

April 2023



# Lunarfins Scuba Club

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m.**

**New Place this month South Shore Grille**

**2800 Marina Bay Dr., League City,  
TX 77573**

Time: 6:00 pm order Dinner  
6:30 pm general meeting  
7:00 pm

Andrew Lewis, owner and  
Diver Master of the Texas Caribbean  
present a talk on the Fling and Fish ID



About a year ago, Andy took over operations for the Fling, the only liveaboard boat that regularly takes divers to the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary. Though he has been certified as a scuba diver since 1980, running a boat has presented quite a learning curve. His presentation will focus on what has been done to the boat and the operation in the past year, with pictures and stories about what it's like to operate a liveaboard. All of us appreciate going to wonderful places and living on someone else's boat for a period of time, but few really know what goes on behind the scenes—it's a lot.

Come and see what it's like to run a scuba business!

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83674642772?pwd=YUtdMkdGdkhZVHRleFdwrfGT0pWL1hTd09>



**Lunarfins Board Meetings**  
are held every other month on the 2nd  
Monday of the Month. Our next meet will be  
on **May 8th**, if you want to attend contact  
Brion Saathoff at [brionsaathoff@icloud.com](mailto:brionsaathoff@icloud.com) >  
before at 7:00 PM.



**Will be a ZOOM Meeting only**

*If you have an item to bring before the board,*

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John Gorman,  
Pete Hasbrook,  
Andy Lewis,  
Mike Peters,  
Ja Van Pruett,  
Cindy Reuland,  
Brion Saathoff



**Lunarfins**  
P.O. Box 57514  
Webster, TX  
77598-7514



## Events Calendar

(Tentative plans)

Membership runs **Membership**

**2024 Membership dues are**  
**Now being accepted** from  
**April 1st, 2023 to March 31st**  
**2024**

"The renewal form and dues  
payment is required as soon as  
possible prior to April 1.

*Please bring the form (below) to*  
*the next meeting or mail it in.*

*Please fill in all fields completely*  
*so that records can be verified*  
*this time around.*

*Don't forget to check your*  
*interest (s) and if you want to*  
*be included in the directory.*



**Apr. 15th — Tall Ships coming to Galveston — Tom Burns**

**Apr. 18th — General Meeting — Andy Lewis — The Texas**  
**Caribbean and Fish ID**

**Apr. 29th & 30th — Houston Underwater Film Festival (P.12)**

**May 8th — Lunarfin's Board Meeting — ZOOM — 6:30 pm**

**May 16th — General Meeting — Kevin Whitton— Survival &**  
**Safety Training**

**May 13th — Lunarfin's Luncheon — Tookie's Hamberger —2**  
**pm — See P. 4 — Please RSVP to Kim Murphy or Mike Peters**

**June 17th — Crayfish Boil — Location**

**June 20th — General Meeting — Dennis Deavenport & Justin**  
**Wallace — "Anilao Follies"**

**July 9th — Lunarfin's Board Meeting — ZOOM — 6:30 pm**

**July 18th — General Meeting — Dennis Deavenport & Henry**  
**Ragland**

**Aug. 15th — General Meeting — Gail Chapman — Women**  
**Divers**

### ELECTED OFFICERS

President

Brion Saathoff

Vice President

Ja Van Pruett

Secretary

Christi Dawson

Treasurer

John Gorman

Social Director

Mike Peters

### APPOINTED

Media Manager

Dennis Deavenport

Training information

Bill Jones

Trip information

PJ Campagna

**Open**

TGCC Representative

Tom Burns

Advisor

Dennis Deavenport

Advisor

PeeWee Dwire

Advisor

Mike Peters

Newsletter

Ja Van Pruett

Website

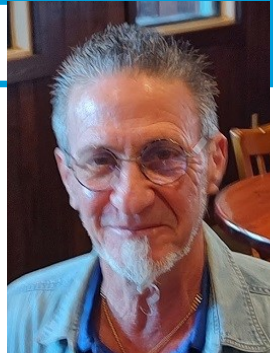
Tom Burns

**Do you have**  
**any ideas for**  
**event or**

**Topics for**  
**Speakers for**  
**2023?**

**Please share**  
**them with**  
**any of our**  
**officers.**

## Lunarfins President's Notes



Happy Easter my Lunarfins family,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as president, I hope my social butterfly wings will fold up nicely into the hat that you have given me.

We had a great time at the Magic Show Theater, thank you PJ and Shon for putting it together for us.

It is an amazing up close and personal venue. We were able to visit with the Magicians one on one after the show. I found them to be a kind and accommodating group of people, we will be looking forward to doing it again later this year.

The Tall ship race is coming to Galveston on the weekend of April the 15th. We decided to not make it an official social event because there are so many different options and activities that it might be hard to coordinate. If you plan on going and would like to meet up you can email one of us (the board) or go on the face book site and drop a line.

I will be there on Saturday 15th and at the Moody aquarium on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank Christi Dawson for filling the secretary position. and Mike Peters for filling the social chair position that I vacated. also, everyone else on the board for staying in the game, they are a talented group of individuals that I have come to admire and respect over the years that I have been with the club.

I would also like to thank Cindy Reuland for all her efforts to keep us in the JSC loop and bringing in JSC people, after all we are The Lunarfins Nasa Dive Club.

Don't forget to leave room on your dance card for the HUFF — Houston Underwater Film Festival, April 29 & 30 at the Match Theater in Mid Town. It is sponsored by our dear friends at HUPPS, It is an experience you will want to come back to year after year. There are many videos submitted from all over the world.

After the show on Sunday there is a reception and awards banquet.

If you haven't read the newsletter from last month, Andy Lewis from the Texas Caribbean is giving us a presentation on the MV Fling and a fish ID for the Sanctuary at our next meeting on April 18th at South Shore Grille 2800 Marina Bay Drive in League City. Andy and the crew have worked hard to provide our community with a better dive experience.

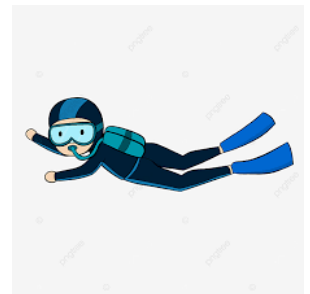
Come and hear all about it.

Fins up and the sound of bubbles to all.

*Regards,*

*Brion Saathoff*

2023-2024 President!



Happy Birthday! to  
anyone that has  
a birthday this month!  
May your day be wonderful!





