



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

September, 2010

September 29th, 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 — Dr. Alberto T. Kocurek
practices hyperbaric medicine & undersea medicine in Texas City, Texas. Dr. Kocurek graduated with an MD 21 years ago and will be our valued presenter. We look forward to his expertise in this area.

Come out and visit with friends, make new ones and maybe even win a door prize!

The BAD Calendar

September

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 29 BAD General Membership Meeting

October

- 2 **TrashFest 2010-**
- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
35th Annual SCUBA Divers Market & Expo- Neil Lowery
- 9 **& Expo- Neil Lowery**
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

November

- 2 BAD BOD Meeting
36th ANNIVERSARY PARTY-Randy Widaman
- 13 **Widaman**
- 24 BAD General Membership Meeting
- 26 **Happy Thanksgiving** 

December

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 13 **Toys For The Children**
- 25 **Merry Christmas** 

2011

January

- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 26 BAD General Membership Meeting

WEBSITE: www.bayareadivers.org

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



September



Shelby Dill	3	Al Kinnard	16
Trent Romano	5	Alexis Richardson	16
Meyar Newlin	6	Nanette Skelly	16
Andrew Williams	7	Frank Resch	18
Joe Saldrivar	8	Cory Tyler	20
James Parker	13	Madeleine Barnes	22
Martell Smith	14	Lroi Lieb	25
Robert E. Smith, III	14	John Van Atta	26
Sterling Castillo	14	Michael P. Sheehan	30
Kai Drinnen	15		

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.**

th is **October 10th, 2010** E-Mail caladyfish@yahoo.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: *Christie Zamora Emerson*

It's officially fall and things are still rolling in full swing with Bay Area Divers. We have several fun and exiting events coming up. Trashfest is slated for October 2nd in New Braunfels. We will be cleaning the Comal River and competing for the coveted "Super Scooper" t-shirts in the categories of Most Bottles and Cans, Most Shoes and Sunglasses, Most Aggregate Weight, and Most Unusual Item. The competition begins at 8am. that Saturday morning and goes until 3pm. The Celebration and Barbeque follows at 5pm. at the Fairgrounds with all you can eat and drink \$40,000 worth of door prizes and the awards ceremony. Come out for a great time!

Also, The 35th Annual Bay Area Divers Market is on October 9th at Landolt Pavilion at Clear Lake Park on Nasa Road 1 from 10am. to 4pm. Come out for great deals on dive equipment and visit with environmental groups. We still need volunteers and BAD members get in for free.

November is the time for Board of Director elections, and we need nominations for people to fill all board positions including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Membership Coordinator, and 2 general board positions. Please send nominations to info@bayareadivers.org.

November 13th is our Anniversary Party at The Monument Inn in La Porte (next to the Ferry Landing). We have lots of great door prizes and will be selecting

the Diver of the Year. Tickets are on sale for \$20, a great savings, and can be purchased through Randy Weidaman. So buy tickets early so you get a seat and be thinking of someone who you think has really contributed to the club this year to nominate. If you can write or say a few things to campaign for your candidate, the odds are better for that person winning.

We will also be drawing for our Participation Winner and be awarding big prizes bought with our 50/50 raffle proceeds.

Dive Safe and Dive Often,

Christie Zamora Emerson
BAD President

Congratulations!



Jim & Linda Delane

Were married on
August 28, 2010

And are due to

sail the end of
September



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BAD BOARD (BOD) MEETING

Meetings ARE OPEN TO All, so come on out and join us for our next meeting **TUESDAY, September 7th, 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 - **Robert Briscoe**, **Evelyne Duchemin**, **Kristopher Kohutck**, **Keith and Debbie Russel**,
Mark Shone, **Doreen Wells**

Re-New Members - **Jim Ward**, **Carlos and Kim Saldivar**

Diver of the Month August



Doreen Wells

Doreen Wells – received her Open Water certification from Maximum Scuba in June 2010 and Advanced in August. She just returned from the 9th annual Bill Jones Cozumel trip and had an incredible time. Her other hobbies include bicycling, wine tasting, sailing and traveling.

