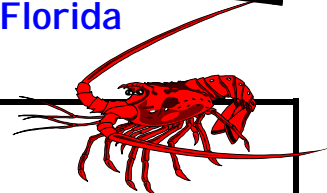




# The Wet Zone

South Florida Divers, Inc. Hollywood, Florida  
August 2001



## General Meetings

First Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM

**GUESTS WELCOME!**

## AUGUST 1 MEETING

Howard Johnson's Hotel, Hollywood Beach  
Penthouse Suite  
A1A between Sheridan Street and  
Hollywood Boulevard



**PROGRAM:**  
**Joe Froelich,**  
**Underwater Photojournalist**

## From your President Got Butter?

It was mini lobster season last week, and I hope you got a chance to play hooky from work, and got out there to get your limit, and for those who didn't, get ready, Monday, August 6 is right around the corner to catch up.

Last month, Captain Mike Lamphear gave his last presentation to our club. It ran late, but as usual, Captain Mike knows how to keep our attention. We will always remember you, Captain Mike, and want to thank you for all the years you dedicated to entertaining our club. We hope you and your wife will enjoy retired life.

In August, I hope the weather is a little less stormy on the weekends and more on the weekdays. There are a lot of activities going on this month, not to mention the August Keys Weekend in Looe Key being run by Adrian and Sandra Soler. Don't forget to sign up on some of the activities we have planned for you all.

Dive safely,

~ Ski

## Do you like to meet new people?

We are seeking nominations for the position of Greeter. This is a voting position on your dive club's Executive Board, and it's really fun because you get to meet all of the new and prospective members! You need only be able to arrive at General Meetings on time and have a friendly and welcoming personality. Nominations will be taken at the August 1 meeting and we will vote at the September 5 meeting. Feel free to contact any e-board member, listed on the back page of the newsletter, to make your nomination. Yes, you may nominate yourself! New members are welcome to run, and what better way to meet new dive buddies?

## Artificial Reefs

### Let's make a difference!

Here's another reason to attend the August 1 meeting: we will have letters for you to sign to send to our local congresspeople to request that they consider turning 400 or so mothballed Navy ships into artificial reefs. For more information and further websites on this issue, click on [www.scubadiving.com/feature/shipstoreefs](http://www.scubadiving.com/feature/shipstoreefs).



Catch some rays  
at our website  
[www.sfdi.com](http://www.sfdi.com)



Masthead photo courtesy Julie Taylor



# August 2001



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*Eel Photo Courtesy of Sandra Soler*

*Lobster Photo Courtesy of Julie Taylor*

July 29  Beach Dive and Brunch	July 30	July 31	1  General Meeting 7:30 @ HoJo's	2  Uncle Funny's	3	4  Night Beach Dive And Cookout
5  Jazz Brunch Las Olas Riverfront	6 E-Board Meeting @ CBI, 7:30 PM MEMBERS WELCOME!  Lobster Season Opens	7	8	9	10	11  Yo-Yo (You're On Your Own)
12  South Florida Fishing School	13	14	15	16	17	18  Ocean Watch Fish Count
19  Dry Martini Charter Dive	20	21	22	23	24	25  Lady Go Diver Charter Dive
26  South Florida Fishing School	27	28	29	30	31  <b>Bimini Weekend Captains' Choice</b>	September 1

- ◆ **July 29, 8 AM:** Beach Dive and Brunch, John U. Lloyd State Park, after the gate go approximately 1.6 miles, go over the bridge and turn right into Parking Lot #2. Go east to the beach and look for divers and barbecues. Sandra Soler.
- ◆ **August 1:** General Meeting, 7 PM, HoJo's.
- ◆ **August 2, 8 PM:** Uncle Funny's Comedy Club, Jeff Guzowski.
- ◆ **August 4, 6 PM:** "Twi-night" Beach Dive and Cookout, 1/2 mile south of Dania Beach Pier next to Beach Grill, call Pat Lamicella or Jane McArthur.
- ◆ **August 5, 11 AM:** Jazz Brunch, Dave Wills.
- ◆ **August 6:** Lobster season opens until March 31, 2002!
- ◆ **August 12, 2-5 PM:** South Florida Fishing School, Secret Woods Nature Center, \$15 per session, pre-register at 954-791-1030. This week: Reef and wreck fishing; offshore trolling, and sight-fishing.
- ◆ **August 18:** Ocean Watch Foundation Fish Count, \$30 for class and dive on the Dry Martini. Not an SFDI event; call 954-467-1366 for information..
- ◆ **August 19, AM:** Charter Boat Dive on Dry Martini, details TBA at the meeting, Julie Taylor.
- ◆ **August 25, 8 AM:** Charter Boat Dive on Lady Go Diver, Captain Dan wreck and a reef, \$37 (includes tip), docked at The Cove in Deerfield Beach. Donna Eades.
- ◆ **August 26, 2-5 PM:** South Florida Fishing School, Secret Woods Nature Center, \$15 per session, pre-register at 954-791-1030. This week: Offshore trolling, cast fishing, color changes, weed lines, debris, and birds.
- ◆ **August 17-19:** Looe Key Trip, Adrian and Sandra Soler.
- ◆ **August 31-September 3:** Bimini Weekend, Captains' Choice, Joe Smariga.
- ◆ **September 3:** Labor Day
- ◆ **September 5:** General Meeting, 7 PM, HoJo's.
- ◆ **September 15, 4 pm:** Annual SFDI Seafood Festival, Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club

