



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

February, 2011

February 23th, 2011 - General Meeting

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

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

The BAD Calendar

February

- 1 BAD BOD Meeting
- 19 **Movie- Sanctum, underwater adventure-3D**
- 23 BAD General Membership Meeting—
Jimmy Atkinson

March

- 1 BAD BOD Meeting
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting—
Jesse Canselmo

April

- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting—
Mithriel MacKay- Humpback whales

May

- 3 BAD BOD Meeting
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting—

June

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 29 BAD General Membership Meeting

July

- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

WEBSITE: www.bayareadivers.org

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



Speaker of the Month — **Jimmy Atkinson** —with **Toys for the Children** will be our speaker. He will be presenting information about how his organization brings toys to underprivileged children at favorite dive locations in different parts of the world. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause. Jimmy is asking for Toothbrushes, toothpaste, School supplies, and Soccer balls please bring them to the meeting.

Hope to see you Wednesday!

February

Deana Shannon	1	Verna Shannon	16
Jenifer Hoestenbach	1	Jeff Seely -	19
Abe Tamayo	5	Sarah Erchinger	20
Alicia Saldrivar	5	Beverly Cutler	21
Yessenia Newlin	5	Barbara Tetley	22
Daniel Sanders	6	Katherine Morrison	22
Janice Seely	9	Barbara Clay	23
Claudia Hess	10	Kelly Shannon	25
Christine Longmore	12	Chris Rohlfs	27
Carol Brelsford	13	Debra Sanders	27
Valerie Friedrich	15	Keith Seiser	27
Ben Wong	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!

Deadline for article submission for next month is **March 6th, 2011** E-Mail caladyfish@yahoo.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear BADdies,

We are off to a great start for the year. Please be sure to get your membership updated and paid using our new PayPal option on the website and bring a completed membership form to the next meeting or email the form to Seldon Crump, our new membership director.

We are busy planning the Annual Divers' Market and social activities for this year. Some of the activities will be simple get-togethers and others will involve "getting wet". If you have any suggestions or ideas, please send them to me at president@bayareadivers.org so we can get them on the calendar!!

This is a great time of year to get your equipment and gear tested and inspected as the first dive event of the year will include an equipment check. Maximum Scuba has offered a **15% discount** to members of Bay Area Divers on any scuba equipment service through March 31, 2011. Just mention you're a BADdie for your discount. Thanks, Jeff Gordon, for your continued support!

Also please note that we meet the last Wednesday of the month. Several months this year have five Wednesdays with the first time being in March. We continue to meet at Mario's Flying Pizza Restaurant in the rear meeting room, so come out for some family-friendly Italian food!

Our first activity for the year is Saturday, February 19th, to see James Cameron's underwater adventure, Sanctum in3D for the 4:20pm showing with dinner afterwards at Chuy's! Maximum Scuba is also offering a 10% on any one item when you bring in your movie ticket stub!

So get ready to "Get Wet" and Dive Safely,
Doreen Wells

Time to re-new your membership.



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Thank you to Jim Rosborough and Kevin King

**At our last General Meeting:
Wednesday - January 26, 2011**

They share their experiences in Volunturism on projects doing marine research with Earthwatch, www.earthwatch.org, over the past 15 years.

They have another trip going in May 13, 2011 to Belize.
(See **page 7** of newsletter for more details).

BAD BOARD (BOD) MEETING

Meetings ARE OPEN TO All, so come on out and join us for our next meeting **TUESDAY, March 1st, 2011** at 7:00 PM at **La Brisa**, 501 North Wesley Drive, League City, TX 77573

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.

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About Our Members

Member of the Month January



Hunter Hutchinson

Hunter started diving in 2009 and became a BAD member that same year. Just after certifying, Hunter visited his father in Hawaii and did some great diving.

Good News

about our Instructors



Congradulations! **David Romano** on becoming an Instructor and opening up a Scuba Shop on wheels. **Dave's Scuba Adventures.** You can learn more by visiting www.davescubaadventures.com



Neil Lowery became an PADI Diver Instructor last year. NeilLowery@yahoo.com



Bill Jones Mr.Bill.Jones@comcast.net

Sad News

Four of our members
lost their loved ones

Rodney (PeeWee) Dwire — lost his half sister on February 5, 2011.

Jeff Gorden of Maxium Scuba— lost his stepdad this past week.

