

July 2023



Lunarfins Scuba Club

The Best of Henry - And Much More

East Meets West

July 18

Henry Ragland, long-time HUPS member, past treasurer, and underwater photographer, is our Lunarfins July 18th presenter. Many of us have known Henry for years and some of us have shared time in the water diving with him on HUPS trips. What few of us realize, however, is just how good a photographer he is. Back in the dark ages of HUPS, Henry started taking photos with an old Nikonos V. Those of us who were unfortunate enough to have had this frustrating camera in our hands understands that it is probably a good idea to move up to a better camera and that's what Henry did over the years. He has since shot a Nikon D300, an early GoPro, an Olympus TG-3, and has now moved up to an Olympus EM-1 mk ii.

Having worked with Henry for almost two months on this presentation, I have become painfully aware of just how good he has been all this time. He isn't an extrovert like some of us and doesn't seek out the spotlight but that has not stopped him from continuing to hone his UW photography skills by attending numerous workshops around the world. Very often when working on this show, I found myself thinking "I wish I had taken that shot".

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Lunarfins Board Meetings
are held every other month on the 2nd
Monday of the Month. Our next meet will be
on **Sept. 11th**, if you want to attend contact
Brion Saathoff at brionsaathoff@icloud.com >
before at 7:00 PM.

Will be a ZOOM Meeting only



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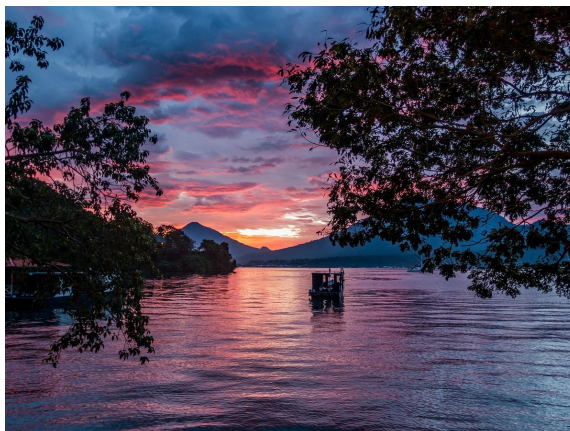
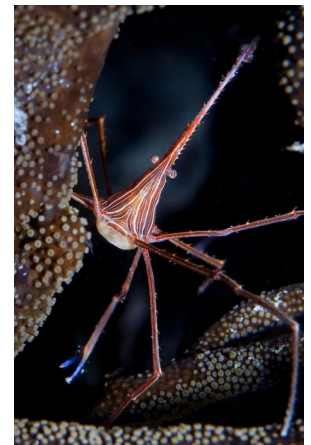
The Best of Henry - And Much More (Continued)

But let's go back even further in history to the beginning of my association with Henry. We didn't know each other that well at the time but at a HUPS Cozumel Shootout in 2005 we were talking and found out that we had both gone to Midwestern University in Wichita Falls during the same exact time-frame(1963-1968). He was a business major and I was in chemistry so our paths would never have crossed other than in ROTC. Midwestern was in the A&M system at the time and all male students were required to take two years minimum of ROTC classes. And, of course, when the Vietnam War got hot, we were all in the draft. It wasn't too difficult to figure out that staying in ROTC and continuing our education was a better choice than slogging through the jungles in Vietnam and/or Laos. We both graduated, got our commissions and went different directions... me to graduate school and after Henry finished the Army's Ranger School, he was off to Vietnam. His story over there is part of this presentation and it's an interesting one. The Henry we see in Vietnam bears only a passing resemblance to who we have known all these years. Time does that to us.

Henry's presentation is broken down into four parts. The first deals with a bit of his life story followed by photo-journeys through the West (Bonaire and St Croix) and East (Anilao and Northern Sulewesi). Interspersed in his presentation are mini-workshops on 'How I took that shot' and "Photographing My favorite Critters". The show is set inside a series of filmed interviews cutting away on occasion to photos and video accenting our discussion.

