



The Wet Zone

South Florida Divers, Inc. Hollywood, Florida

February, 2001

General Meetings

Are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Bring your friends to:

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

**February Speaker:
Barry Kulick, Underwater Photographer**

A few words from our President

It's February and the water has really cooled off. I hear the shallow reefs are 68° to 70° and the deeper reefs are up to 74°. Also, the lobsters seem to have moved to the deeper warmer water.

Our February calendar is quite full. There are a lot of non-diving activities for the warm water divers and even some dives for those tough winter divers. If you know of any diving or non diving activities you think the club members would enjoy, please see any E-Board member and they will help you out. We are always looking for some club members with fresh new ideas, so don't hesitate to come forward.

In the meantime, we have some great upcoming events to check out on the club calendar. To start, there's always our annual Pig Roast in April, a trip to Ginnie Springs in May, our 2 trips to the Keys, one in Marathon in June, and the Looe Key trip in August. These trips usually fill up fast. If you are interested in any of these trips, make sure you bring a check or cash to cover the deposit(s), for the trip(s) you are interested in, to the February meeting. The trips have gone up a little in cost, but these trips are worth it.

Barry Kulick will be our guest speaker this month. I hear his travels from last year will be entertaining. So plan on attending the February meeting for a great program.

~ Ski

Last chance to renew and save!

The February 7 meeting is your last chance to renew your membership at the regular rate of \$45 per person, \$60 per family. After the February meeting, the cost goes up by \$5. Remember to bring a PHOTOCOPY of your c-card and your diving insurance with you if yours is not already on file.

Your Elected 2001 E-Board

President: Jeff Guzowski
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SURF INTO OUR WEBSITE!

www.sfdi.com

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.



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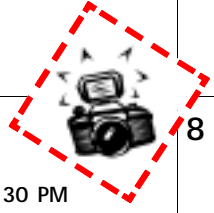





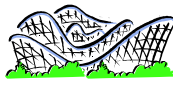







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January 28 Super Bowl XXXV 	January 29	January 30	January 30 	1	2 "One of the two happiest days in the Auchter's lives" The Rapture arrives in Dania Beach!	3 Shark Valley Bicycle Trip 
4 American Dream Charter 	5	6	7 7:30 PM General Meeting HoJo's	8	9	10 Yo-Yo (you're on your own)
11 Private Boat Dive 	12 7:30 PM E-Board Meeting CBI Members Welcome	13	14 	15	16	17 Yo-Yo (you're on your own)
18 Carpool to Boat Show 	19	20	21	22 Night of Fun at Boomer's 	23	24 Water Taxi Booze Cruise 
25 R & R 	26	27	28 Only one more month to catch Panulirus argus! 	March 1	March 2	March 3 Bike Hollywood Beach 
March 4 Jazz Brunch Las Olas Riverfront 	March 5	March 6	March 7 General Meeting HoJo's 	March 8	March 9	March 10 Private Boat Dive 

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- ◆ **February 3, 10 AM:** Shark Valley Bicycle Trip, Jane McArthur. Fifteen mile road through the River of Grass. Lots of great information at <http://www.nps.gov/ever/visit/tramroad.htm>.
- ◆ **February 4, 8 AM:** American Dream charter boat, \$35, Julie Taylor. Meets at Martha's near the Dania Beach Boulevard bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway.
- ◆ **February 7, 7:30 PM:** General Membership Meeting @ HoJo's. This month's speaker is Barry Kulick, underwater adventure photographer. Barry is always entertaining and his pictures are not to be missed!
- ◆ **February 11, 8:30 AM:** Private Boat Dive, John U. Lloyd State Park, Dave Wills.
- ◆ **February 12, 7:30 PM:** Executive Board Meeting @ Connections for Business. All members welcome!
- ◆ **February 18, 8 AM:** Boat Show, Joe Smariga. Meet at the Tri-Rail Park-n-Ride at Bass Pro Shops on Griffin Road to carpool; we'll have breakfast in Miami Beach, then go to the show.
- ◆ **February 22, 7 PM:** Ride the Hurricane and the Sky Coaster at Boomer's in Dania Beach, Pat Lamicella. Meet by the mini-golf. Dinner *after* the rides, of course!
- ◆ **February 24, 7 PM:** Water Taxi Booze Cruise, \$20, Rebecca Cooper. Details next page.
- ◆ **March 3, 10 AM:** Hollywood Beach bicycling and lunch, Jane McArthur. Meet at Ann Kolb Nature Center on Sheridan Street just west of the Intracoastal (free parking).
- ◆ **March 4, 9 AM:** Jazz Brunch on Las Olas Riverfront, Dave Wills.
- ◆ **March 10, 8:30 AM:** Private Boat Dive, John U. Lloyd State Park, Dave Wills.

