduled for this issue, but apparently the litigants have settled out of court-

### Joint Press Release-

Divers Alert Network (DAN America) and clinic members of the SSS Network of Recompression Chambers (SSS) announce that they have reached a settlement in the recent legal action.

Representatives of SSS announce that DAN America insurance is once again accepted as a result of the resolution of the outstanding claims that were the basis for the lawsuit. The terms of the settlement remain confidential. The SSS Network of Recompression Chambers and DAN America pledge to work closely together to ensure that injured divers will receive the most appropriate and effective medical care.

For other dive insurance info, check into

[http://www.scubadiving.com/training/specialty\\_and\\_advanced/dive\\_insurance\\_101/](http://www.scubadiving.com/training/specialty_and_advanced/dive_insurance_101/)

<http://www.diverssecurity.com/>

<http://www.diveassure.com/new/usa/>

<http://www.divesafeinsurance.com/> (thanks, WS Jill!)

## Bad Contribution from Leo....

Three instructors and their students are on board a dive boat in the middle of the ocean- there's a NAUI instructor, a PADI instructor, and an SSI instructor. Everything is going fine, until the boat springs a leak, and starts to sink.

The SSI instructor says to his students, "Okay... we're in the middle of the ocean, so we might as well do our deep dive."

The NAUI instructor says to his students, "Okay... we might as well do our navigation dive, so let's get our compasses out and swim towards shore."

The PADI instructor says to his students, "Okay... for \$25 extra you guys get to do a wreck dive!"



U.S.S. Oriskany 5-17-06

## S.U.E. '06 Event Planner

Jun 13 Club Meeting  
Jul 11 Club Meeting; picnic @ Otter Lake  
Aug 8 Club Mtg  
Sep 12 Club Mtg  
Oct 10 Club Mtg  
TBA- Pumpkin Carve  
Nov 14 Club Mtg  
Dec 12 Club Mtg  
TBA Christmas Party

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### GOSCUBA!

\* Wednesday, June 7 - weekly Wednesday night dives begin, first one will meet at Lake 16 at 6 PM to dive.

\* June 21 - 28 - Curacao - Spots Available

\* July - SWMUP Shipwreck diving - Date TBA - Spots Available

\* August 5 & 6 - Thumb Deep Shipwreck diving - Spots Available  
[peggy@goscuba.net](mailto:peggy@goscuba.net)

### For Sale

Moving Sale- "Can't take it all with me; must downsize... Bring money and we'll talk." 893-7970 Joe

KME neoprene XL dry suit, \$375  
Call Mike Kowalski, 892 2028

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cylinder Evenrude outboard. all new seats. new tires on trailer. \$2000.00 or best call Rick Beyett (989) 892-6287

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### Wanted

High pressure hose! Don @ 642 8436  
Or [dstorck@hotmail.com](mailto:dstorck@hotmail.com)

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