This is not your usual pretty picture show with a bunch of photos. It goes much deeper into who the man is, where he has been in the diving world, his many experiences, and tips on photography and diving.

I feel privileged to be a part of putting this show together. It has led me to a much better understanding of just who Henry is. It's been a fun experience, one that I hope others will enjoy at our July meeting.





Events Calendar

(Tentative plans)

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

July 22nd — Lunarfins Get Together — La Brisa Mexican Bar & Grill, 4001 N. Hwy. 146, Baycliff, TX. –RSVP– Mike Peters, P. 6

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

Aug. 19th —Lunarfins Get Together — Topwater Grill, P. 12

815 Avenue O, San Leon, TX 77539 , RSVP– Mike Peters, Please

Sept. 11th — Lunarfins Board Meeting — ZOOM — 7:00 pm

Sept. 19th — General Meeting — Dennis Deavenport -- History of Lunarfins

Sept. TBA — Beach Party

Oct. 17th — General Meeting — Members — Tell your Oops! Moment

Nov. 21st. — General Meeting — Paul Cater Deaton — TBA

Dec. 3rd. — Lunarfins Christmas Party— Opus Grill

Membership runs **Member-ship**

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.



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 2024?

Please share them with any of our officers.

Lunarfin's President's Notes

Hello Lunarfamily,

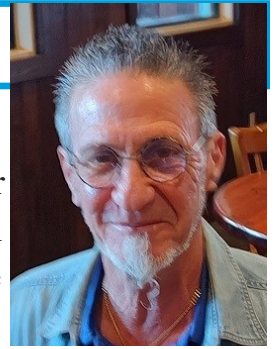
I hope everyone is having a good summer, the crawfish boil at Jackies Bar and Grill was a lot of fun, they do a really good job with the crawfish I'm looking forward to doing it again next year. There was a good turnout for the yard sale at City Acre Brewing Company, it was a bit hot, but the beer was cold, and it made for a good opportunity to visit with some of our local dive shops, clubs and members of the dive community. if you missed it, you might look for the next one as there were many really good deals on new used and almost new gear. I wound up leaving with more than I brought, some of which came in handy for the trip to the Queens Garden in Cuba last month. I would like to welcome our newest member, Sara O'Meara. We look forward to getting to know you. The next general meeting will be on July 18 with Dennis Deavenport and Henry Ragland, "The Best of Henry" two awesome film makers. The zoom ID is 83674642772 passcode 076802. or in person at the South Shore Grille. I hope to see you there.

Cuba was awesome the people are very kind, and the diving was adventurous we were constantly escorted by Caribbean reef sharks and silky sharks (something I've always wanted to do) many of the dives our tour guide was a goliath grouper that loved to photo bomb everyone, I hope to go back in the future. The Jardines is a very well run and professional operation in my opinion.

Hope you can join us for the social at La Brisa on July 22nd. Look forward to seeing everyone.

Have a great summer
Keep those fins up and your gear wet.

Best Regards,
Brion Saathoff
2023-2024 President!



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

Welcome to Our Newest Member



Sara O'Meara



South Shore Grille

Be sure to check out their menu

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

July 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 July Social



**Come for an
early dinner and
enjoy other
members**



July 22, 2023

5pm at La Brisa

4001 N. Hwy. 146, Bacliff, Texas 77518

**We had lunch here before Covid and had a great time, looking
forward to another great time.**

Please contact Mike Peters at MGPetershome@comcast.net or Kim Murphy at kamurphy5717@gmail.com



THE ULTIMATE FLING COURSE SPECIAL

Sign up for select Fling dates and
get astronomical savings on SSI
courses!

