



Events Calendar

(Tentative plans)

Membership

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

“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.

[Membership Application](https://www.lunarfins.com/)

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



May 3rd — Open Dive Weekend at Mammoth Lake, TX—

May 3rd @ 8 am, — May 4th 4pm

May 15th — La Brisa Mexican Bar & Grill @ 12pm p. 7

4001 Hwy 146, Bacliff, Texas 77518

**May 20th. — General Meeting — David Lenderman —
Night Divin' and Ai Music Makin' — 2710 Gulf Fwy S.,
League City, TX 77573**

Jun. 17th — General Meeting — Kelly Drinnen — Fish ID

**July 15th — General Meeting — Betsy & Craig Beasey—
Movie Night with the Beasleys**

ELECTED OFFICERS

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Brion Saathoff

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Frances Boutin

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Social Director

Mike Peters

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Dennis Deavenport

Training information

Jessica Lee

Trip information

PJ Campagna

Jessica Lee

TGCC Representative

Tom Burns

Advisor

Dennis Deavenport

Advisor

PeeWee Dwire

Advisor

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

**Topics for
Speakers for
2025?**

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



Lunarfins Scuba Club

May 20th.

Night Divin' and Ai Music Makin'

David Lenderman

David Lenderman, who will present a two-part program. In the first part, David will share his passion for underwater photography during night dives, beginning with a captivating slideshow of images he has captured in the dark. Following the slideshow, he will lead a discussion on the benefits of night diving, the necessary gear, and techniques for creating stunning images in low light. He will include many tips learned over years of diving. If you're someone who often skips night dives, David's presentation may just inspire you to turn on your lights and venture into the water after dark. The second part of David's program will focus on the Ai music generator Suno.com. He has used Ai to create numerous songs, including the soundtrack for the night dive slide show featured at our April meeting. Suno and other Ai music programs, anyone can create great music. As image creators, we often seek the perfect soundtrack for our slideshows or videos, and now you can make your own! You can explore a diverse range of genres, from Texas Country to Jazz, Bossa Nova to Acid Rock, Classical to Dreamy House, and even Cajun Acid Rock—among thousands of other options. At the meeting, David will explain how to get started with Suno.com and share examples of the types of music you can create.

In case you're not familiar with David, he has been an active HUPS member since 1997. He has received accolades including Advanced Photographer of the Year, Member of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement Awards. David has served as HUPS President, Board Member, Newsletter Editor, and in various other roles over the years. He possesses extensive knowledge of underwater image making and is eager to share it with others.

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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 **May.8th** 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.

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77577

Lunarfin's President's Notes



Hello! Lunarfins,

Well spring is finally here, and I am sure everyone is excited about the dive season starting up.

I hope you had a great EASTER.

The film festival [HUFF] was a Hugh success. If you are unable to make it, you can see some of the fun we all had on pages 8 –10 and 29 & 30. Congratulations! To the winners of “Made In Texas” category, which are our members. Justin Wallace won 1st place for his Video “**Why**”. Betsy Beasley took 2nd place for “**50 Shades of Nudis**” and Paul Cater Deaton took 3rd place for “**Tomorrow- The Mara**”. This is an event you really should not miss. Plan on attending next year April 10-12, 2026.

I hope you can join us at the May 20th meeting at Spring Creek BBQ in League City, we have David Lenderman giving Night Divin’ and Ai Music Makin’. This is going to be a great presentation.

Please remember to renew your membership, Cathy Strahan has worked out an option for those that do not use snail mail and checks. If you need a receipt, please ask Cathy and she will be happy to write you one, we don't automatically do that as I believe most of them would get thrown away and just create more waste, if you prefer to write a check and mail it, we have changed the address to: 119 S CIRCLE DRIVE LIVERPOOL TEXAS 77577-9723.

Welcome our newest member Felix Awen, Monica Mah and Kamran Bhattacharya, Julie Khatri, Dave Pickler, and Amanda Smith. So glad you joined our family.

Our next social is Saturday May 15th at the La Brais Mexican bar and grill @ 12pm in Bacliff, TX , the details are on page 7. It is a good time to get to know each a little better and trade scuba adventures.

