

**WE'RE NOT
MOVED YET!
MAY MEETING
IS AT HOJO'S
NOT LIYC**

The Wet Zone

South Florida Divers, Inc. Hollywood, Florida
May 2001

General Meetings

First Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM

Guests welcome!

**MAY 2 MEETING:
Where's the bargains?
At the SWAP SHOP!!!**



Looking for some good used dive equipment but only saw "fleas" at the Dania Beach Marine Flea Market? Have some extra dive gear you always thought you'd use for "spares" but never did? Come to the May 2 General Membership meeting and swap 'til you drop! We'll get together at 7:30 PM at **Howard Johnson's Penthouse, Hollywood Beach, A1A between Sheridan Street and Hollywood Boulevard** and have a social night of fun and shopping. Did I say fun and shopping? Isn't that redundant? Dust off your old dust caps, bring a cache of cash and remember, one person's trash is another person's new dive gear.

Welcome Our Newest Members!

Cheryl Bartek
Suvicha "Howie" Howay
Petronella Uytdevillegen
Joe Yonkof



Don't Miss the Pig Roast!



The annual Pig Roast is this Saturday, April 28, starting around 5 PM at Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club. Your dive club has hosted this annual event for decades and it's a great way to relax and socialize while stuffing yourself silly. Your club underwrites most of the cost of the event, including pork, chicken, paper goods and beverages. Members supply the side dishes, so show off and bring your tastiest treats! Admission is \$5 each for members and the first guest, and \$10 for each additional guest. See the map enclosed in this newsletter. Lost? Call the yacht club from your car at (954) 583-7422.

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.

From your President

April Showers bring May Divers



Our annual Pig Roast is this Saturday, and you don't want to miss it, or you will miss a great time. Everybody who comes hungry hopefully will leave stuffed. A special thanks goes to Chef Smariga for his cooking talents that day. The pig and the chicken are so good, that they are usually gone by early night...so you better get there early! Thanks, also goes out to YOU, our club members, who are bringing all those tasty covered dishes.

It's May, and the water's getting warmer and the visibility is great. Summer is right around the corner and the club calendar is full of events.

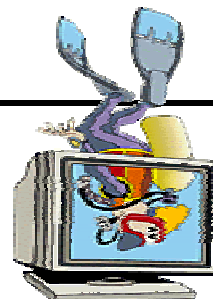
Our meeting location this month (May), will be at **HoJo's**, in lieu of the Lauderdale Isles Yacht club as planned. If you have any questions, call any E Board member.

Thanks to April's speaker Tina Ramenel for her presentation on manatees.

And, if you don't believe Friday the 13th is bad luck, just ask Captains Todd & Chris Rogers. A rather large yacht sank their boat, the American Dream, that was tied up at the dock, next to Martha's Restaurant, that day. Todd & Chris, if there is anything the club or club members can do, please let us know.

Please remember HoJo's for our May Meeting.

~ Ski



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OUR WEBSITE!**

www.sfdi.com



May 2001



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 29 R & R from pig roast 	April 30 Fleet Week Begins 	1	2 7:30 General Meeting SWAP SHOP 	3	4	5 Bicycle to the Air and Sea Show
6 Boat to the Air and Sea Show 	7 E-Board Meeting at CBI 7:30 PM Members Welcome! 	8	9	10	11-12 Cajun/Zydeco Crawfish Festival 	
13 Dry Martini "Mother Ocean Day" dive <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18-19 Ocean Fest 2001 	
20 Ocean Fest 	21	22	23	24 Lobster 	25 Hang in there... mini season is only 2 months away! 	26 Bimini Weekend, Captains' Choice
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June 3 Jazz Brunch Las Olas Riverfront 	June 4	June 5	June 6 7:30 PM General Meeting 	June 7	June 8 Marathon Key Weekend 	June 9 Reef Sweep Private Boat Dive