## **South Shore Grille**

**Be sure to check out their menu**

<https://soshoregrille.com/league-city-south-shore-grille-food-menu>

**April 18th, 6:00pm**

**Come at 6pm—and order, 6:30—announcements & social**

**Speakers start at 7:00 pm**

**2800 Marina Bay Dr. League City TX 77573**

## **Lunarfins May Social**



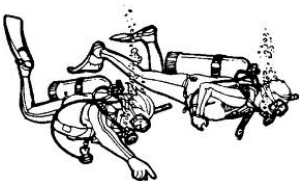
## **Lunarfins Luncheon**

**May 13, 2023 — 2pm**

**406 Texas Ave.**

**Kemah, TX 77565**

Please RSVP to Kim Murphy—  
kamurph5717@gmail.com or Mike Peters—  
MGPetershome@comcast.net





# Notes About our New Lunarfans Board of Directors:



**President**

**Brion Saathoff** — I joined Lunarfans in 2018; I learned to dive in 1986 with Texas Scuba. I did my check out dives at Morrison and Vortex springs in Ponce de Leon Florida. That was back before they had a gate on the cavern at vortex and you could go into the cavern without a guide. I love old cars and old motorcycles. I love to free climb, (there's not much opportunity in this area) I did a lot of it in Joshua tree national monument in California. I have been an electrician for 43 years and have worked for my best friend for the last 27. I am 61 years old and an April child born in Coronado California. I have been a volunteer at Moody Gardens for a little over three years and I am now on the dive team. I truly enjoy the time that I have spent with my Lunarfans family. I look forward to seeing everybody for many more years to come. We have a great and very diverse group of people; I have learned a lot from many you.



**Vice President**

**Ja Van Pruett**—I became a member of Lunarfans after I was certified in 1976, two years later I joined Bay Area Divers. I joined International Dive Club in 1980 and in 1983 joined Houston Underwater Club and was a member for 18 years. During that time, I was known as the “Cake Lady” and baked 3 cakes a month.

I have volunteered for many positions as a chairman or Co-Chairman for various clubs. For TGCC I have served as a secretary for 1998-2002, 2015 – present. I rejoined Bay Area Divers in 2001 and became Editor for Bay Area Divers for 10 years. In 2016, I became the Secretary and 2 years later the V. P. Lunarfans for the past 4 and then Editor in 2020. I was V.P./Editor for Bay Area Divers for 10 years, and V.P. Lunarfans for the past 4 years and then Editor in 2020. Being the Editor is something I really love; I cater to my members. We are so lucky to have so many wonderful people in our club. I have given lots of time and received more joy and pleasure than the time that I served for 46 years. I enjoy diving and the people in the community.

I also love to cook, do needlework and garden. Dennis Deavenport is my teacher and got me into Photography and now I belong to HUPS where I am learning how to be a better Photographer.



**Treasurer**

**John Gorman**—I was born in south Louisiana and received my engineering degrees from LSU. I worked as a NASA contractor my whole career. While at NASA I became interested in Scuba Diving. I received my initial diver certification in 2004 and joined Lunarfans in 2005. I have enjoyed scuba diving at a number of locations in the Caribbean. As a Lunarfans member, I became interested in being an officer and was elected as club Treasurer. In 2009 – 2011 and then again in 2014 and since I enjoy working with numbers, I continue to volunteer as Treasurer for the club.

What John did not mention is that we (members of Lunarfans) gave the Award “Lunarfans of the Year in 2020” for his hard work and dictation.

## New Officers (Continued)



**Secretary**

**Christi Dawson**, spent most of her adult life in the Houston area and considers herself an “adopted native Houstonian.” She first was exposed to swimming in blue water as a child living in Jakarta, where she and her family spent many weekends snorkeling among the reef fish in Indonesia. She was first certified as a scuba diver in 2021 and has spent hundreds of dives in the Flower Gardens working on the Fling. She currently is working on her dive master certification. In addition to being an avid diver, Christi is an avid wildlife photographer, primarily interested in fish and birds.

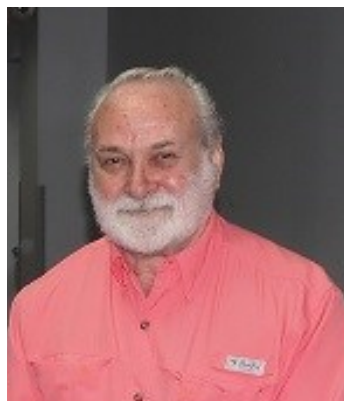
What Christi didn’t tell you is that she is a Paralegal and has 4 children, and we are blessed to have her as our new secretary.



**Social Director**

**Mike Peters**, enrolled in a scuba diving at Houston Scuba Academy in 1975, and became a certified “NASDS BASIC” diver and moved on to NASDS Open Water after making a dive at the Flower Gardens. I love salt water diving, took more classes to dive wrecks like the “V A Fogg, and then he became an NASDS Cave Diver. I made my first international dive trip, to “Sunset House” in Grand Cayman, had a fantastic week, but on my last afternoon, a drunk fuel truck driver ran over my motorcycle, & drove off when I local called the police. So, I ducked taped over my injured leg, so that I could make a Saturday night dive. I was thrilled at the corals, sea life, & visibility. I went on to dive Catalina Island, aboard the famous dive boat, called “The Truth”. Kelp diving was great, & hot showers on the back deck were great, along with a night dive, to finish the trip. I loved it!!! After that I took another class & trip to Lake Travis to become a certified YMCA Sport Diver. It was tough, with monofilament line in the trees at 100 feet was terrible. My best friend got me to join International Divers Club”, which ran cheap international dive trips, and cheap, local trips, & had lots of parties and fun outings. I

then enrolled in a NAUI certified Divemaster class. I was awarded best in the class at graduation, and I was allowed to dive master and a trip of 44 divers, on a trip called “Texas Dive Week in Cozumel “. I enjoyed diving so much I began promoting and dive mastering 4 international trips per year, & several local trips. I also joined “Houston Underwater Club”, & took a dive master certification, class with them. I went on to running trips every year to Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Bonaire, Roatan, & Palau. Diving became my passion, I love the diving, the fun, & most of all my diving friends.



**Advisor**

**Rodney (PeeWee)**, was certified in October of 1978. “I soon joined AquaMasters and Dichard Divers clubs of Houston, TX. I later became President of the Dichard Divers and was Editor of their newsletter.”

