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SeaDevils!

This past month has been most eventful! We had another fun filled Monday evening at DEW Scuba. **Lars Reinhart** made an excellent presentation and provoked a great deal of discussion on the topic of dive medicine.

There were lots of questions as the group of about twenty people joked and laughed to lighten up this serious subject. I know that we all learned something more about diving, medicine and dive safety and I truly appreciate Lars' effort. I would also like to thank **Garry Rund** for sharing his/our experience with hypothermia this past February in Belize. Do yourself a favor, be sure to add thermal protection when you're doing long dives even in warm water!

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 11th and we are in store for a treat! **Ed Clark** from the Wildlife Center will be on hand to share slides of his trip to Caye Sol. Caye Sol is a very undisturbed set of banks and small cayes located in the south western Bahamas. I hear the diving, which is only accessible from a live aboard, is pristine. Ed's slides will be spectacular!

Of major news is the announcement that **SeaDevil Divers** will be assisting other organizations this summer in developing diving programs. By "program" we mean helping to identify groups of divers with other common interests with the intent of helping them make diving an ongoing part of their recreational and vacation lives.

We are exceptionally pleased to welcome **Boar's Head Sports Club, Farmington Country Club,** and

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Atlantic Coast Athletic Club into our family of SeaDevil Divers. We will be providing training, hosting seminars, planning social events, promoting "club" trips and working to help build more opportunities for all divers in the central Virginia area.

Additionally, we are planning a program with the **YMCA** to not only provide dive training and develop their Y-Dive club, but also to help them provide snorkeling and diving opportunities for their summer youth program.

You will be seeing notices of our activities within their various newsletters, billing notices, and other communication outlets. We urge you to become involved in the scuba activities of these organizations. Connecting with other divers and those interested in the ocean environment will help us all find more opportunities to enjoy this exciting and adventurous activity of scuba diving.

I would like to thank each one of you. Your interest and support has brought our organization and me to the brink of what portends to be a terrific new year in diving. There will be hurdles to face and I'm sure there will be some bumps to deal with particularly this summer, but I believe at the conclusion we will have greatly enhanced the diving infrastructure of this community for the benefit of all divers.

Thank you again for your support and assistance. I look forward to seeing you at our next DEW Scuba. Take care and above all dive safe...

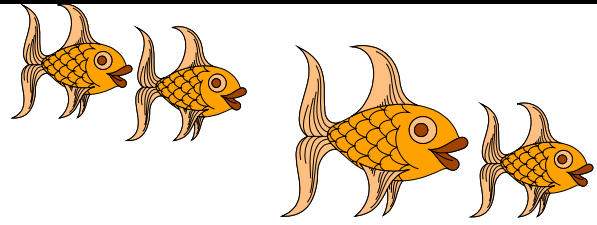
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Dive Trips

“We Schedule, We Go!”



June 24- July 1, '98 - **Bonaire, NA.** “Don’t miss this trip! It’ll be terrific!”-Chip

Take a trip with Tony Feldmesser to scuba diving’s “Garden of the Caribbean”.



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Contact Tony 295-6227. E-mail amf@cstone.net

June or July '98 (formative) **Providenciales, Turks & Caicos** More next month!

August 27-31, '98. **Freeport, Grand Bahama.** Cap off your summer with three days of diving and a day of sun on the beach. Airfare from Richmond, Accommodations and 9 Boat Dives! Open Water Certification Dives and Advanced Open Water Course available.

October '98 (formative) **Utilla, Bay Islands, Honduras**

November 26-30, '98 **THANKSGIVING!! Freeport, Grand Bahama.** After that great turkey dinner, relax on the flight to Grand Bahama! Inclusive of airfare from Richmond, accommodations and 9 boat dives! Open Water Certification Dives and Advanced Open Water Course available.

Wanted! Trip Leaders & Organizers

As I’m sure you all can imagine, there are more opportunities to travel and dive than any one or two people can possibly do. We need help!

If you’re interested in putting together a trip whether its to some high profile overseas destination, the eastern seaboard for some fantastic wreck diving, or just to go to one of the really great quarries this summer, please give me a call.

Working together we can have a lot of fun and provide each other with diving opportunities we could not have otherwise.

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Want help with dive travel?
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Looking for more information on our trips? ...

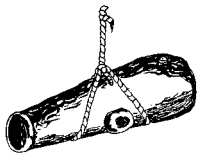
You will find complete trip details and links to the dive operators, hotels, island information and much more when you DIVE INTO THE WEB at

<http://www.SeaDevilDivers.com>

Wrecks, Wrecks and More Wrecks!

MIAMI, March 24 (Reuters) - A cannon recovered from an 18th Century wreck in the Caribbean has shot holes in archeologists' ideas about the ship's origins.

