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DIVEMASTERS Association Diver-Down Newsletter

Congratulations to the 2005 Club Officers

At our last meeting, elections were held for the club officers of the 2005 dive season. The votes are in, and the new officers are:



President: Jim Cook **Vice President:** Nicole Travis

Secretary: Ed Acton **Treasurer:** Chris Shourot

Trip Officer: Bob Miller **Historian:** Nicole Travis

Congratulation to the 2005 club officers!

New Meeting Location for our July 6 meeting

Rosalita's Restaurant is unavailable for our July 6 so the DMAV will be gathering in the private meeting room at the County Grill Restaurant located at:

County Grill

Cuisines: American, Barbecue
1215 George Washington Memorial Hwy.
Yorktown, VA
757-591-0600

The meeting time remains the same. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting.

DMAV 2005 Annual Club Cookout — Rescheduled —

Due to scheduling issues, the DMAV annual club cookout has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 30 at Lake Rawlings. Sign up now at Underwater Adventures to make sure you are on the roster. See page 3 for additional information on the cookout.

You may also sign up at our next club meeting.

Sign up on one of the cookout committees to help with set-up, tear down, and coordinating game activities and be a volunteer that helps to support your club.

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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.
- * Belize Aqua Marina Suites, Ambergris
August 6 – 13
\$1614 pp Included all meals, airfare, transfers, 5 days 2-tank boat dives
- * More to be announced



DMAV Annual Membership Dues are due in July

Membership dues for the 2005 / 2006 dive season are due in July. Single member dues are \$25.00 and family membership dues are \$35.00 .

A dues statement is included with this newsletter. Please ensure your membership payments are up to date.



DMAV web site has a new Trip Information section for local diving.



All suited up this weekend and no where to dive? Our Trip Information Officer, Bob Miller, has a new section on our web site called "Diving Information" and he is posting information on local diving opportunities such as the Flying Fish and The Triangle Wreck at the Outer Banks.

Check this page often for updated information.

You can email our Trip Officer at diveinfo@divealot.com for more information. You can also join our email notification list for timely updates on new diving opportunities.

Our new Diving Information page also now contains detailed information on over 70 wrecks in the Atlantic ranging from Chincoteague down to North Carolina .

Read up on that latest wreck dive you just made, or check out our information page to help you decide your next exciting dive.

Once you've picked a dive, contact our Trip Officer, there may already be a group of DMAV members all suited up and ready to dive!



The DMAV Raffle Kitty is growing and growing!

Each club meeting now includes a raffle that club members may participate in. Raffle tickets cost \$1 per ticket (or 3 tickets for \$2). Half of the funds from the raffle are placed in the Raffle Kitty. The other half is used by the DMAV to help fund special club activities for all club

members. At the end of each meeting, a raffle ticket is drawn, and the lucky holder of that ticket stub wins \$10.

In addition, the winner selects one card at random from a deck of standard playing cards. If they select the Queen of Hearts, they win all the monies in the Raffle Kitty and a wonderful complimentary 3 day / 2 night vacation of their choice from one of over 90 destinations.

If the Queen of Hearts is not drawn, the selected card is discarded from the deck . Both the deck and the Raffle Kitty are saved for next month's lucky winner.

Last month's lucky winner was Sharon Acton, but the Queen remained elusive. The kitty is up to \$582.00. Make sure to attend all of the club meetings to stake your claim!

DMAV 2005 Annual Club Cookout (con't) — Rescheduled —

The date for this year's annual cookout has been set for July 30 at Lake Rawlings. The cost to each member is \$25 for divers and \$12 for swimmers and guests. The price includes the cost of admission to Lake Rawlings, the DMAV treasure hunt, and cookout. The treasure hunt will include many activities and prizes (one prize per person).

Introduced last year, the underwater Capture the Flag contest will be returning this year. 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 displaying 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 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! You won't want to miss this exciting game so make sure you plan on attending this year's cookout.

Contact Lake Rawlings directly (804 – 478-9000) to make camping reservations or the Nottoway Motel (804 – 478-4421) for motel reservations.

To help make this year's cookout as successful as in previous years, the cookout committee needs volunteers to help with set-up, tear down, and coordinating game activities. Sign up at our next month's club meeting to be a volunteer and help support your club.

Test Your Knowledge

1. After removing your tank from the trunk of your car on a hot day, the pressure in the tank reads 2400 psi. After snorkeling to your dive site, the tank reads less pressure. Which of the following laws, as pertaining to scuba, would best explain this.

- A. Boyle's B. Haldane
C. Charles D. Dalton's

2. Arterial Gas Embolism (AGE) "Lung rupture" would most likely occur at which of the following ranges of depths:

- A. 0 – 33 feet. B. 33 – 66 feet
C. 99 – 132 feet D. None of the above

3. The effects of carbon monoxide toxicity would be most noticeable while diving when:

- A. Descending B. Ascending
C. On the Bottom
D. Carbon Monoxide is not a concern for SCUBA Divers

4. The primary reason to be trained for using oxygen (NITROX) for SCUBA diving and/or filling SCUBA cylinders is:

- A. Oxygen is toxic under pressure
B. Severe corrosion of the cylinder will result
C. The expense is prohibitive
D. Dive shops are not equipped to handle oxygen

5. Air embolism "AGE" is most often caused by:

- A. Holding your breath on ascent while skin diving
B. Holding your breath too long
C. Holding your breath while ascending on SCUBA
D. Holding your breath while either ascending or descending on SCUBA

6. To prevent an Air embolism, a SCUBA diver must always:

- A. All of the following
B. Never hold your breath while SCUBA diving
C. Exhale continuously while performing an emergency ascent
D. Breathe normally at all time while using SCUBA equipment

Answers: 1C 2A 3C 4A 5C 6D

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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.

DIVEMASTERS Association of Virginia
SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION

Our web site address!

We're on the web!
www.divealot.com

Our New meeting night

Just a reminder that the DMAV's new meeting night is now the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is on June 1.

DMAV membership dues are due in July

In June, membership renewal notices will be mailed out to DMAV members.

If you wish, you can renew your dues at our June meeting or by contacting Chris Shourot at 826-3945.

Membership dues are:

\$25.00 per year for individuals and
\$35.00 per year for family members.

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

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