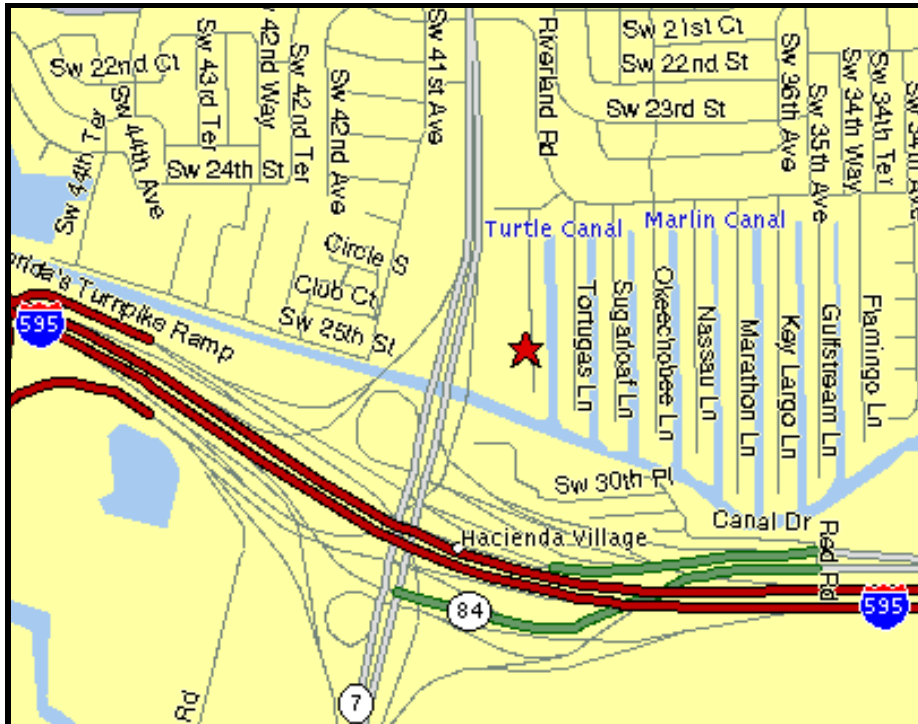
- ♦ **April 28, 5 PM:** Annual Pig Roast at Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club. \$5 each for members and first guest, \$10 each additional guest. Pig, chicken and beverages provided; bring a dish to share! See attached map.
- ♦ **May 2, 7:30 PM:** Dive Club Swap Shop and Social Night at **HOWARD JOHNSON'S. We didn't move to LIYC yet!**
- ♦ **May 5, 11 AM:** Bicycle to Air and Sea show, meet at Holiday Park, Sunrise Blvd. entrance, parking is \$6, Debby Auchter. Call if you know a place to park for free!
- ♦ **May 6, 9 AM:** Air and Sea Show by boat, Dave Wills.
- ♦ **May 11-13:** Cajun/Zydeco Crawfish Festival at Fort Lauderdale Stadium. Call Bruce Rosenthal for information.
- ♦ **May 12, 9 AM:** Private Boat Dive, location TBA, Jane McArthur.
- ♦ **May 13, 8 AM:** "Mother Ocean" Dive, Dry Martini charter boat, \$35. Meet at Seafair Marina, 101 N. Beach Road, Dania Beach. Julie Taylor. On the way to the boat, listen to Jimmy Buffet's *A Pirate Looks At 40* to get in the mood!
- ♦ **May 18-20:** Ocean Fest, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Volunteers needed! See details on Trips & Treks page.
- ♦ **May 25-28:** Memorial Day Weekend private boat trip to Bimini, Captains' Choice.
- ♦ **May 28, 10 AM:** Didn't get to go to Bimini? Come to the "Left Behind" picnic at Boater's Park, meet at 10 AM at Harbour Towne Marina's Southeast barn (by I.T. Parker Community Center), Debby Auchter.
- ♦ **June 3, 11 AM:** Jazz Brunch on Las Olas Riverfront, Dave Wills.
- ♦ **June 9, 8:15 AM:** Private Boat Dive for Reef Sweep, John U. Lloyd State Park, Joe Smariga.
- ♦ **June 8-10:** Marathon Key Weekend
- ♦ **July 11:** General membership meeting (no meeting July 4).
- ♦ **July 25-26:** Lobster Mini-Season.
- ♦ **August 17-19:** Looe Key Weekend, \$200, Adrian and Sandra Soler.

Directions from Howard Johnson to Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club

For directions from another location, visit www.mapquest.com

Click on "Driving Directions," enter your address, and enter the yacht club's address:

2637 Whale Harbor Lane, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312



This is
your map
to the Pig
Roast.

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DIRECTIONS	DISTANCE
1: Start out going North on N OCEAN DR./FL-A1A towards CAROLINA ST by turning right.	0.5 miles (0.8 km)
2: Turn LEFT onto SHERIDAN ST./FL-822.	3.0 miles (4.8 km)
3: Take the I-95 N ramp towards W PALM BCH.	0.3 miles (0.6 km)
4: Merge onto I-95 N.	2.4 miles (3.9 km)
5: Take the I-595 exit, exit number 26AB, towards INT'L AIRPORT/PORT EVERGLADES.	0.2 miles (0.4 km)
6: Keep LEFT at the fork in the ramp.	0.8 miles (1.2 km)
7: Merge onto I-595 W.	1.1 miles (1.8 km)
8: Take the US-441/FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE TOLL exit, exit number 8 & 9.	0.3 miles (0.4 km)
9: Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp.	0.1 miles (0.2 km)
10: Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp.	0.3 miles (0.5 km)
11: Merge onto FL-7 N/US-441 N.	0.5 miles (0.8 km)
12: Turn RIGHT onto RIVERLAND RD.	0.3 miles (0.5 km)
13: Turn RIGHT onto SW 24TH ST.	0.1 miles (0.1 km)
14: Turn LEFT onto WHALE HARBOR LN.	0.2 miles (0.3 km)
TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME:	TOTAL
23 minutes	DISTANCE:
	10.2 miles (16.4km)

Yes, this is a blank page.