## The Wrecks We Dive The Adolphus Busch Wreck

~By Jeff Guzowski

The Ocean Alley, renamed the Adolphus Busch, was purchased from Port Au Prince, Haiti, by Looe Key Artificial Reef Associates and Adolphus Busch, the grandson of the founder of the Anheuser-Busch empire. Busch, who is an avid diver and fisherman, gave \$200,000 towards the purchasing and sinking of the ship. Four years ago, he found that the choice dive spots in the lower Keys were getting too crowded, and that's why he got involved with the Looe Key Artificial Reef Association program with a long term plan to help preserve the marine habitat.



The 210-foot freighter, originally the Ocean Alley, was sunk on December 5, 1998. The ship sits upright in 108 feet of water off Looe Key. The mast is the highest point at 50 feet with the main deck at 80 feet. A 350 pound goliath grouper (jewfish) usually can be found near the cargo holds. Visibility usually is good, so bring your cameras.

The Adolphus Busch will be the first dive on the annual August Keys weekend in Looe Key.

## Fish-Watching Keys Style A Hair-Raising Encounter!

~by Donna Eades

When I think of fish I think of a cold-blooded animal that has no feeling and only acts on

instinct. I don't think of a fun-loving, playful being.

The dive was perfect. Blue skies, flat seas, warm water, no current, it was the Marathon Weekend. We did the Thunderbolt, saw the jewfish and a really large ray.

For the second dive we did a beautiful reef in the sanctuary. I was diving with Diana Rudnick and Annie Baugh at the end of the dive ; we were under the boat burning some air. I looked over and saw a flash of "Hot Pink"—there was a white grunt with a "Hot Pink" pony tail scrunchy in its mouth! I got Diana's attention and together we laughed till our masks leaked. Then I thought, he'd try and eat it. I started to chase him; he swam away laughing all the way. Finally he dropped it and I picked it up.

Fred Miller, on the anchor line, saw me and thought I was giving this poor fish a hard time. When I showed him my trophy he understood.

There have been other times when I saw fish exhibit behavior that was playful. I never really gave it a lot of thought until I saw a show on The Discovery Channel called "When dogs laugh and chimpanzee's cry." It was a real eye opener.

Thanks to John and Janet Chinnors, it was a wonderful weekend. All their hard work paid off.

## King Kong's Blow Hole Part III

~By Glenn Orihood

On the way south, we visited another blue hole. This was in the interior of a small island, Hoffman Cay, and the roof of the original cavern had fallen, leaving a cliff of about 20' or so around its rim. The water was saline and

we jumped from the cliff, running out into space and falling into the deliciously warm water. The fantastic shapes of the cavern were apparent here, though not underwater. Stalagmites, stalactites and bizarre shapes and figures defy the imagination...similar to the hoodoos in the southwestern U.S., only they are weathered sandstone eroded by wind and water over the centuries. Again, it's Mother Nature at work. So, we enjoy and thrill at the vision, capture it on film and feel privileged to be able to indulge in this smorgasbord of the visual senses.

The diving here in these islands - cays - is so unique, so soul-satisfying. It's a real head trip, each dive so different, each one the same. It's emotions. It's the colors. It's the fish. It's the thrills. It's a head trip! What could be more diverse from our ordinary lives? What could be more colorful? What could be more satisfying? Well, maybe a little sexual excursion into the unknown, but that's not why we're here. We're here to experience the beauty that nature has to offer in the underwater world. Color, diversity, never-ending rhythm, lassitude, bliss and the enthralling feeling of being close...close to nature, close to diverse biorhythms we barely comprehend, let alone understand. So, we relax in our state of weightlessness and yes, show me your wonders. I love it. And this feeling sets the stage for our first dive at King Kong's Hole!

It's day number ? On our trip, who's counting, who knows? One day blends into another. But, it is on this day that we are to dive the "Hole". Yes, finally we anchor up at a marker buoy, set by who knows who and step off into the adventure of a lifetime.

