



# NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

## May, 2011

**May 25th, 2011 - 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 — James R. Mints**

James Mints, is a Chief Warrant Officer in the Coast Guard for 23 years and has done investigations for 20 years. His work has taken him to several dive accident investigations. He plans on showing a slide presentation and answering questions. We hope his talk may save a life or an accident from happening.

**Don't miss this meeting!  
Hope to see you Wednesday!**

### The BAD Calendar

#### May

3 BAD BOD Meeting

*Join us for Breakfast--*



14 *Contact: Events@bayareadivers.org*

21 **Lake 288 Dive -- Doreen Wells**

**BAD General Membership Meeting-James**

**25 Mints CG Diving Accidents**

#### June

7 BAD BOD Meeting

12 *Brunch-Café Under the Oaks*

25 **Mammoth Lake Dive-David Romano**

**BAD General Membership Meeting-Steven**

**29 Chappell-(NEEMO) project**

#### July

5 BAD BOD Meeting

**Twin Lakes Dive-**

9 *Contact: Events@bayareadivers.org*

**Blue Lagoon-Dive & Campout--**

23 *Contact: Events@bayareadivers.org*

**BAD General Membership Meeting-Joyce &**

**27 Frank Bureak-TBA**

#### August

2 BAD BOD Meeting

**BAD General Membership Meeting- Chuck**

**Noe- "Goodenough Springs Exploration Project" & the "Jacob's Well Exploration**

**31 Project"**

**WEBSITE: [www.bayareadivers.org](http://www.bayareadivers.org)**

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



### May



Jimmy Atkinson	1
Norma Hunter	4
Kim Lowrey	5
Linda Delane	23
Pete Hunter	24
Doug Williams	26
Alexis Zamora	27
Butch Shannon	31

**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 **June 12th, 2011** E-Mail [caladyfish@yahoo.com](mailto:caladyfish@yahoo.com)

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear BADDies,

The Bay Area Divers calendar is full of social activities and local diving events! Please be sure check these out and add them to your summer schedule! We had a great time out at 288 Lake on April 30<sup>th</sup> and have more diving coming up! We had such a fun time in April; we are repeating it on **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> between 11am-4pm** for a cookout and more lake diving at Lake 288! Please let us know you are coming and bring a side dish to share! We'll be eating around noon and hitting the water shortly after 1pm! Sign up via the Evite sent out by Bay Area Divers. If you aren't receiving the Evites, send an email to Cindy Romano at [Secretary@BayAreaDivers.org](mailto:Secretary@BayAreaDivers.org) to be added to the Evite list!

I'm thrilled to announce that our **36<sup>th</sup> Annual SCUBA Divers Market and Expo** in Seabrook scheduled for **October 8<sup>th</sup>** from 10am-4pm has now been sanctioned by Texas Gulf Coast council of Dive Clubs (TGCC) and participants will get points for TGCC awards! Not only will you get some great deals on new and used equipment at the Largest Divers' Market in the region, but we are planning some more expo activities. So stay tuned and join in on the fun! Remember that BAD members can sell their equipment on the club table for FREE!!! 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](mailto:diversmarket@bayareadivers.org) to help out!

April was our **BRING A FRIEND** month at our General Meeting. Jim McConville and I won the special drawing

for bringing a guest and an OMS Oxygen Sensor generously donated by our past president, **Jim Delane**. Thanks again, Jim! Also a special Thank You to David and Cindy Romano for bringing guests, Bryan and Craig Goodwin who joined that night! Welcome!!! Bring yourselves and your dive friends at this month's general meeting on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at Mario's in Webster at 7pm!

A special Thank You to Dive Zone Scuba for bringing April's door prizes! Owners Chris Chung and Tanya Gorguraki brought us items from their new store in Pearland with cards for free airfills! Every month we see new heights for the door prize table so if you are not coming to the monthly meetings, you are missing out on some great socializing and door prizes!!!

Be sure to check our calendar for upcoming events. We have more fun activities planned in June with a brunch at **Café Under the Oaks on the 12<sup>th</sup>** and a dive party at Mammoth Lake in Lake Jackson on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There's more information on the website with links for directions and details. There are also links to our FaceBook page and Twitter account!

So get ready to "Get Wet" and Dive Safely,  
*Doreen Wells*  
[president@BayAreaDivers.org](mailto:president@BayAreaDivers.org)

**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 June 7th, 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.

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# New Members



New Members- **Audrey Rivers, Bryan, Craig, Keith, Diana Goodwin**

Re-Newed Membership- **O. J. Shannon**

## Member of the Month **April**



**Trent Romano**

**Trent Romano** – Received his open water certification in the summer of 2010 at the age of 14. His Dad got him into diving. He has been a BAD member since 2008. He would like to dive one day in Cozumel or Hawaii. He has only dove in local lakes, but will be diving the Flower Gardens in July

## Thank you to **Mithriel M. MacKay**

**At our last General Meeting:**

**Wednesday - April 27, 2011**

**Mithriel MacKay**, presented information about how her research and interests include cetacean behavioral ecology on North Atlantic humpback whales. She is also studying a low density of individuals off Puerto Rico for observing behaviors related to mother-calf pairs, singletons, and groups.

**I hope you did not miss this meeting.**

**It was a GREAT!**

## Thank you! Jim Delane

### for the OMS Oxygen Sensor

it went to **Jim McConville and Doreen Wells**  
in the **Bring-a-Friend Contest** drawing.