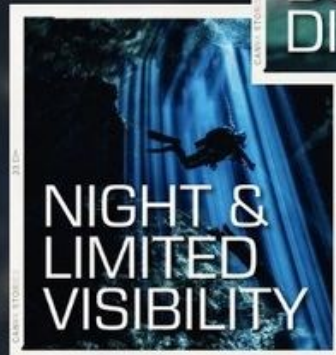
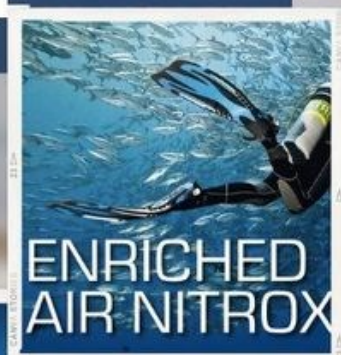
Deep - \$50 (\$180 Savings)
2 Course Bundle - \$199 (\$100
Savings)
4 Course Bundle - \$349 (\$250
Savings)

Courses Available:

- Boat
- Computer Diving
- Deep
- DPV
- Enriched Air
- Night

Dates Available:

July 16 - 19	Sun - Wed	11 Dives
Sept. 1 - 3	Fri - Sun	11 Dives
Oct. 5 - 8	Thur - Sun	11 Dives
Oct. 27 - 29	Fri - Sun	7 Dives



SIGN UP NOW!

HIGHTIDESCUBA.COM/SHOP/TRAVEL
(817) 483-0376

Our retail partners at High Tide Scuba have rolled out a special deal for Fling divers who want to get in some continuing education!

If you're a new diver, there's no better way to get out to the Flower Garden reefs than to come with a dive instructor who can lead you through the training and the reefs!

We are especially pleased to offer DEEP certification at a DEEP discount for new divers. What better place to complete your DEEP cert than the deep, BLUE, crystal clear waters of the Gulf of Mexico!

Check out the course offerings and give [High Tide Scuba](#) a call. They will get you started on the academic parts and book you on the Fling trip too! You'll save a lot with their special pricing, but they will also save you the 6% online booking fees.

Pending Events



July 16-19

<https://www.hightidescuba.com/.../July-16---19-Ultimate...>

Sept 1-3

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Oct 27-29

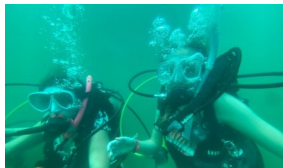
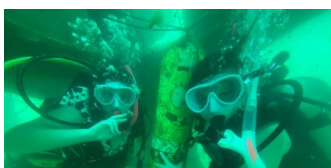
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About our Members



Candace Campanelli-----Saturday night fun with dancin friends!!

Her babies!



Stanley Fontenot — It's going to be a fun dive day at Mammoth Lake with 4 new open water students!!!! I've had a blast working with some kids!!!

About our Members Continued)

Pete, Annette Hasbrook and Tricia Mack

HELLOOO from Iceland!!! Happy Anniversary to us, and it's another epic trip planned by Annette and Tricia Mack



One of the biggest waterfalls in Europe: Godafoss Waterfall. 40+ feet high, 120+ feet across.



The first two days were gray, windy and cold with some rain. We visited a museum about emigration from Iceland in their famine years, esp late 1800s. July can be yucky here - I can't imagine



I complained enough that they dropped me off at the Tea House for MY favorite beverage.

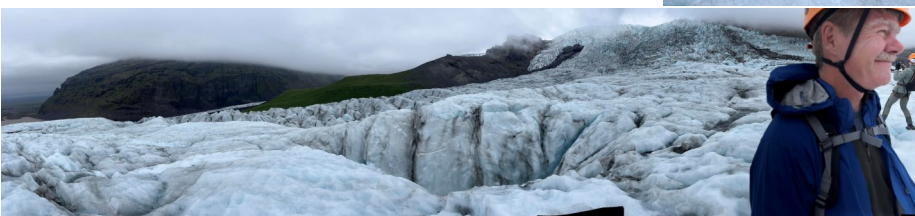
We hiked up Falljökull Glacier. Crampons over our boots, required for any traction; ice axes for balance, and helmets and harnesses for just in case. We hiked up about 700 feet vertical gain. It was really good weather. Not too cold, not rainy, not sunny (which would wash out the colors).