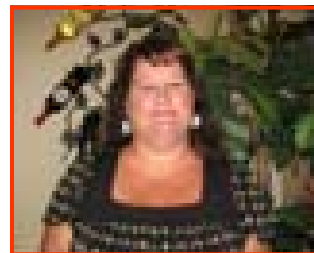
Diver of the Month July



Mark Stone

Mark Stone – New member. Mark, attended his first meeting of BAD and was selected as Diver of the Month. Mark has been diving in Texas and Isla Mujeres. Mark's other hobbies include motorcycling, hunting, sports, and boating.

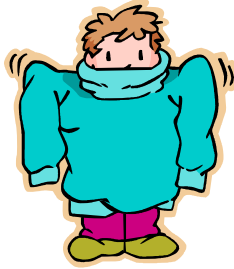
Diver of the Month June



Seldon Crump

Seldon Crump – Seldon started diving in 1990, while living in Costa Rica. She became a dive master and worked for a resort in Drake Bay for over three years. Now back in Alvin, Seldon and her husband have been members of BAD since January 2010.

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?

I am happy to report that I can help you with all of your "BAD" Fashion Needs.

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- BAD Patches \$ 5 ea
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- Long Sleeve Button Down Dress Shirt \$29 ea

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- 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 Emerson:**
crazamora@earthlink.net.

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

TrashFest 2010

Saturday, October 2, 2010
New Braunfels, Texas



It's that time of year again to go play for a good cause in New Braunfels. Bay Area Divers is putting together teams to dive Trashfest in the Comal River in New Braunfels on October 2nd. We put together teams of 8 people, since 2 members have to be on the shore at all times, non-divers are welcome too! This event is lots of fun, and typically the river has great visibility and lots of fish. Trashfest is an event sponsored by the Texas Gulf Coast Council of Divers of which Bay Area Divers is a member. This year there will be around \$40,000.00 of prizes given away to participants at the post clean-up barbeque. The teams compete to win in the categories: Most Bottles and Cans, Most Shoes and Sunglasses, Most Aggregate Weight, and Most Unusual Item.

Registration the day of the event will be from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM, at the Comal County Fairgrounds. The entry fee on the day of the event will be \$80 per team or \$15 per individual. Included in this fee is a participation in the contest, all-you-can-eat (and drink) at the barbeque, and a chance to win prizes at the barbeque. You can stay anywhere you like, but most people take advantage of the Trashfest discount at The Roadway Inn which is \$42 per night this year. The number of rooms is rather limited, so call to make a reservation A.S.A.P. or risk losing out to the 400 other divers expected to attend. We meet at the Fairgrounds in New Braunfels at 8:00am. to get our river assignments and collection bags then head with our teams to the river. If you have someone on your team with a truck or a way to get the trash to the collection point by 3:00, that would be preferable. At 5:00, everyone meets at the Fairgrounds again for the barbeque, winner's ceremony, and prize drawing. Bay Area Divers traditionally volunteers to serve food, and we take turns. We are going to have a great time!

Last year, despite a pretty constant downpour, there were 446 participants registered the most in 12 years and 4,820 pounds of trash was collected.

Plus winning teams took home the coveted "Super Scooper" t-shirts for the most trash collected, the most unusual item found, and more!

<http://www.tgccdiving.org/trashfest/index.html>

35th Annual Scuba Divers Market & Expo Saturday, Oct 9, 2010

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Or visit our website at:
<http://www.bayareadivers.org>, email:
info@bayareadives.org

We need Volunteers to help put on this only fundraiser. All paid members get in for free and can put up to three items on the consignment table for free. All guests and non-members pay \$5 admission. Door Prizes are drawn every hour and new and used items are for sale at great prices. If you are interested in volunteering for a couple of hours at the event, all volunteers get a T-shirt and are invited to attend our after party and barbeque with special door prizes just for the volunteers. Let us know if you need more information on any of these activities. You can sign up at the meeting or Please contact Ja Van Pruett for your assignments caladyfish@yahoo.com or call (979) 549-0995

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Diving News

Deep-sea images reveal colorful life off Indonesia



NOAA Ocean Explorer

This image provided by

NOAA shows a close look one of the many interesting images collected by the Little Hercules ROV during the INDEX 2010 Exploration of the Sangihe Talaud Region off Indonesia in July. Scientists using cutting-edge technology to explore waters off Indonesia were wowed by colorful and diverse images of marine life on the ocean floor - including plate-sized sea spiders and flower-like sponges that appear to be carnivorous ...

