



Lunarfins Scuba Club

“Into the Abyss: Exploring Unusual Life Beneath the Waves”

Barry and Jody Cline — began diving on a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean in 2006 after they became “empty nesters”. Before that, their five kids kept them too busy to have hobbies. Both were hooked immediately and were PADI Open Water certified in 2007, followed by getting Advanced and Nitrox certifications. In 2008, they became Rescue Diver certified. They both had over 100 dives in their first year of diving. Many of these dives were in cold water in Oregon, Washington, California, and Canada. They later became volunteer divers at the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

Barry had an interest in photography and started shooting photos underwater very shortly after he began diving. Jody was initially a “critter spotter”. In 2016, they attended a photo workshop together at Crystal Blue Resort, Anilao, Philippines. Jody had a background in art and began using Barry’s old backup camera and case. She quickly became very interested because of the approach in the workshop of looking at composition and other artistic angles related to photography.

Barry and Jody have been fortunate to travel to Roatan, Honduras, many times and enjoy CoCoView Resort. In addition, they have traveled to Cozumel and Bonaire in the Caribbean. After their first photo workshop, they have returned to Crystal Blue Resort many times and also visited two Atlantis resorts, Dumaguete and Puerto Galera in the Philippines. One special trip was aboard the Naia in Fiji.

Barry retired as a Union Steamfitter after forty years in the trade in 2016. Jody retired in 2019 after a career at IBM and in local government service. As of June 2021, they now live in Sun City, Arizona, and have lots of hobbies in addition to diving, including Table Tennis, Pickleball, Concert Band (flute), Spanish Club, and Camera Guild. Barry and Jody travel by RV in the summer to visit family and photograph land-based wonders in our National Parks.

This presentation delves into the mysterious and often overlooked creatures that inhabit the depths of our oceans. From the poisonous blue-ringed octopus to delicately beautiful nudibranchs (and much in between), Barry & Jody’s photos and videos will entertain the audience with a world of wonder. Through imagery and storytelling, the audience will be transported to remote underwater realms where they encounter species that divers love to see and photograph. Prepare to be amazed by the beauty and diversity of sea life that awaits those who venture into the abyss.

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Frank Burek,
Barry & Jody Cline,
Dennis Deavenport,
Jessica Lee,
Mike Peters,
Ja Van Pruett,
Brion Saathoff,
Bob Sanders,
Cathy Strahan,
Justin Wallace



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Lunarfins Board Meetings

are held every other month on the 2nd Thursday of the Month. Our next meet will be on **March 14th** if you want to attend contact Brion Saathoff at brionsaathoff@icloud.com before 7:00 PM. on day of meeting to get the zoom access code.

It will be a ZOOM Meeting

*If you have an item to bring before the board,
contact any board member to get on the agenda.*



Events Calendar

(Tentative plans)

Membership

2024 Membership dues are now being accepted from **April 1st, 2024 to March 31st 2025**

"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 fiANelds 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.

Membership Application

<https://www.lunarfins.com/>



Mar. 9th. — Magic Show — PJ Campagna

Mar. 19th. — General Meeting — Barry & Jody Cline
Elections for Lunarfins Officers

Apr. 6 & 7 — HUFF

Apr. 16th. — General Meeting — Joe Campanelli —
"Shipwrecks of Truk Lagoon"

May 21st.— Trish Ross — DAN Safety

June 18th. — Dr. Michelle Johnston — Newly
Appointed Sanctuary Superintendent

July 16th. — General Meeting — Dan Tirtowidjojo

Aug. 20th. — TBA



ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Brion Saathoff
Vice President	Ja Van Pruett
Secretary	OPEN
Treasurer	OPEN
Social Director	Mike Peters

APPOINTED

Media Manager	Dennis Deavenport
Training information	Jessica Lee
Trip information	PJ Campagna
	Jessica Lee
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