This was our apex.



We went whale watching from Husavik Harbor on a 2-mast schooner. We got to wear these really cool snowmobile suits. But now That's a whale! One of two humpback whales we saw, both nice and close to the boat/ship



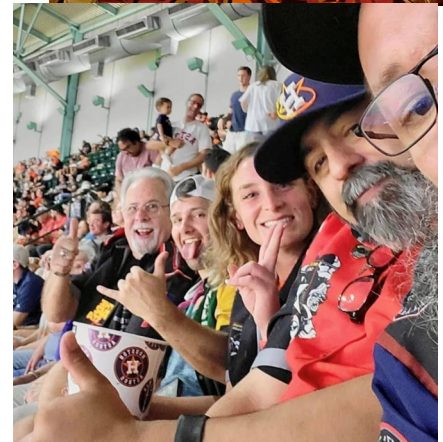
So Glad you guys had a great trip and so glad you are home.

About our Members (Continued)

Paul Cater Deaton



Paul Cater Deaton -- updated his cover photo



Paul Cater Deaton--- Life in the cheap seats. I had to equalize on the way back down.

July 13, 2023 — So today I was working with my [OCEAN REEF, INC.](#) Neptune III and Isotta housing from [Backscatter Underwater Video & Photo](#), getting ready for an underwater shoot next week, and I couldn't help snapping a shot of my Honey watching from poolside. Then, I came across the bandido shot from my nephew's wedding last year in Puerto Morelos. The moral of the story is that, truly, I am the most fortunate of men. This is the sweetest girl ever.



About our Members, (Continued)

Welcome Home Lunarfins!

These are a few of what you will see in the coming months about their trip to Cuba.



57 Chevy



Fling Sister Ship — MVSpree now it is a Research ship

Up Coming Events



**Come for an
early dinner and
enjoy other
members**



August 19th, 2023

5pm at Top Water Grill

4001 N. Hwy. 146, Bacliff, Texas 77518

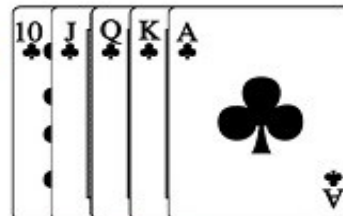
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forward to another great time.**

Please contact Mike Peters at MGPetershome@comcast.net or

Kim Murphy at kamurphy5717@gmail.com

Bay Area Divers Sanctioned Scuba Poker Fundraiser

Bay Area Divers Scuba Poker Fundraiser



- Diving
- Games
- Prizes
- Food

Benefitting the W.A.V.E.S. Program

August 26, 2023

10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Mammoth Lake, Lake Jackson, TX

Entry Fee* \$15.00

\$5.00 for B.A.D. members

*Park Admission not included

All contest entry fees and contributions will be donated to WAVES



Visit bayareadivers.org
for more information





Diving with Jess

Guided group trip to Grand Cayman

Come “Dive, Chill, and Dream” with us on the beautiful island of Grand Cayman. I have hand-selected Grand Cayman’s newest bespoke dive resort, Ocean Cabanas, and their dive team at Living the Dream Divers for this guided dive trip.

We will be staying in stunning oceanfront cabanas. Each cabana is a 2 bedroom, 2 bath with a shared living area, kitchen, lanai, and dive gear drying racks. Each room is a king suite with a private ensuite bathroom. Accommodations are based on double occupancy per room, and there is an additional single occupancy rate available.

Living the Dream Divers specializes in small groups on big boats.

They have the best designed boats and the friendliest staff, taking valet diving to the next level! They will be taking us to the best dive sites on the island, including the USS Kittiwake wreck and Stingray city*.