Dichard Divers later merged with Pasadena Underwater Divers Club. When that club disbanded, they donated the money in their Treasury to a little known organization that had only been in existence two years called DAN.

“I was an individual member of the TGCC and was a TGCC Board member from 1980 -1982. I became a member of Bay Area Divers in 1980-1983 then rejoined in 1986 until today, I have severed on the board for Bay Area Diver 6 times. Was chairman of the Spearfishing Rodeo for Bay Area Divers in 2001. In 1996 I joined Houston Underwater Club and was a member for 8 years until they disbanded. I currently belong to the TGCC, Lunarphins, HUPS And Bay Area Divers. I have always been a behind the scenes guy. If you need help, you can count on me to be there. My favorite diving location is the Gulf of Mexico, offshore rigs.”

Whenever his work gave him time off, he helped at BAD Flea Market. He occasionally worked as a Volunteer for the Seaspace Diving Symposium (For those of you who do not know about Seaspace, it was the first film festival for Underwater Diving.) He currently serves as 1st V.P. for the TGCC.





**Dennis Deavenport**, I am not just a diver with a camera... Although I love what I do, especially in the realm of filmmaking, I've always had a passion for music, art, and travel. Yes, I was a professional scientist, but most of my spare time was devoted to these other activities in one form or the other. I've given up playing the French horn long ago after 4 years as an almost-music-major in college. Now my nights will often find me serenading my cat with random tunes on my piano. My need to create and experiment in art has traveled from canvas, clay, glass, and paper to digital artwork, both through creative images and videos. One of my other favorite things to do is to tell stories. I can do this by penning tales based on past experiences or through films. Filmmaking excites me most at this point in my life. It appeals to me primarily because it enables me to speak through a combination of music, art, science, and storytelling. It is my way of sharing how I feel about the world in which we rattle around. For whatever reason, I have no set, definable style when I'm creating movies. I enjoy experimenting with many different genres from documentaries to travel shows. Some of my creations are serious factual works. Others are visual surrealism or even humor. Often, what happens is very much a surprise to me. That is part of the

attraction... kicking the gorilla and running away.

I also seem to have a need to teach what I've learned to others. Committing to workshops and training sessions is as much about forcing me to learn something as it is about imparting what I'm learning to others. Accepting a challenge that stretches me out is my way of forcing myself to learn something useful. Yeah, it doesn't always work out but more often than not, it does. It's my way and pretty much always has been.

Traveling *via* dive trips or with my wife, Martha, and friends is another major fascination of mine. There are few things as exciting as being immersed in cultures that differ vastly from our daily lives. Finally, it's about friends and family and the ability to share experiences with others. There is no way to over-emphasize this part of my existence.



**Tom Burns**. My fascination with the underwater world began through watching Jacques Cousteau TV specials as a kid. Also, during a family vacation to the Florida Keys, we rode on a glass bottom boat out to the reef in Pennnekamp Park. So, SCUBA diving had always been something I wanted to try, but I needed a little push. Shortly after moving to Houston in 1989 to work as a contractor in the Space Shuttle program, my apartment complex hosted a pool party. SCUBA instructor Davis Graham was there with some equipment that we could try out in the pool. A few weeks later, Davis contacted me concerning an upcoming certification course and I signed up. Later that summer I joined a Cozumel trip that Davis organized. I was uncomfortable during my first few dives but by the end of the trip I had gotten the hang of things and was hooked.

SCUBA diving not only unlocked the underwater world for me, it unlocked the whole world in a sense. Before getting certified I literally did not know Cozumel from Cancun. Although I haven't ventured far in my travels, I at least know that places such as

Indonesia exist. So, to borrow a phrase, diving has broadened my mind.

But, as rewarding as all that has been, the real reward is the friends I have made through SCUBA diving. After I got hooked on diving after that first trip to Cozumel, I wanted to meet other divers and joined Lunarfans and Bay Area Divers. Back in those days, the Houston SCUBA community got together several times a year for events like Sea Space, the B.A.D. flea market and Trashfest. I have fond memories of attending and helping with those events. There were some awesome folks in B.A.D. but I eventually dropped out, because I had traveled more with Lunarfans. As the Lunarfans TGCC representative, I have made even more friends. I cannot imagine what my life would have been like if I had not become a SCUBA diver. Although I am an introvert at heart, being a member of the diving community helps me break out of my shell.

I haven't been on a dedicated diving trip for some years now. These days I mostly take cruises and enjoy snorkeling at the various ports of call. Some of the places I have snorkeled include Grand Cayman, Bahamas, St. John (USVI), Barbados, Bonaire and most recently Roatan. Maybe one of these days I'll put a tank on my back and a regulator in my mouth again.

I enjoy attempting underwater photography. I say "attempting" because my results are no where near H.U.P.S. quality.