## 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:

- ◆ 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](mailto: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](http://bayareadivers.org) website, or the Bay Area Divers Facebook page.\*\*

# Bay Area Divers 288 Lake Cookout & Dive

On Saturday, April 30th, 2011, BAD had a great time socializing and diving at 288 Lake with 23 in attendance. Additionally, we had several friends in the dive community stop by to say Hi! and socialize with old friends and meet some new ones!

We grilled burgers and hot dogs and everyone brought something to pass. A special thank you to Carlos and Kim Saldrivar for bringing their huge BBQ pit to grill on and for bringing chicken and two kinds of sausages to share with everyone -- it was definitely a treat!

Most attendees braved the cool waters of the lake with the thermocline at 16ft. Several found they had a piece of equipment that needed to be taken by a shop to be fixed.

We dug out of storage our club flags. Visit the pictures on FaceBook to see all the fun had by all!

Attendees were: **Lisa White; David, Cindy & Trent Romano; Jeff, Janice & Adam Seely; Dave Pichler; HP & Carol Brelsford; Katherine Bishop; Chris Chung & Tanya Gorguraki; Matt Fritsch; Carlos & Kim Saldrivar; Corey Jensen; Gary Forman; Skip Evans; Heather Pena; Seldon Crump; Jim McConville & Doreen Wells.**



# 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.

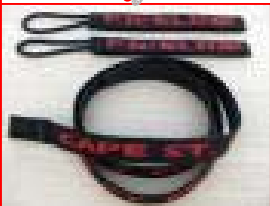
### Scholarship General Guidelines:

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

## Add your name to your gear!





### Scuba ID

Jake ID  
P.O. Box 91  
Cool, CA. 95614  
(530) 885-8017

Black 1/2" wide nylon webbing with your personalized name, phone number or email address woven into the lanyard. Protect your valuable gear from being lost. The information on the lanyard has a lifetime warranty, It will never come off no matter how many time your get wet. Imprint on Lanyard. Comes in all sizes. *Sent in by Doreen Wells.*

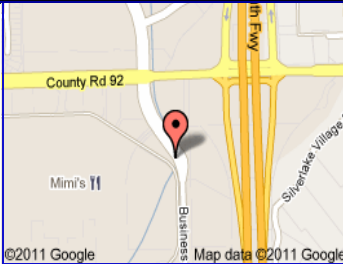
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# Trips and Activities



**Dive Zone Scuba**

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Pearland, TX 77584  
(832) 444-5063  
divezaonescuba@yahoo.com  
& [Dive Mon Texas Gulf Coast Dive Charters - www.divemon.com](#)



**Operators**

**Dive Mon** (Dive Boat) is operated by PADI instructors **Tanya Gorguraki** and **Chris Chung**. Tanya has been diving since 1988 and has achieved her dream of instructing individuals in scuba diving as a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor (#253070). Chris has been diving since 1992 and is a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer level instructor (#251408). As a PADI MSDT, Chris is certified to teach OW, AOW, rescue, divemaster, NITROX, boat, drift, wreck, photography, equipment, oxygen provider, EFR, and CPR classes. Chris also holds a renewed 50 ton USCG Masters Captain's License with motor, sail, and towing endorsements.



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



**May (Later Part of the Month)**  
Whale sharks may be sighted in the sanctuary.

**30 Memorial Day Holiday—**  
Sanctuary offices closed.

**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](mailto:Kelly.Drinnen@noaa.gov)



# Advertise with BAD

Anyone can Advertise with [Bay Area Divers Club](#). You can run an add for as long as you would like.

Business Card size would be **\$10.00 a month**  
**\$55.00 for 6 months & \$100.00 for a year.**

Double Business card size would be **\$20.00 a month.** **\$110.00 for 6 months & \$200.00 for a year.**

Please contact Editor: [caladyfish@yahoo.com](mailto:caladyfish@yahoo.com)

# LET'S GET WET!

## Saturday, June 25th, 2011

Join us out at Mammoth Lake Dive-  
David Romano

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

**Lunch at noon!!! Diving at 1pm!!!**

For more info, email: [Events@BayAreaDivers.org](mailto:Events@BayAreaDivers.org)

# Future-Speakers

June 29th, 2011

I would like to Thank [Rick Decker](#) for his help in getting Dr. Steven Chappell, with NASA to talk to our dive club about the NEEMO project.

**Don't miss this meeting!—**

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*Dive Smart!*  
**Dive Safe!**  
*Dive Happy!*

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

**C.D. "CAP" LANDOLT PAVILION**

(6 Miles East of I-45)

5000 NASA Parkway -Clear Lake Park

10:00 am -4:00 pm

NEW AND USED EQUIPMENT AND DIVING ACCESSORIES AT DISCOUNT PRICES!!!

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

**Consignment Table** Set Up to Sell Individual Equipment

**Door Prizes Every Hour** -Refreshments and Food Too!

For more information contact Doreen Wells at **(409) 622-3022** or [diversmarket@bayareadivers.org](mailto:diversmarket@bayareadivers.org)

Or visit our website at: <http://www.bayareadivers.org>, email: [info@bayareadives.org](mailto: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. [PLUS, the market has been sanctioned by the TGCC! Participants can earn points towards TGCC awards.](#) All guests and non-members pay 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](mailto:caladyfish@yahoo.com) or call (979) 549-0995