



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

March 2008

March 26th, 2008

Social starts at 7pm - Meeting at 7:30pm

General Meeting : Dennis Camp\ DAN DVD "I may be bent; now what do I do?" It emphasizes that the symptoms of DCI are similar to other medical conditions, such as a heart attack or upset stomach, so only a physician is qualified to make a diagnosis. The diver has three responsibilities, come to the meeting to learn what they are.

Last month: John Thomas gave us very positive and educational report on the Ridley Turtle in Texas and the Caribbean. If you were not there you miss a really good program.

The BAD Calendar

March, 2008

- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 26 BAD General Membership Meeting

April, 2008

- 6 **Twin Lakes Lake Dive**
- 8 BAD BOD Meeting
- 14 **Space City Ski Club—Sports and Social Clubs Expo**
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting

May, 2008

- 6 BAD BOD Meeting
- 28 BAD General Membership Meeting

June, 2008

- 3 BAD BOD Meeting
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting

July, 2008

- 8 BAD BOD Meeting
- 11-20 **Raja Ampats, Indonesia—Dennis Camp**
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting

August, 2008

- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 27 BAD General Membership Meet

Have an event you want to lead, contact the Board for more details





March



Richard Abel	06
Michelle Tetley	06
Shelby Roquemore	08
Tyler Polaha	10
Sandee Roquemore	12
Rolland Gray	13
Anthony Berry	14
Justin Parrott	16
Gloria Pechacek	18
Bill Clayton	20
RobbieWidaman	21
Roger Hoestenbach,	24
George Young	31



COME VISIT and DIVE WITH YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS

Bay Area Divers meet at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Road 1 at 7:30 pm the last Wednesday of each month (except December).
GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

B.A.D. Board of Directors meet at 'Teahouse' is between Valdos & Boondoggles located at 4106 NASA Rd 1 in Seabrook. on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

All members are welcome.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: *Jim Delane*

The weather is starting to turn warm again which means it is time to start thinking about

The first scheduled lake dive is for Sunday, April 6. Weather permitting, I will be dragging the pit to Twin Lakes and we can all blow bubbles. I will be bringing my extra tanks, regulator's and stuff. So if you are lacking equipment, you do not really have an excuse not to come out and play. All I ask is that you be careful, dive with a buddy and refill my tank before you leave. They have a fill station on site. Twin Lakes is located in Manvel and directions can be found on our website at <http://bayareadivers.org/map-directions-twin-lakes-manvel-texas.htm> I will be bringing some chicken to throw on the smoker. If you want to bring something to share – please do. Also, bring something to drink. Remember...hydrate... hydrate!

Rumor has it that Twin Lakes has sprung a leak and is losing water. We will just have to go out and see....

We have finalized the proposed Bay Area Budget for 2008. You can go to <http://bayareadivers.org/budget2008.htm> and view it.

At the last meeting, Jim Jenkins brought a big, ole pot of stew. Y'all missed it if you were not there. Thanks Jim!! At the BOD meeting, we thought that food was a good idea. The BOD added a budget of \$20 per meeting. However, if people just want to donate some food for the meeting, that would be real nice. I will be bringing Hotdogs for the March meeting. Ja Van will be bring food for the April

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Meeting, Please get with Ja Van to sign up list for food. Also, if you get a last minute whim to bring cookies, cake or whatever.... Bring it on.

I have been the Chairperson for the Flea Market for the past few years. One of the most common comments I have got from vendors and attendees is that they think of a 'Flea Market' that it infers that there is a lot of used, old junk for sale. In fact, the majority of the stuff there is high, quality new equipment offered by the dive shops. We have discussed re-branding the Flea Market to reflect this reality.

Also, the event brings out hundreds of divers. It is one of the few times that so many divers congregate in one spot for a common purpose. SeaSpace is gone. They were a wonderful outlet and opportunity for groups and conservation organizations to interface with the diving public. To that end, I have proposed that we start doing presentations at the event. Every month, we have a guest speaker. At the event, we generally have all of our speakers there represented and more. They have a message. We have the people. It seems like a good fit.

What the BOD of Directors would like to do is get suggestions for a new name. Dennis Camp has volunteered to do a contest to give the membership an opportunity to come up with a new name. We are rapidly running out of time. Do to scheduling issues, the event has been moved to Saturday, September 20th instead of the usual 2nd week in October. That means that we need to have the name decided upon by June 1st so we can send out the table applications to the Vendors. We have about 5 weeks. If you have a name suggestion, please email it to Dennis Camp at dcamp@hibex.com

I want to thank Harold Strege. I had talked about the Presentations at the event and he has volunteered to help in that effort. I need help with the event in areas like food and beverage, personnel, vendors, mail outs and marketing. Please contact me at jimdelane@gmail.com to let me know you can help. Of course, we will need lots of volunteers on the day of the event.