Catherine Schexnider lost her sister-in-law this past week.

Keith Seiser lost his sweet wife on October 10th of last year. Sorry we didn't know.

Our condolences to all of your families and friends.

Lanelle Hanagriff, a long time member of BAD, some of you will remember her from the Anniversary Party last November; she won the trip.

She has been absent from the meetings and the club activities for a very good reason. Now you will know the rest of the story. Her mother has been has been sick a long time and, according to the email I received , she is nearing the end.

Please keep Lanelle and her mother Syble Wheeler in your prayers.

Man who coined the term 'scuba' dies

Sent in by Tami Thomas

Read more: http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2011/02/19/Man-who-coined-the-term-scuba-dies/UPI-38271298144069/#ixzz1ESshwQLZ



NEWTON SQUARE, Pa., Feb. 19 (UPI) -- The man who developed an underwater breathing device and coined the term "scuba" to describe it has died at his home in Pennsylvania.

Christian J. Lambertsen died at his home in Newton Square Feb. 11 of renal failure at the age of 93, The Washington Post reported.

He invented the Lambertsen Amphibious Respirator Unit in 1939. In 1952 Lambertsen and a colleague wrote a paper for the National Academy of Sciences describing the "Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus," which they shortened to "scuba."

Before Lambertsen's invention, divers wore heavy metal helmets and were tethered to a boat on the surface to pump air through a rubber hose.

The Navy initially rejected Lambertsen's invention. But he demonstrated the LARU to officials in the Office of Strategic Services in 1942, and it was soon widely accepted. The OSS was the World War II predecessor of the CIA.

Lambertsen was born May 15, 1917, in Westfield, N.J. He graduated from Rutgers University in 1938.

His wife, Naomi Hill Lambertsen, died in 1985. He is survived by four sons -- Christian, David, Richard and Bradley -- and six grandchildren.

You should have been there!

Movie- Sanctum, underwater adventure- 3D

An underwater cave diving team experiences a life-threatening crisis during an expedition to the unexplored and least accessible cave system in the world.

On February 19, Doreen Wells, Jim McConville, Mei-Hwa Ferguson, Cindy, David and Trent Romano alone with two friends of Trent's, as well as Ja Van Pruett attended the monthly outing. Afterwards there was dinner at La Brisa. You should have been there!

Scientists Found Chemical Dispersants Linger in Gulf Long After Oil Flow Stopped

by [Marian Wang](#)

ProPublica, Jan. 27, 2011, 10:56 a.m.

Sent in by Jim Ward

Chemical compounds from the oil dispersants applied to the Gulf of Mexico didn't break down as expected [1], according to a study released this week. Scientists found the compounds lingering for months in the deep waters of the Gulf, long after BP's oil had stopped spewing.

"The results indicate that an important component of the chemical dispersant injected into the oil in the deep ocean remained there, and resisted rapid biodegradation," said scientist David Valentine of U.C. Santa Barbara, one of the investigators in the study.

The findings contrast with what the Environmental Protection Agency has asserted about the dispersants, which the agency allowed BP to use in unprecedented quantities.

"We do have information about the individual components of the dispersant," the EPA. "The available peer-reviewed literature indicates that the components biodegrade fairly rapidly."

The information about the components in the dispersant, it's worth noting, was provided to the agency by the dispersant manufacturer. As we've pointed out [4], the EPA also relied on the manufacturer to provide data on the dispersant's toxicity and approved it for use in the Gulf without doing independent testing.

The study's investigators emphasized that the dispersants' effects remain largely unknown.

"We still don't know just how serious the threat is," said Valentine. "The deep ocean is a sensitive ecosystem unaccustomed to chemical irruptions like this."

In the aftermath of the spill, the EPA concluded that the use of dispersants was a "wise decision [5]." Agency scientists had reported that no dispersants [6] were detected in waters near the Gulf shore, according to McClatchy.

The research was funded by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the National Science Foundation.

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Toys for the Children

By Jimmy Atkinson

Toys for the Children

(TFTC) was founded in 1997 and is committed to providing toys, school supplies, household goods, and personal items to the children and families in the Honduras, Costa Rica, Mexico, and elsewhere. We have delivered gifts to over 26,000 children since 1997.