*To Be Continued...*

## What's YOUR Story?

Next month we want to publish YOUR dive story or YOUR underwater photographs! It's easy, just call Debby Aughter or e-mail [Debby@RaptureDivers.com](mailto:Debby@RaptureDivers.com)



## Book review: Underseas Psychologists

~by Debby Aughter

Donna Eades recently called me, excitedly relating the tale of the grunt with the scrunchy (read it, above). I told her it would make a fantastic [Wet Zone](#) article because this month I'm recommending [Reef Fish Behavior](#), by Ned DeLoach with photographer Paul Humann, and her tale adds a local flavor to the review. This companion volume to Humann and DeLoach's reef fish, reef creature, and reef coral identification guides is filled with hundreds of fascinating photos of fish doing more than simply posing for mug shots. Behaviors run from

the family-friendly to the wild and crazy. Eating, sleeping, guarding nests, fighting, manning or enjoying cleaning stations, donning camouflage and changing colors, changing sex, and having sex...lots of sex...especially the flounders...are some of the activities you'll see and read about. Humann has done a wonderful job catching our finny friends in the act, and DeLoach thoroughly explains why they do what they do. While this volume certainly reflects the authors' decades of diving experience, a wide variety of scientific references is cited at the back. If you already own the "Reef Set" you will definitely want to add this to your collection. If you prefer to save your dollars for air fills, remember that you can **check it out @ your library!**

# WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



## Fins to the left, fins to the right

- By Debby Auchter

Don't you wish you had a dollar for every non-diver who has asked you, "aren't you afraid of sharks?" or "don't you see a lot of sharks?" Unfortunately, shark attacks have been in the news recently. This month we bit on [The International Shark Attack File](#) to research just how prevalent shark attacks are. Administered by the American Elasmobranch Society and the Florida Museum of Natural History, the Inter-

national Shark Attack File is a compilation of all known shark attacks. Besides general information for the curious, a wealth of science-useful information and interesting summaries are offered here. The site provides geographic summaries of attacks, statistical trends of shark attacks since 1900, annual worldwide shark attack summaries (including the newly released 2000 summary), and much more. Those seeking to contribute to the food chain via death-by-sharks can even browse statistics revealing locations with the highest shark attack activity over the past decade. Don your mesh shark diving suit and chomp down on [www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/Sharks/ISAF/ISAF.htm](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/Sharks/ISAF/ISAF.htm),

### 2001 Executive Board

**President:** Jeff Guzowski  
**Past President:** John Kansman  
**VP of Membership:** Joe Smariga  
**Membership Assistant:** Sandra Soler  
**VP of Calendar:** Dave Wills  
**Calendar Assistant:** Michele Burzese  
**VP Of Programs:** Cathy Olson  
**Secretary:** Donna Eades  
**Treasurer:** Adrian Soler  
**Treasurer Assistant:** Julie Taylor  
**Newsletter Editor:** Debby Auchter  
**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rebecca Cooper  
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 Seth Gersten  
**Greeter:** Position vacant, nominations sought  
**E-mail Coordinator:** Jane McArthur  
**Club Store:** Melissa Ames  
**Webmaster:** Bruce Rosenthal

### FREE CLASSIFIED ADS!

*Classified advertising is FREE for SFDI members!  
 E-mail or call Debby*

**Men's BC, Ladies' Wetsuit:** Dacor Chameleon BC, Blue/Silver/Black, Men's Large, \$75. Small Ladies' 1-piece back-zip Body Glove wetsuit, black with purple/hot pink trim, used twice, looks brand new, \$50. Call Debby.

**Divers' Potpourri:** Jane still has a bunch of gear priced at "best offer" except the BC which is \$150. NEW Seaquest Infinity BC Ladies' S; Mares Plana Avanti Fins Men's L; Oceanways Composite Power Fins Men's L; Booties w/Wrap-around Ankle Men's L; Ladies' Pull-On Booties M; French-Cut Shortie Wetsuit Ladies' S; JBL 38 Special Spear Gun; Lycra Skins (1 L, 1 M); 3 masks/snorkels; Gear Bag; Canvas Tank Carrying Bag. **USED CAMERA GEAR TOO!** 2 Nikonos IV-A Cameras with 35mm Lens; 1 Nikonos SB-101 Strobe; NEW Nikonos Close-Up Kit with Case; Nikonos Camera Bag. Call Jane.

**Remember to give our DAN sponsorship number at the time you renew. We receive points toward the purchase of raffle prizes. The number is 16529.**



Welcome back to our old friend, rejoined member  
**Jim Reynolds**

### Happy Birthday to our August Babies!

John Beals	Jack Bertman	Bob Booth
Terry Burke	Cindy Dean	Hank Guardino
Jeff Guzowski	Diana Lee Jareo	David Oblak
Jeffrey Raffa	Lisa Smets	Jimbo Smith
	Dave Wills	



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