We have several events coming up Lunarfin's Scuba Poker Fundraiser will be held August 23rd see p. 21 and a trip that Trish Ross is offering to Bonaire Oct. 11-19, 2025 p.22. Be sure to check these out.

Thank you, Justin Wallace and Scott Singleton, for taking time out of your busy worlds to bring the April 18 presentation to us in person.

The zoom connection should be better at this next meeting. We are using a different way to connect to cyber space.

Happy Mother's Day and blessings to everyone.

May there be many bubbles in your future.

Fins up,

Brion



**Members, if you have any diving gear that you want to sale.
Please let someone on the board.**



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



Welcome!, Welcome!, Welcome!

We (Lunarfans) are happy to announce that Bay Area Divers has merged with our club, as of January's 9th, 2025. You are welcome at all of our events. You will need to fill out an application to join. We will have applications at every meeting or you can go online at our website <https://www.lunarfans.com/>

Lunarfan's Raffle — Let's Make Some Money

Lunarfans's will be offering raffle items at meetings. Tickets will be very reasonable and the items raffled off will be interesting and worth having. Cathy Strahan our treasurer has also donated several gifts.

Each month will be a great item and you never know till you come and see what you can pick from what we are offer. Dennis Deavenport has in the past donated one of his photographs. Bring a few extra dollars to the meeting to help Lunarfans earn money for social events If you have something you would like to donate let one of the BOD members know. You never know what will be offered.
Your friendly Board of Directors

Stream2Sea Water Sport Ear Rinse The Stream2Sea Water Sports Ear Rinse is designed to gently cleanse and protect your ears after exposure to water environments, whether it's freshwater, saltwater, or chlorinated pools. Infused with protective oregano and soothing lavender oils, this rinse helps prevent moisture build-up, which can lead to irritation or discomfort. Ideal for frequent use, it's perfect for swimmers, surfers, and water enthusiasts alike. .





Our General Meeting — Spring Creek Barbeque

Be sure to check out their menu

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

May 20th

2710 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573

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

Speakers start at 7:00 pm —will be a ZOOM presentation

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Welcome to Our Newest Members



Felix Arwen



**Monica Mah and Kamran
Bhattacharya**



Julie Khatri



Dave Pickler



Amanda Smith

Lunar fins Get-Together at La Brisa Mexican Bar & Grill



May 15th, 12 Noon

4001 Hwy 146, Bacliff, Texas 77518

National Ocean Service, NOAA

Farewell from Kelly

As the manager of this list for the past 20 years, it's been my pleasure to share news about Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary with you. I hope you've enjoyed these (mostly) weekly tidbits and have learned to appreciate the sanctuary more and more over the years.

I am retiring and passing the torch to Taylor Galaviz, so stay tuned to continue learning about this amazing ocean treasure in the Gulf!

Best fishes,

Kelly



Lunarfans Get-Together at Tookies Seafood

April 5th



HUFF

Sunday, April 13, 3 pm Show

Made In Texas

1. Fiji - Unspoiled Paradise
2. Tomorrow, the Mara
3. Diving Tubbataha
4. Why
5. 50 Shades of Nudis
6. Cuttlefish in Love

1st Place - **Why** by Justin Wallace

2nd Place - **50 Shades of Nudis** by Betsy Beasley

3rd Place - **Tomorrow- The Mara** by Paul Cater Deaton



Congratulations!!



1st Place Winner - "Why"

by Justin Wallace



2nd Place Winner -

"50 Shades of

Nudis"

by Betsy Beasley



3rd Place Winner -

"Tomorrow- The Mara"

Paul Cater Deaton

You should have been at HUFF - winners of Raffles Congratulations!!