# About our Members

## 1st Dive Trip to Cozumel! Stanley Fontento



Below are some of the pictures from his trip to Witchita, Kansas





## About our Members, (Continued)



**Happy Belated Birthday,  
Cindy Reuland**

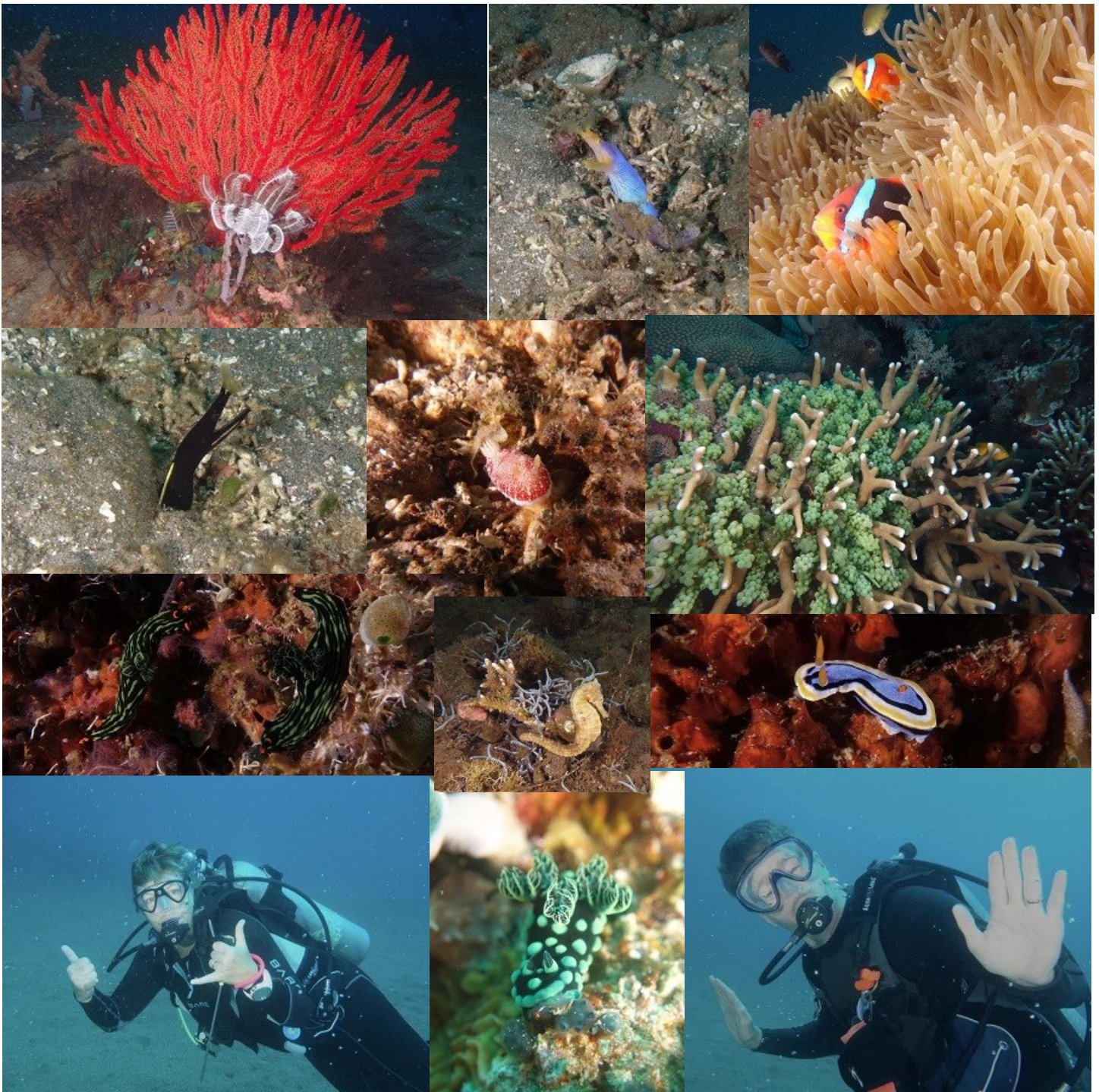


A nature walk and sunset cruise at Armand Bayou nature center, church, lunch with Bible study group and a great dinner with Houston neighbors!



# About our Members, (Continued)

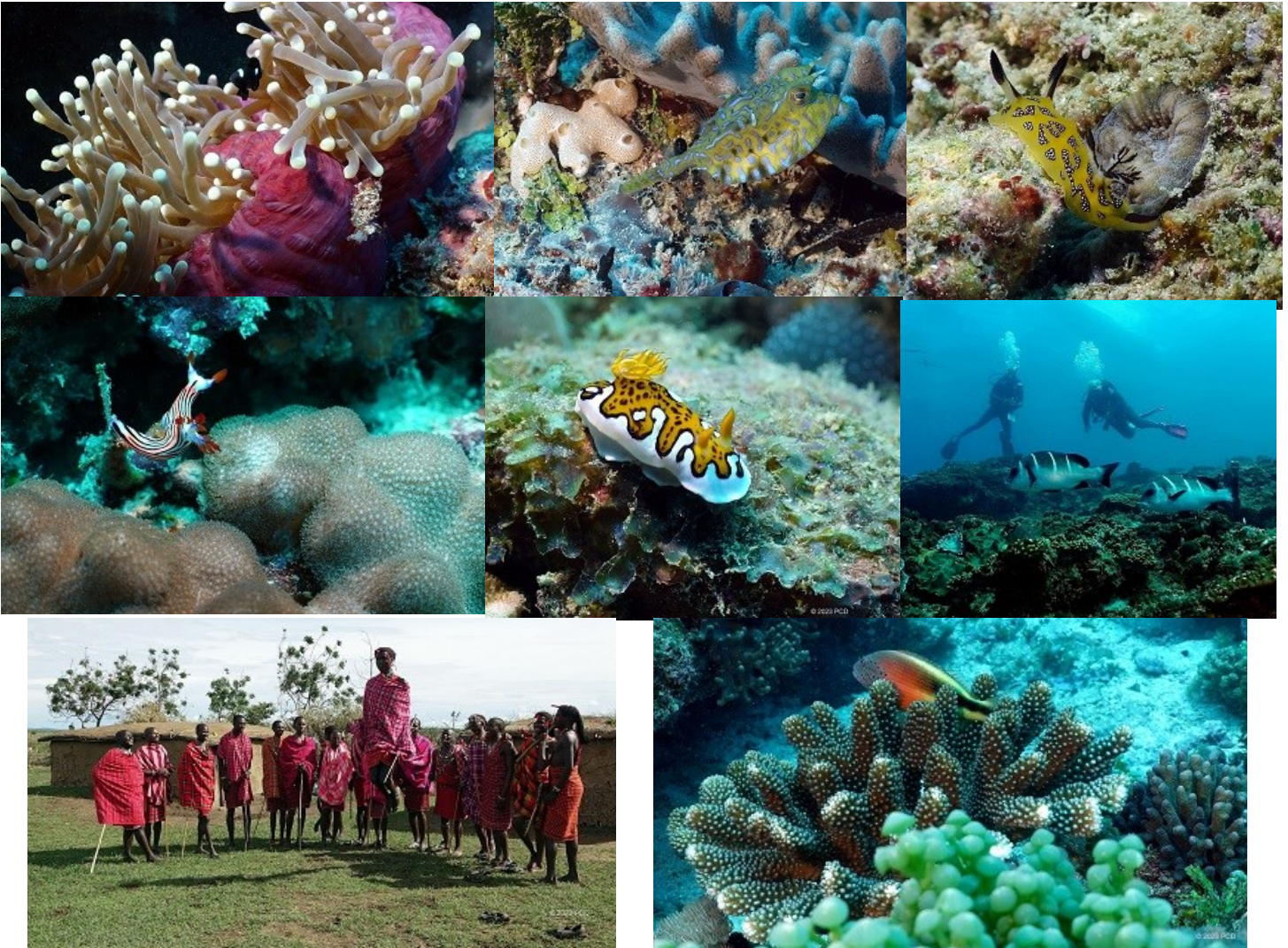
## Annette & Pete Hasbrook





# About our Members, (Continued)

## Paul Cater Deaton– Trip to Kenya & Zinabar



Where is he off to now?





