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# DIVEMASTERS Association Diver-Down Newsletter

## 2005 Annual Photography Contest



The DIVEMASTERS Association annual photography contest is right around the corner, but there is still time to take that winning shot!

At our 2005 annual Christmas Party, the entrants for the 2005 Photography contest will be judged and prizes awarded.

Our submission rules were ratified this year to make it even easier for all club members, divers and snorkelers alike, to participate in the contest. See page 3 for the contest rules.

This year, in addition to our regular photo contest prizes we have a new special category called "Best of Show". Only with 100% member participation in the photo contest (at least one photo per family) can this special category be awarded. This year the prize is a brand new Suunto Mosquito dive computer valued at \$425! Don't miss out on your chance to win one of this years exciting prizes. Last day to enter your photos is December 1. See page 3 for detailed submission information.



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### Dives of Special Interest.

- \* Florida Springs \$479. We need 15 participants to establish this trip
- \* Bonaire, Jan 2006 \$1999
- \* Belize, March 18-25 \$1700
- \* Fiji in 2006 \$2650

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## Robert Shourot Memorial Dive

In cooperation with Underwater Adventures, the DiveMasters Association of Virginia, the Divers Alert Network (DAN), and Family and Friends, a Memorial Dive in honor of Robert J. Shourot will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2005. Divers may sign up for a day of wreck diving off the North Carolina coast with Underwater Adventures and the DiveMasters Association of Virginia. Following the dive on Saturday evening, friends and family will gather for dinner at Floyd's 1921 Restaurant in Morehead City. A presentation from Bob's friends and by Christine Shourot is scheduled.

Bob's experience and know-how dates back a long time. Since 1950, Bob has participated in the field of recreational and professional diving, from design and manufacturing to writing and instruction. His many years of experience and expertise have earned him the reputation as one of the foremost experts in undersea technology, with worldwide recognition for his innovative approaches to problems. His years of experience in teaching diving give testimony to Bob's dedication to diver's education and safety. Bob's knowledge in the many facets of recreational, technical, and professional diving is well respected in all phases of the dive industry. Bob Shourot's passion was the underwater world. He is without a doubt a true ambassador of diving.



## The DMAV Raffle Kitty is growing and growing!

The lucky winner in October was Sharon Acton, but the Queen’s elusive nature has kept her hidden. The kitty is up to \$680.50. Make sure to attend our Christmas party to stake your claim!

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.

## 2005 Annual Christmas Party

Our 2005 Christmas party is set for Saturday, December 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and will be hosted at the home of Ed and Sharon Acton.

Ed and Sharon's address is:  
1803 Ebb Cove Court, Newport News, Virginia 23602  
757-875-0680

Directions :  
(from Underwater Adventures)  
Take the I-64 W towards WILLIAMSBURG/RICHMOND. Take the VICTORY BLVD EAST exit- (number 256B). Merge onto VICTORY BLVD. Take the first LEFT onto KILN CREEK PKWY. Turn RIGHT onto EDGEWATER DR. Turn LEFT onto Ebb Cove Court..



Each family participating must bring a covered dish. Soft drinks will be provided. Please call Jim Cook (826-3945) or Ed Acton (875-0680) and let us know you are coming and your covered dish.

## Test your Knowledge

1. When filled to the pressure permitted, when a plus sign follows a current hydrostatic test date, a standard 71.2 cubic foot steel tank contains (??) cubic feet of air.