About our Members

Frances Boutin

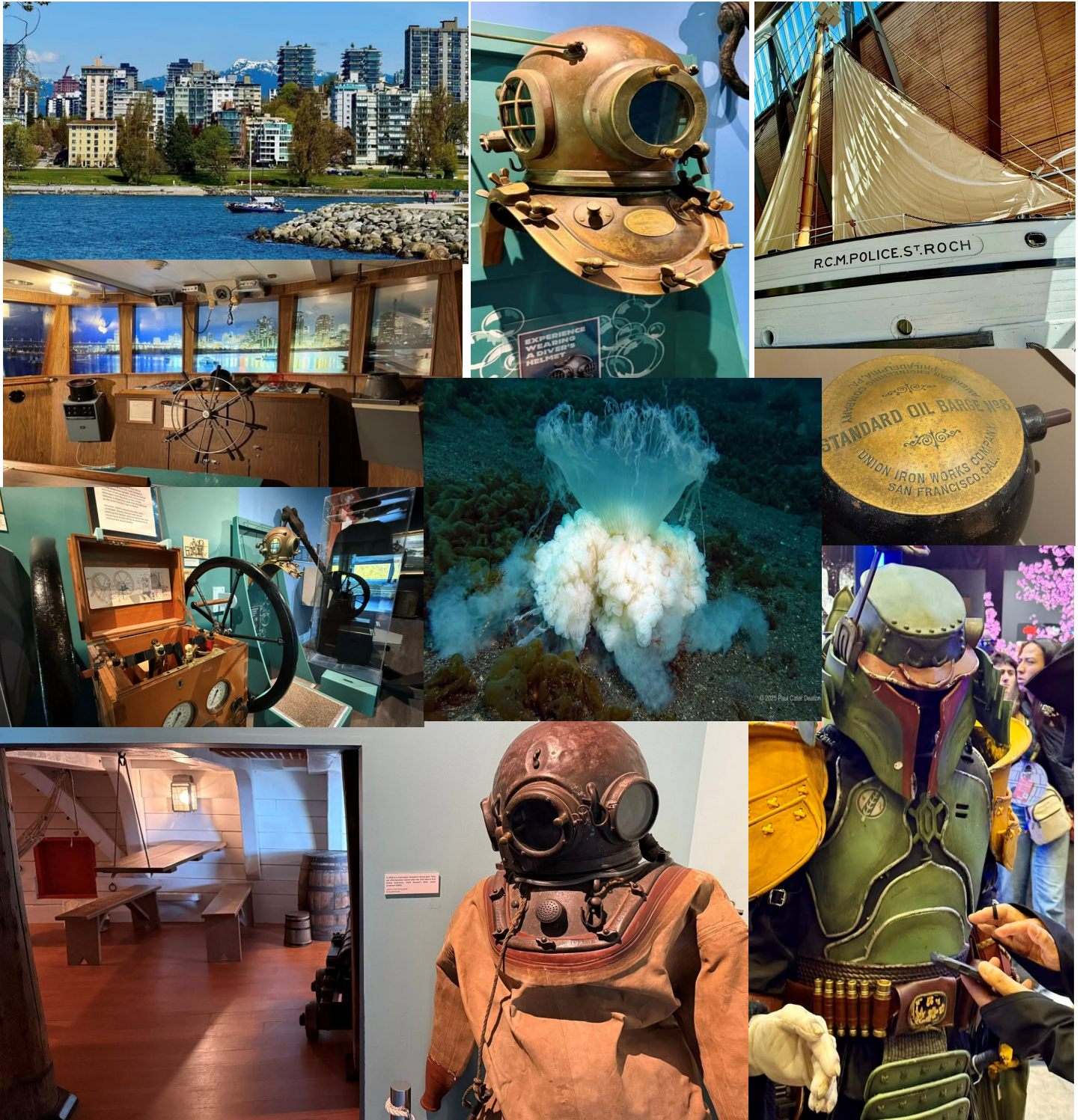
Spring has sprung I love my garden and



About our Members

Paul Cater Deaton

What better way to spend a 22-hour layover in Vancouver than to visit the Maritime Museum? Having first visited it in the summer of 1967 (in a different location), it was very nice to see it again.



About our Members

Dennis Deavenport

When Dennis isn't taken beautiful underwater video's he is raising beautiful orchids and other flowers. Then he photographs and share for all to see.



About our Members

PeeWee Dwire and Ja Van Pruett

How we spent April 5, 2025



About our Members

Pete Hasbrook



CLEAR LAKE GOOD TIME SHOWS
~ Also Featuring Special Guests ~



7th Street Quartet



Clear Springs HS Rhythm & Blue Choir



MixFits Quartet



Renown Quartet



S.L.E.D. Quartet

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

MATINEE 1:30 PM

EVENING 6:30 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 1:00 PM

TIDELANDERS RESERVE YOU POPCORN AND SODAS

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

FRESH TAMALES, NACHOS, SODAS & BEER

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Clear Lake, are you ready for a Good Time?
We are! Right this way, your table's waiting.

