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# DIVEMASTERS Association Diver-Down Newsletter

## Little Cayman Presentation



At our next meeting (September 7), Jim Cook will be presenting a slide show on his recent trip to Little Cayman. This is sure to be an enjoyable presentation and a chance for those of us that couldn't make the trip to see what we missed.

## New Passport Rules for Traveling Abroad

As you might have heard, the government is changing the documentation requirements for returning U.S. citizens traveling in the Western Hemisphere. Over the next few years you will need a passport to return to the United States from countries where none was needed in the past.



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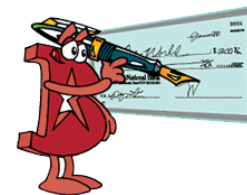
### Dives of Special Interest.

- \* Blackbeards Dive in to the Bahamas Labor Day Weekend September 3 – 9 2005 \$849.00 per person.
- \* More to be announced

Dive Destination	Date Passport will be Required	Dive Destination	Date Passport will be Required	Dive Destination	Date Passport will be Required
Anguilla	Dec. 31, 2005	Costa Rica	now	Palau	Dec. 31, 2007
Antigua / Barbuda	Dec. 31, 2005	Curacao	Dec. 31, 2005	Panama	Dec. 31, 2005
Aruba	Dec. 31, 2005	Dominica	Dec. 31, 2005	Saba	Dec. 31, 2005
Bahamas	Dec. 31, 2005	Dominican Republic	Dec. 31, 2005	Saint Eustatius	Dec. 31, 2005
Barbados	now	Ecuador	now	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Dec. 31, 2005
Belize	now	Fiji	now	Saint Lucia	now
Bermuda	Dec. 31, 2005	Grenada	Dec. 31, 2005	Saint Martin	now
Bonaire	Dec. 31, 2005	Honduras	now	Saint Vincent	Dec. 31, 2005
British Virgin Island	Dec. 31, 2005	Jamaica	Dec. 31, 2005	Trinidad & Tobago	Dec. 31, 2005
Canada	Dec. 31, 2006	Martinique	now	Turks & Caicos	Dec. 31, 2005
Cayman Islands	Dec. 31, 2005	Mexico	Dec. 31, 2006		
Cook Islands	now	Micronesia	Dec. 31, 2007		

## DMAV Annual Membership Dues were due in July

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your membership dues for the 2005 / 2006 dive season. Single member dues are \$25.00 and family membership dues are \$35.00. If you wish, you can renew your dues at our September meeting or by contacting Chris Shourot at 826-3945.



## The DMAV Raffle Kitty is growing and growing!

The lucky winner in July was Tom Mylum and August's winner was Rich Hibbard, but the Queen remained elusive both times. The kitty is up to \$626.50. Make sure to attend all of the club meetings to stake your claim!

## Test Your Knowledge

- To date, almost 2 million currently living species of plants and animals have been described and classified. This organizational system is referred to as the system of of:
  - Specification
  - Organization
  - Morphological classification
  - Taxonomic classification
- To be grouped in the same species, adult males and females of the same species should be able to:
  - Avoid preying on one another
  - Reproduce
  - Evolve
  - Enjoy a weekend together.
- In Mayan language, the Mexican town known as Akumal means:
  - Everyone is welcome here
  - Coastal paradise
  - Place of the turtles
  - Home of the Sea Lions
- In wreck diving, the "deadly ceiling" refers to:
  - A sharp object overhead
  - An overhead environment that prevents you from simply 'going up' to the surface.
  - Anything you might bump your head on
  - The credit limit on your charge card .
- Snorkels are not usually worn by wreck divers because:
  - They can easily snag in confined areas
  - They increase drag
  - They are hard to color coordinate with a wet suit
  - All of the above
- The effect of the Earth's rotation, which combines with other forces that drive the winds to create huge wind spirals known as high and low-pressure areas is known as :
  - Coriolis force
  - Gravitational force
  - Cyclonic force
  - Gyroscopic force
- In addition to the insulating properties of the neoprene wet suit material itself, thermal protection is provided by:
  - Aerobic exercise
  - The water trapped between the wet suit and your skin
  - Air trapped between the wet suit and your skin
  - Hot coffee in your lap
- A word derived from the first (or first few) letters of a word is called an:
 

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- The word "scuba" is an acronym that comes from the words:
  - Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Air
  - Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus
  - Super-Compressed Underwater Breathing Air
  - Super-Cool Underwater Body Apparel

Answers: 1D 2B 3C 4B 5A 6A 7B 8C 9B

## DMAV 2005 Annual Club Cookout.



Awaiting on the Hungry

contest.

Participants are divided into two opposing teams (**Red & Blue**) each with its' own Team Flag to guard.

The flag for each team is anchored deep within their territory, and the object of the game is to infiltrate the opposing team's territory, capture their flag, and return it to your own territory without being caught yourself.

Each diver wears, on the back of their tank, a smaller flag dis-



Ed, and Sharon helping with the food

team's flag to act as guards, but at any time these guards can go on the offensive and enter the opposing team's territory.

However, once across the dividing line between the territories, they too can be captured by enemy divers!

This year's winner was the **Blue Team**, captained by Bob Miller, who also captured the Red Team's flag.

Better luck next year **Red Team** .

The 2005 annual club cookout was held on June 30 at Lake Rawlings and was enjoyed by all the attendants.

Pleasant weather and mild temperatures allowed for enjoyment of the activities, as well as the good food at the cookout.

There were diving activities, such as navigation courses and a treasure hunt and our Capture the Flag underwater contest. For the treasure hunt, there were prize markers to locate and retrieve. Every marker had a prize associated with it, so everyone that retrieved a marker was a guaranteed winner!

Introduced last year was our underwater Capture the Flag



A Touch of the Caribbean

playing their team's colors.

Taking an invading diver prisoner is accomplished by snatching that diver's flag, and sending him out of the game, without losing your own tank flag.

Each team places one or two divers 15 feet away from the



Good Food, Good Company!

## 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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## Thank You for your wonderful help

A very BIG thank you to everyone at the cookout that helped with the set up and tear down. [THANK YOU!](#)



VIRGINIA  
**AQUARIUM**  
 & MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

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 Dave Hinkle at 471-2269 for details.

## 2005 Meeting Locations Now on Wednesdays

Our general meeting location for the year 2005 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 2005 perfect attendance awards to be awarded at the 2005 Christmas party.

Make sure to sign the attendance sheet at our club cookout to receive your attendance wild card.

Your attendance wild card can be used to make up for a missed club meeting during the 2005 season.

## Schedule for 2005

### Year 2005 Dive Club Meeting Schedule

<b>February</b>	2- 1-05
<b>April</b>	4- 5-05
<b>May</b>	5- 4-05
<b>June</b>	6- 1-05
<b>July</b>	7- 6-05
<b>August</b>	8- 3-05
<b>September</b>	9- 7-05
<b>October</b>	10-5-05
<b>December Party</b>	12-3-05