Teams excavating the mystery ship, which lies at the bottom of Kingstown harbor in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, first thought the vessel was a British warship, a privateer or a slave ship.



But when they raised the cannon it was found to have fleur-de-lis markings, leading them to believe it might be French.

"We'd pretty much decided it's not a slave ship since we didn't find any shackles," excavation co-director Chuck Meide said in a statement on Tuesday.

Archeologists from Florida State University and the Institute of Maritime History raised the 3,500-pound cannon from 100 feet of water during the first phase of the excavation in January.

The gun was marked 1776. A researcher traced its origin to a royal foundry in France. Eight other cannon have since been found.

If the ship was not French, it was possibly an American privateer equipped with French cannon to attack British ships during the American revolution, Meide said. Britain and France were also at war at the time.

The vessel was originally thought to be British because of some pottery found before the excavation started and because its hull was sheathed in copper, which the British navy used to protect wooden hulls in the late 18th century.

Students to hang with the drifters



March 31 ENN - By way of about 150 drifting buoys set out in the Caribbean, information on sea temperatures, strength of the wind and the direction of ocean currents will be beamed up to a NOAA satellite. As part of the International Year of the Ocean, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has made it possible for students to study oceanic changes from their home computer.

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For more information on the program, contact Bushnell at (305) 361-4353.

Local Team Qualifies for National Ocean Science Bowl



Congratulations! A team from Central Shenandoah Valley Regional Governor's School in Fishersville recently qualified for the finals of the first National Ocean Science Bowl by winning a contest held in Virginia Beach between 16 teams from Virginia and Maryland. The team headed by Linda Caulley will now compete at the national finals April 25-27 in Washington D.C.

The goal of this first ever competition is to recognize and reward excellence among students interested in ocean studies and to help them become the next generation of oceanographers and marine scientists. The bowl also aims to broaden awareness of the critical value of ocean research among high school students, educators, parents and the public.

During the competition, students answer rapid-fire questions on biology, chemistry, geology, physics, history, economics and current events related to the ocean. The questions were designed by top researchers and educators in marine sciences.

Best of luck to the team. We wish them well and look forward to meeting Linda at DEW Scuba. She is diver but complains that she hasn't been in the water in 15 years! Maybe we can change that! Linda, please also invite any other members of the group who have an interest and come share your experiences with us.

Check out CNN Interactive at
<http://cnn.com>



Class Info & Schedule



To register for any class or to inquire about any facet of the training, please contact Chip at 296-0455 or Email: chip@SeaDevilDivers.com

PADI Open Water Scuba Diver
ACAC **May 18th**
Boars Head Sports Club **June 9th**
Farmington CC **June 10th**

PADI Advanced Open Water
Freeport, Grand Bahama **April 23-27**

PADI Medic First Aid
PADI Rescue Diver
PADI Divemaster **May 5th**
PADI Master Diver & Specialties

PADI Open Water: This entry level program is designed to develop a competent recreational diver. The program consists of 5 classroom modules and 5 confined water (pool) modules after which certification is awarded upon completing 4 Open Water training dives. These dives are usually done on the weekend at one of the local quarries although they can also be accomplished on one of our local or Caribbean dive trips. It is also possible to arrange a referral to another PADI instructor at a dive destination of the student's choice. The program costs \$300 and includes all course materials, confined water dives, equipment rental and certification fees. The cost of the Open Water dives depends, of course, on where they are done. Students need to provide mask, fins, and snorkel.

PADI Advanced Open Water: This class provides a sampler of five specialty areas of diving. The core dives include navigation, night and deep diving. Two other dives are selected from among numerous specialties including multilevel, computer, naturalist, peak buoyancy, search & recovery, photography, boat, etc.

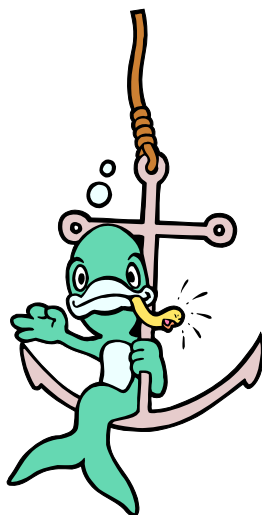
The course fee which includes the book, C-card and instruction, is \$150 locally or \$100 if done as part of one of our Caribbean trips. The cost of equipment and the cost of the dives are not included.

Advanced class trip is planned for:
Freeport, Grand Bahama April 23-27

PADI Medic First Aid: This is a very good all around first aid course including CPR with particular emphasis on diving related injuries.