As divers, we are privileged to visit some of the most beautiful places on earth - places where the local population typically lives well below the "American" version of the poverty line. Toys for the Children has one goal in mind: to give something back to these communities.

Each year, TFTC collects toys and other goods and volunteers personally distribute these items to the children and families in the areas we target. Our organization is supported entirely by volunteer efforts and we are proud to note that each year provides us with an opportunity to deliver more items to more children in need.

Whether you donate a toy, buy a raffle ticket, or sponsor TFTC by donating a prize, equipment, or trip, Toys for the Children provides the global diving community an opportunity to give something back to the places that have given us so much.

We are always looking for new volunteers and other ideas. If you have questions or need other information, [Contact Us](#) for more information. <http://www.toysforthechildren.org/> or Jimmy Atkinson, 972.221.5282, coralrewds@aol.com

Toy Drive 2010

TFTC volunteers are currently working on the 2010 collection effort.

In an effort to expand our collection abilities, we are currently working closely with several Houston and Dallas-area dive clubs to organize a coordinated effort to collect new and gently used items. We will also be working with local Girl Scout chapters and individuals. Thank you for your support and stay tuned for more information!

If you are interested in helping, we have discovered that local garage sales are an excellent source of items. We

can arrange pick-up of the items you provide or you drop them off at one of many locations. Simply contact us for more details. <http://www.toysforthechildren.org/>



For 2011, we rapidly need to rebuild our supply of the following items:

- **Shoes (baby, toddler, child, or adult)**
- **Stuffed animals and other plush toys (for toddlers and other young children)**
- **Barbie dolls (or other toys suited for young girls)**
- **Matchbox cars (or other toys suited for young boys)**
- **Coloring books and/or crayons**
- **School supplies (pens, pencils, map colors, notebook paper, etc)**
- **Yo-yos, tops (any type of small, non-electrical or battery-driven toy)**
- **Toothbrushes and/or toothpaste (especially travel-sized items)**

TFTC Raffle

Toys for the Children offers \$5 raffle tickets in exchange for a chance to win prizes such as dive trips and diving equipment, which are donated by our sponsors. Some of the money collected through the raffle is used to pay for mailing and shipping expenses, but the overwhelming majority is used to buy additional toys, common household goods, and other personal care items.

A drawing is held in January of each year to determine the prize winners. (Prizes must be claimed within one year of notification.)

Donate Raffle Prizes

All of the raffle prizes are donated and we gratefully thank each of our past contributors in the [Participants](#) page. If you would like to donate a raffle prize (such as a resort trip or diving equipment), contact Jimmy Atkinson.

[Contact Us](#) for more information. <http://www.toysforthechildren.org/> or Jimmy Atkinson, 972.221.5282, coralrewds@aol.com.

Trips and Activities

Rebecca Jacobs Trips

FLOWER GARDENS

March 5 – 6 Flower Gardens
 March 16 — 20 Cozumel
 April 9 – 10 Flower Gardens
 April 27 — May 1 Cozumel
 May 7 – 8 Flower Gardens
 May 22 — 29 Cozumel

Australia in 2012

Australia's Great Barrier Reef!

Contact Rebecca Jacobs

Email: rebecca@wwdive.com

281.540.1616

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



February — All Month

Hammerhead sharks and spotted eagle rays school around the banks.

25 Application Deadline for Down Under, Out Yonder Workshop

Encourage any educators who are certified scuba divers to apply for this fins-on workshop and scuba field experience! For more information, contact Kelly.Drinnen@noaa.gov

March— All Month

Hammerhead sharks and spotted eagle rays school around the banks.

2 Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting - Galveston

9 a.m.-4 p.m. 4700 Avenue U, Building 216
Council meetings are open to the public, and include a brief public comment period. A meeting agenda will be available about a week beforehand. For more information, contact Jennifer.Morgan@noaa.gov

26 Ocean Discovery Day - Galveston

9 a.m.-3 p.m. 4700 Avenue U—Join us for a **FREE** day of discovery and exploration. Learn more about NOAA's activities in the community. Meet NOAA scientists, visit the sea turtles, and more! For more information, contact Shelley.DuPuy@noaa.gov

Scuba Classes with Bill Jones

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

May 6—Next Beginner Open Water Scuba Class
 May 14 & 15: Scuba Classes at Blue Lagoon

Everyone is welcome to join us to try out your scuba gear, just socialize, BYO-BBQ & Pit, BYOB, picnic, camp out, swim, scuba dive, earn a Specialty certification, or whatever at Blue Lagoon 2, Site 2! Interact with the group as little or as much as you wish, stay the weekend or for 5 minutes. I will also be teaching Open Water, Advanced, Rescue, Master Scuba Diver, DiveMaster, & Specialty certification classes. Discounted books available now and from me at the dive site.