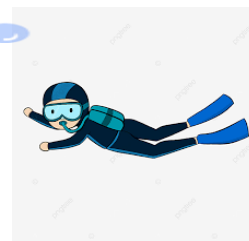
Hello! My dear Lunarfin's family,

OH! My gosh, what an awesome event that the 'Dive into the Gulf' expo was. Friday afternoon we did behind the scenes tours of the different exhibits, and I was able to introduce my Lunarfin's and HUP's family to some of my Moody family. We watched an ROV demonstration in the South Pacific, Toured the Pinguins, South Pacific and Caribbean Exhibits. On Saturday after my shift, I was able to hang out with all my friends from the dive community. I did not realize how many awesome and amazing people that I have been blessed with to touch my life. As I moved around the expo. I found Paul Cater Deaton, Justin Wallace, Craig and Betsy Beasley, JaVan and PeeWee, Dennis Deavenport, Andy and Christi of the MV Fling, Scott from Scotland (Chum Treasurer), Kim Murphy and many more friends. I also made many new friends in the diving community including a very interesting couple from Washington DC.

The highlight of my evening at the banquet on Saturday night was meeting Dr. Michelle Johnston, she is the new Appointed Superintendent for the FGMNS and was the Keynote speaker. She told us about her vision for part the future of the FGBNMS is to create a visitors' center around the strand district to promote the Flower Gardens to the many people that cruise right over the top of her on their way to other ports of destinations and have no idea what's under them or how to access the FGBMNS. Don't forget the HUFF in the first part of April. We are getting better as each year passes and it is all with the help and support of you all and the dive community. remember it is up to each and every one of us to promote Marine Conservation and respect for our Mother Ocean

Best regards, Fins up, Tiny Bubbles

Brion Saathoff
2023-2024 President!



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



Our General Meeting — South Shore Grille

Be sure to check out their menu

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

March 19th., 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

REEF Fish & Friends Seminar Series

Each month features an engaging ocean-themed presentation from a guest speaker. Presentations are free to attend and are hosted at the REEF Campus in Key Largo. If you're not able to join us in person, the seminars are livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Upcoming Fish & Friends presentations include:

- **March 12** – "The Solution is Clear: Restoring the Florida Bay" presented by Dr. Raechel Littman, Florida Bay Forever
- **April 9** – "Coastal Everglades Monitoring: Fish & Beyond" presented by Anna Simmons, Audubon's Everglades Science Center

Prayers are needed

Here is a picture of **Peggy Widaman** with PJ at our 2023.

Christmas Party. Peggy lives in Ft. Worth, and she comes in every year for our Christmas party and has been since Randy Widaman (her brother) passed away in 2021. We need prayers for Peggy, in late December, she called me from ER and they told her she needed to see an oncologist right away. Well, it's taken this long to get her started on Chemo. Peggy has a mass in her Colon, and they have to reduce it before surgery. She had her 1st round of Chemo on February 16th.



SLATED OFFICERS for 2024-2025

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Secretary	Frances Boutin
Treasurer	Cathy Straham
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APPOINTED Positions

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The Magic Show

March 9th, 2024 — 5:00 pm

Meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church
18300 Upper Bay Rd. Nassau Bay **5 pm**
Bus will leave as soon as it's full ...

We will arrive in plenty of time to get a bite to eat on your own before show starts at 8 pm.

Theater offers free water and popcorn and since there is no liquor license, you can bring liquor, wine, beer and/or soft drinks for yourself or to share.

Bus will be back in Nassau Bay by approximately 11 pm.

Tickets will cost only **\$20.00** (50% discount code is 5150)

go to www.magicshowtheater.com to purchase tickets in advance.

WE NEED AN RSVP ASAP TO SECURE THE BUS!!!