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100826/ap_on_sc/as_indonesia_us_ocean_explorers

Shrek fish: Japan's aquatic ogre



Shrek fish? A huge fish that resembles the animated character is discovered off the coast of Japan.

The Asian Sheepshead Wrasse has been nicknamed the 'Shrek' fish, for resembling the animated character.

Happy Belated Birthday

July

Dave Lieb	3
Isaae Saldrivar	3
Ja Van Pruett	5
Bruce Price	9
Kyle Seely	12
Rick Decker	14
James M. Alexander	20
Nathaniel Newton	20
Ann Goulet	25
Chrissy Shank	28

August

Marie "Dusty" Manning	1
Rebecca Jacobs	3
Kip Stubbs	3
John Moseley	8
Jerra Harding	9
Michele Morrison	12
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Anthony Garcia	16
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Dive Trip The Texas Clipper

By Mei-Hwa Ferguson

Bay Area Divers went to Padre Island the weekend of June 25, 2010, for fun on the beach and to dive with American Diving on their "Tons of Steel" dives, which included two dives on the Texas Clipper and a rig dive. **BAD members, Mei-Hwa & Melanie Ferguson, Tom Rigolo, and Tom's three guests, Heather Houk, and Brent and Jennifer Dyer,** met at Amberjacks restaurant for dinner and drinks the evening before our dives. We watched the nightly fireworks display from the patio of Amberjacks. The next morning at 6:00 am, we met at American Diving for a briefing and then on to the dock for an additional briefing with a map of the Texas Clipper before boarding our dive boat, the Diver I. The Texas Clipper is huge! She lies 17 miles off the coast of Padre Island in 137 feet of water. We did two dives to explore the Texas Clipper. It was cold (around 72 degrees), but lots of fun doing the swim throughs and peering into portholes. Also included in the "Tons of Steel" package was a rig dive. Lots of little critters on the rig and barracudas and large angel fish were abundant throughout the dive. We had an added bonus of having the famous photographer, Jessie Cancelmo, on our trip. He was right alongside us taking pictures, but for some reason, his pictures turned out better than mine. To see Jessie's pictures of the Texas Clipper, visit the following link: <http://www.cancelmophoto.com/gallery/main.php/v/South+Padre+Island/>. The Clipper was too big to see in just two dives. We'll have to make another trip to Padre Island see the rest of the ship!

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2046724&id=1439030501&l=db1904c85d>



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-Hwa Ferguson, Shelby Dill and Jim McConville**

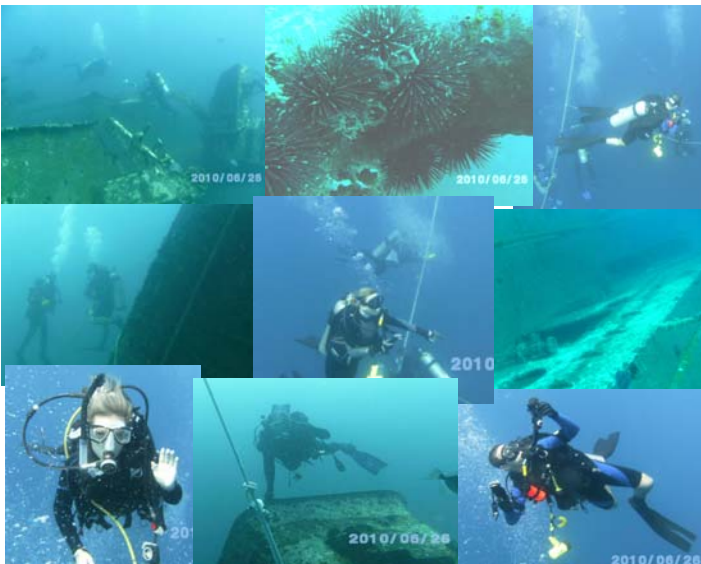
Thank you

At our last General Meeting:

Wednesday - August 25th, 2010

Maria Miller is the Volunteer Coordinator at Moody Gardens

Entertained us with a slide show from regular public's eye and also a behind the scenes look. She also talked about the opportunities to dive with the marine life at the aquarium and other great volunteer possibilities.