The FLOWER GARDENS –

Capt Waldo



Act Now! Many of these trips will sell out quickly! ACT NOW and receive a \$25 Gift Certificate from Captain Waldo's Aquatic Emporium. Offer ends soon, so ACT NOW!

Contact me for details.....or use this link > <http://www.spreexpeditions.com/Default.asp?ds=Captain+Waldo> Capt Waldo Aka Dennis Camp Denis@captianwaldos.com

Future Speakers

Jesse Cancelmo will be our Guest Speaker for March. Don't miss this meeting!

Jesse Cancelmo is an accomplished underwater photographer, author, and photojournalist. His articles and photographs have appeared in numerous diving and wildlife publications. He has authored three books, DIVING CAYMAN ISLANDS (1998), and DIVING BERMUDA (1990 and 2005). His third book TEXAS CORAL REEFS, published by Texas A&M Press, was released in April 2008. Jesse is a contributing editor/photographer for Dive Training Magazine, contributes regularly to Texas Parks & Wildlife and other dive and wildlife magazines He leads groups on Gulf of Mexico and Indo-Pacific dive adventures.

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Belize Marine Research and Jungle Tour



Join our team for five-days of research diving on Tom Owen's Caye in the Sapodilla Cayes in southern Belize; plus three days exploring at a jungle lodge. Coral surveys will be conducted using the Reefcheck protocol www.reefcheck.org, plus potential of diving in spawning aggregates with whale sharks, and spiny lobster, commercial fish and conch surveys. Typically we will do two research dives a day plus shore diving and night diving. Our host will be Reef Conservation International www.reefci.com who have seven years of research experience on the Cayes.

We fly to Punta Gorda via Belize City on Friday, 5/13, and spend three days at Cotton Tree Lodge www.cottontreelodge.com. Day trip choices include wading a river into a cave, Maya ruins, limestone caves, waterfalls, organic chocolate farm, Garafuna village and drumming tour, kayak up the Moho River, and more. Monday we boat to the Cayes for 5 days of diving. Friday we boat back to Punta Gorda and depart on Saturday 5/21 for Houston. We strongly suggest you go to our host's web sites to explore these rich adventures.

Cost is \$1650 for the 8-day ground package including local transportation, accommodations, all meals, tours, and unlimited diving. Airfare is for your account and is currently \$650 (use ff miles?) to Belize City and \$235 for the connection to Punta Gorda.

A \$670 deposit is required to hold your place; balance is due March 11th. Cancellation policy: Deposits are not refundable. Cancellation before April 13th loose deposit only. Cancel after April 13th no refund. Cancellation by Reef Conservation Intl., 100% refund of Reef CI portion except in cases of natural disaster and force majeure.

A PADI Medical Form indicating your fitness for diving (self reporting) and diving insurance is

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Belize (cont)

required. ReefCI has a PADI instructor and some advanced courses offered free.

Trip leader is Kevin King who participated in last year's project. Dive master is Jim Rosborough, BAD and HUC member, NAUI instructor, 46 years of diving experience, and Field Representative for Earthwatch (20 research projects). This is a Jim's fifth research project on the Sapodilla Cayes and he is a certified ReefCheck leader. Kevin and Jim are leading this trip as individuals.

If you are interested contact Kevin at 713-206-8072 cell, PO Box 7968, Houston, TX 77270-7968; kcking99@gmail.com. Jim at: 713-552-0104, 281-685-5339 cell, 2929 Buffalo Speedway #1408, Houston 77098; njrosborough@me.com.

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>

Bay Area Divers

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Catch us on the web at:

WWW.BAYAREADIVERS.ORG

Dive Smart!
Dive Safe!
Dive Happy!

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?

We are happy to report that I can help you with all of your
“BAD” Fashion Needs.

There are lots of styles, colors and sizes to choose from.

BAD Patches \$ 5 ea

Short Sleeve Polo Shirt..... \$19 ea

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)

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 a board member at the next club meeting

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