So please let us know how many people you are reserving for to If you want to ride on bus—You must call:

P J: 713-875-6005 or Cathy Straham: 281-723-6918



Attention:

**1 room (2-4 divers) and
1 spot for a solo female
diver available.**

Family Fun Scuba Spring Break

Included:

- 7 night beachview stay at Cayman Brac Beach Resort March 9-16, 2024. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- 5 2-tank am boat dives, 5 1-tank pm dives (15 total), complimentary use of dive computer
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Welcome rum punch and Manager's cocktail reception, 3 complementary drinks
- Resort fees, taxes, and gratuities (except dive staff gratuities)

Add ons:

- Nitrox
- Drink Package -\$200
- Night dive
- Courses: Fish ID, Nitrox, Advanced

Not Included:

- Roundtrip airfare to Cayman Brac
- Dive staff gratuities
- Insurance: Dive and Travel
- Rental equipment

Pricing:

- Double Occupancy Diver: \$2,465
- Single Occupancy Diver: \$3,332
- Quad Occupancy Diver: \$2,136
- Non-Diver: subtract \$400

Book Now

divingwithjess@gmail.com | 979.236.9430 | @divingwithjess



Dehydration and How it Affect Scuba Diving

While you were taking your open water or other course(s), I'm sure the importance of hydration while diving was mentioned. But how much was it stressed? Everyone knows that being dehydrated is bad in general, but was the significance of hydration during [scuba diving](#) explained to you? Do you know why it's important to scuba diving specifically? Do you know how scuba diving itself dehydrates you faster than many other activities? Do you know the symptoms and what to do about it? If you do, great! If you're still unsure, then this article is for you.

How Does Dehydration Affect Scuba Diving? --Dehydration puts the entire system into a stress as it strives to maintain proper body temperature, perfusion (oxygenated blood to the tissues), and body and metabolism. Water constitutes 60 to 70 percent of the body and 90 percent of the lungs. Water dilutes and removes wastes and toxins from the body-diving days, carries nutrients and oxygen to the tissues, regulates body temperature, lubricates the joints, and is crucial for digestion, metabolism, and breathing.⁵

Everyone loses about a pint of water every day just exhaling. Few people drink enough water even during non-diving days, which can result in fluid imbalance which in turn causes problems in all physiological functions. Including decompression sickness. (DCS). When the body is dehydrated, the blood thickens. The slower, thicker fluid makes it hard to transport necessary nutrients and exchange gases. This diminished capacity for gas exchange is what directly affects [scuba divers](#) and increases risks for DCS. If the thickened blood can't adequately exchange gases, then it can't adequately off-gas nitrogen. So even when diving within the limits of the tables or a computer, the dehydrated diver is at a greater risk.

This isn't the only issue for scuba divers, though. Dehydration causes other physical side effects that can directly contribute to diver safety: muscle cramping and fatigue, increased heart rate and blood pressure, and confusion. None of those things are helpful to divers and all of them can lead to exhaustion, reduced air consumption, and poor decision making. The International Sports Medicine Institute recommends that on normal days, unless otherwise advised by your physician, you should drink one-half ounce of water per pound of body weight, which is about 8 to 12 8-ounce glasses a day for the average person.

Most of us know how dehydration happens at a basic level: You lose more water than you put in and you end up dehydrated. Simple, right? People think about hydration when they're heavily exerting themselves and sweating profusely. But those things don't happen all that often while scuba diving, so what makes divers dehydrate quicker than normal? How does it sneak up on you?

Let's understand that hydration doesn't have to do with just water. Hydration involves a balance of water and electrolytes and it's surprisingly easy to throw off that balance. Let's look at some of the ways that are specific to scuba diving.

The dehydration journey actually can begin the night before the flight for your trip as you stay up late drinking coffee to finish packing or work, or drinking alcohol in a bon voyage celebration. You awake tired the next morning and drink coffee, tea and/or orange juice on the way to the airport. Settling into your plane seat you breathe in that wonderful moisture free cabin air and before your mouth gets too dry, the flight attendant serves you a beverage of coffee, soda, juice or alcohol. Did you ever wonder why drinks are served so frequently on an airplane, and why you so readily accept them? Your body knows what it needs, but unfortunately it only tells you that you're thirsty — it doesn't tell you what to drink.