### Fling Charters

726 West Brazos Boulevard, Freeport, TX

979-233-4445



**WE \* DID \* IT!!!** We got our first trip of 2023 out and back!

It was super nice, and most of y'all, well you missed out! Ha!

The weather was much better than we feared, but it was still not "smooth sailing." We were forced by a steering hiccup (it delayed us) to go a little faster than we'd have liked. We try to keep our speed down and give you the best ride! But we made it out the West Bank without too much shaking up.

We arrived at the West Bank at 7:30 (a little late due to a steering hiccup we stopped to fix) in a lumpy sea, very comfortable though once we got stopped. DiveMaster Andy jumped in the water as the sun was rising to check out the conditions and lay a sight line for divers to use as a reference during their dive. The water temperature was a comfortable but chilly for Texans, seventy-two degrees. His 5mm shorty was perfect for the conditions. Visibility was a hundred feet plus and there was no current. A dozen great barracuda greeted him at the surface and a school of bar jacks circled him at the U-bolt. Juvenile fish were teaming between the coral heads on the way to the edge of the bank. On the way, he crossed a pair of white spotted file fish, followed by a yellow mouthed grouper which came right up to him. Watching from overhead, a manta ray hovered ten feet over him, basking in the bubbles before doing a loop and heading off into the deep. It was a spectacular beginning to a spectacular weekend.

During the trip our divers saw more manta, sharks (including a few hammerheads, lots of silky, a handful of sandbar sharks), loggerhead turtles, and among all the other typical reef fish, we saw a golden smooth trunkfish—Andy's favorite—which are only found in the Flower Garden Banks and the Bay Islands of Honduras.

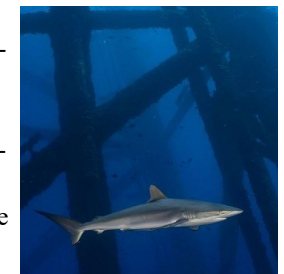
The oil platform dive saw the usual cast of characters, the curious young silky sharks in good numbers, the Amber Jacks and of course the countless "aquarium fishes."

Overnight we quietly motored over to Stetson Bank. This is where the small groups of Hammerheads visited, not the large numbers associated with Jan-Feb, but still fun to spot out in the deep water. They, with lobsters and all the crazy animals that live there made Stetson a nice treat before heading back to Freeport.

We were also visited by an Albatross, a sign of good things to come. The trip ended back in Freeport at about 5:30 on Sunday.

We have some great trips coming up and they're all starting to fill up slowly. Our next scheduled trip is half full already! Head over to the booking page and find your next blue-water adventure out at sea. The unique and vibrant Flower Garden Banks await you!

Book Now: <https://fling-diving.com/Book-Now>



# Tall Ships in Galveston on April 15, 2023



**Galveston** will be hosting the 2023 Tall Ships festival. There will be tours of participating ships, numerous special events, sail-away excursions, music, food, and fun in a family-friendly format. Galveston Island will serve as one of three ports for the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Gulf Coast 2023 Series, which features a fleet of ships traveling across the Gulf of Mexico as they visit other participating cities.

The Tall Ships Challenge® is a series of annual events organized by Tall Ships America. These events draw hundreds of thousands of people to witness beautiful tall ships from the age of sail and provide a unique opportunity for the participants to interact with the crews of different vessels in friendly rivalry as they race from port to port.

The series began in 2001 on the Great Lakes and saw vessels from six countries and visited seven US and Canadian ports. Since its launch, the Tall Ships Challenge® series has visited dozens of North American cities, bringing millions of spectators down to the waterfront to experience the tall ships and creating a cumulative economic impact of hundreds of millions of dollars for host communities. It has continued to grow every year and is an eagerly anticipated event in the seaside communities that host the vessels and beyond.

**PLEASE NOTE:** TALL SHIPS® GALVESTON tickets are non-refundable. The festival is open, rain or shine. GHF is not responsible for independent transactions between visitors and vendors. All ships are viewable from the pier. However, on-board tours are not handicap accessible. If we can assist with arrangements, please contact us at 409-765-7834 in advance of your visit. Pets and ice chests are not allowed. Scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, skates, Segways, and other recreational “wheels” are forbidden.

This returning festival hosts tours of the participating ships, numerous special events, sail-away excursions, music, food, and fun in a family-friendly format. Tickets are good from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (last tour at 5 p.m.) for the date selected. **Fast Pass tickets allow to holders to access on-board tours ahead of the general admission line through a private queue.**

<https://www.galvestonhistory.org/events/tall-ships-galveston/tickets>

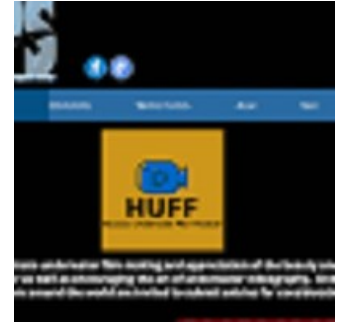
**Galveston Historic Seaport - Home of the 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA** 2200 Harborside Drive  
Galveston, TX 77550

**Please note: there are two types of festival tickets.**

**Festival Admission (No Ship Boarding)** - Enjoy access to festival grounds and view appearing Tall Ships. This ticket does not allow you onboard any ship. Festival grounds and ship viewing are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

**Festival & Ship Access - Welcome aboard!** These tickets allow access to festival grounds and the ability to tour each appearing Tall Ship. Ships are available for tours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.





**HUFF** aims to promote underwater film making and appreciation of the beauty and diversity of all things underwater as well as encouraging the art of underwater videography. Underwater videographers from around the world are invited to submit entries for consideration for screening.

### **To see trailer of HUFF**

**go to:** [https://  
www.hups.org/huff](https://www.hups.org/huff)

**Contact Information:**  
Website - [https://  
www.hups.org](https://www.hups.org)

Email: [huff@hups.org](mailto:huff@hups.org)

**Phone: 713-231-4052**

**Address: 14 Windermere Ln., Houston, Texas 77063 USA**

Tickets are on sale at MATCH (Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston) , 3400 Main St., Houston 77002. **Tickets are \$15** and there are convenient ticket packages. Virtual tickets go on sale May 1 at MATCH and on the HUFF and HUPS Websites. Virtual tickets are \$10 for one show and \$15 for both shows.