Trips, Treks, and More



CUSTOM Dive club shirts

Maybe you've been to the "club store" and didn't see a shirt in your size or color. Did you know that Melissa Ames can get nearly anything made for you with the SFDI club logo? You can order anything from the huge catalog, for example polos, sweats, and denim shirts. Prices start around \$25, and you can add your name for just \$5 more. See Melissa at the next meeting for details.

Shark Valley Bike Trip

Bicycling at Shark Valley is a great way to experience the quiet beauty of the Everglades. Let Jane McArthur take you on the 15-mile flat loop on February 3, and see alligators, wading birds, turtles, and other native wildlife. Pack a lunch, and visit the website listed on the calendar page for detailed information and a map.

Water Taxi Booze Cruise

-By Rebecca Cooper

Cruise the New River and party with your friends. See the fabulous homes along the Intracoastal and New River. Saturday evening, February 24. Boat leaves @ 7 PM. Meet @ docks at Riverfront Complex. Parking is available in parking garage across the street. Entertainment after the cruise is available at Riverfront or at Himmarshee Village clubs on Second Street. Cost is \$20 per person, includes tip. PAYABLE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. NO MONEY, NO RESERVATION. Bring snacks to share and what you wish to drink. This cruise has been very popular in the past.

South Water Caye, Belize

has been described as Belize's most idyllic caye, perfect for those who want an out-island experience. Donna Steiner has scheduled this trip for May 13-20, a good time to spot whales and whale sharks. \$1,700 includes accommodations, 2-3 dives per day and all meals. Call Donna.

Dive Marathon

No, we don't mean a 26-mile dive! Marathon is the heart of the Florida Keys. Join John and Janet Chinnners June 8-10 for only \$205 per person. Call the Chinnners for more details.

Looe Key Marine Sanctuary

-By Adrian Soler

Come dive and party with South Florida Divers in the lower keys August 17-19. We'll meet at Looe Key Reef Resort MM-27.5 on Friday, and spend some time at Looe Key's Tiki Bar in preparation for Saturday's diving. That night we'll stay at the resort and depart the next morning at 10 AM aboard their 45 FT Catamaran - KOKOMO CAT for a three tank dive that starts with the 210 FT wreck of the Adolphus Busch, which lies in 100 Ft of water with its superstructure rising to within 50 FT. On board, hot dogs and sodas will be provided during our surface intervals, while we dive two of Looe Key's beautiful protected sanctuary reefs - photographers, bring your cameras! That night includes a poolside steak dinner at the Tiki Bar with live musical entertainment. Accommodations are also

included that night at the resort, to help recover from the evenings festivities. The cost of \$200.00 includes 2 nights accommodations (double occupancy); 1 three tank dive (tanks and weight included); steak dinner poolside at Looe Key's Tiki Bar (Saturday night); hot dogs and soda on board between dives; and all taxes and tips.

Gotta boat? Wanna boat?

The Broward County Library system received a huge donation to beef up its nautical collection. There are more than 850 books, and nearly 100 videos, on how to buy a boat, piloting and navigation, cruising and diving Florida and the islands, engine and hull maintenance, and boatloads more. The cost? Free to all Broward library card holders! Call Debby Auchter at Main Library for more information, or log on to the library's website at www.browardlibrary.org.

Mark your Calendar!