Like I said – it is starting to warm up. I hope to have at least one dive event each month and other non-diving group activities periodically. I hope to get a section of the website up which posts dive trips offered by the local dive shops and a section that posts the dive class schedules offered by shops and dive instructors. We have a lot of people that go to our website for information. I think it would be nice to be able to provide information about classes and trips offered throughout Houston and elsewhere. The more we know about what dive opportunities we have – the more diving we can do!!!

Jim Delane

Members & Guests

Members — Now is the time to renew your membership.



Kyle Stephens

Kyle Stephens.....He started diving in 2006, "for the babes".....but officially Kyle's reason he started diving he wanted to learn to dive "because it sounded like fun!" Kyle joined BAD in the summer of 2007 so he could spend time with other divers, and of course.....so he could DIVE MORE!~ Kyle has 5 children who he enjoys spending time with. His favorite spot to dive is Cozumel and he is currently volunteering at Moody Gardens as a diver. His favorite thing about diving is "the view"! And Kyle is the 2008 Vice-President of BAD and he is looking forward to getting to know all the past and new members of the club.

BAD BOARD (BOD) MEETING

Meetings ARE OPEN TO All, so come on out and join us for our next meeting **TUESDAY, April 8, 2008** at 7:00 PM at the 'Teahouse' which is between Valdos and Boondoggles located at 4106 NASA Rd 1 in Seabrook. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we appreciate **every-one's participation and your input**. Come earlier if you would like to eat and visit with some of us prior to the meeting.

Illness in Club



Verna Shannon needs your prayers, she is having additional heart problems.

Rowe Henry's brother has been ill. Please keep the Henry boys in your prayers.



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Baileys Irish Cream Cake



YELLOW CAKE

- 4 cups Flour
- 2 cups Sugar
- 1 Tbsp., Plus 2 tsp. Baking Powder
- 2 tsp. Salt
- 2/3 cup Shortening
- 1 1/3 cups Baileys Irish Cream
- 2/3 cup Milk
- 2 Eggs
- 2 tsp. Vanilla extract

BAILEYS SWIRL

- 8 oz. Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 Tbsp. Butter or Margarine
- 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- 1 lb. Powdered Sugar
- 1/4 cup Baileys Irish Cream
- 1 pkg. White Chocolate Chips

BAILEYS GLAZE

- 3/4 cup Baileys Irish Cream
- 1 cup Powdered Sugar

Yellow Cake:

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour a 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan, and a 6 x 9 x 2 inch pan, or whatever combination of pans that will hold 1 1/2 times the amount that a 13 x 9 x 2 pan holds.
2. Mix the flour with the salt and baking powder. Mix the Baileys with the milk.
3. Using electric mixer, cream the shortening with the sugar. Add the egg and vanilla, and beat well. Add the flour mixture, alternately with the Baileys and milk mixture. Beat for 2 minutes.
4. Pour half of the cake batter into the prepared pans, drop large spoonfuls of the Baileys Swirl (recipe below) into the pans alternately with large spoonfuls of the cake batter. Swirl with knife or fork to get a marbled effect.
5. Bake about 25-35 minutes, or until surface springs back when lightly pressed with fingertip.
6. Let cool, then spread with Baileys glaze (recipe below).

Baileys Swirl

1. With electric mixer, beat cheese with butter and vanilla until creamy.
2. Add the confectioners sugar; beat until light and fluffy.
3. Stir in the Baileys and white chocolate, and mix well.

Baileys glaze:

Mix 3/4 cup Baileys with 1 cup of the powdered sugar. Add more Baileys if the glaze is too thick; add more sugar if the glaze is too thin. Add more Baileys and sugar if there isn't enough glaze.

Diving News

Space City Ski Club SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUBS EXPO

April 14, 2008

6:30 p.m. at Vargo's - 2401 Fondren (just north of Westheimer), Houston, Texas 77063

Our goal this evening is to introduce you to some of the events and clubs available for the active and adventurous spirit.

Sports and social groups ranging from dancing to diving will be represented.

Check out what these groups have to offer.

Ask questions, pick up newsletters, flyers, trip information, activity information, and learn much more about the groups in attendance. Maybe you will find a new VOLUNTEER opportunity, meet some new friends, and have FUN!

www.spacecityskiclub.org

<http://www.spacecityskiclub.org/Expoadforwebsite2008.htm>

21 Dolphins Found Dead on Texas Beaches

By HARVEY RICE

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Sent in by Jim Ward

March 4, 2008, 3:52PM GALVESTON - After 20 dead dolphins washed ashore on Southeast Texas beaches, officials are trying to determine their cause of death.