Thanks to Jay, Joe, Josh, Nicholas, Forrest,
Paul, and Pete for setting them up.

Felix Awen and Alexis Gangeme— out diving



About our Members

Cindy & Tom Reuland



Tom and Cindy have celebrated their 8th Wedding Anniversary.

They have also moved to S. Carolina the end of March.

The bottom picture is there view for ever.

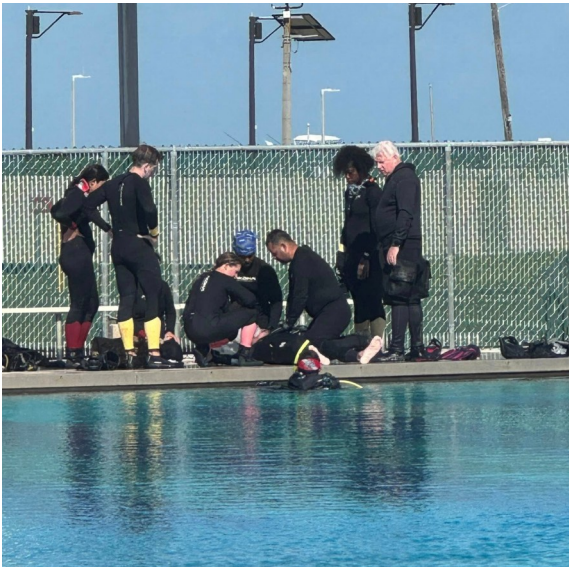
Congratulations!



About our Members

Bob Sanders

Spending easter in Key West teaching operational dive medicine and prolonged maritime care with the uniformed services university at the US Army Special forces underwater operations training center!



About our Members

Cathy Strahan & Brion Saathoff



Louise Toole

Happy Easter!!!!

From Mylee



Fred and Louise Toole

About our Members

Justin Wallace

Sardine Cyclone



Seahorses

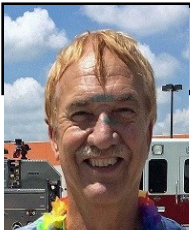


Got dressed up with my
two year old today...ooh
wait

Happy 2nd birthday!!!

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!





Uluburun shipwreck

Sent in by [Michael Peters](#)

In 1982, a Turkish sponge diver stumbled upon what he described as ‘metal biscuits with ears’ off the Mediterranean coast of Turkey near Kaş. The find proved to be an elite shipment from the Late Bronze Age, providing precious archaeological evidence for the exotic and valuable gifts exchanged by kings, heads of state, or wealthy merchants. The Uluburun shipwreck was excavated by INA over 11 seasons between 1984 and 1994, with more than 22,000 dives logged to depths in excess of 150 feet.

The Uluburun ship was transporting a bulk cargo of copper and tin ingots, in the usual ratio of 10:1 to produce bronze. Other cargo included pottery (used, unused, and also containing foodstuffs) and luxury items intended for a very specific and wealthy audience, such as carved ivory containers, jewelry of gold and semi-precious stones such as carnelian and agate. Raw materials from distant lands included glass ingots, unworked elephant tusks, ostrich eggshells, and faience beads. Personal effects such as weapons and galley wares, balance weights and musical instruments including lutes with tortoise-shell sound boxes suggest that the ship was operated by a Syro-Canaanite crew and carried several passengers from the Greek mainland. In addition to the precious cargo, many stone anchors and a tiny bit of the hull remained, both of which are equally important in the study of ancient shipbuilding and its development. The ship itself was built of Lebanese cedar, wood that was prized in antiquity, with the technique of pegged mortise-and-tenon joints, and possessed a proto-keel rather than a true keel.



Close study of the cargo and hull remains of the Uluburun wreck has provided a special glimpse into the Bronze Age, its material cultures, and aspects of construction, economic exchange, and transportation. In general, this degree of interconnection of the Mediterranean during this time could have only been achieved through the intense maritime activity that is exemplified by the ship that sank at Uluburun.