Boat dives include tanks, weights, towels, freshwater shower, and gear storage. You can also use their complementary dive computer, mask, snorkel, fins, and wetsuit if needed. Regulators and BCDs are available for rent. We will also have access to unlimited shore diving near the resort.

Included

- • 7 night stay in a beautiful Oceanfront 2 bedroom/ 2 bath cabana (double occupancy per room) with kitchen, living space, and lanai
- • 4 days of 2 tank boat dives, valet dive service, trip to Stingray City and the Kittiwake wreck*
- • Unlimited shore diving near the resort
- • Roundtrip airport and dive boat transfers
- • Welcome Rum Punch Party
- • Local Taxes/Resort Fees

Not included

- • Roundtrip airfare to Grand Cayman
- • Meals
- • Gratuities
- • Insurance: dive and travel

Optional Add-ons

- • Nitrox for boat dives- \$112
- • Guided night shore dive- \$100
- • Rental car
- • Rental gear
- • Bioluminescence Bay Tour
- • Courses: Fish ID, Nitrox, Advanced

Pricing

- • Double Occupancy Diver: \$1,895.88 pp (base)
- • Non-Diver: subtract \$379 pp from base
- • Single Occupancy: add \$889.88 pp to base

Payments

- • \$500 non-refundable deposit due to reserve spot (applied to balance)
- • 50% payment due by July 27, 2023
- • 100% payment due by August 28, 2023

***All dives are weather dependent**

Sign up or reach out for more information by emailing Jess at divingwithjess@gmail.com or calling at 979.236.9430!

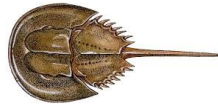
Jessica Lee

Owner, [Diving with Jess](#)

PADI-NAUI-DAN Dive Instructor



Horseshoe Crabs



I was talking to my friend Khyle that is a Marine Biologist at the Moody Aquarium about crustaceans. He started telling me about the terrible injustice that is being done to the horseshoe crabs. The horseshoe crab has a highly desirable blue blood that is used to identify microbes on medical devices like pacemakers etc. and in immunizations. the crab's blood has Amoebocytes, which protect them from disease causing germs. it is also vulnerable to bacterial toxins, which is why it is used to make Limulus Amoebocyte Lysate, a chemical used in the medical industry to identify contamination. it can bring as much as \$60,000 a gallon in some places. There is a synthetic replacement for their blood that they are using in Europe to help alleviate pressure on their population but so far, the pharmaceutical industry in our country is seemingly slow walking the research and development of it and insist on harvesting from the depleting population. another part of the problem is that the government has put recommendations to address over harvesting and improper handling to improve survivability but there are no true protections, so the recommendations are pretty much ignored as there are no repercussions. Hundreds of thousands are milked for their blood each year and then either returned to a different beach from where they came from or sold as bait. 10 to 30 percent of them die during or after the bleeding process and the females that survive are less likely to mate. some are not returned but instead sold as bait to fishermen to catch eels and whelks. Many times, they are being handled by their tails which also increases the mortality rate as they use it to flip over and cannot anymore because the damage done by improper handling. (They normally swim upside down) The Horseshoe crab has been around for over 450 million years it is sometimes called the living fossil, they predate the dinosaurs, they have survived three extinctions, they are not a true crustacean they are more closely related to arachnids such as spiders ticks and scorpions. they have six pairs of legs but only ten are used for walking the other two legs called the chelicera are used for gathering food. They eat Alge worms', clams and other small prey. a female lays a cluster of about 4000 eggs and can do so up to 20 times a year, many shore birds rely on them for food without the eggs the birds would not survive. They did not have to evolve because they were able to find a cozy spot, seemingly free of competitive pressures that would require them to change. That is till they were discovered to be of great value to the most destructive animals on earth (humans). Horseshoe crabs are easy to harvest because they tend to live around sandy beaches and tidal flats, the males feed deeper but then come to shallower waters to breed so harvesting at this time again stresses the reproduction of the population. hopefully the powers that be will come to their senses and stop the destruction that is going to make an amazing and truly resilient species of animal extinct. if there is anything that's incorrect in this article, please make me aware as I have tried to be as accurate and honest as possible but to quote some very famous and scary words. Houston, we have a problem.



Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Brion Saathoff.

News from the Flower Gardens

2023 Get Into Your Sanctuary Photo Contest

Calling all photographers, regardless of skill level or experience, select your best photos to participate in the 2023 *Get Into Your Sanctuary Photo Contest*. We will be accepting submissions in the following categories:

Sanctuary Views
Sanctuary Life
Sanctuary Recreation
Sanctuaries at Home
Sanctuaries Around the World

The newest category, Sanctuaries Around the World, should provide lots of opportunities for divers to submit photos. But, don't forget to take some in Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary too!

For full details, please visit the [photo contest webpage](#).

Submit your photos **until Monday, September 4, 2023**.

SOURCE: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

How Digital Photography Enhances Fish ID

Dr. Christy Pattengill-Semmens, REEF Co-Executive Director of Science and Engagement, recently attended the 2023 Citizen Science Association Conference to share information about the Volunteer Fish Survey Project (VFSP). The semi-annual conference brings together a wide variety of practitioners, volunteers, academics, educators, and more, to share ideas and insights, and to forge stronger relationships and practices across the field.

Christy presented a poster that explored how modern digital photography has not only enriched dives underwater, but has also drastically improved efforts in citizen science, most notably fish identification.

[See Poster & learn more: https://www.reef.org/news/enews/making-it-count-july-2023/reef-attends-citizen-science-association-conference?utm_medium=email&utm_source=GovDelivery](https://www.reef.org/news/enews/making-it-count-july-2023/reef-attends-citizen-science-association-conference?utm_medium=email&utm_source=GovDelivery)

REEF Florida Keys Lionfish Derby & Festival

September 7-10, 2023

The event includes two days to collect as many invasive lionfish as possible, followed by a family-friendly lionfish festival hosted at the picturesque Postcard Inn Beach Resort & Marina in Islamorada. The festival is open to the public and features lionfish tastings, drink specials, educational demonstrations, games, interactive booths from environmental vendors, live music, and more. Visit www.REEF.org/derby for all the details.

Teams of two to four people may register to compete in the derby. Be sure to sign up soon to take advantage of the early bird rate of \$75 per team, available until August 10. Registration is available online [here](#). You can also stay up to date on derby info and connect with other teams by joining the [REEF Invasive Lionfish Facebook Group](#).

This event is made possible thanks to the generous support of sponsors, including Ocean Conservancy, Ocean Reef Conservation Association, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, TRIAD, Mesara Foundation, Sharkey's Pub & Galley Restaurant, and Postcard Inn Beach Resort & Marina, with advertising support from the Monroe County Tourist Development Council. Thank you to all sponsors for your support of REEF Invasive Species Program!

American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation



2023 Supporter Registration

Supporter Registration for the “American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation” (ACWAF) is open to Dive Clubs and Individuals who reside in the United States of America. This 2023 payment is made to the Texas Gulf Coast Council of Diving Clubs (TGCC) to support the incorporation and nonprofit application process of a new 501(c)(3) organization. 2023 Registration also indicates your current intent to support this new organization for the foreseeable future.

Our Purpose: This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purpose within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code. Its charity awards and function are intended to:

- Encourage and promote education in the watersport community
- Encourage or increase safety
- Support the conversation and appreciation of marine biological resources, the marine and coastal environments
- Perform 501(c)(3) public nonprofit actions that support the watersport communities and the environments that they utilize.
- The work of the corporation shall not be for profit. No dividend, compensating or part of the income of the corporation is to be distributed to its directions or officers. The corporation shall not attempt to influence, or participate in, or intervene in any political campaign.