Plane lands, and you exit to a sunny, hot environment with the promise of great diving ahead. The hotel greets you with a complimentary drink and perhaps even a bottle of guess what, and you go to quickly to unpack to get ready for the first dive. Quick, don't forget to turn on that air conditioning so you can cool down and dry out the air in your room for when you return.

That **sweating contributes to dehydration** is no surprise. But people don't often realize how much they're sweating inside their wetsuits. Even if you're not roasting, if you're sweating at all outside the suit, you're sweating all over underneath it. Why? Because the suit doesn't allow for the body to cool by air evaporation, so it just keeps trying and trying. The longer you have that suit on out of the water, the more water, and electrolytes you're losing due to sweat and you may not even realize it. Try to keep the suit off right before you're getting ready to dive.

Breathing dehydrates you. It especially dehydrates us as scuba divers. On land, we naturally lose some water during exhalation. Go breathe on a piece of glass if you're not sure what I mean. That condensation you see is water coming from your body. So, if that happens to everyone, why is scuba diving special?

Many people don't realize it, but one of the big jobs the lungs have is to humidify and warm up the air we breathe. The drier that air is, the more our lungs must work to humidify it and as we all know, compressed air is extremely dry. On

Dehydration and How it Affect Scuba Diving (Continued)

top of that, the colder the diving conditions are the more the lungs must work to warm that same dry air, nearly doubling the effort and moisture loss. So, every single breath we take from a compressed air tank, we lose water from our bodies, so much so that nearly a cup can be lost on a 30-minute dive just by the necessary task of breathing. Score one for the rebreathers on this issue because their air is warmer and moister.

If you're like most people, you're diving somewhere warm and sunny. And if you're like most people, you don't get enough sun normally so you're probably getting sunburned on your dive vacation. Fluid loss occurs when the skin is burned, and the body immediately sends fluid to the skin. The warm sun then evaporates and moisture and fluid is completely lost. Wear sunscreen and keep covered!

Another issue with scuba diving out on a boat in the middle of the ocean is **wind**. Generally riding in a boat involves wind of some sort, as does the ocean in general. Sweat and other moisture is evaporated by this wind and increases dehydration.

Chances are the diving you're doing is in saltwater. The boat ride out to the dive site mists salt onto your skin, then you jump into the salty water, and afterwards you sit around with the dried saltwater on your skin. This water evaporates (thanks to the **sun and wind**) leaving behind salt crystals that leech the moisture directly out of our skin. Try to rinse off if fresh water is available.

Immersion Diuresis, aka Peeing in Your Wetsuit--Have you noticed that when you're diving you tend to pee a lot? This may erroneously lead you to believe that you're well hydrated when that may not actually be the case. When we jump into cooler water, blood is shunted from our limbs to our core to keep warm. In response to the inevitable increase in blood pressure, the body then starts flushing fluids. In addition to the cold, the water pressure also increases blood pressure, doubling the effect of the cold water. Both things directly affect scuba divers and result in divers urinating much more often than they should and losing fluids and salt. Obviously, this is a contributor to dehydration.

Vomiting--Whether it's from seasickness or partying, vomiting will severely dehydrate you from direct fluid and electrolyte loss. Try to manage seasickness if you can and continue to try and drink water or sports drinks in between bouts. And even though you may be on vacation if you're scuba diving try to minimize your drinking at the very least enough to keep yourself from praying to the porcelain god nightly.

Alcohol--Yes, you're on vacation. But if it's a dive vacation, drinking should be minimized. I'm not saying you can't have a couple cocktails once you're done diving for day, but too much alcohol is a very bad thing when diving. For one thing, alcohol is a diuretic which means it's going to make you pee more and we've already established that can be a bad thing. It also has a lot of sugar in it and when you drink things high in sugar, the body must dilute them with water. A good rule is for every drink you have, drink a glass of water. What I generally do is have an alcoholic drink, then a glass of water, then alcohol, so on and so forth. What this means is I don't get hungover, and I don't get dehydrated because of the alcohol. Just an idea!

These are **some of the symptoms** that are obvious, others maybe not so much.