PADI Rescue Diver: This course instructs the student on how to handle and assist in handling dive emergency situations. It sets the stage for PADI leadership training by incrementally encouraging the diver to take responsibility for others in the group and for the diving environment

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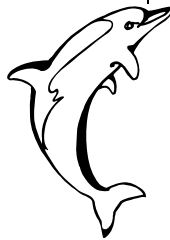
by Colin Krause

(Colin Krause is a Charlottesville diver who trained as a rescue diver with Tony and Chip this past fall. He is studying marine science and was able to land a job as a Divemaster at the Center for Marine Resource Studies at South Caicos Island in Turks and Caicos. The following is an excerpt of an Email he recently sent)

Sunday (4/5) Stacie, Todd, and I dove a newly discovered dive site. The best dive I have ever done. The site starts in 40 ft of water. From the 40ft bottom there is a canyon that drops to 80ft. The canyon is about 8 ft wide and the walls are completely vertical. The length of it is probably about 200ft and the deep end opens out onto the wall. At the bottom of the canyon there is a passage that goes into the wall and after about 15ft opens up into another room. This room goes for about 12ft and then opens out to the wall. The corals at the lip of the canyon are exceptional. They are present in a very high density and are very healthy.

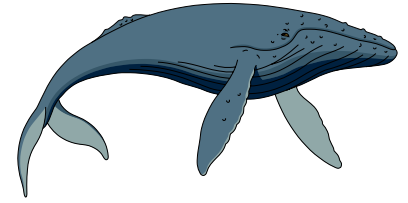
Monday (4/6) I was heading back to my room from the dive locker when Andrew and some other staff went running down to the boat. Supposedly they saw a whale and were heading out to see it. The water is the calmest I have seen here; the surface was like glass. We drive out to where the wall begins but we don't see any whales. We spot the "21", one of our skiffs, about ¾ mile offshore. Amy is out fishing in it so we head over to see what she is up to. There's motion in the water and think she might have a fish, possibly a blue-fin tuna by the looks of things. As we get closer, we realize she is driving the boat around and then moving up to stand in the bow. Just in front of the boat under the bow are a few fins out of the water. All around the boat are fins. Lots and lots of dolphins! Stacie and Andrew jump in the water with their masks and we drive our boat around enticing the dolphins to play with our boat as well. They are jumping out of the water, riding along the bow, and following us. They could care less about the people in the water; they just want to play with the boats.

After about a half an hour we head in so some people can get back to work, but four of us, Jen, Stacie, Todd (a friend of Stacie's visiting), and I get our masks and fins and head out again. The dolphins are still there and we all get a chance to see them in the water. You could hear them very well as they talked to one another. After about an hour they became tired. We then just drove the boat along at idle speed and the dolphins would lazily ride just in front of the bow in groups of 3 to 6. We would lay on the bow and could see and hear them exceptionally well.



We were even able to touch them, and one even did a flip for us.

Then Jen spots the whales!, two humpbacks another ¼ mile out. We head towards them. From a distance we see them take 3 breaths, then arch their back preparing to dive, lift their tails out of the water and



then they were down. You could easily see and hear the spray as they exhaled. About ten minutes later we spot them again. This time we are able to get closer. We notice dolphins hanging out beside the whales. The whales were only about 100ft from the boat when they decide to dive down again. Their tails one after the other come up out of the water as they descend. We got to see them one last time as they surfaced and dove again.

Tuesday (4/7) We saw more dolphins. After work 5 of the staff went out freediving by the wall. I knew I heard dolphins and then Stacie points and says they are just off the wall. There were 9 of them in a group swimming north along the wall. They stuck around for a few minutes and we're able to get within 20 ft or so of them.

Wednesday (4/8) I was driving a boat back from the Six Hills Cay area with 6 students after doing some Conch assessment research. I was driving out in the open ocean about a ¼ mile from shore when I spotted a Humpback whale. Once I got the boat closer, we saw that there were two whales. They were 20ft off the side of the boat performing numerous spy hops; poking their heads up above the water for a look around. They would swim on their sides holding a fin out of the water waving it and slapping the water. They breached a couple times and one of them even swam under our boat. They were so close we were able to get in the water with our masks on and see them underwater. That was when I saw that the two whales also had a calf with them. Today's experience with the whales was, in a word, phenomenal!

Editor: We would wish Colin the very best, but it appears that he already has it. Stay in touch Colin. Check out Colin's web site listed below and I'm sure he would be happy to hear from you.

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Monday, May 11th - 7 PM

Guest Speaker: Edward E. Clarke, Jr. - As head of the Wildlife Center and a member of the board of the National Wildlife Federation, Ed helps connect us to the larger world of diving and the ocean environment. Come visit with Ed as he shares his experiences in Caye Sol, Bahamas through his slides, stories, and tips on photography.

Come have dinner and share good times with old friends and new.

Everyone with an interest is welcome, so please bring a friend. Remember, SeaDevils...

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