



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

June, 2011

June 29th, 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

June

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 12 Brunch
- 25 **Mammoth Lake Dive-David Romano**
- BAD General Membership Meeting-**
Dan Orr- President of DAN-
- 29 **"Are we Ready to Dive"**

July

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- Twin Lakes Dive-**
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- Blue Lagoon-Dive & Campout--**
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- BAD General Membership Meeting-**
- 27 **Joyce & Frank Bureak-TBA**

August

- 2 BAD BOD Meeting
- 10th Annual Bill Jones COZUMEL**
- 1-7 **Mexico Vacation**
- BAD General Membership Meeting-**
Chuck Noe- "Goodenough Springs
Exploration Project" & the "Jacob's
- 31 **Well Exploration Project"**

September

- 2 BAD BOD Meeting
- Lake Travis Clean-**
- 10,11 Contact:Events@bayareadivers.org

WEBSITE: www.bayareadivers.org

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



Speaker of the Month — Dan Orr
President of Divers Alert Network
This will be our first Webinar



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Don't miss this one!



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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 7:00 pm the last Wednesday of each month (except December).

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Deadline for article submission for next month is: **July 10th, 2011** E-Mail caladyfish@yahoo.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear BADDies,

Summer is here and the weather is HOT!!! Hope you are staying cool and ready to “Get Wet” at our local lake events. Excitement is building for Mammoth Lake and Blue Lagoon campout! Get more info on website calendar and watch your email for Evites with more details as the time gets near.

We are already forming teams for Trashfest on October 1, 2011 and making travel arrangements. If you think you might be going, email Cindy Romano at Secretary@BayAreaDivers.org with names and t-shirt sizes to be added to the TrashFest list! We are looking at a block of lodges on the Comal River for overnight stays and will be hosting some socials in the President’s cabin.

I just came from our social get-together for Brunch at Café Under the Oaks. We had a great turn out and I’m sure our VP & Editor, Ja Van, will be sharing more details and pictures. I might have to evoke the ‘I Know Nothing’ policy on some of the details!

One thing that came up in conversation over the Best Brunch of the Bay is diver safety. Last month’s speaker detailed some dive accidents. Many of the fatalities involved experienced divers which as a new diver is troubling to me. One of the things I want our club to focus on besides having fun, is education and safety. Many of our new members are inexperienced or returning divers looking to gain experience, learn about equipment, and get more familiar with their gear. But I also find that our experienced divers are

gaining valuable reminders of safety and procedures by working with our less experienced divers at our local dive events. To me this is a dream dynamic that makes our SCUBA club the best of Houston-Galveston area.

Excitement is building for our **36th Annual Divers’ Market** in Seabrook scheduled for **October 8th** from 10am-4pm! We already have coupon cards at the meetings to hand out to fellow divers and other interested parties. We are finalizing plans of some attractions and planning for the expo is underway. As this is our largest fundraiser of the year, we need many volunteers to make the day run smoothly for our many vendors and customers. Sign up to help make this the **BIGGEST, BEST, and BADDEST Divers Market EVER!!!!** Just email: diversmarket@bayareadivers.org to help out!

In past years we have featured the DiveAroundTexas.org annual contest in the newsletters. The awards banquet is in San Marcos the day after TrashFest and the list of prizes for the drawing is growing. Since our club is going to 4 local lakes and the Flower Gardens, it would be simple to qualify for this award contest. Take a look at the website and email me if you have any questions. I plan to be there this year!


I’m inviting each of you to join the BAD sanctioned trip to the Flower Gardens – a major feature of Texas reefs in the Gulf. Two days on a live-abroad, with meals and air included. Look for more details in the newsletter and online.

So get ready to “Get Wet” and Dive Safely,
Doreen Wells
president@BayAreaDivers.org

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Time to re-new your membership.



BAD BOARD (BOD) MEETING

Meetings ARE OPEN TO All, so come on out and join us for our next meeting **TUESDAY July 5th, 2011** at 7:00 PM at **La Brisa**, 501 North Wesley Drive (behind Sudie’s at exit 28 on I45) League City, TX . 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.

New Members



New Members- **William & Tony Briere, Bryan Gilbert, Bradley Phelps**

Re-Newed Membership- **Jose Garcia, Bobby, Cory, Courtney & Kim Tyler**

Member of the Month **May**



Katherine Bishop

Katherine Bishop - Katherine was certified in 2009. Her last dive was with BAD out at Lake 288 for our equipment check dive.

