

NOVEMBER '18 FEATURED...



DEC 15 BAD Anniversary & Christmas Party

It is almost time for our Annual BAD Christmas Party Potluck!

As always, we'll be voting for our Diver of the Year and holding a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Participation in the gift exchange is with a wrapped \$20 water/scuba related gift and a lot of fun.

The Club will provide a ham and our Anniversary Blue Icing Cake.

Date: Saturday, December 15, 2018

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Location: Christie Emerson's Home

____ Louisiana Avenue

League City, TX 77573

*** Please get the house # from Christie or a Board Member***

Please BYOChair, BYOB, bring a dish to share, and a gift if you wish to participate in the Scuba-Style White Elephant Gift Exchange!



SAVE THE DATES!

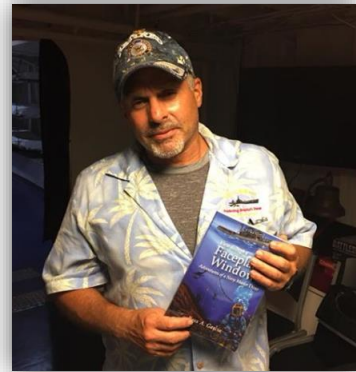
MONTHLY MEETINGS 7PM SOCIAL, 7:30 MTG

Last Wednesday, Jan – Oct
(and 3rd Wed. in November)

GUEST SPEAKER

Our **November** Guest Speaker is Ross Garcia! He grew up in Garland, Texas and was a Detroit Diesel Mechanic working in the marine and off-shore oil field industry in Aransas Pass, Texas. When the oil field work dried up in the late 1980s, Ross joined the U.S. Navy. After his first tour of duty as a Navy Engineman, he attended Second Class Dive School in Coronado, California.

He ascended to top enlisted Navy rank, Master Chief & Master Diver. During his 25



year career he led his Navy Divers and Sailors through dive missions around the world. However, the most important experiences of Master Diver Garcia's Navy career are the social changes Navy Sailors endured during his career that touched four decades. Retired Master Chief, Master Diver Garcia now works as the Ship Superintendent at the Galveston Naval Museum located at Seawolf Park in Galveston.



AUG 31 BAD goes to Coco View Resort
 Event for Bay Area Divers - Hosted by Mei-Hwa Wilson Ferguson

BADies,

Join us as we spend a week diving the second largest barrier reef in the world! Coco View Resort is located on a peninsula off the main island of Roatan, and is only accessible by boat. We'll be diving some amazing walls and reefs in pristine waters. I hope you can come out and play with us at Coco View Resort! See below for trip details. More information about the resort and diving will be shared at upcoming meetings.

2019 Trip!

7 NIGHT ROATAN DIVE TRIP INCLUDES:

Accommodations: Ocean front or over water resort: Accommodations

Meals & Drinks:

Welcome cocktail

3 full meals daily, including arrival dinner, breakfasts to order, daily lunches, daily dinner buffets with salad bar and choice of entrée, and breakfast on departure day (at normal hour).

Airport Transfers: Complimentary

Diving:

Unlimited beach diving, including barrier reef wall diving and the wreck of the Prince Albert

Unlimited night diving from shore

2 boat dive trips daily, each trip including 1 tank at the selected site and an optional drop-off dive on return to the resort, for up to 4 tanks daily from the boat. *Optional all-day and remote destination trips may be offered during the week at an additional cost.

Tanks, belts, and weights

Free Use Of:

- Ocean kayaks
- Internet access

The non-diver package includes all of the above, except the diving.

Optional spa service, tours, day trips, and sightseeing are also available at an extra cost.

*RATES (includes 19% tax)

Ocean View - \$1,475 (single supplement is \$200 plus 19% tax)

Ocean Front - \$1,534 (single supplement is \$200 plus 19% tax)

Over Water and Mango Suite - \$1,594 (single supplement is \$400 plus 19% tax)

Non-divers deduct \$100 from rates listed above

*AIRFARE IS NOT INCLUDED. Depending on the size of our group, I will investigate a group rate with United Airlines.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deposit of \$200 due by January 31, 2019

Final payment of \$1,275 due by June 15, 2019

Payments can be made at monthly meetings or online at BAD PayPal Page. Or ask about setting up a different payment schedule – final payment, however, must be received by June 15, 2019. We are hoping to sign up 12 people by June 15, 2019 to qualify for a \$100 discount per person.

Cancellations:

Deposit of \$200 becomes non-refundable 120 days prior to travel. For

cancellations/reductions:

- 120-91 Days Prior to Travel: \$50 penalty
- 90 Days Prior to Travel: \$100 penalty
- 60 Days: \$150, no refund, balance applied as credit to future travel within 1 calendar year
- 45 Days Prior to Travel: \$250 penalty, no refund, balance applied as credit for travel within 1 calendar year.
- 7-0 Days & No-Shows: no refund, no credit.

Unused portions of land packages are not refundable for any reason, including airline delays, cancellations, weather, or acts of God. We strongly recommend that you purchase trip insurance.

Address questions to trip leader: Mei-Hwa Ferguson @ mwferguson12@sbcglobal.net.

<https://www.cocoviewresort.com/index.php>

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A 2019 BOARD POSITION?

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

2018 BAD President, Gary Fesler,

will introduce the volunteers of this year's nomination committee! This committee is made up of non-board members that will not be up for 2019 election, but will facilitate the process & talk with potential nominees for our future board. If you are interested in running for the BAD Board, please email

info@bayareadivers.org or talk with them (Cindy, Lisa, or Lonnie) before election night!

NOVEMBER ELECTION NIGHT:

During our regularly scheduled November Club Meeting we will vote for our 2019 BAD Board Members. Those positions are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Director
- Communications Director
- 2 Advisor Directors

To learn more about these positions and our BAD Bylaws, please head to our website to see more "Club Info" or ask one of your friendly 2018 BAD Board Members!

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