



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

June, 2010

June 30th, 2010 - General Meeting

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

Mario's Flying Pizza & Italian Restaurant
618 West NASA Rd. 1, Webster, TX

**Speaker of the Month — Tom Anderson from
Island Divers in Galveston**

will be our presenter at our membership meeting at Mario's Restaurant in Webster. Tom will be talking to us about the thrills and world of technical diving and rebreathers. He will be bringing some great door prizes and entertaining us with his adventures.

Come out for a good time.

The BAD Calendar

June

- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 12 **BBQ at Wendy Whitehouse's Home** — Weinberger@kirbycorp.com
- 23-27 **Rebecca Jacobs Cozumel Trip**
- 26 **Texas Clipper Diving, South Padre Island** – Contact: Mei-Hwa Ferguson at mwferguson12@sbcglobal.net
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting — Tom Anderson from Island Divers

July

- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 23-25 **Blue Lagoon — Camping and Diving**
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting

August

- 3 BAD BOD Meeting
- 2-8 **Bill Jones Cozumel Trip-SOLD OUT**
- 21 **Windy Point at Lake Travis in Austin** — Camping & Diving – Contact: Neil Lowrey
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting

September

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 29 BAD General Membership Meeting

WEBSITE: www.bayareadivers.org

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



June



Stephanie McGuire	4
Travis Johnston	9
Jacob Gutierrez	11
Stephen Ferguson	16
Christine Zamora	19
Tami Thomas	22
Rowe Henry	24
Bess Bright	29
Paul Hanagriff	29

COME VISIT and DIVE WITH YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS

Bay Area Divers meet at **Mario's** 618 W NASA Rd 1, Webster, TX 77598 at 7:30 pm the last Wednesday of each month (except December).
GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

B.A.D. Board of Directors meeting at **Don Julio's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina**, 2900 East NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586. Which is between Kirby Blvd. and Hwy 146. on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. **All members are welcome.**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Christie Zamora Emerson

You've got to love summer with swimming, diving, cookouts and sun! Join us for some diving and good friends at Twin Lakes on June 26th. We will be meeting at the lake around noon and sharing some food, laughs and bubbles! That same weekend you can go with BAD members to dive on the Texas Clipper in South Padre. Mei Hwa Ferguson is heading up the trip, and it looks to be exiting.

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In July, we are camping at Blue Lagoon in Huntsville the weekend of the 23-25th. We will be doing some diving and cooking and also having an Underwater Night Glow Scavenger Hunt for some fun prizes.

The weekend of August 21st, Neil Lowrey is leading a trip to Windy Point at Lake Travis in Austin for camping and diving. If you have never dove Windy Point, you will have a great time. Bring some hot dogs or vienna sausages to feed the "perchana". Huge schools of fish swarm divers looking for a handout; a great chance to see the local fauna up close!

Our Diver's Market is scheduled for October 9th at Landolt Pavillion in Clear Lake Park. Vendors and

divers from several states will be there looking for great deals and door prizes. David Romano, board member, dive master, and culinary instructor will be in charge of the grilling for the concession stand! If you have gear that you wish to sell on consignment, BAD members have complimentary use of our table. All volunteers are invited to attend a free barbeque and beer party after the show with special door prizes, and every volunteer will get a gift from the club. Put this date on your calendar, all BAD members get in free!

We have Pay Pal up and running through our website at bayareadivers.org, so if you need to renew you membership, you can do so easily.

Check your emails regularly for updates and evites.

Dive Safe and Dive Often,

Christie

Congratulations!

Jim Delane & Linda Woodward

announced their engagement.

Door Prize Winners

Would like to thank **Ja Van Pruett**
For purchasing your wonderful door prizes
for the May Meeting

BAD BOARD (BOD) MEETING

Meetings ARE OPEN TO ALL, so come on out and join us for our next meeting **TUESDAY, July 6th, 2010** at 7:00 PM at **Don Julio's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina**, 2900 East NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586. Which is between Kirby Blvd. and Hwy 146. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we appreciate **everyone's participation and your input**. Come earlier if you would like to eat and visit with some of us prior to the meeting.