Thank you! James Mints

Wednesday - May 25, 2011

At the last General Meeting:

James Mints, a Chief Warrant Officer in the Coast Guard for 23 years, has been doing investigations for 20 years. His work has taken him to several dive accident investigations. He showed us slide presentation and answered questions. We hope his talk may say a life or an accident from happening.

I hope you did not miss this meeting.

It was a GREAT!

Bay Area Divers Photo Contest

We want your photos! There has been lots of pictures with BADdies in them and we want to see them! We want pictures that show the spirit of being a BADdie! The finalists will be presented at the BAD Divers Market and Expo on October 8, 2011 and attendees will vote for the winner! Finalists will receive a free membership renewal for one year. The winner will get a special prize!

Rules:

- ◆ Must be a current member.
- ◆ The pictures must be from an event that Bay Area Divers participated in either 2010 or 2011.
- ◆ Include your name, the event, approximate date, and identify who or what is in the picture.
- ◆ Submit photos by August 15, 2011 to PhotoContest@BayAreaDivers.org

By submitting your photos to this contest you are agreeing to release the photos to be published in the Bay Area Divers newsletters, the bayareadivers.org website, or the Bay Area Divers Facebook page.

Bay Area Divers

In Association with Save Our Leatherback Turtles Organization

\$\$ Club Fund Raising Project \$\$
"Turning Energy into Income"

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Dan is President of Divers Alert Network (DAN). He came to Divers Alert Network in 1991 as Director of Training, responsible for developing and implementing DAN training programs including the internationally successful DAN Oxygen First Aid Course. Prior to coming to DAN, he was the Associate Diving Officer at Florida State University and, before that, he was Director of Diver Training Programs at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Dan has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Biology and has authored and contributed to many books and magazine articles including co-author of Scuba Diving Safety and DAN's Pocket Guide for Diving Safety series.

July Speakers

July 27th, 2011

BAD General Membership Meeting

For **Joyce and Frank Burek**, getting the picture is the whole idea. Since 1983 they have been diving and photographing the sanctuary and its staff both above and below the water, which means they've actually been photographing the Flower Garden Banks since before it became a sanctuary! They have traveled all over the world. It isn't just the photography which is always outstanding and it isn't the music... it was the whole package. In short, it simply worked on all levels.

This will be an OUTSTANDING MEETING!

2011 TGCC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (Michael Szewczyk Award)

The Texas Gulf Coast Council of Diving Clubs (TGCC) may award three Michael Szewczyk College scholarships (1 @ \$1,000 and 2 @ \$500) during 2011. Named in memory of TGCC's long time supporter, Michael Szewczyk, this award's purpose is to support the members who support the dive clubs in the Texas Gulf Coast area. The award will be paid by TGCC directly to the college towards tuition.

Eligibility Rules:

1. Scholarship applicant must be a college undergraduate or graduate student attending college in 2011, or a high school senior that has been or will be accepted to college in 2011.
2. The applicant, the parent(s) (biological or through formal adoption), or the grandparent(s) of the applicant, must be an individual member of TGCC or a member of a TGCC member club with dues current in 2011.
3. Application (see other side) must be received by the TGCC Donations Committee prior to **June 30, 2011**. TGCC will review all completed applications on July 8, 2011.
4. Applicant shall have the high school/college furnish a transcript of grades, courses and class standing.

Scholarship General Guidelines:

1. Scholarship decisions of TGCC are final.
2. Scholarship winner is expected to keep TGCC abreast with his/her progress in college.
3. TGCC reserves the right to not award a prize depending upon the number of entries and qualifications of the applicants.
4. A personal interview with members of the TGCC Scholarship Committee may be required prior to awarding this scholarship.
5. Confirmation may be by e-mail. Make sure phone and e-mail data provided is current.
6. TGCC is offering this scholarship as a reward to TGCC members, TGCC member and associate clubs or the children of these members to thank them for supporting TGCC's efforts in promoting safe sport diving. The committee will take into consideration the applicant or applicant's parents involvement in TGCC and member clubs and/or the diving community in general throughout the year.

Applications must be mailed to:

TGCC Donations Committee
c/o Frank Burek
8448 Grand Lake Estates Drive
Montgomery, TX 77316

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Ocean life on the brink of mass extinctions

Sent in by Jim Ward

Tue Jun 21, 5:50 am ET

OSLO (Reuters) – Life in the oceans is at imminent risk of the worst spate of extinctions in millions of years due to threats such as climate change and over-fishing, a study showed on Tuesday.



Time was running short to counter hazards such as a collapse of coral reefs or a spread of low-oxygen "dead zones," according to the study led by the International Programme on the State of the Ocean (IPSO).

"We now face losing marine species and entire marine ecosystems, such as coral reefs, within a single generation," according to the study by 27 experts to be presented to the United Nations.