- Thirst (this is generally the first symptom)

- Headache

- Dark urine (ideally urine should be nearly clear – unless you're on certain medication, have specific medical conditions, or have eaten beets)

- Sleepiness

- Lightheadedness

- Dizziness

- Confusion

Well first off, what you **Do NOT do** is drink gallons of water before or during your dive vacation. Too much water can have just as many hazards as too little. The key is just to remain habitually hydrated by drinking normal amounts of water at regular intervals prior to and during your vacation. And yes, water is your best choice. Some sports drinks are good too but remember they do have high sugar content which can counter some of the hydration you get. The bonus with sports drinks is that they help with replenishing electrolytes. But don't drink them in place of water,

Eating helps with hydration too. If the boat you're on offers you fruit wedges during the day, eat them because they contain water, vitamins, and fructose. Some salty snacks will replenish electrolytes too.

Basically, if you do anything that causes fluid loss then you need to replace those fluids. If you get sunburned, you need to drink more water. If you're drinking a lot of alcohol, you need to drink more water. If you're vomiting, you need to drink more water. Get the idea?

Hopefully now you understand the reason that divers need to stay hydrated, how fluid loss occurs for divers, and how to fix it. We all want to have safe and healthy diving trips and vacations and proper hydration is part of that. Incorporate it into your next dive plan!

10 Years Ago

About our Members

Kim Murphy

Winning Door Prize Ticket from

“Dive in the Gulf”



About our Members (Continued)

Bob Sanders

Just completed my longest scuba dive to date at a private residence in Mexico... **3 hours and 32**



There is no question... I am hooked

You should have been there!!

Dive into the GULF

MOODY GARDENS
DIVE INTO THE GULF
AN EXPOSITION

Friday, February 23rd
4:00pm - 5:30pm **Dive into the Gulf Experience**
Explore the Gulf of Mexico's twilight zone using live and ROV. This hands-on experience is for all ages, and attendees will be able to meet scientists and see first hand diving technology and scientific methods used in the Gulf of Mexico.
Moody Gardens Aquarium
6:00pm - 9:00pm **WELCOME PARTY at the Aquarium**
Enjoy the Aquarium Pyramid after hours with Ambassador animals and behind the scenes tour of the penguin, jellyfish, and Caribbean areas, and sneak a peek of the upcoming Houston Aquariums film festival and with two drink tickets and light hors d'oeuvres.
Moody Gardens Aquarium
Saturday, February 24th
7:00am **Breakfast Buffet at Cafe in the Park**
Moody Gardens Hotel
8:30am - 10:00am **Dive into Coral Rescue Experience**
Join the Moody Gardens Coral Reef team and the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary team on an adventure protecting the Gulf of Mexico coral reef. Participants will learn about active coral reef conservation and wastewater in the Gulf of Mexico, and participate in hands-on activity.
Moody Gardens Aquarium
9:00am - 10:00am **Aquarium Behind the Scenes Tours**
Hotel package guests only
9:00am - 5:00pm **Dive into the Gulf: An Exposition**
Moody Gardens Convention Center Expo Hall
EXPO Educational Sessions
10:30am - Steve Janusz - DAN Director of Marketing
DAN Membership, Dive Accident, and Travel Insurance
11:30am - Marissa Marshall - Research Specialist and Diving Unit Supervisor, Flower Garden Banks NMS
Diving for Science: Adventure and Exploration of Flower Garden Banks
12:30pm - Panel Discussion on COVID-19 and the Marine Environment
Guests including Joel Johnson, National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation CEO and Mr. Matt Brinkman, CNMS Regional Director
1:30pm - Jay Hargler - Founding Board Member/Lead Instructor for Diving With a Purpose
Restoring Our Oceans, Preserving Our Heritage
2:30pm - Kelly Martin - NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Restoration into Anthropogenic and Deep Seafloor Communities
3:30pm - Dr. Leisa Deutsch and Dr. Kristi Ray - Medical Director(s) for Moody Gardens Dive Program
and NOAA's Science Center, Training Facility or Laboratory
Bringing Underwater Medicine to the Surface
4:30pm - Sheryl Reiser and Elizabeth Wolfe - Galveston Park Board
Coastal Zone Management Program, and Women in Coastal Science
10:00am - 2:00pm **Dive into Scuba Experience**
Come try Scuba flat hand in the MG pool with the Texas Scuba Adventures team.
Event ticket purchase required for participation ages 8 and up.
Advance registration required and limited capacity, on-site medical questionnaire and waiver required prior to activity.
Moody Gardens Hotel Lap Pool
7:00pm - 10:00pm **Currents in the Gulf Lionfish Seafood Dinner**
Award winning Chef prepared sustainable seafood dinner, with Top Chef, Chef.
Guest speaker: Dr. Michelle Johnson, Superintendent of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary
Moody Gardens Visitors Center Rainforest Entrance
Sunday, February 25th
8:30am - 10:00am **Dive into Conservation Experience**
Participants will have the opportunity to take part in Moody Gardens conservation efforts through immersion in the coral reefs of our tropical world - the rainforest!
Moody Gardens Visitors Center Rainforest Entrance
10:00am - 11:00am **Aquarium Behind the Scenes Tours**
Hotel Package guests only