I don't like it either.

Make my day...

write an article...

or call me and dictate it...

or see me at the meeting and I'll take notes...

or place it in a bottle and throw it into the sea...

I don't care how you get it to me, just get it to me.

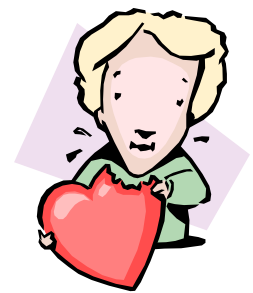
This newsletter shouldn't be the *Debby Auchter Sentinel & Herald*...

it should showcase our member's best ideas, experiences, and musings.

**We applaud the following members who wrote
one or more articles this year:**



**Bob Barr
Rebecca Cooper
Jeff Guzowski
Jane McArthur
Glenn Orihood
Adrian Soler**



Send your submissions to Debby@RaptureDivers.com
or call me at (954) 926-8084

Trips, Treks, and More



Ocean Fest 2001

Volunteer and get in free!

How would you like to have some fun, meet some new people, help your club, and save \$6 all at the same time? Volunteer to work a shift in our dive club booth or to be a show volunteer at Ocean Fest, May 18-20 in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. It's a great way to make new friends, and to bump into old ones.

If you've never attended Ocean Fest, you must do it this year! There are dozens of exhibitors of dive gear, destinations, charter boats, jewelry (got that, ladies?) and more. Fish ID seminars presented by Paul Humann and a world record deep dive attempt by Pipin are just two of the many free events. There is a beach party Friday night, an underwater concert Saturday and a treasure hunt on Sunday. For even more information about Ocean Fest, including how to enter the photo contest, click on www.oceanfest.com. Call Donna Eades today to volunteer and get in for free!

The Wrecks We Dive THE THUNDERBOLT

~By Jeff Guzowski

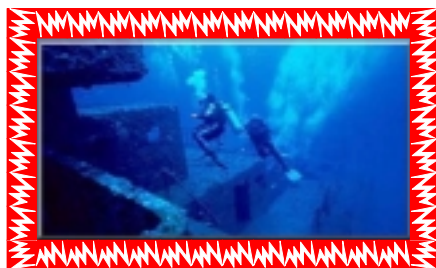
The 189 foot Thunderbolt was sunk March 6th, 1986, off Marathon in the Florida Keys. She now lies intact and upright in 120 feet of water with the ship's superstructure at 75 feet.



The Thunderbolt was built in June 1942 and christened as the Randolph. The ship's main function was to build and maintain coastal minefields. She was put into the Navy Marine Reserve Fleet in 1949.

In 1961 the Randolph was sold to a Miami shipping firm. Ultimately, Florida Power & Light bought her for research on the electrical energy of lighting strikes. This is where the name Thunderbolt came from.

The ship was stripped and has only a few pieces of large equipment which consists of a horizontal cable reel at 80 feet, an observation deck at 75 feet, rudder and propellers at 120 feet. The aft end of the superstructure has been removed so the interior of the ship is accessible.



The Thunderbolt will be dived on June 9th during the Marathon Keys weekend. For a look at the layout of the wreck, point your browser to www.fknms.nos.noaa.gov/sanctuary_resources/shipwreck_trail/tbolt.html

LEFT BEHIND?

If you can't go on the Bimini trip over Memorial Day weekend, don't stay home feeling lonely. Join us at Boaters' Park for a Memorial Day picnic! The Rapture leaves the dock at 10:30 AM for a ride to the park, or you can drive to the area, park across the canal and get ferried over. See your March *Wet Zone* for more details on the park, or call Debby Aucter for more info.

REEF SWEEP IS JUNE 9



Make sure to put the 13th Annual Ocean Watch Foundation's Reef Sweep on your calendar. Last year's reef sweep netted over 4,632 pounds of trash during the daylong event. Among the trash collected were thousands of cigarette butts, 652 cans and bottles, 81 feet of rope and 3,112 feet of monofilament fishing line. Joe Smariga is hosting a private boat dive for Reef Sweep, and there are many charter boats available. Beach divers and walkers can get in the act too! Your June issue of *Wet Zone* will have more details, or click on www.oceanwatch.org.

