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August's Club Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 9th
Time: 7:30-PM (business)
 Social at 7
Location: The Racquet Club
 3900 Crosby Rd.
Program: Video on Roatan - Highlights on Dale Hollow

President's Message

By Mark Kidd



Another well-attended meeting with some fantastic whale shark video by Doug Geddes took place at the July meeting.

This month we will have a video on the resort in Roatan where we will travel in April of 2006 (yes hard to believe 2006) as our entertainment.

The Dale Hollow trip was a welcome way to beat the heat for a dozen BGDC members who boated, dove, and jet skied the weekend away. Our next trip to Laurel Lake is fast approaching so read further to get the details and plan on making the short 78 mile trip to the lake.

The Pig Roast one of the social events of the year is this month at the Geddes home in Equestrian Woods. Each year many of our members spend the day splashing, eating, playing in the BIG volley ball game, or just being laid back about the first sign of the end of summer.

Free food, drinks, door prizes and a great program await you in August at our club meeting hope to see you there! □

Mark

The Editor's Notes

By John Geddes



This month pics are from the Dale Hollow weekend. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, check them out. Check out my article in the Dive Committee Report also. □

Pig Roastin' Time

Mark that Date down!!! Aug 13th
Yeeeeeee Haaaaaa !!!
Suuuuuuu-Eeeeeeeeeeee !!!

Time for our pig roast again.

Date: Saturday, Aug 13th
Time: 4:00-PM
Where: Doug & MaryAnn Geddes
 105 Country Knoll
 Equestrian Woods Estates
 (See BGDC Web Site for Map)
 (606) 224-3197

Activities: Swimming & volleyball.

What to Bring

- A dish to share with 12 others
- Swim suit & towel
- Lawn chairs

The club will provide the Bar-B-Que, beer, & Pepsi products.



Richie and Autumn on the Seadoo

Divemaster's Report

By Doug Geddes



GALAPAGOS 2006

Trip still full, but you never know when someone might cancel out. Check the website for information. If you have an interest, fill out a reservation on the web under this trip.

ROATAN, HONDURAS 2006

We are up to 21 persons at this time. We have reservations for 40. If you are considering this trip, you should go ahead and put your name on the list. Check out the information of our website. The air connections we are using are flying out of Cincinnati and returning to Cincinnati. We will look into a bus from Lexington to Cincy if the numbers warrant. The price for this trip is the best we have ever had for what is included. Don't miss out on this one. I will show the DVD from Fantasy Island at this meeting.



Dan stowing the gear and ready to cast off

DALE HOLLOW TRIP REPORT

Once again, the Dive Club held its now annual Dale Hollow dive trip. We had a total of 12 persons to brave the 100-degree temperatures. Actually, it wasn't that bad. The water temperature at 30' was below 60-degrees. All had fun. Thanks to Ralph for bringing his boat for Saturday and to Rick for driving the pontoon boat. I know the kids and adults had fun on my Seadoo. The 30' pontoon was a great boat for diving and having fun. It had plenty of room for the gear and had a deck on top with a slide. The people that asked for cheap trips for the club, it is time for you to step up. The persons on this trip were mostly the ones that dive

anywhere, no matter the cost. Everyone one had plenty of notice for this trip. Lets all try to support our lake trips. Let's try to have a better turn out for the Laurel lake dive. □

Safety Corner

By Rick Stephan



Note: You know that cool red and white design on the BGDC license plate? Do you remember what it means? This month's article provides a cautionary tale of safety and what it can mean in only 7 feet of water. The first part is a reprint of an article in the Palm Beach Post about a diver hit by a boat propeller. I'm sure as you read through it; you will see numerous potential problems with the dive 'plan'. Luckily, the diver is recovering, with only minor injuries.

We sometimes have a tendency to try to 'just get by' since we are experienced divers, or are close to shore, or any other of a number of excuses. I even remember years ago at Dale Hollow, when a boat came right up on top of the divers, who were towing a flag. When then came up, several feet away and asked what the boater was doing, the clueless captain said, "I saw this red thing moving around and came over to see what it was." Needless to say, he got a lesson that day. Having the diver down flag on a float may or may not have saved the diver in the story his experience, but it is easy enough to see that a little prevention could avoid a lot of hurt.

Also, while most of us recognize the 'diver down' flag, it is interesting to know that federal law doesn't recognize it. (Insert your own government joke here!) They recognize the international 'Alpha' flag design. More info on this is shown at the end of this article.

Dive Flag Safety

'My scuba tank exploded' says diver hit by boat

By Deana Poole

PALM BEACH, Florida (16 July 2005) -- Wesley Scott Murphy remembers hearing the boat. He remembers knowing he only had a second. He remembers ducking and the boat's propeller hitting his oxygen tank.

"All I know is my tank exploded," he said from his hospital room Saturday night. "I can't remember much after that."

Safety Corner Cont.

The 35-year-old man from Houston was hit by a 32-foot SeaVee named Makin' Time, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which is investigating. Murphy, in Florida working on the Downtown at the Gardens retail construction project in Palm Beach Gardens, had no broken bones and was in good condition at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach on Saturday night. He was taken by Trauma Hawk to the hospital.