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You should have been there!!

Dive into the GULF (Continued)



You should have been there!!

2024 TGCC Banquet

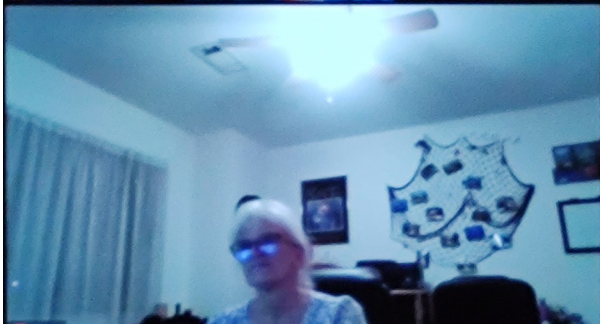
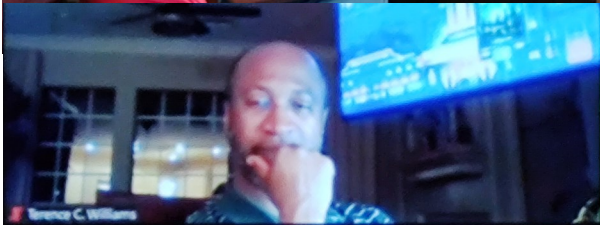
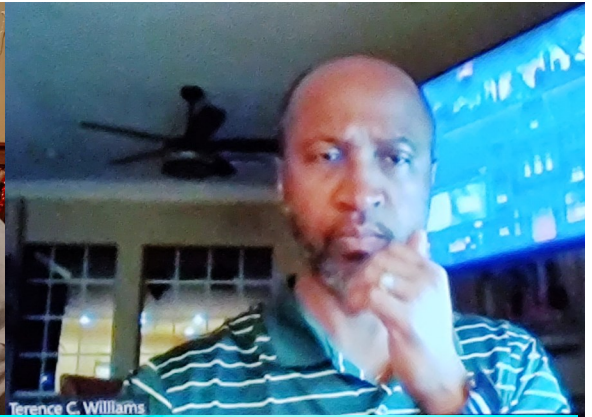


You should have been there!!

General Meeting with Dennis Deavenport as the speaker



You should have been there!!



Pending Events



One of the most common questions ppl ask privately is, if I come on a trip alone, how do I find a dive buddy?

The answer is, it's super easy! In fact, some diver pairs who come together end up diving with others on the trip!

But you can put all that aside if you come with one of the "solo" diver certifications! Check out this course from our partner [High Tide Scuba](#) in the DFW area.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/H4TDBXkWNo2oysaz/?mibextid=TrneLp>

INDEPENDENT DIVING COURSE (AVAILABLE IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL) THURS., MARCH 7, 2024 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Click the link below to join Instructor, Kevin Williams, for classroom training on Thursday, March 7th!