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New Members



New Members - Jonathan Dory, Robert & Ann Glenn, Carol Grunsfeld,

Tina, Jacob Gutierrez & Stephanie McGuire, Kirk Leissner,

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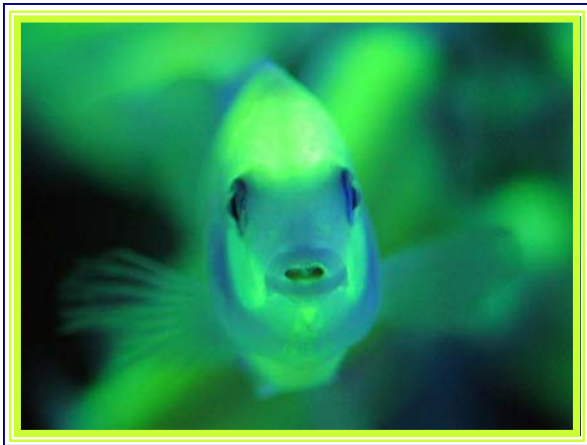
Re-New Members - Elva & Forrest DeVore, Shelby Dill, Kelly & Kai Drinnen,

Mei-Hwa, Melanie, Stephen Ferguson & Nathaniel Newton, Jay Fester, Steven Giesler, Jim, Justin, Tory Jenkins, & Alexis Richardson, Bill Jones, Al Kinnard, Jake, Joel, Max & Mike Beckham & Nanette Skelly, Martell, Robert E. Smith, III., & Robert E. Smith, Jr., Kip Stubbs, Tami, Megan Thomas & Zachary Dykhuizen, Glenn A. Turner, Wendy Whitehouse, Robbie Brewington & Randy Widaman, Linda Woodward, George Young

TEXAS GULF COAST COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Dead Line entry date is June 30th at the TGCC P.O. Box

<http://www.tgccdiving.org/forms/TGCC%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>



Fluoro Fish

Sent in by Jim Ward

An aquarium fish -- a convict cichlid, also known as the zebra cichlid -- that has been transgenically modified to glow in the dark. A whole school of the glow-in-the-dark fish, which were modified using genes from a deep water jellyfish, were presented by Taiwan's Council of Agriculture at a press conference on Friday in Taipei. Taiwan exports ornamental fish to more than 20 countries worldwide and in the past, scientists there have also bred glowing pigs.

CLUB LOGO MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Are you thinking about replacing your Club Shirt, or are you a New Member and would like to have a "BAD" Logo shirt to wear just for fun?

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- Zippered Sweat Shirt \$22 ea
- Short Sleeve Button Down Dress Shirt \$27 ea
- Long Sleeve Button Down Dress Shirt \$29 ea

*Prices slightly higher for XX & XXX sizes

- New Items - Tee-Shirts\$12 ea
- Bumper Stickers.....\$ 1 ea or 3 for \$2.00

(The Tee's have an Angel Fish Photo on the Front and the BAD Dive Flag on the Back)

See me about the possibility of putting your favorite photo on the front. Available in all sizes.

I also have catalogs with of lots of other items you can purchase. Another item that we have available is "BAD" Logo patches. You can sew these on a jacket or bag that you already have.

If you are interested in any of these items, see me at the next club meeting or you can contact me, by e-mail **Christi Zamora**: crazamora@earthlink.net.

Display your club logo with pride; it's **GOOD TO BE "BAD"**.

Dead sperm whale found south of Gulf oil spill site; unclear if killed by spill

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Sent in by Jim Ward



NEW ORLEANS -- A dead sperm whale has been found floating 77 miles south of the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

According to a news release, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is conducting tests to determine the circumstance around the whale's death. It wasn't known if exposure to oil caused the animal's death.

The whale was found Tuesday but its condition suggests it may have been dead for several days or more than a week.