Here are the links:

[MATCH box office](#)  
[HUFF Website](#)  
[HUPS Website](#)

# HUFF (Houston Underwater Film Festival)

By Craig Beasley

## **Buy your tickets now.**

Our theater this year is smaller than in the past (around 125 seats), a consequence of emerging from the pandemic and facing stiff competition to reserve afternoon Saturday and Sunday showings. Check out [huff.hups.org](http://huff.hups.org) where you will find links to ticket sales and other event information. When you get to the Match Theater site, scroll down to see convenient packages that will make your purchase easier. The dates are April 29-30, shows start at 3:00. [But ...](#)

## **Come Early and Stay Late**

The theater lobby opens at 2:00 to give plenty of time to shop. Besides the usual swag and art and other things, don't forget the raffles. Each performance is followed by a raffle and you must purchase tickets for each raffle and be present to win. The raffle has always been good, but this year it is over the top. **3 different items for dive travel:** land-based opportunities and one liveaboard and values for these items are in the thousands! Exciting dive photo gear, artwork and publications So many great things to (possibly) win. (See Page 17)

Tickets are 3/\$5 as usual. We expect a lot of participation!!! Details are being finalized and will be published soon so that you can plan your strategy. **Saturday** raffle is held in the theater just after the screenings and winners are announced. Then, those so inclined will adjourn to the Brass Tap across the street for an informal "meet the filmmakers" event. You are on your own dime for food and drink for this event, but don't miss it. On **Sunday**, the screening is followed by a reception in the Gallery at the Match complex where we will announce the winners and hold the raffle. The reception is free to enter but if you wish to have some of the buffet, please purchase the ticket for this event (included in packages). It is another great opportunity to meet the filmmakers and volunteers who make this all possible.

## **The Shows**

A couple of weeks ago, the HUFF judging committee finished the tough job of watching and scoring 123 films. We thank everyone for their conscientious efforts. As ever, our entries were a little different this year and we have adapted our program to reflect this. **Saturday's show** will have sessions "Made in Texas", "Art House Flicks" and "Protect and Respect the Oceans". **Sunday**, we have "Short Videos", "Animation and Dance" and "Feature Length" sessions. A major difference this year is that the very popular "Art House Flicks" from previous shows has been split by giving "Animation and Dance" films their own session.

## **Thanks to HUPS and all the Volunteers**

There is no doubt that HUPS members were the first to volunteer but even in the first HUFF, we were joined by others from the dive community and now, we are being supported by people from all dive organizations in the area and I don't mean just Houston. It is a nice thing to see something bring us all together for such a fun and enriching experience. On behalf of my Co Chair (Betsy), the HUFF Committee, the participating dive and photo clubs and all the volunteers and sponsors, thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

# THE EVENTS

at Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston (MATCH)

3400 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002

Saturday, April 29, 3:00 PM - Screening of entries for the “Made in Texas”, “Art House Flicks”, and “Protect & Respect the Oceans” categories. Matchbox 3 Theater

Saturday, April 29, 5:30 PM - Meet the Filmmakers across the street at the  
Brass Tap

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 PM - Screening of entries for the “Short Videos”, “Animation & Dance”, and “Feature Length” categories. Matchbox 3 Theater

Sunday, April 30, 5:30 PM - Awards Reception in the Gallery

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS\* Saturday, April 29, 3 PM - \$15 Sunday, April 30, 5 PM - \$15

Sunday, April 3, 5:30 PM - Admission is free, Appetizer Buffet \$10

## **TICKET PACKAGES\***

\$25 Stargazer Package includes 1 ticket to the Saturday screenings and access to the appetizer buffet at the Sunday reception.

\$25 Octopus Package includes 1 ticket to the Sunday screenings and access to the appetizer buffet at the Sunday reception.

\$38 Manta Ray Package includes 1 ticket to both screenings and access to the appetizer buffet at the Sunday reception.

\$75 – Whale Shark Package – HUFF SPONSOR PACKAGE includes 1 ticket to both screenings and access to the appetizer buffet at the Sunday reception plus praise for supporting HUFF! You will be acknowledged at the festival for your donation.

\*Please note that there is a \$2 per ticket handling fee.

**Buy tickets at <https://matchouston>**





# Houston Underwater Film Festival 2023

Saturday, April 29, 3 pm Show

## Made In Texas

1. Octo Antics
2. The Best Mucking Time Ever
3. The Time is Now
4. Masters of Camouflage
5. Expect the Unexpected
6. Nudi Blues

## Art House Flicks

1. An Ocean of Possibilities
2. Reminder
3. The Octo Connection
4. Roque Prelude
5. Resurrection Under the Ocean
6. Beneath
7. The Diver's Son
8. 13 Metres

## Protect & Respect the Oceans

1. Plastic Ocean
2. What Can We Do For the "Blue"
3. Honu's Beach
4. Grayling - The Lady of the Stream
5. Aqualastic
6. Know Plastic, No Plastic
7. Clever Corals
8. The Sea and Me - Below
9. Once Upon a Time



Sunday, April 30, 3 pm Show

## Short Videos

1. Hunters
2. Similan, The World is Waiting
3. Mauritius
4. White Shark Tooth Exam
5. Anemone City
6. Beneath The Blue - Watamu Reef
7. The Underwater Puppies
8. Below the Surface of the Red Sea
9. Human Connection
10. Malpelo: Mountain of Sharks
11. Fascination Tigerhaie
12. Fluo Games - The Night of the Tenacles
12. Bird's Eye View
14. Sharkydelity
15. Whalou the Whale

## Animation & Dance

1. Explosive Love
2. Sweet N' Salty
3. Free to Swim
4. The Sea Begins Here
5. Sansara
6. The Encou...er
7. Bardo
8. The Old Man and the Sea
9. If Only
10. Lui
11. Falling Free
12. Our Ocean
13. The White Whale

## Feature Length

1. Baja
2. Blackwater - Cozumel Style
3. Last Night in Paradise
4. Seasons in the Pacific Northwest
5. Deep Gold
6. Mediterranean Dream
7. Monad Shoal
8. A Little Girl's Dream
9. Bouncing Back
10. Wonders of the Coral Triangle