<https://www.hightidescuba.com/.../ssi-independent-diving>

How experienced do you need to be to dive alone? Do you dive alone as an instructor?

These are the common questions new divers will ask their instructor. The SSI Independent Diver specialty course is a course designed to train divers to dive independently, without compromising safety factor.

Up Coming Events

TICKETS \$15

Saturday show, April 6, 3 pm

Meet the Filmmakers, Saturday, 5:30 pm

Sunday show, April 7, 3 pm

Awards Reception, Sunday, 5:30 pm

Midtown Arts and Theater Center
(MATCH)

3400 Main St. Houston, TX 77002



HOUSTON UNDERWATER FILM FESTIVAL

APRIL 6-7, 2024

huff@hups.org



American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation



2024 Supporter Registration

The “American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation” (ACWA) was established by SCUBA divers on March 31, 2023. ACWA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public non-profit charity. Staffed by non-paid volunteers, ACWA’s administrative and donation support is provided annually by members of our community.

Supporter Registration for the “American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation” (ACWA) is open to Dive Clubs and Individuals who reside in the United States of America. 2024 registration is \$20.

“Supporters” on record for 2023 are listed on a “Supporter Master List” and need not complete this form. They continue their charity efforts with their 2024 payment of \$20 to ACWA’s treasurer - Mark Leiserowitz (contact information listed below).

New “Supporters” need to complete this form to provide ACWA with contact and IRS reporting information. 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 charity’s status and your name as identified below, used in any future donation reporting required by you or the IRS.

Dive Club _____

or

Certifying Agency: _____ C-Card Number: _____

Make Checks Payable To: **ACWA, c/o Mark Leiserowitz, 5205 De Milo Dr., Houston, Texas 77092**

Name: _____ Phone / Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2024 TGCC MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



The Texas Gulf Coast Council of Diving Clubs (TGCC) plans to award one College scholarships (1 @ \$500) during 2024. This scholarship is given in memory of Jack Allyn, John Anderson, Soodabeh O. Babcock, Randy Gray, Mike Griggs, Greg Grimes, Jean Himes, Anne Millioud, Clint (Dwight) Moore, Richard Mork, John Petty, Cynthia Ann Ramsey, Jackie Reid, Mary Lou Reid, John Ringrose, Wanda Roark, Peter Schmidt, Katie Springs, Margie M. Straight, Frank Strausborger, Michael Szewczyk, Randy Widaman, Ted Wimprine, Kenneth Young and Dick Zingula; deceased members of our dive community. It is also awarded in recognition for support of the TGCC Scholarship Program by Rodney Dwire, Alicia Grimes, the Houston Underwater Club, the Houston Underwater Photographic Society, Linda Petty and Russell Ramsey. 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.

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Eligibility Rules:

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Scholarship applicant must be a college undergraduate or graduate student attending college in 2024, or a high school senior that has been accepted to college in 2024.

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 2024.

Application (see other side) must be received by the TGCC Donations Committee prior to **June 30, 2024**. TGCC will review all completed applications on July 11, 2024.

Applicant shall have the high school/college furnish a transcript of grades, courses and class standing.

Scholarship General Guidelines:

Scholarship decisions of TGCC are final.

Scholarship winner is expected to keep TGCC abreast with his/her progress in college.

TGCC reserves the right to not award a prize depending upon the number of entries and qualifications of the applicants.

A personal interview with members of the TGCC Scholarship Committee may be required prior to awarding this scholarship.

Confirmation will be by e-mail. Make sure phone and e-mail data provided is current.

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

2024 TGCC MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Applicant's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

High School: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Name of college to be attended in 2024: _____

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

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

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

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: _____

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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**Brion Saathoff —
for President**



**JaVan Pruett —
For Vice President**



**Cathy Straham —
for Treasurer**



**Frances Boutin —
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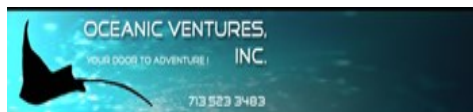
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