It's the first dead whale that's been found since an oil rig exploded and sank in the Gulf in April, killing 11 workers. The whale wasn't found in oiled water but the location of its death is unknown. NOAA marine mammal experts are working to determine the location from which the whale's body may have drifted.



This sperm whale, seen swimming just under the surface of the Caribbean, was photographed last year.

Florida Marine Lab Tags Two Whale Sharks;

'Unusual To Be Able To Tag Them Here Off The Florida Coast'

Underwatertimes.com News Service

May 28, 2010 19:20 EST



Dr. Robert Hueter (in white shirt) and Jack Morris, swim near a whale shark to check the satellite tag. Photo by Kim Hull/Mote Marine Laboratory.

SARASOTA, Florida -- Friday brought an unexpected surprise visit to the waters off Sarasota: two whale sharks cruising just offshore. Each was more than 20 feet long. The visit offered a rare opportunity for Mote Marine Laboratory scientists to outfit the sharks with satellite tags.

Capt. Brian Marcey of BreakWater Charters had a full boat of anglers Friday morning about 10 miles offshore when he spotted something in the water. After he realized he was looking at two whale sharks, he called Mote.

"I was just in the tower of my boat looking for fish, when I saw a disturbance in the water," he said. "I kept watching and it turned out to be two whale sharks. None of my clients had ever encountered anything like that before. They had a blast."

After Mote Capt. Dean Dougherty got Marcey's call, he alerted Dr. Robert Hueter, director of Mote's Center for Shark Research. Hueter quickly pulled together a team to tag and record the sharks' visit. One of the tagged sharks was a mature male about 25 feet long; the second was a female about 23 feet long.

"It's not really unusual to have whale sharks in the Gulf of Mexico," Hueter said. "But it is unusual to be able to tag them here off the Florida coast."

Hueter has been studying whale sharks off Isla Holbox in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula since 2003. The sharks gather there annually in the hundreds to feed on plankton. Using satellite tags, he has recorded the sharks' deep dives - about a mile - and some of the great distances they travel - one shark Hueter tagged traveled nearly 5,000 miles.

Now, with these two sharks tagged, Hueter can learn more about the movement patterns of the sharks that visit the eastern Gulf of Mexico. One tag, called a Smart Position or Temperature transmitting tag, or SPOT, will

BAD is on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#/group.php?gid=136087653245&ref=ts>

Thank you

At our last General Meeting:

Wednesday - May 28th, 2010

Tim Lloyd with The Harris County Sherriff's Department Dive Team thrilled us with tales of exploits and insight into the world of search and recovery.

He is the only instructor in Texas certified in teaching the Full Face Mask course.

Florida Marine Lab (Continued)

immediately begin transmitting the shark's location information to Hueter back in the lab. The second, called a Pop-up Archival Transmitting tag, or PAT, will record the shark's movements over the next 90 days. At that point, it will detach from the shark, float to the surface and beam its information to a satellite that will, in turn, beam it back to Hueter.

Read more: http://www.underwatertimes.com/news.php?article_id=92837614100

With the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, it will be especially important to see where the sharks go, Hueter said. "Whale sharks are essentially filter feeders that eat plankton," he said. "Oftentimes, that means they will feed at the surface where the plankton is floating. Unfortunately, right now, oil also happens to be floating on the surface of the Gulf of Mexico. Will the sharks stay away from the spill? We just don't know. And because they're deep divers, they could also encounter underwater plumes of oil and oil dispersants."

New Species of Goby Discovered, REEF Data Support the Research

By Christy Pattengill-Semmens, REEF Director of Science, adapted from Benjamin Victor's publication

Long-time REEF supporters, Les and Keri Wilk of [ReefNet](#), recently discovered and photographed a distinctively marked population of the Greenbanded Goby, *Elacatinus multifasciatus*, on the island of Utila, Honduras. The population was distinguished by a prominent red stripe across the cheek that is not found on other populations of Greenbanded Gobies, as well as more numerous green bars on the body. The Wilks contacted Dr. Benjamin Victor (coralreeffish.com), a reef fish taxonomic expert, who conducted a regional genetic comparison of Greenbanded Gobies to evaluate hidden diversity within this colorful and cryptic reef fish. As part of the study, the REEF database was used...