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An Oil Rig's Second Scuba-Diving Life

These hotel guests don't mind spartan rooms. They're here for the underwater sights

By **STAN SESSER**

Sent in by Jim Ward

Off Malaysian Borneo

Kiersten Clark
The Seaventures Dive Resort



A onetime oil-drilling rig stands in crystal-clear waters dotted with tiny islands and their lush green hills. But most impressive is what's underwater—an amazing array of coral reefs swarming with hundreds of species of multicolored tropical fish, sea turtles and other aquatic life. The rig has been converted to a hotel for snorkelers and especially for scuba divers.

"The abundance of marine life is the best I've ever seen," with schools of big fish and without pollution or rubbish, said Craig Brown, a British electrical engineer and scuba diver vacationing on the rig for the second time in five weeks. Other divers agreed. (Mr. Brown's job, based in Dubai, involves surveying the seabed for potential oil deposits.)



The rig sits in the Celebes Sea, the part of the Pacific Ocean ringed by the island of Borneo, Indonesia and the Philippines. Getting here involves a flight to Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia; another flight to Tawau, on the east coast of the Malaysian Borneo state of Sabah; an hour's drive and an overnight in the tiny port city of Semporna; then an hour's boat ride to the oil rig, now called Seaventures Dive Resort.

Nearby is Sipadan Island, known to scuba divers around the world for its superlative diving. It made headlines a decade ago when Muslim rebels abducted 21 tourists to the Philippines and eventually freed them, presumably after ransom payments. Although there have been no incidents since, Sipadan and surrounding areas are still subject to a U.S. State Department warning, urging visitors to "exercise extreme caution."

Five years ago Malaysia ordered all occupants off of Sipadan island and last year declared it a national park, 7

granting only 120 permits a day for divers and snorkelers, to be divided among resorts like Seaventures. A diving veteran of places like the Red Sea can still be stunned by Sipadan: Coral reefs start at a couple of feet below the surface, just off the coast, and dramatically drop off in steep cliffs to around 180 feet. In a minute, a few oddly shaped and brightly colored individual fish give way to schools of hundreds or even thousands, seemingly unper-turbed having a human in their midst. They range from thumbnail size to several feet long, from paper-thin to plump, from striped to polka-dotted or decked out in every hue. Also on view: barracuda and sharks, fortunately of a species that doesn't attack swimmers.

The Seaventures owner, said: "No matter what you do, oil rigs have an industrial feel because they're made of metal." She added, "You're not going to come to the rig to enjoy the sunsets. You come to dive."

To read more go to: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703376504575491662467118800.html>

How Split Fins Work

By Robert N. Rossier

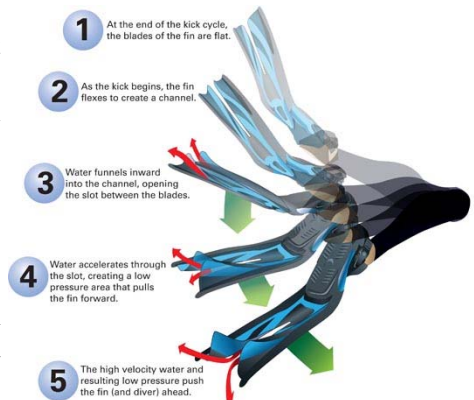
Sent in by Jim McConville

Split fins are designed to enhance the efficiency of the fin.