TAIL GRABBIN' TIPS

We're soliciting your secrets for a July *Wet Zone* article on how to catch, clean, and cook lobsters. E-mail or call Debby. P.S. Ever notice that non-divers think we're kinky when we tell them we tickle lobsters?

REEF BRIEFS

- ◆ From *Undercurrent Online's* April issue: Pelican hard cases have become a favorite target of baggage handling thieves at Miami International Airport. In the last week of March, we learned of three separate incidents in which Pelican cases were opened and cameras stolen as they wove their way through the innards of the Miami baggage handling system. If you're traveling with a Pelican, hand carry it. Or, put it inside another case -- the best an old suitcase or duffel, that won't attract attention.
- ◆ Get an electronic copy of any 2001 newsletter via e-mail.
- ◆ To change, add or delete your e-mail address from the list that is made available to other members, or to the newsletter list, e-mail Jane.



Book review: Underwater "fanta seas"

~by Debby Aucter

If the only thing I told you about this month's book is that it is by *National Geographic* photographer David Doubilet, you would want a copy on your coffee table just because it is by Doubilet. But *Water Light Time* is not just another "pretty fishies" book. Published in 1999 by Phaidon Press Ltd., this is a book to get lost in...don't pick it up unless you have a few hours on your hands. Haunting and surreal shots

from above, upon, and below the surfaces of all the world's seas show you the ocean realm in a perspective you likely have never experienced. The black-and-white manta shots are considered by many reviewers to be the highlight of the book, but Doubilet's skilled use of light to capture Mother Ocean's brilliant colors will make you wonder if you're looking at a photograph or a painting. I tried to select a favorite photo to tell you about, but I simply cannot...they are all magnificent. Don't deprive your eyes...buy this for yourself or your favorite dive buddy, or check it out @your library like I did!

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

If you can teach diving, you can teach anything!

~ By Debby Auchter

Club members, I've been begging you to recommend websites for months, but only one of you has responded (thanks, Bob!) Your punishment? This month's site is my training website, www.geocities.com/daughter/training. If you find it obnoxious for me to be self-promoting, then hop aboard your favorite search engine and find a good website for next month's newsletter!

Because I am a librarian and a computer trainer, I was asked to give a workshop to new trainers at this year's Florida Library Association

Conference. I'm also a NAUI underwater instructor, and I give "train-the-trainer" workshops that compare my good, bad, and ugly experiences from my SCUBA instruction days with other types of training. The theme for this talk was "all I really need to know about training in libraries I learned in the pool." Participants learned that students in computer workshops never drown, never get hit by a boat, and never get bitten by a shark...but they can still "drift away" and be "lost" forever. They also learned to relax...because nobody's going to drown while you're teaching them to surf the web! In addition to the outline of my talk, the website lists good books and websites for trainers. Let me know if your company or organization needs an upbeat, interactive experience to energize your training team.

2001 Executive Board

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FREE CLASSIFIED ADS!

Classified advertising is FREE for SFDI members!

E-mail or call Debby

Lots of good stuff: Dacor Pacer 360 XLE regulator and octopus, serviced Fall 2000, \$100. Dacor Chameleon BC, Blue/Silver/Black, Men's Large, \$75. Aluminum 80 tank with boot, needs hydro, dive shop said inside looks clean with no neck cracks, \$20. Small Ladies' 1-piece back-zip Body Glove wetsuit, black with purple/hot pink trim, used twice, looks brand new, \$50. Two small neoprene weight belts without weight, one pink, one black, \$5 each. Call Debby.

Even MORE good stuff: Jane's friends stopped diving and WOW, does she have a bunch of their stuff to sell! Some of it is new and some is used but it is all quality gear in good condition. All is priced at "best offer." Here is a partial list: 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; French-Cut Shortie Wetsuit Ladies' S; Sport Europa Full Size 3mm Front-Zip Wetsuit Men's XL; Fabian 70 Hawaiian Sling; JBL 38 Special Spear Gun; Henderson Darlex Skin Men's XL; Lycra Skins (1 L, 1 M); Web Weight Belt w/lead; soft & plastic weights; 3 Masks/snorkels; Gear Bag; Spring Loaded Mesh Bag; Canvas Fin (?) Bag. **USED CAMERA GEAR TOO!** 2 Nikonos IV-A Cameras with 35mm Lens; 2 Nikonos SB-101 Strobes; Nikonos Close-Up Kit with Case; Nikonos Camera Bag; Canvas Bag for Strobes. Call Jane.

Happy Birthday!

Steve Anderson Bill Dietz
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