Read more... <http://www.reef.org/node/3927#node-3924>

Dive Trip

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For Detailed Information, Contact:

Mr.Bill.Jones@comcast.net

BAD now can do PayPal

We're up and running on the web site and can now accept PayPal payments for memberships...

Check it out here:

<http://bayareadivers.org/membership.html>

Many Thanks goes to **Mei-Haw Ferguson, Shelby Dill and Jim McConville**

Trips and Activities

Rebecca Jacobs Trips

FLOWER GARDENS

2010

June 23 - 27 Cozumel

July 3 - 10 Utila Aggressor, Bay Islands Honduras

July 17 - 24 Cozumel

Sept 8 - 12 Cozumel

Oct Kasawari Resort, Lembah Straits Indonesia

Oct 27 - 31 Cozumel

Nov 20 - 27 Bonaire

Contact Rebecca Jacobs
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 281.540.1616

Please visit our web site for details and photos: <http://flowergarden.noaa.gov>.



June 25 — 100th Anniversary of **Jacque Cousteau**



As you commemorate **National Ocean Month, please take a tour of a newly launched NOAA resource: The State of the Coast website <<http://stateofthecoast.noaa.gov/>> provides easy access to short factoids about our nation's coasts, in-depth articles about key topics and interactive data displays. I invite you to "dive in." ***

July — **All Month** — Whale sharks may be sighted in the sanctuary.

- [Learn More](#)
- [Watch Shark Video](#)

5 — **Independence Day Holiday** — Sanctuary offices closed.

10-14 — **Down Under, Out Yonder (DUOY) Educator Workshop, Galveston**

This 5-day workshop, organized and sponsored by the Gulf of Mexico Foundation, is designed to introduce educators to the biology, ecology, and conservation of coral reefs, then take them Scuba diving in the sanctuary for a fins-on experience. For information and application materials visit the [Gulf of Mexico Foundation web site](#).

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Aggregations of small squid may be noticed during coral spawning.

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22 — **Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting, Galveston**

The Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet at the sanctuary offices in Galveston, TX from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A [meeting agenda](#) will be posted online about a week before the meeting. For more information, contact [Jennifer Morgan](#).

The **FLOWER GARDENS** –



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Sent in by Rebecca Jacobs

DiveAroundTexas.com challenges Texas divers to get out and explore some of the great diving that Texas has to offer. Texas is blessed with over 30 different incredible dive spots including rivers, quarries, lakes, and the Gulf of Mexico. DiveAroundTexas.com is about divers going diving in Texas and receiving the chance to win [prizes and awards](#) based on the number of verified dives you have in your Logbook. The more times you dive in Texas, the better your chance to win valuable [prizes and trips](#).

The Program launches [January 1st, 2010](#). Any certified diver is invited to sign up. Sign up is simple. Stop by a [participating dive retailer](#) and get signed up. For a \$25.00 registration fee you will receive an Event T shirt. Upon your completion of the Challenge you will receive one ticket to the lunch at the Awards Recognition Day in San Marcos on [Sunday, October 3rd, 2010](#).

The [rules](#) are simple. Get with your dive buddies and dive a minimum of 12 times in at least 4 different dive locations in Texas. See the Texas Parks and Wildlife brochure: 'Scuba Diving in Texas' for ideas on where to go. After each dive around Texas, stop by your [participating dive retailer](#) and have him verify your dive in your personal logbook with the special 'Dive Around Texas' stamp. Continue to dive in Texas as often as you like, the more times you dive the more 'stickers' you receive for a chance to win [Prizes and Trips](#) at the [Awards Recognition Day on October 3rd](#).

