

Hello fellow divers !

The summer is upon us and so much is happening. So many divers and snorkelers are very active this season and all hell has broken loose at once ! It has been very difficult to keep up with it all but we are trying ! I will get you up on the latest !

SCALLOP SEASON

So many people are gearing up for Scallop season this year and it seems to be a frenzy ! But with all the rain and storms the past week those critters are getting a laugh at us ! For opening day I am sure not too many ventured out to get their limits on those tasty critters. But when the sun comes out I am sure it will be a rush to get them. Be sure you are prepared with your proper license and know your limits on them. Your boat has to have an official 20x14 boat flag on it flying at the highest point on the boat. If just snorkeling you must have a float and flag with you to protect you from getting hit by other boats out there. If you are going far from your boat I would recommend a float and flag for safety.

We are fully stocked on all mask, snorkels and fins and catch bags for scalloping. We have restocked over 3 times and are still bringing in more stuff. So get out there and get your share and be careful and have fun ! Remember last year those nasty jellies were out there and so many snorkelers got stung really bad. First, get a skin or a light wet suit like the 1 MM suit. This will prevent you from getting stung. They cannot get through these suits. I also recommend a light glove so you can push the jellies out of the way without your hands getting stung. And be careful and look around constantly. Your neck can get hit also. If you do get stung make sure you have sting aid with you to eliminate the sting. This product works very good and fast ! For those of you who cannot get any water into your ears or get ear infections really quickly we have Doc's plugs that stop water from entering your ears completely. They work great and come in all sizes to fit your ears. We are fully stocked so come on by and be prepared ! Go get em !

WEEKI NIGHT DIVE

We have another night dive scheduled for Weeki on the 11th of July. This one will be a lot of fun like the last night dive there. We did a dusk dive and dove as the sun went down. That was cool enough. Then the night dive. That was awesome ! We got to see turtles sleeping and 3 very nice freshwater eels and one to be very big ! Now that was the highlight of the dive. We also did a search and recovery dive for painted rocks and that was so much fun. So much that we will be doing it again and there will be special prizes for the divers who find certain rocks that will be painted. Come and join in on the fun and get a night dive in that you can actually see in ! Night divin' specialty required so you must be night certified or you can do your night specialty on this dive and get your 2 dives in to complete your course. Course cost is just \$95.00 complete ! Such a deal ! Call the shop to get onto this fun filled trip ! Cost is just \$45.00. We dive from 7-10 and it gives you more than enough time to dive, dive, dive !

MINI SEASON

Divers this year we have rented our own boat for Key Largo and we will be able to go to our own spots and be out all day if we want to. It is going to be so much fun and relaxing. We have over 10 divers booked already and we are into our second boat now. We are staying at the Ocean front condos in Key Largo and why not go in luxury? I have priced out so many hotels and motels over the years and you just cannot beat this deal. Our trip is going to be 4 days and 3 nights and having the boat for 2 full days. Cost is ONLY \$499.00 per person ! Such a deal ! Call the shop to get onto this fun filled trip. We are going to have a ball ! Hunt, catch and eat Lobster ! Come and join the bug hunt ! Call the shop now to reserve your spot ! Dates are July 28th to the 31st. Big prize for the one that gets the biggest bug ! We are stocking up right now on all your supplies for bug catching. Nets, tickle sticks, gauges, bags, snares, gloves, lobster inn's, and even Kevlar gloves !

AUGUST KEYS TRIP

The regular August Keys trip will be August 14th to the 16th. This fun filled trip is for divers to just sight see or go bug hunting. 3 days and 2 nights in beautiful Key Largo and divin' 4 dives in 2 days with tanks and fills included. We are staying at the Ocean front resort right on the water. Come and join us for this fun filled event and enjoy the warm water and beautiful reefs of the Keys. Cost for this trip is ONLY \$379.00. Call to get onto the list ASAP ! This trip will book up fast ! Summer will go quickly so don't delay !

DIVE THE VANDY !