Dive center shelves are stocked with a broad spectrum of fins of various shapes, designs and stiffness, and one of the more interesting trends in diving over the past 10 years has been the development of split-fin designs. Unlike the standard "paddle" fins that consist of a single rigid or semi-rigid blade, the split fin sports a lateral split, extending through the majority of the blade length, which is designed to enhance the efficiency of the fin.

According to designers, a split fin allows the two blades to assume a propeller-like configuration during the power stroke. The force of the blades against the water causes them to bend into a foil shape, which reduces the drag while increasing the suction or lifting force to enhance propulsion.



Trips and Activities

Rebecca Jacobs Trips

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Oct 27 - 31 Cozumel

Nov 20 - 27 Bonaire

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281.540.1616

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



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

Aggregations of small squid may be noticed during coral spawning.

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](#).

November — 6 Educator Open House, Moody Gardens, Galveston — Sanctuary Education staff will host an informational booth for educators in the Visitor Center at Moody Gardens. For more information, contact [Kelly Drinnen](#).

11-13 — Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching (CAST), Houston — Sanctuary Education staff will host an information and activity booth at the annual state science teachers conference ([CAST](#)). They will also be offering some workshop presentations. For more information, contact [Shelley DuPuy](#).

Next Scuba Classes

Advanced OPEN WATER Classes:

Run thru November 14

ENRICHED AIR NITROX Classes:

Run thru November 10

NAVIGATION Classes:

Starts March 15 and run thru October 20

Mon/Wed 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Tue/Thu 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Capt Waldo Aka Dennis Camp

Denis@captianwaldos.com

Email Mr.Bill.Jones@comcast.net for details.

The next beginner scuba class will be May 13, 2011

You are welcome to join us to just party or try out your Scuba gear.

Giant manta caught on video stealing diver's expensive camera rig

By: [Pete Thomas](#), GrindTV.com
Sent in by [Jim Ward](#)

It hardly qualifies as the theft of a century, but a [giant Pacific manta](#) displayed some clever moves recently when it made like a purse snatcher and swiped an unsuspecting videographer's expensive gear before stealing away into the dark nighttime waters off Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.



The incident occurred as the crew of the travel show, "[Into the Drink](#)," was wrapping up a nighttime shoot. Travis Matteson was beneath the surface aiming his camera toward a ball of small fish and plankton circling above him. While focused on the shot he failed to notice the plankton-eating manta approaching swiftly from the side, which snatched the camera from his hands, rolled over backwards and swam off with the camera, which was still shooting.

Matteson's filming his partner, Johnny Reidt, captured the whole thing from his vantage point.

Matteson was sure his \$5,000 camera, and the rig that brings the overall value closer to \$10,000, was lost. But the manta eventually released the equipment almost directly under their boat. It was retrieved undamaged.

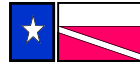
The Kona episode, featuring the docile mantas, is set to air sometime next year.

<http://www.grindtv.com/outdoor/blog/20468/giant+manta+caught+on+video+stealing+divers+expensive+camera+rif/>

Book 'em Danno: Klepto Manta Mugs Cameraman

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5wY38dhFPA&feature=player_embedded

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Galveston Art Walk



For over 20 years the [Galveston Arts Center](#) has organized and produced ArtWalk, occurring every six to eight weeks on Saturday nights in the heart of Galveston's historic district. Not a street festival, ArtWalk takes place in existing galleries and non-profit spaces and also what are called "other walls," for example, restaurants and retail stores. ArtWalk promotes visual art and artists, extends alternative places to see and learn about art and hopes to bring newcomers, as well as welcome return visitors to the art community on the island.

Don't miss the **Galveston Art Walk** on Saturday October 9th from 6-9 p.m. And be sure to visit Island Divers at 525 25th St near the Strand (corner of 25th and Church St.). **Hosted by the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary** you can enjoy the Sanctuary's exhibit, chat with their staff and see the *Texas Coral Reefs* photographic print exhibit by **Jesse Cancelmo**. He will also have copies of his *Texas Coral Reefs* book at the Art Walk.

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Bay Area Divers

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Anniversary Party Cake

Door Prizes



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