Of the 12 dolphins found early yesterday, six were newborns, three were about a year old and three were adults. That's according to Kim Amendola, a communication specialist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fisheries division.

Eight more dolphins washed up later in the afternoon. She did not have their ages.

Officials said that last year, about 70 dead dolphins washed up between Sabine Pass and Galveston in March. Amendola says that biologists couldn't find a cause of those deaths because the dolphins were so badly decomposed.

She urged anyone finding a dolphin body to phone the stranding network immediately so that a necropsy, or animal autopsy, can be done to preserve organs for further examination. To report a stranded dolphin, phone 409-942-7034.

To read more: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/headline/metro/5589850.html>

Oceanic Wilderness

Sent in by Dennis Camp

Mysteries of the Silent Deep. This new book by **Roger Steene** is among the best book of underwater photographs ever published. He has captured unique behaviors of unique creatures - like a harlequin shrimp devouring a sea star -- with an unprecedented level of color and camouflage. Steene has a scientific eye that goes far beyond most professional photographs, which results in an endless array of surprising and stunning shots. More than 500 images fill the 340 pages of this oversized coffee-table book. A must for your library.

Diver Dies From Shark Bite in the Bahamas

Sent in by Dennis Camp

By now, you have surely read about 49-year-old Austrian Markus Groh who died from a shark bite during a Bahamas shark-diving liveaboard trip with Jim Abernathy's Scuba Adventures. For years, Abernathy has been offering cage-free dives with hammerheads, tiger and bull sharks that Abernathy attract with chum. *Under-current* will write more about this in the April issue, but the question of liability will be a big one. Apparently, Groh signed a standard waiver releasing Abernathy from liability - the kind we divers hate to sign. While waivers have held up well in court, with the high profile of this death, expect an all-out attack on the waiver's validity. In a letter last year from the Bahamas Dive Association, all companies operating in Bahamas waters were told to cease and desist open-water, non-cage shark diving with potentially dangerous sharks. Neal Watson, the association's president, confirmed the letter was targeted at Abernathy's company, which was viewed as an "accident waiting to happen". Abernathy has refused to comply.

Google Finds New Reefs

Sent in by Dennis Camp

The computer tool Google Earth was responsible for the discovery of rare fringing coral reefs in Western Australia's remote Kimberly region. Chris Simpson, a coral reef specialist at West Australia's Department of Conservation, was viewing Google Earth satellite pictures of the Kimberly on his PC and spotted the never-before-seen reefs. Fringing coral reefs are rare and found only in a few places like the Red Sea, Madagascar and Western Australia's Ningaloo Marine Park. Simpson's discovery now makes the Kimberly a better candidate for marine park status.

Deadline for article submission for next month is: **April 6th, 2008** E-Mail aladyfish@verizon.net

Diving News Big Fish - What Size Pot?

World's First Six-legged Octopus Discovered

By CNN's Saeed Ahmed
Sent in by Jim Ward



(CNN) -- English marine experts have laid their hands on an octopus that's missing two of its own: a six-limbed creature that they have dubbed 'hexapus.' art.hexapus.jpg

Henry the 'hexapus' photographed by staff at Blackpool's Sea Life Centre, in northwest England.

Ordinarily, octopodes have eight arms and legs. And should they lose one or more in an accident, they can grow the limbs back.

Which is what makes 'Henry' -- as staffers at Blackpool Sea Life Centre in northwest England have dubbed their find -- so unique. His missing limbs stem from a birth defect. "If you look closer between the legs, there's webbing that attaches each of the arms together," John Filmer of the Sea Life Centre told CNN Tuesday. "You'd assume if he'd lost one of his legs in an accident, there would be space for an arm to grow back.

To read more: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/TECH/03/04/octopus.uk/index.html>

Scientists spot white killer whale off Alaska

Sent in by Jim Ward



ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) -- The white killer whale spotted in Alaska's Aleutian Islands sent researchers and the ship's crew scrambling for their cameras.

A rare white killer whale was spotted by federal scientists in late February off Alaska. The nearly mythic creature was real after all.

"I had heard about this whale, but we had never been able to find it," said Holly Fearnbach, a research biologist with the National Marine Mammal Laboratory in Seattle who photographed the rarity. "It was quite neat to find it."

Fearnbach said the white whale stood out. "When you first looked at it, it was very white," she said Thursday.