No more paying tolls for San Luis Pass Bridge

Article sent in by Billie Williams

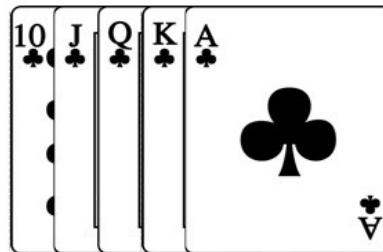
Galveston County has voted to end the cash toll on the San Luis Pass Bridge permanently. The bridge, which connects Galveston Island to the mainland, has had a \$2 toll payment at the 1.3-mile bridge between Galveston and Brazoria counties, which was built in the late 1960s. Commissioner Joe Giusti said the San Luis Pass Bridge had been paid off years ago, and there was no need to continue requiring cash tolls. As the construction on Interstate 45 continued, traffic picked up at the bridge while drivers waited and paid the tolls. "A lot of people were starting to use San Luis Pass (Bridge)," he said.



He said the bridge tolls generated about \$500,000 in revenue each year, of which more than half goes to pay the toll bridge workers. The change is expected to happen within a month, and signage will be posted at the toll booth once it goes into effect. It won't be for much longer. Officials plan to end it by mid-May. Although the toll is going away, it may not stay that way forever. The county's looking to build a new \$100 million bridge

The other part of the revenue, totaling about \$5 million over the years, has been reserved for the bridge. The funds will be used to continue its maintenance. Giusti said they're assisting in finding new job opportunities for employees who may have been affected by the new change. Some had been eligible for retirement, and others could get jobs within the county.

Lunarfins Scuba Poker Fundraiser



- Diving
- Games
- Prizes
- Food

**Benefitting the American Charitable
Watersport Activities Foundation.**

August 23, 2025

10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Lake Longhorn, League City, TX

Entry Fee* \$15.00

*Park Admission
not included

Profits from contest entry fees and
contributions will be donated to ACWA





Join HUPS fun October 11-19, 2025

**This package includes: 8 Nights accommodations, daily breakfast,
10 boat dives, 6 days unlimited shore diving, nitrox, airport
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Claim your spot today!!!!



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Not included: Airfare, Visitor Entry Tax (\$75), Marine Park fee (\$40), DAN membership, Dive/ Travel insurance, Meals, Equipment rental, vehicle rental (if desired), Must be, or become, a HUPS member (\$35 per year).

**Deposit \$ 100 due upon RSVP Final Payment due August 10, 2025
(no refunds after this date)**

Payment accepted via Check: payable to HUPS or Zelle

Trip Leader: Trish Ross

(832) 425-7457

trishtreasure2@yahoo.com



Open Enrollment For BSA SEA SCOUT SHIP EAGLE 1503



www.scubadivingship.com

Sea Scouts BSA is adventure in, on, around, and under the water. Chartered by Sport Divers of Houston, SSS Eagle 1503 is a co-ed scouting unit for youth ages 14-20. Youth that are 13 and have completed the 8th grade are also eligible to join. Sea Scouts enjoy a range of maritime and aquatic focused activities such as scuba diving, sailing, and rowing sports like kayaking and canoeing. Sea Scouts develop teamwork and leadership skills through opportunities to learn and master seamanship and scuba diving. A greater set of core values and ethics to live by are instilled through volunteering and participating in service projects, such as beach cleanup, cleaning attractions at Mammoth Lake, food drives, and toy drives. Ship meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 4-6pm at Sport Divers of Houston. For more information, email our Skipper, Kevin Reams, at kgreams@gmail.com or our Ship Committee Chair, Thomas Fitzgerald, at ship1503@scubadivingship.com.



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American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation



2025 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. 2025 registration is \$20.

“Supporters” on record for 2023 or 2024 are listed on a “Supporter Master List” and need not complete this form. They continue their charity efforts with their 2025 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: _____

2025 TGCC MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



The Texas Gulf Coast Council of Diving Clubs (TGCC) plans to award one College scholarships (1 @ \$500) during 2025. This scholarship is given in memory of the many deceased members and leaders 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 higher educational goal of the members, and their families, 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:

Scholarship applicant must be a college undergraduate or graduate student attending college in 2025, or a high school senior that has been accepted to college in 2025.

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 2025.

Application (see other side) must be received by the TGCC Donations Committee prior to **June 30, 2025**. TGCC will review all completed applications on July 10, 2025.