To join as an individual (must be a certified scuba diver, or a member of a dive club) - fill out the application. Please print legibly as e-mail addresses will be utilized to keep supporters abreast with the charity’s status and your name as identified below, used in any future donation reporting required to confirm your support of ACWAF. Once officially formed, it is anticipated that the annual Supporter Fee for the new organization will be \$20.

☐ \$15

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 61st 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) 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.

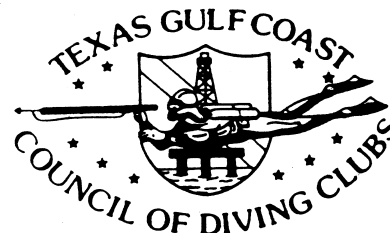
The TGCC is presently determining the feasibility and support of the diving community, for the creation of a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Its purpose is to provide the diving public with a tool to support the educational advancement of divers; support our families; and impact science, research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

Subject: TGCC – 2023 Scholarships

From: Frank Burek

Date: July 7, 2023



The material contained in this e-mail is releasable to your clubs. I have e-mailed (notified) all the participants of this year's recipients of a TGCC Memorial College Scholarship Award (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 Wimprine and Dick Zingula, deceased members of our dive community). Also, in recognition of the support of Alicia Grimes, Linda Petty, the Houston Underwater Photographic Society and the Houston Underwater Club.

Winners were decided by a vote of the TGCC officers and Club Representatives (Council) from each of the TGCC full member clubs on July 6th.

This year there were three applicants. Two, Charles Moran and Kaitlyn Greve, are the grandchildren of club members. The third was Tamra Saam, who is a member of CHUM. Charles and Kaitlyn are Sophomores, and Tamra is a 2nd year student pursuing his master's degree in business administration. All had very strong applications.

TGCC's 2023 Scholarship application stated that "The Texas Gulf Coast Council of Diving Clubs (TGCC) plans to award one College scholarship (1 @ \$500) during 2023". However, once the review was underway the Council decided to triple its scholarship budget and award each of the participants a \$500 award. This was based upon:

The strength of the applications

Our desire to support promising students.

Our desire to support our members of clubs, their members, children and grandchildren.

The selection of our scholarship award recipients and the review of their accomplishments, hopes and dreams is a highpoint in this diving Council's year. Our scholarship awards are an investment in our community's future.

The following awards were made and will be sent to their respective schools:

Recipient	Amount	Club	Club Member	School
Charles Moran	\$500	HUPS	Russell Ramsey	University of the South (Sewanee)
Kaitlyn Greve	\$500	Lunarfins	Mike & Mary Smith	University of Notre Dame
Tamra Saam	\$500	CHUM	Tamra Saam	University of Houston (Downtown)

I personally thank each of you, and your clubs, for the support you've given the Council and its memorial college scholarship program.

Please see that the above information is passed on to your club members, newsletters and websites.

Frank Burek

TGCC President & TGCC Scholarship Chairman

You should have been there!!

THE JUSTIN & DENNIS ANILAO REVIEW

June General Meeting — June 20, 6:30 p.m.



Really a great presentation — so sorry Justin couldn't be there in person.

The Lunarfins 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.



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https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/habitats/artificial_reef/



You should have been there!!

Chums' Yard Sale this was a sanction event
Saturday, June 17



Brion, Frank Bruek, Ja Van Pruett, PeeWee Dwire, MeiHwa Ferguson, Bert & Joe Campanelli

Trips Offered by Dive Shops etc.

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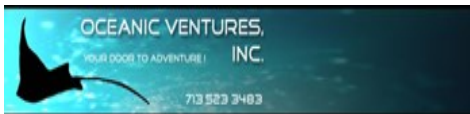
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Texas Dive Center

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Gigglin' Marlin Dive & Swim

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