Further observation showed that while the whale's saddle area was white, other parts of its body had a subtle yellowish or brownish color.

The whale appeared to be a healthy, adult male about 25 to 30 feet long and weighing upward of 10,000 pounds.

To read more: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/TECH/science/03/07/white.killer.whale.ap/index.html>

Sent in by Rodney Dwire

THIBODAUX, La.—A medical student who blindfolds his friends to keep his favorite offshore fishing spot secret has come up with a record-beating fish—a Warsaw grouper weighing 359.1 pounds.



The giant hauled in by J.J. Tabor of Thibodaux is 12 ounces above the previous Louisiana state record, a state biologist confirmed.

It's been cut down to fillets. The first fillet weighed 53 pounds, Tabor said.

He caught it near an oil rig 70 miles south of Fourchon, in 400 feet of water. He won't give a more specific description.

'It's J.J.'s secret,' said Joey Rodrigue, a friend from Baton Rouge who joined Tabor and Tabor's father, John, on the record-making trip Saturday. 'I don't even know where I am.'

Tabor said he thought at first that his hook with a live hardtail on it had hit the bottom 'until I felt the big head shake.'

Rodrigue steered away from the rig.

'I put myself in a harness and just had to lay back and fight,' J.J. Tabor said. 'It was about a 15 or 20 minute fight.'

Tabor cleaned the fish late Monday afternoon outside his father's auto repair shop in Thibodaux. 'We'll split it up,' he said. 'I'll make some phone calls and try to get rid of it fresh. The rest, we'll vacuum pack it and cook it later.'

Tabor says he believes the fish is about 33 years old. He plans to send an inner-ear bone called the otolith to a university in Florida where researchers can help determine the age of the fish. He hopes to get the results in about four weeks.

The world record, caught off Florida in 1985, is 436 pounds 12 ounces.

Trips and Activities

Rebecca Jacobs Trips

Next Scuba Classes

Flower Gardens March 29/30
 Cozumel May 25 - June 1st 2008
 Belize, Belize Aggressor June 7 – 14 2008
 Flower Gardens June 14/15
 Cozumel June 25-29 2008
 Cozumel Sept 3-4 2008
 Bonaire Nov 23-30 2008

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Dennis Camp Trips

2008 LOCATION

July 11-July 20 2008
 (plus Travel days)

Raja Ampats, Indonesia
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Friday, April, 2008 6:00p-10:00p Lecture Chapter 1 &
 2 Clear Lake/Nasa area

Saturday, April, 2008 8:00a-Noon Knowledge Reviews &
 Tests Chapters 1 & 2, Lecture Chapters 3 & 4 Clear Lake/
 Nasa area

Saturday, April, 2008 1:00p-6:30p POOL all scuba gear
 required Area Pool

Sunday, April, 2008 8:00a-3:30 Knowledge Reviews &
 Tests Chapters 3, 4, & 5 and the Final Exam Clear Lake/
 Nasa area

Saturday, April, 2008 9:00a-5:00p Open Water Certification
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CoCoView Resort Trip October 18-25, 2008

By Captain Randy

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Roatan, Bay Island Honduras **October 18-25, 2008**. The trip includes round trip airfare from Houston IAH airport, transfers to and from the resort, 7 nights lodging and 6 days of diving, welcome drink, 3 meals a day, a BBQ picnic on the cay weather permitting, 2 boat trips per day with each boat trip having 2 dives each, unlimited beach diving day or night. We have 6 Ocean Front A/C rooms and 1 Cabana A/C room reserved. Not included in the price is Roatans departure tax of \$32.32, tips, your bar tab, land tours, and gifts for the folks back home. We will soon have a flyer out on the BAD web page www.bayareadivers.org so check it out under "events". For further info call **Randy Widaman 281-338-8808 home/fax or 832-264-8047 cell**. My email address is cap10randy@comcast.net. You can also check out CoCoView's web page at www.cocoviewresort.com I have been to a lot of places diving and I honesty have to say this is the best, so come join me for a fun filled week of great diving and relaxation.

FLOWER GARDENS

The FLOWER GARDENS –
April: 5,6—12,13—19,20—26,27
August : 3—21-24
September: 7—8-10—12-14—
15-17—20,21—27,28
October : 5—11,12—18,19



The Dry Tortugas – May: 24-28
June: 11-14—17-21 **Tri-Mix Deep**

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What is It?

Remember this picture?

Thank you !

Deborah Dale

Lookdowns



New picture!

*Sent in by
Randy Widaman*



Please email me at aladyfish@verizon.net with your answers. The winner will have their name and information in the newsletter next month.

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