I am looking at a trip to Key West on the 20th to the 23rd of August to dive the Vandenberg. This is one fabulous wreck to dive on. I am working on the particulars now and looking for divers to join us. We will dive the Vandy 2 days and then get to dive the Cayman Salvager before we leave for home. I plan on divin' the Vandy 4 times. There is so much to see on this ship and so many swim thews. This is one exciting wreck to dive on it is just a must ! And you get Key West ! Tour Duval with us and do the Duval Crawl ! Hit Captain Tony's for a drink and some music and also our favorite spot Sloppy Joe's ! It is always a fun place to get a cool one ! Key West has so much history to offer and so much to see. And don't forget the antique shops ! I just scored on a pirate ship done on rustic wood in plaster. It is awesome and a great collection to my pirate room ! It must be 100 years old ! Come and join the fun. The trip will include hotel, dives, fills, (bring your own tanks or get rentals), lots of rum to share and all the fun you can have ! Key West has some of the best restaurants you can think of and plenty of Cuban food and Cuba coffee ! Call to reserve your spot and I will have a total price for this trip in the next news letter. Remember, we car pool !

SPEAR FISHING

Divers the spear fishing people have been cleaning up out there and the word is there is plenty of everything ! Even the hogs are thick this season. Don't know if it was the late Spring or what but it is still good. We are fully stocked on pole spears and guns and bands and tips. I have had to reorder many times just to try and keep up with it ! But we are fully stocked again ! So get in and get what you need. We have tips and supplies to make your gun quicker and faster ! And for those who dive the culverts and open range you can use a shorter shaft in your gun for tight spots and then use an extension for the longer shots. All without coming out of the water for the change ! Stop on by and we can help you out and give you plenty tips to get those elusive Groupers ! Any gun can even take a longer shaft for better range without losing punching power or distance !

SALES

Divers we have in store sales going on all the time and for one is the IST Titanium wetsuits that are a 3MM but with a liner that keeps you nice and warm without layering up. You can wear them in the summer also because they are not so thick. But really insulate you in the cooler water. I have a close out on the Large size from \$209.95 to a low \$139.95 while they last. These are great suits so take advantage of them while I have them in stock !

A good thing with all of this rain is a dry bag. It totally keeps all of your clothing and wallet and phone dry. You can double fold and lock it and even toss it into the water ! It is a rubberized nylon that just does the job and does not wear out ! If you are tired of all of your things (and phones) getting wet then stop by and pick one up. You will love it and will wonder why you did not get one before. We have a variety of sizes in stock.

Also right now we are running a special on the World famous Cochran computers. It is \$40.00 off of the retail price on either the EMC14 or the EMC16. Both do air and Nitrox. The finest computer on the market that is user friendly and you can learn how to use it in just 15 minutes. Gives your 16 tissue compartments to measure your O2 and Nitrogen and gives you the most bottom time over any other computer.

DIVERS TIPS

We are constantly after you all to maintain and clean your gear properly. Now that it is divin' season we are getting in so many regs and bcd's that have not been cleaned properly and this is causing divers to have to do unnecessary repairs such as inflator valves and first stages. After divin' salt water you MUST soak your gear in fresh water for at least 20 minutes or 2 beers ! Well for some 4 beers. This gives your gear time to get the salt and minerals dissolved off of your gear. Otherwise the salt just sits there attracting moisture and eating away at your gear. Do proper cleaning and your gear will last much longer and avoid costly repairs. Be sure to wash out all of the OP valves on your bcd including your rapid exhaust valve. They can get clogged with salt and prevent your bcd from holding or leaking out air. We have a solution called Slosh that thoroly cleans salt, minerals, grime and grease out of your wet suit or bcd and deodorizes it. This stuff works great !

Safety items are very important while divin' the Gulf. Safety sausages (signaling devices) and whistles are a MUST ! If you cannot make it back to the boat or if your are lost a whistle can help divers look in your direction and boats and Coast Guard can see a safety sausage from one mile on the surface up to 15 miles from the air. What is your life worth? A few dollar investment is all that it takes !

Is your pressure gauge accurate? When is the last time you looked at it BEFORE a dive? If it is reading anything but zero it is dangerous ! You will never know for sure what pressure is in the tank and you may run out of air at depth. Not a good thing ! Check it for accuracy and replace it if it is not working properly.

Underwater signaling devices such as the Sub Duck that works off of air pressure can signal your dive buddy under the water to get their attention if you are in trouble. It works good on the surface along with the Divers Alert whistle that works off of air also. Only much louder. These are safety items that make your dives a whole lot safer.

Ok divers I think I have covered it all for now. It is a busy and good divin' season so get out there and have some fun and be safe ! Hope to see you all soon !

*Remember if you are not out divin' or havin' fun, don't blame
Sunny Seas !*

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