

Kwajalein Scuba Club, August 2010

--The First Stage --



Congratulations to Marc Ray for his winning photo for the July 2010 photo contest! Marc took this picture off North Point. And notice the whistle and safety sausage the diver is wearing. Just another example of Kwajalein divers enjoying the underwater environment and being safe at the same time!

The theme for the August photo contest is 'People'. Entries must have at least one person in the picture. So bring your photos for a chance to win points!

The August meeting will be held on the 11th at 7pm, in CRC Room 1. Wear any dive shirt and get extra points!

Do you have a bunch of old dive magazines sitting around that you don't want anymore? Don't throw them away! Drop them off at the Dental Clinic, Hospital, Library, A.R.C., or anywhere else on the island that has a magazine rack. Help inspire others to take up scuba diving.

The Learning Curve....

Want to improve your scuba-related qualifications? Check out these coming classes-

January or February 2011- PSI VIP class. Cost of the class is \$250.00 per student. If 10 or more people sign up the price would drop to \$225.00 per student.

Other possible classes to be held include Valve Repair Technician, Eddy Current Class, and Oxygen Cleaning Technician. Normal cost is \$175.00 per class, per student.

If interested, contact President Bill Williamson, kwajdiverbill@yahoo.com.

Need scuba gear? Check out our suppliers!

Bill Williamson is an authorized dealer for the following brands- Sherwood Scuba, Genesis Scuba, Akona, Body Glove, Xs-Scuba and Innovative Scuba Concepts. In the newly opened *Bill's Dive Shop* in the Kwaj Mall, Bill will have everything from Sherwood Dive Computers to lead weights. If he doesn't have it, there's a good chance he can order it. Please note: Bill's Dive Shop will be closed all of August for vacation, re-opening September 2nd.

Jim Bishop is another of our suppliers, and he sells SCUBAPRO and ATOMIC AQUATICS dive gear including regulators, BCs, instrument consoles, dive computers, dive knives, dive lights, masks, fins, snorkels, booties, wet suits, dive gear mesh bags, dive logs, t-shirts, and baseball hats. Jim's home number is 5-0894, and his email address is jimbishop1@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events-

September-, Earth Day Clean-Up

September- One-Day Underwater Photography Shoot-Out

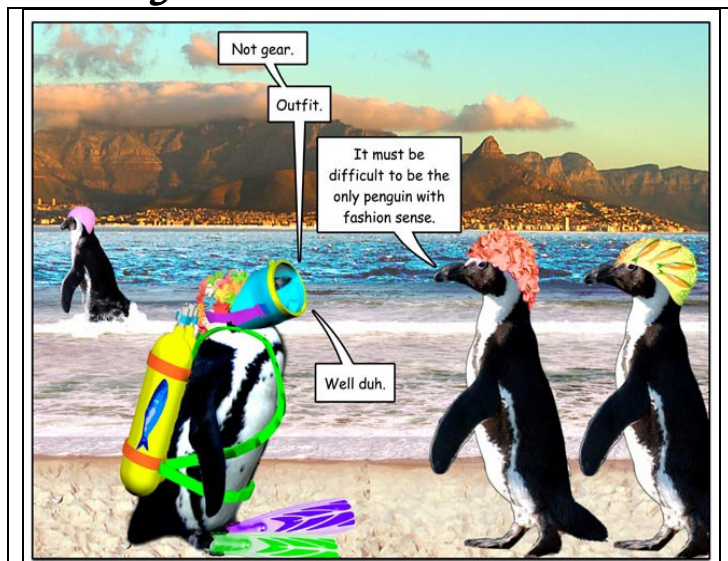
October- Underwater Poker Run- you'll need a compass and a slate to join this fun!

October- Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest

Help conserve the underwater environment!

Check out The American Reef Coalition, www.americanreef.org, for a wealth of information on saving the reef. Let's all work together to preserve the environment and reefs for continued enjoyment and future generations. If each one of us does a little, together we can do a lot!

On the lighter side...



Do you have a humorous scuba-related cartoon or image that you would like to submit for the newsletter? Send an email with the image to:

secretary@kwajaleinclub.com

A reminder on safety-

Plan your dive, and dive your plan. Only fools break the rules!

Notable quote...

From birth, man carries the weight of gravity on his shoulders. He is bolted to earth. But, man has only to sink beneath the surface (of the sea) and he is free. When a person takes their first dive, they are born to another world! ~ Jacques Cousteau

Quick reminder...

August meeting is on Wednesday the 11th, CRC Room 1. Don't forget to wear any dive shirt for extra points, and don't forget the photo contest for even more points! We'll see you there!

Coming in the next issue...

Part one of a tragic story involving the death of a Kwajalein diver at Chuuk Lagoon in 1974. This heart-breaking story has a number of lessons on the importance of remembering to dive safely, no matter where you are in the world.

And more to come...but why should we give it all away now? Just remember to check out next month's issue of 'The First Stage'!