For your convenience, here are some important 2001 dates:

- ◆ March 31: Lobster season ends
- ◆ April 19-22: Dania Beach Marine Flea Market
- ◆ April 21: Pig Roast
- ◆ May: Golf outing, date TBA.
- ◆ May: Ginnie Springs camping trip with Rick and Lori Rocco, dates TBA
- ◆ July 11: General membership meeting (no meeting July 4)
- ◆ July 25-26: Lobster Mini-Season
- ◆ August 6: Lobster Season opens
- ◆ December 8: Christmas Party

Book review: Put these dive sites on your "to do" list

If you love to fantasize about exotic diving destinations, check out [Seven Underwater Wonders of the World](#) by Rick Sammon. Filled with some of the most incredible underwater pictures you've ever seen, this book is about the efforts of CEDAM International (Conservation, Education, Diving, Archeology, and Museums) to determine the seven best diving spots on planet Earth, and to call attention to the urgent need for worldwide marine conservation. The culmination of eight years of research, the volume dedicates lengthy chapters to Belize, Lake Baikal (Siberia), Northern Red Sea, Galapagos, Great Barrier Reef, Deep Ocean Vents, and Palau. Sammon describes each of his trips in exciting detail, including undersea wonders as well as topside adventures. This picture-packed coffee-table size book, published by Thomasson-Grant in 1992, is no longer in print, but you can reserve it using your Broward County Library card by pointing your browser to www.browardlibrary.org, or by calling (954) 357-7444 (press 5). *-Read any good books lately? Write a review!*

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

This month's "virtual dive" is to the official website of the Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP). Have you ever wondered what the LORAN or GPS coordinates are for your favorite artificial reef? Or where you can find a mooring buoy? Just point your browser to www.broward.org/dpep.htm and click on **Publications**. Under **Marine** you will find the following links: *Artificial Reefs and Their Locations, Mooring Buoy Location & Usage, Sea Turtle Conservation Program, Wetlands Resources, and SS Copenhagen -- Underwater Archaeological Preserve*. There is a lot of great information as you explore the site further, including how to dive and fish on an artificial reef. Miss Angelfish plans to print the location coordinates and put them in plastic sheet protectors to take out on her boat. You will find a lot of excellent information on the DPEP site for your home and business, too.

WELCOME to our newest members!

Brian Burdett
Pat Gaffney
Frauke Hamann
Beth Hirschfeld
Leah Merrey
Robert Miller, Sr.
Barbara Rudzik



FREE CLASSIFIEDS!

Classified advertising is FREE to SFDI members!

Something for everyone: Jane's friends stopped diving and WOW, does she have a bunch of their stuff to sell! TOO MUCH stuff to list, it would take the entire newsletter! All gear is high quality and brand new, with tags, or gently used. A tiny sampling includes masks, fins, snorkels, gloves, weight belts, bags, skins, wetsuits, bc's, regulators, spear gun, sling, and much, WAY too much, more to list. Call Jane for details.

Tanks for the memories: Two aluminum 80's with December 1998 hydros, \$65 each. One blue, one yellow, includes tank mesh and boot. Call Dave Oblak.

Sick of the ocean? Help us make boat payments! Buy our 11+ acre building lot in Forbes Lake of the Ozarks Park, Missouri. You can't catch lobsters, but it's the bass fishing capital of the world! A mere \$15,000 takes it all. Call Rick at (954) 926-8084 or click on www.geocities.com/daughter.

Stay warm: Henderson 1/4" wetsuit, Size XL, farmer john and long sleeve shorty. Lycra with terrycloth lining. Price? Best offer! Call Jack Bertman.



Happy Birthday wishes to:

Melissa Ames	Rose Bass
Sherri Black	Cheryl Jones
Jane McArthur	Jim Trombley

Do we have your birthday in our membership rolls? Let us know!

A hearty **THANK YOU!** to all the members who agreed to receive the Wet Zone via e-mail. You saved your club 60 cents this month. That's \$7.20 a year! Your e-mail newsletter is in full color, looks better, and is received earlier to give you more time to plan. Reading this on paper? Want to save some trees? Let us know!

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