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DIVEMASTERS Association Diver-Down Newsletter

Bobby's Reef Memorial Plaque

On February 11-17, 2006, DMAV member Rick Davis will be on-board a Blackbeard Cruise as they start a week long Exploratory Mooring Cruise in the Bahamas.

During this trip, divers will be exploring uncharted reefs for potential new dive sites. Mooring lines will be set in those sites offering the best experiences for divers.

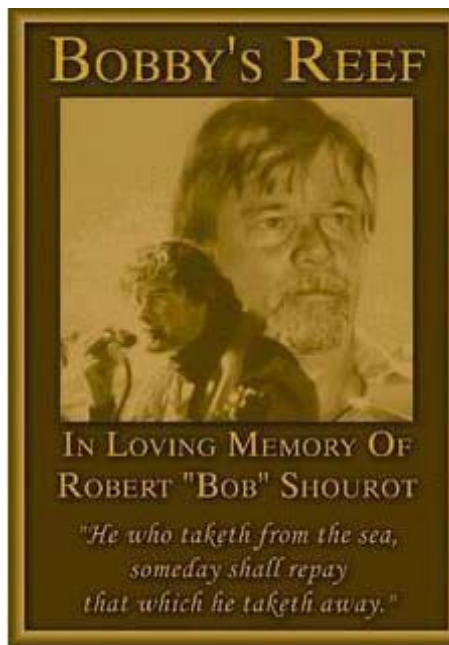
These new dive sites are as yet 'un-named', and Blackbeard has agreed to name one of the sites in honor of Bob Shourot!

In addition, Blackbeard will help us set a bronze plaque (that we provide) at the dive site, defining the dive site's new name and a picture of Bob. This new dive site will appear on Blackbeard's website as well.

The bronze plaque has been made by Trigard Bronze (<http://www.trigardbronze.com/>) at a cost of \$445. A photograph of the divers placing the plaque will also be featured on the website of Trigard Bronze.

If you would like to make a pledge to help cover the cost of the plaque, please contact Chris Shourot at 826-3945 or by emailing scubadive@rcn.com

Rick Davis will bring the plaque to our next club meeting on February 1, 2006 for everyone to see before its permanent placement on "Bobby's Reef" in the Bahamas, so make sure you don't miss our upcoming meeting.



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Dives of Special Interest.

- * Florida Springs \$479. Feb. 17 – 20
- * Florida Keys \$459 Feb. 17 – 20
- * Belize, March 18-25 \$1700
- * Fiji in 2006 \$2650 Sept. 21 – 30

2006 Schedule

Our first club meeting of 2006 will be held February 1.

Regularly scheduled meetings will begin April 5.

See page 4 for our 2006 schedule.

2005 Photo Contest was the largest turnout ever (winning photos on page 3)

The 2005 DMAV photo contest had many wonderful entries, making the job of voting for the winners all that much more challenging. After all the votes were counted, we had our winners. This year we also had a special category of "Best of Show" won by Sharon Acton, who is now the proud owner of a brand new Suunto Mosquito dive computer. Please join with all of us in congratulating the winners.



2005 Annual Christmas Party



Listening to the announcement of prize winners (above).

Our 2005 Christmas party was enjoyed by members and guests alike. With our, raffle, door prizes, good food, and wonderful friends, there were many wonderful moments for everyone.



Takara and Adam enjoy a relaxing moment (left).



Club President, Jim Cook, announcing the photo contest winners (above).



Pete Newman inspecting the photo contest entries looking for those winning images (above).



Raffle prizes, photo contest prizes, and perfect attendance awards means the prizes keep on coming



Chris passing out prizes to the lucky winners.

DIVEMASTERS 2005 Photo Contest winners



Category: Point & Shoot
First Place Winner
Photographer: Rick Davis (above)



Category: Point & Shoot
Second Place Winner
Photographer: Rich Hibbard (above)



Category: TopSide (& Best of Show)
First Place Winner
Photographer: Sharon Acton (above)



Category: TopSide
Second Place Winner
Photographer: Sharon Acton (above)



Category: Professional
First Place Winner
Photographer: Jim Cook (above)



Category: Professional
Second Place Winner
Photographer: Sharon Acton (right)

DIVEMASTERS Association of Virginia



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The DIVEMASTERS Association of Virginia was founded in 1998 by Bob Shourot, a well known professional in the dive industry since 1950. The DIVEMASTERS Association is open to all seafarers - young and old alike. You don't have to be a divemaster, or even a diver, to join. If you want to become a certified diver or advance your current certification level, the DIVEMASTERS Association will help you succeed.

With a roster that includes many advanced divers, membership in the DIVEMASTERS Association provides newly certified divers the opportunity to learn and gain experience that will help make their diving adventures safe and more enjoyable.

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Our web site address!



Virginia Aquarium Volunteers



Would you like to put your scuba skills to good use helping others?

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center now has openings for new Dive Team volunteers.

Please call the Virginia Aquarium at 471-2269 for details.

**2006 Meeting Locations
 Now on Wednesdays**

Our general meeting location for the year 2006 dive season is:

**Rosalita's Restaurant
 (formerly Caravella's)
 11295 Jefferson Ave.
 Newport News, Virginia
 757-596-7316**

Please come out and support your club. Don't forget those 2006 perfect attendance awards to be awarded at the 2006 Christmas party.

If you signed the attendance sheet at our club cookout, you will receive your attendance wild card credit for this year.

Your attendance wild card can be used to make up for a missed club meeting during the 2006 season.

Schedule for 2006

Year 2006 Dive Club Meeting Schedule

February	2- 1-06
April	4- 5-06
May	5- 3-06
June	6- 7-06
July	7- 5-06
August	8- 2-06
September	9- 6-06
October	10-4-06
December Party	12-2-06