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# Raffle Tickets



3 for \$5 ©

## Saturday, April 29, 3pm Show

Buceo Anilao Dive & Beach Resort Package - \$1030 value  
BigBlue 15,000 Lumen Video Light - \$1069 value  
Ikelite \$500 Gift Certificate  
Robert Straight Art - 3 pieces - \$95 - \$625 value  
MV Fling Charters \$250 Gift Certificate - \$250 value  
Backscatter GoPro Flip 11 Pro Package - \$218 value  
Oceanic Ventures Welcome to Scuba Course - \$100 value  
CHUM 1-year membership, club t-shirt and copy of Blackwater Creatures book - \$80 value  
Glorious Gulf of Mexico book by Jesse Cancelmo - \$30 value  
Variety of Books donated by Mike Greuter - \$14.95 - \$50 value

## Sunday, April 30, 3pm Show

Atlantis Resorts - Puerto Galera or Dumaguete Package - \$2669 value  
Master Liveaboard Package - \$1000 value  
Ikelite \$500 Gift Certificate  
Robert Straight Art - 2 pieces - \$95 - \$625 value  
5 Year Personalized Texas Dive Plate - \$450 value  
Paul Cater Deaton Canvas Photo - Value \$325  
MV Fling Charters \$250 Gift Certificate - \$250 value  
Oceanic Ventures Welcome to Scuba Course - \$100 value  
Texas Coral Reefs book by Jesse Cancelmo - \$25 value  
Variety of Books donated by Mike Greuter - \$14.95 - \$50 value

**MUST BE PRESENT  
TO WIN**

This banner is a work in progress, with more items and details to be added.

### For information:

Go to the new HUFF website [huff.hups.org](http://huff.hups.org). In the coming weeks more information will be added about HUFF 2023, including details about the shows, films and filmmakers, raffle, and parties.



# SHOOTING UNDERWATER VIDEO FOR DUMMIES AND NOT-DUMMIES

## THREE VIDEO WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED FOR BEGINNING TO INTERMEDIATE VIDEOGRAPHERS

by **Dennis Deavenport**

**STARTING MAY 20, 2-4 pm Bayland Community Center**

**Zoom Participants will log onto the HUPS Zoom link**

Three one-hour workshops will be held starting May 20 from 2-4 pm at Bayland Community Center. All three sessions will be in person and via Zoom for any participants that can't make it to the in-person presentation.

**COST: NOTHING**

**WHO CAN ATTEND: ANYONE** who wants to show up in person or who logs on *via* Zoom.

(Up to a max of 100 on Zoom)

### CONCEPT:

I really want to keep this simple but practical. The three sessions will only deal with how to take good video clips underwater. They will not deal with editing and assembly into final films. The premise here is that if you are capable of reliably taking decent video footage, the editing and film assembly becomes a lot simpler and a whole lot more fun and satisfying. The surprising thing about UW video is that it doesn't have to be a black art. There are some simple practices that are easily taught and somewhat easily practiced that will make a night and day difference in results you achieve.

Yes, this is geared toward beginners and intermediate videographers but there are probably pointers that will be valuable even for the grizzled veterans of the 'deadly red button on the back of the camera'.

Session one will be spent on one topic: **ACHIEVING GOOD COLOR UNDERWATER**

Session two will cover: **HOW TO TAKE STABLE UW VIDEO CLIPS**

Session three will cover: **TAKING VIDEO THAT IS CRITICALLY IN-FOCUS (plus other short topics)**

Since there will be a variety of video systems that people will be using, time will be spent discussing how to best get reliable results from action cameras, point and shoot systems, and higher end SLRs. Following the presentation, questions will be fielded for answers and discussion.

Contact Dennis at [ddeavenport@comcast.net](mailto:ddeavenport@comcast.net) to sign up or get more information



# You should have been there!! 60th Year Anniversary Party





**You should have  
been there!!**



## American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation

The TGCC is in the process of forming a 501(c)(3) public charitable corporation. Its goal is to support divers and other marine enthusiasts. In order to finance the creation of this organization TGCC is asking for a \$15 support donation from divers in our community. The \$15 cannot be declared on their federal income tax. However, once formed the TGCC is asking for those supporters to continue to support it with \$20 annual "Supporter" donation, which would qualify for federal income tax purposes.

Currently TGCC:

- ♦ Is looking to sign up 100 supporters by June 30, 2023. There are currently 20.
- ♦ Has procedures in place to record the Supporter's commitment; confirm the Supporter's donation with the donor, the name we would match for IRS reporting purposes, and their email address for program updates.
- ♦ Has held a meeting on March 2nd with Betsy Beasley, Jesse Cancelmo, Dennis Deavenport, and Kirk Leissner to develop a better understanding on what we want to accomplish with this new tax-exempt organization.
- ♦ Has applied to the State to incorporate under the name "**American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation**".
- ♦ Has begun the development of a logo for the new organization.
- ♦ Plans to advertised and solicit to the public during HUFF - April 29th & 30th.
- ♦ Interested "Supporter" should complete the attached form and send it to Mark Leiserowitz.

**To join as an individual (must be a certified scuba diver, or a member of a dive club) - fill out the application below.** Please print legibly as e-mail addresses will be utilized to keep supporters abreast with the status of the 100 Supporters requirement and of the organization's incorporation. Should 100 Supporters not be identified by June 30, 2023 – Supporter fees already collected will automatically be directed to the TGCC Memorial Scholarship Program. If formed, it is anticipated that the annual Supporter Fee for the new organization will be \$20.

☐ **\$15**

Certifying Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ C-Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dive Club \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable To: **TGCC, c/o Mark Leiserowitz, 5205 De Milo Dr., Houston,**



# 2023 TGCC MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

(In memory of Jack Allyn, Greg Grimes, Jean Himes, Anne Millioud, Clint (Dwight) Moore, John Petty, Jackie Reid, John Ringrose, Michael Szewczyk, Randy Widaman, Ted Wimprime and Dick Zingula)



The Texas Gulf Coast Council of Diving Clubs (TGCC) plans to award one College scholarships (1 @ \$500) during 2023. This scholarship is given in memory of Jack Allyn, Greg Grimes, Jean Himes, Anne Millioud, Clint (Dwight) Moore, John Petty, Jackie Reid, John Ringrose, Michael Szewczyk, Randy Widaman, Ted Wimprime and Dick Zingula; deceased members of our dive community. It is also awarded in recognition for support of the TGCC Scholarship Program by Alicia Grimes, the Houston Underwater Club, the Houston Underwater Photographic Society and Linda Petty. The purpose of this award 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 2023, or a high school senior that has been accepted to college in 2023.
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 2023.
3. Application (see other side) must be received by the TGCC Donations Committee prior to **June 30, 2023**. TGCC will review all completed applications on July 6, 2023.
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 will 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 should be e-mailed to the TGCC Donations Committee Chairman:

jfburek@consolidated.net

## The Texas Gulf Council of Diving Clubs (TGCC or Council) 2023 Report

By Frank Burek

Founded in 1963 to protect the right of divers to pursue their sport, the TGCC is celebrating its 61<sup>st</sup> year of service to the diving public. The TGCC is a membership of clubs and individuals whose overall objectives are to share their diving experiences, improve themselves and grow their community.