At 3:30 p.m., Murphy was scuba diving with two co-workers at a popular spot: the waters off The Breakers resort in Palm Beach. He was out about 30 to 40 minutes, about 100 to 150 yards offshore, in water 7 feet deep, when the accident occurred, he said. He was separated from his friends, who were snorkeling, officials said. The occupants of the boat, who weren't identified Saturday, turned around and helped take Murphy to shore near the hotel, said Willie Puz, spokesman for the wildlife conservation commission. It's not clear whether they will face charges.



Laura and Barb, I think everyone had a turn on the Seadoo

Palm Beach Police Capt. Keith Robinson said Murphy had bruises and back pain. The U.S. Coast Guard, responding to initial reports of two people missing, also had dispatched a helicopter and two boats to the scene.

"I was told there was a diving point out there," Murphy said. "We went out to check it out." Investigators are trying to determine whether a diver-down flag was displayed. State law requires scuba divers and snorkelers to display a red flag with a white diagonal stripe whenever in the water.

Boaters are required to make reasonable attempts to stay 300 feet away from the flags in open waters.

Divers and snorkelers are supposed to stay within 300 feet of their flags. Puz encouraged boaters to

stay alert and divers to display the diver-down flag. "Some people think that they're close to shore and it doesn't pertain to them," Puz said. "But it is necessary."



Laine, Doug and Autumn as they head out to Table Top

Editor's Note: Your dive club has procured both a towable floating flag and a separate mountable flag (for a boat mast or other display means). They should be brought along on any and all local dive trips, and are available for borrowing if you'd like to use them for your own personal trips. Just let someone from the EC know about it. (Another service from your BGDC!!!)

A Little Dive Flag refresher....



The "Diver Down" flag is the most widely recognized diving flag. The flag should be at least 12x12 and flown at least 3 feet above the surface. Boaters should stay at least 300 feet from the flag. Although the "Diver Down" flag is the most widely recognized, federal law stipulates that the international "Alpha" flag must be flown when diving.



The International "Alpha" flag is mandated as the federal diver down flag. Federal law stipulates that the "Alpha" be flown when diving. Failure to do so may result in the loss of legal rights and/or courses of action against boaters in the event of an accident. Divers are encouraged to fly both the well-known "Diver Down" flag and the "Alpha" flag when diving to help prevent accidents that involve boaters. □



Remember, safe diving is fun!

From the Secretary

By George Fleischmann



General Meeting Minutes 7/12/05

The 7:30pm regular meeting held on 7/12/05 was attended by 25 folks.

Kit gave the treasurer's report and it was approved. Doug reviewed future trip plans. Details are available on the web site.

Two videos were shown from Doug's recent trip to the Sea of Cortez. The first was a 12 min video of 35 - 40 ft whale sharks and the second was a 30 min video of diving with seals and other marine life.



Richie leading the way, with Dad far behind

EC Meeting 7/25/05

The 7:30pm meeting was attended by Mark, Kit, Rick, Doug, John, Mike and myself.

Mark called the meeting to order. Kit presented the treasures report for approval and it was. Doug reported on the success of the Dale Hollow trip and plans for the Laurel Lake trip were discussed. The dive trip schedule for the next year was reviewed. See the web site for trip details. □



Bubble watchers Barbara and Laura still enjoyed the day on the water



Smores anyone?

From the Dive Committee

DOUG GEDDES-CHAIR, RALPH COVINGTON, JOHN GEDDES, SHARON PALMISANO, DAN MILLER AND LYNN WALTERS

LAURAL LAKE DIVE

By John Geddes

This dive is set for August 27th and the 28th. We have one 25 feet pontoon ready to go for Saturday and Sunday from The Holly Bay Marina and plan to debark at 10 AM. This is only 75 miles from Lexington down I-75 to exit 38 at London to Highway 192 West. Turn south on Highway 1193 and follow the signs to Holly Bay Recreation Area and Marina.

People have asked for cheap dive trip and you can't do better than this. Campsites for tents are \$8.00 a night and we share the gas for the pontoon, you can beat that!! I will be camping out with my girls again Saturday night.

You can call me at 223-7926 or sign-up at the meeting or on the web site, but please plan ahead. Since I am the coordinator I would like to work things out so everyone wishing to go has a spot on the pontoon. The 25 footers only hold 10 people and if we don't have enough people taking their boats, we may need to rent another pontoon. As of this writing, I am working on air supply for down there. □

Even had a little time for Nature watching



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Captain Rick at the Helm, Dale Hollow 05

Bluegrass Dive Club 2005 Calendar

August

9, Tuesday	Dive Club Meeting
13, Saturday	Club Pig Roast
27, Saturday	Laurel Lake
30, Tuesday	E.C. Meeting

September

2, Friday	Newsletter Deadline 11pm
13, Tuesday	Dive Club Meeting
17, Saturday	Cumberland Lake
27, Tuesday	E.C. Meeting
30, Friday	Newsletter Deadline 11pm



There was a deer in the background as Ralph's chowing down

October

11, Tuesday	Club Dinner / Meeting
22, Saturday	Bonne Terre, MO
25, Tuesday	E.C. Meeting
28, Friday	Newsletter Deadline 11pm



Laine and Doug, I think this was the only time he was on it

November

8, Tuesday	Dinner Meeting (Elections)
29, Tuesday	E.C. Meeting

December

2, Friday	Newsletter Deadline 11pm
18, Saturday	Club Christmas Party
30, Friday	Newsletter Deadline 11pm



Doug, Richie and Rick chowing down at Laine's Dog House Cafe