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.

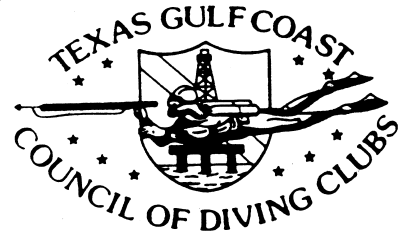
A personal interview with members of the TGCC Scholarship Committee may be required prior to awarding this scholarship.

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:

2025 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 2025: _____

(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, BAD, CHUM, HUPS, Lunarphins, etc.): _____

Number of Years as member of the above named club(s): _____

List any positions of leadership held by Affiliate: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**You should have
been at our
April 15th, General Meeting**
Justin Wallace and Scott Singleton



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Justin Wallace and Scott Singleton



You should have been at HUFF



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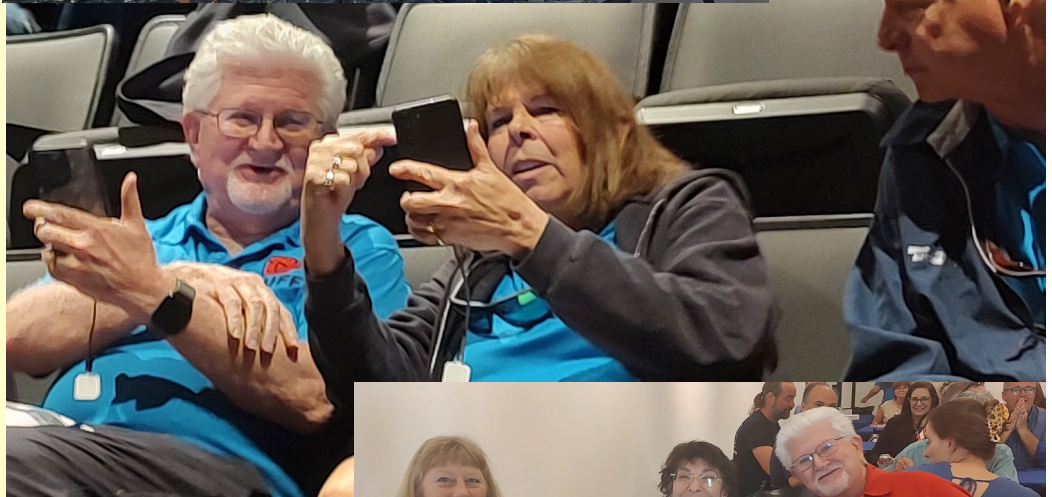
<https://www.tgccdive.org/>

TPWD reefs:

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



You should have been at HUFF



Trips Offered by Dive Shops etc.



Diving with Jess

Dive Training~Group Travel~
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divingwithjess@gmail.com

979-236-9430



Giggin' Marlin Dive & Swim

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Houston, TX 77004

281-445-3483

gigginmarlin.com

Please let them know you
are a member of Lunar fins



Maximum Scuba Houston

2391 Gun Range Rd.
League City, TX 77573

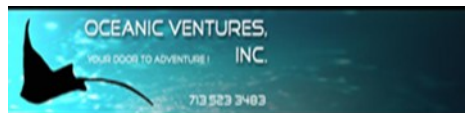
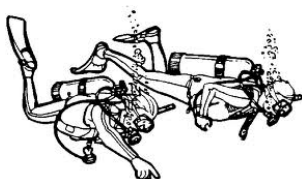
832-820-9949

9771 Long Point Rd.
Houston, TX 77055

832-993-2220

If you are a member of Lunar fins
You will get a 10% off.

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Oceanic Ventures

5808 Newcastle Drive
Houston, TX 77401

713-523-3483 (dive)

<https://oceanicventures.com/>



Outside The Asylum

2004 Mason Rd
STE C-2

Katy, TX 77450

www.otadiving.com

855-682-3483

Please let them know you are a
member of Lunar fins



Texas Dive Center

364 FM 1959 #D

Houston, TX

Txdivecenter.com/

Please let them know you are a
member of Lunar fins for
a discount.



Texas Scuba Adventures

2309 Mechanic St.
Galveston, TX 77550

409-363-9641

<https://texasscubaadventures.com/>