Memberships in the TGCC is open to Dive Clubs and Individuals from Texas and surrounding States.

### **TGCC's Purpose and Objectives:**

To defend and advance the legal rights and privileges of all divers through appropriate State and Federal legislation.

To encourage, and promote cooperation and water safety among all divers, member and non-member clubs.

To monitor and keep its clubs abreast with respect to Federal, State and Local proposed or enacted rules, regulations and actions that affect them and their members.

To encourage and facilitate communication among its various member clubs.

To promote education in the dive community.

To support higher education for members of the dive community.

To provide recognition for outstanding contributors to the dive community.

To foster environmental awareness in the dive community.

To promote safe skin and Scuba diving.

To enable the individual dive clubs to participate jointly in the dive and local communities.

**TGCC's web-site** ([www.tgccdiving.org](http://www.tgccdiving.org)) is available to individual members and clubs to inform members of community activities, as well as of news of interest from around the world.

**TGCC has several award and recognition programs** available to members. Those include our (1) Neptune Award (for community educational participation and leadership), (2) Member-of-the-Year based on contributions to the diving community, and (3) Lifetime Achievement Award (based upon leadership and extensive involvement with the diving community).

**The TGCC Memorial College Scholarship Program (MCS)** which is conducted annually and available to members of TGCC Member clubs, their children and grandchildren. Awards are based upon merit; the value and number of MCS awards are based upon the Council's budget. This award is given in memory of significant members of our community who have passed on - Jack Allyn, Greg Grimes, Jean Himes, Anne Millioud, Clint (Dwight) Moore, John Petty, John Ringrose, Michael Szewczyk, Randy Widaman and Dick Zingula.

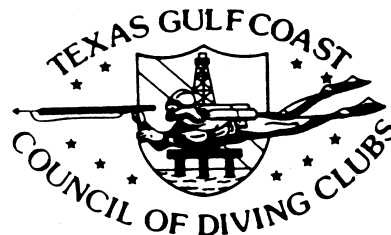
**The TGCC is presently determining** the feasibility and support of the diving community, for the creation of a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Its purpose is to provide the diving public with a tool to support the educational advancement of divers; support our families; and impact science, research and environmental conditions in areas where we pursue our passion for diving.

**The TGCC Clubs Annual Awards Luncheon** – Annually the TGCC member clubs join together to celebrate another year of dive club service to the dive community. We review the events of the past year; the plans for the current year; and present award the current service and outstanding performance awards to key members of each club. Significant activities that effect our community are also covered - including the TGCC scholarship program and the Houston Underwater Film Festival.



# 2023 TGCC MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

(In memory of Jack Allyn, Greg Grimes, Jean Himes, Anne Millioud, Clint (Dwight Moore, John Petty, Jackie Reid, John Ringrose, Michael Szewczyk, Randy Widaman, Ted Wimprime and Dick Zingula)



Applicant's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college to be attended in 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please enclose a copy of the acceptance letter, or current college transcript):

Comments and information about the applicant's grades and academic performance:

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Comments and information about the applicant's sports and/or other extracurricular achievements:

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**Description of why the applicant feels he/she should be selected for this scholarship.  
(Use a separate page)**

TGCC Affiliation (member of TGCC or TGCC member club)

Applicant                  Parent                  Grandparent                  (please circle one)

Affiliate First Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate Clubs (TGCC, CHUM, HUPS, Lunarfans, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years as member of the above-named club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

List any positions of leadership held by Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Lunarfin's Scuba Club was organized in 1963 by a small group of divers who worked at the Manned Spacecraft Center, as Johnson Space Center (JSC) was known back then. The club grew primarily through the sponsorship of SCUBA training classes, local dive trips and social activities. Since that time, membership has broadened to include anyone interested in diving. The majority of our members are in some way affiliated with NASA but this is not a requirement for membership and we have members from all across the board.



## Lunarfin's

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/687047211312336>

## Website:

<https://www.lunarfin's.com/>

## TGCC

<https://www.tgccdiving.org/>

## TPWD reefs:

[https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/habitats/artificial\\_reef/](https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/habitats/artificial_reef/)



# You should have been there!!

## The Magic Show





## Trips Offered by Dive Shops etc.

### Captain Beard Charters

1011 Casco Rd – Freeport TX

[captainbeardcharters.com/index.shtml](http://captainbeardcharters.com/index.shtml)



### Island Dreams

10245 Kempwood Dr E119 – Houston TX

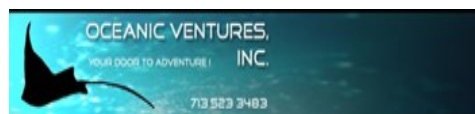
[www.divetrip.com](http://www.divetrip.com)



### Oceanic Ventures

5808 Newcastle Dr. – Houston TX

[oceanicventures.com](http://oceanicventures.com)



### REEF Trips

Dive Vacations That Count – Key Largo FL

[reef.org/trips](http://reef.org/trips)



### Texas Dive Center

364 FM 1959 #D – Houston TX

[txdivecenter.com/](http://txdivecenter.com/)



### Gigglin' Marlin Dive & Swim

4502 Almeda Rd – Houston TX

[gigglinmarlin.com](http://gigglinmarlin.com)



### Maximum Scuba

134 Gulf Freeway North – League City TX

[maximum-scuba.com](http://maximum-scuba.com)



### Outside The Asylum

15015 Westheimer Rd #H – Houston TX

[otadiving.com](http://otadiving.com)



### Sport Divers

20814 Gulf Fwy #60 – Webster TX

[sportdivers.com](http://sportdivers.com)



### Texas Scuba Adventures

2315 Mechanic St #120 – Galveston TX

[texasscubaadventures.com](http://texasscubaadventures.com)