- A. 64.7      B. 71.2      C. 78.3      D. 80.0

2. Avoid emptying your scuba tank completely because:

- A. Metal fatigue      B. Insects enter the tank  
C. Moisture enters the tank      D. Dust enters the tank

3. Have your scuba tank visually inspected every (??) & pressure tested every (??):

- A. Year, two years  
C. Five years, year

- B. Year, five years  
D. Year, year

4. Most diving compasses are the type.

- A. Direct-reading card      B. Direct-reading needle  
C. Indirect-reading card      D. Indirect-reading needle

5. To obtain a reciprocal heading, add ?? degrees to a compass heading.

- A. 90      B. 120      C. 180      D. 360

Answers: 1B 2C 3B 4D 5C

## DIVEMASTERS Photo Contest submission guidelines.

The deadline for submitting your photographs for the 2004 Photo Contest is December 1. The contest rules are provided below for your convenience:

### Official Contest Rules

By submitting a photograph the person certifies that he or she has the right to submit and/or publish such photograph. Model releases are the responsibility of the entrant and should be available in the event the photo is a winner. Images submitted for consideration in the contest may not be electronically altered reprints.

Winning entrants must be able to present the original negative or slide for verification. Entrants may submit three photographs for judging.

Photographs will not be returned.

Entrance fee is \$15 per group of three photos. You may submit as many photographs as you like.

### Theme:

Scuba Diving of course! Not just underwater photographs, but any photograph that relates to the sport of scuba diving. There are now more categories in which you can enter photographs as shown below:

**PROFESSIONAL** – Scuba diving photographs taken with adjustable type camera (i.e.: Nikon, Nikonos, Canon).

**AMATEUR** - Scuba diving pictures taken with non adjustable cameras (i.e.: Sea & Sea, MX5, MX10, SeaLife Reef Master).

**GREEN WATER** – Underwater photographs taken in green water, such as local diving.

**BLUE WATER** – Underwater photographs taken in blue water such as in the Caribbean.

Categories not receiving submissions

from at least two contestants will be closed for judging.

### Eligibility

Any member in good standing of the DIVEMASTERS Association of Virginia.

### Judging

All photographs will be displayed for view in their original format at the 2005 Christmas Party and in electronic format at:  
<http://www.divealot.com>.

Prior to selection of the winners, all photographs will be identified by a unique submission number. After the announcement of the winners, the photographs will be identified by the photographer's name and remain on display for at least 30 days.

Judging will be conducted by all members of the DIVEMASTERS Association. You do not have to submit a photograph to judge. Each judging form must be signed by the club member submitting the form. You may not judge your own submissions. Judging forms will be reviewed by club officers prior to being entered into the judging results. Judging forms will be provided at the 2005 Christmas Party.

The form will list all of the photographs by their submission number and provide an area to select a photograph for each category as indicated below:

**BEST - FIRST PLACE WINNER**

**BETTER - SECOND PLACE WINNER**

**GOOD - THIRD PLACE WINNER**

### Scoring

At the end of the photo contest, the scores for each photograph will be added up, and the winners will be

announced for the highest overall scores.

In the event of a tie, a panel of not less than two club officers will determine the winning entry. Any winning photo cannot be re-entered in any subsequent photo contests with the DIVEMASTERS Association.

The DIVEMASTERS Association reserves the right to publish photographs submitted, with appropriate credit given to the photographer. The photographer retains full copyright to his/her images.

Although special care will be taken in handling every entry, DIVEMASTERS Association cannot be held responsible for loss, damage, or delays occurring during transportation or judging.

Participation in the contest indicates acknowledgment of the contest rules and acceptance of those rules.

### Submissions

Print Size  
4" x 6" (min.).  
8" x 12" (max.).

NOTE: Each submission must include the following information, or it will not be considered:

Full name, place, and date of photo, description of photo, and submission category. All entries must be received by the December deadline. Winners will be announced at the annual Christmas party. You do not have to be present to win.

Mail or deliver submissions to  
DIVEMASTERS Association of VA.  
Photo Contest  
3300-G West Mercury Blvd.

**DIVEMASTERS Association of Virginia**



DIVEMASTERS Association of Virginia  
 3300-G West Mercury Blvd.  
 Hampton, Virginia 23666  
 Phone: 757-826-3945  
 Fax: 757-826-7879

Email: [divemas@divealot.com](mailto:divemas@divealot.com)

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 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.

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 2005 season.

**Schedule for 2005**

**Year 2005 Dive Club Meeting Schedule**

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