"Unless action is taken now, the consequences of our activities are at a high risk of causing, through the combined effects of climate change, over-exploitation, pollution and habitat loss, the next globally significant extinction event in the ocean," it said.

Scientists list five mass extinctions over 600 million years -- most recently when the dinosaurs vanished 65 million years ago, apparently after an asteroid struck. Among others, the Permian period abruptly ended 250 million years ago.

"The findings are shocking," Alex Rogers, scientific director of IPSO, wrote of the conclusions from a 2011 workshop of ocean experts staged by IPSO and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) at Oxford University.

Fish are the main source of protein for a fifth of the world's population and the seas cycle oxygen and help absorb carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas from human activities.

OXYGEN

Jelle Bijma, of the Alfred Wegener Institute, said the seas faced a "deadly trio" of threats of higher temperatures, acidification and lack of oxygen, known as anoxia, that had featured in several past mass extinctions.

A build-up of carbon dioxide, blamed by the U.N. panel of climate scientists on human use of fossil fuels, is heating the planet. Absorbed into the oceans, it causes acidification, while run-off of fertilizers and pollution stokes anoxia.

"From a geological point of view, mass extinctions happen overnight, but on human timescales we may not realize that we are in the middle of such an event," Bijma wrote.

The study said that over-fishing is the easiest for governments to reverse -- countering global warming means a shift from fossil fuels, for instance, toward cleaner energies such as wind and solar power.

"Unlike climate change, it can be directly, immediately and effectively tackled by policy change," said William Cheung of the University of East Anglia.

Brunch Attendees - June 12th at Cafe Under the Oaks, League City

Sent in Doreen and edited by Ja Van

This one of those times when you say "you just had to be there" to really realize how much fun our social get-together for Brunch at Café Under the Oaks. We had a great turn out and I'm sure our VP/Editor, Ja Van, will be sharing more details and pictures. I might have to evoke the 'I Know Nothing' policy on some of the details! Pictures will come later, some have to be screened **very carefully**. You should have been there!!!! You can ask anyone that attended: David, Cindy & Trent Romano, Jim & Tory Jenkins, Dennis Camp, Pete & Norma Hunter, Mozie Dwire, Ja Van Pruett, Bradley Phelps (guest/newest member-- he must have had fun), James McConville & Doreen Wells.



Oh! The food was good but, the blueberry cobbler with vanilla Blue Bell was to die for! **You should have been there!**

Oh! my Goodness! Dennis - I didn't know you could dance like that!



This was her last day to work and Dennis, gave something to remember her day by. NICE GUY...

Atomic Cobalt Air Integrated Nitrox Dive Computer

Finally, a 21st century dive computer!

The Cobalt Diving computer is the first of a new generation of computers that are easy to use, intuitive and easy to read. The menu driven display is self-explanatory at every level and can be mastered in just a few minutes. This simplicity is in contrast to its powerful capabilities and the many advanced user functions available to those who wish to use them.

- ★ Brilliant full color OLED display provides the high contrast, sharpness and brightness that can be viewed at almost any angle
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- ★ The best digital compass we have ever seen - easy to find, easy to operate, best tilt we have seen
- ★ On-board 3D digital compass
- ★ Standard and extended dive modes - extended profile shows the divers entire profile in real time
- ★ Easy menu navigation ...and many more features



Trips and Activities

LET'S GET WET!

Saturday, June 25th, 2011

Join us out at Mammoth Lake Dive

at 11am-4pm for a fun dive and cook-out.

Lunch at noon!!!

We are having fried chicken, mashed potatoes & biscuits. Bring a side dish. We have a good group of people coming, so come on out and join us and lets have some fun.

Diving at 1pm!!!

For more info, email: Events@BayAreaDivers.org

Saturday, July 9th, 2011

**Join us at Twin Lakes
for a picnic and afternoon of diving**

between 11am-4pm. Admission is \$15, air fills are \$8, non-divers \$5. The lakes are located on Highway 6, just south of 288. Twin Lakes has covered areas, tables, dive platforms and sunken structures designed for divers to enjoy. Come out, bring a cooler, a comfy chair, food to share, if you wish.

For more info, email: Events@BayAreaDivers.org

**Texas Coral Reefs Trip
to the Flower Gardens National Marine
Sanctuary aboard the Fling July 28th & 29th**

There are currently spaces available aboard the M/V Fling, a 100ft live aboard dive boat that travels to the Texas Flower Gardens. The price for this trip is \$490. This price includes all meals, bedding, air fills and 7 dives. The 7 dives include diving on the East Bank & West Bank of the Flower Gardens, an oil rig, a night dive and two dives on Stetson Bank. We leave the dock from Freeport on the 27th at 8:00 pm . We will return to the dock on the 29th between 5:00 and 6:00 pm . If you would like to sign up for this trip a \$100 deposit holds your spot. If you have never been diving at the Texas Flower Gardens don't miss this opportunity. Call David Romano (281) 787-4605 for more information about this trip.

FLOWER GARDEN BANKS
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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



June 2011—All Month
Whale sharks may be sighted in the sanctuary.



July 9-13

**Down Under, Out Yonder
Educator Workshop and Scuba**

Field Experience - Galveston and Gulf of Mexico

This 5-day educator workshop will teach you about Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and coral reefs, then take you scuba diving in the sanctuary. Workshop applications are due by February 25, 2011. Applicants must already be scuba certified to participate in the full workshop. For more information, contact Kelly.Drinnen@noaa.gov



Saturday, July 23-24, 2011

**Blue Lagoon #2 Dive Site 2 & 3 for Campout
and Night Dive Treasure Hunt**

Admission is \$16 w/tax per day, air fills are \$10. Non Divers must be accompanied by a C-card holder. There is no charge for children under 10 and non-diving parents accompanying minors during diving lessons.

The Blue Lagoon is hidden away in the piney woods just north of Huntsville Texas off I-45 on Pinedale Rd.

For over twenty years the lagoon has served the divers of Texas with aqua blue bodies of water, training platforms, sunken boats and miscellaneous items. There is primitive camping and an onsite air station and concessions which include hot sandwiches, sodas, water, various sport drinks and an assortment of candy bars and chips.

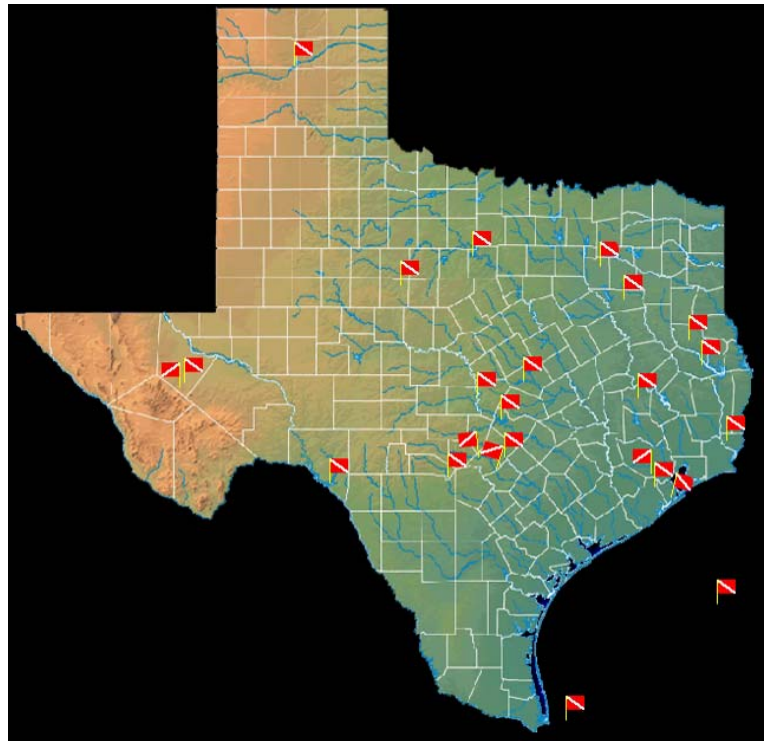
Come out, bring a tent, a comfy chairs, food to share if you wish, and let's have some **FUN!**

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let's blow some bubbles!

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Dive Around Texas

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, 2011](#). 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 on [Sunday, October 2nd, 2011](#).

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 2nd](#).

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Dive Smart!
Dive Safe!
Dive Happy!

36th Annual Scuba Divers Market & Expo Saturday, Oct 8, 2011



C.D. "CAP" LANDOLT PAVILLION

(6 Miles East of I-45)

5001 NASA Parkway

10:00 am -4:00 pm

\$6.00 ADMISSION



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Over 75 Spaces with Dive Shops, Dive Clubs, Conservation Groups, Etc.

Consignment Table Set Up to Sell Individual Equipment

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For more information contact Doreen Wells at (409) 622-3022 or diversmarket@bayareadivers.org

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

We need Volunteers to help put on our club's only major fundraiser. All paid members get in for free and can put up to three items on the consignment table for free. **PLUS, the market has been sanctioned by the TGCC! Participants can earn points towards TGCC awards.** All guests and non-members pay \$6 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.