

Kwajalein Scuba Club, March 2011

--The First Stage--

Once in a great while, your club Secretary has been spotted taking pictures of something other than wrecks...this is a 'tunicate' on the K-5 Upright wreck, and he took this in May of 2010. (Okay, we know, he was diving a wreck when he took this picture, but at least the picture doesn't have any metal in it!) Since we had a video contest last month, there is no winning photo for this month's newsletter.



'Tunicate' at the K-5 Upright wreck

March monthly meeting-

Wednesday the 9th, 7pm, at the CRC Room 1. Remember to wear any dive shirt for extra points!

New USAKA 50ft. No Chamber Dive Rule-

The KSC EC and DSC are actively working with UASKA leadership to address concerns and provide them the accurate information they need to reverse this decision. Please be patient while the club leadership works through this problem.

March Photo Contest- we're continuing "video" this month!

At the February meeting, we did something different- instead of photos, we gave several of you who shoot underwater video a chance to compete. The entries were great, but we did not decide on a winner in February. At this coming March meeting, we will continue the video contest, and at the end of the March meeting we will decide on a winner. A \$50 Gift Certificate is up for grabs, so bring those videos! They must be no more than 5 minutes long, and they must have been shot at Kwajalein Atoll within the last two years.

Reminder to all boat owners- March is registration month at the Small Boat Marina. If you own a private boat, you can go by the SBM anytime they are open to buy your annual registration stickers. The cost is \$25 during March. After March 31st, a \$10 late fee will be added.

New Club Officers-

Due to J.B. Scott vacating the Vice-President position when he left Kwajalein back in October, and the imminent PCS of Chuck Kuzy, two new officers were nominated by the Executive Committee, and approved by the general membership at the February meeting. They are Bill Glynn for Vice-President, and Betina Dodd for Treasurer. Bill and Betina will fill in until the next regular election of club officers, which will take place at the May 2010 meeting.

In addition, Tim Walker has taken over as the new Tank House Manager. Our thanks to James Polan for filling in during the transition period.

Your new Tank House Manager- Tim Walker

Tim arrived on Kwajalein in May 2010. He grew up in Atlanta, and in 2005 he graduated from Druid Hills High School in Decatur. He earned his Eagle Scout that same year. In 2009, Tim graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, New York. While in the USMMA program, Tim traveled to 11 different countries. Tim graduated with a B.S. in Marine Engineering, and holds a USCG Third Assistant Engineer (Unlimited HP) license. He also has a commission in the U.S. Navy Reserve as an Ensign.

Other Cool Clubs-



Checkout Sea Lancers Diving Club www.sealancers.org. The Sealancers Diving Club is a non-profit Scuba Club supporting DoD and US Military members, retirees and their families. They operate out of Bishop Point, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. From time to time members find their way to Kwaj for diving.

American Reef Coalition- Maui, Hawaii

Nice people doing good things to save the reefs of the world. Check out their home page at www.americanreef.org. They are also on Facebook, so do a search and add their page today!

~~~ Ascend slowly from every dive! ~~~

## *USAKA Commander Colonel Gaines goes on 'Discover Scuba'*



**Ron Gamble instructs Colonel Gaines on the proper setup of his BCD.**



**Bill Williamson (left) and Colonel Gaines give the "okay" sign to the photographer during the open water dive off Emon Beach.**

At the end of January, Base Commander Colonel Gaines, Jeremy Sales, and Rachael Harris donned mask, fins and a scuba tank to try a 'PADI Discover Scuba Diving' course with PADI Instructors Ron Gamble and Bill Williamson. Divemaster Melissa Manske provided DM assistance. After the pool session, the group proceeded to Emon Beach for an Open Water dive. All were in amazement of the abundance of beautiful fish that are everywhere. It is reported that Colonel Gaines is signing up for Open Water Class.

## *Kwajalein Girl Scouts participate in "Discover Scuba"*



**Kwajalein Girl Scouts pause for a group shot with KSC members during 'Discover Scuba' on Feb. 28, 2011, at the Adult Pool.**



**Bill Williamson, Charles Cable, and Chuck Kuzy instruct members of the Kwajalein Girl Scouts on proper donning of their gear.**

And if trying to turn Colonel Gaines into a scuba maniac wasn't enough, several members of the KSC got together at the Adult Pool to give the Kwajalein Girl Scouts a 'Discover Scuba' session of their own. Bill Williamson, Chuck Kuzy, Charles Cable,

John Pennington, and Carrie West helped introduce the young ladies to the world of scuba.

### *PCS Party- Chuck and Charlie Kuzy*



After 5 years on Kwajalein, and serving wonderfully as the Kwajalein Scuba Club Treasurer this past year, Chuck Kuzy is leaving. Please help us send them off in the grandest of Kwaj traditions! We will be having a potluck dinner for Chuck and Charlie on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, at Emon Beach Pavilion #1. All are welcome!

### *Continuing Education- The Buddy System* by Dr. Lisa Shier

Be safe- always dive with a buddy! Diving is safer and more fun with a buddy. Let's review some guidelines for the Buddy System:

- You always need to be close enough to your buddy so that they can see you if you are in trouble, and they can get to you quickly. The distance varies with conditions.
- You should never be deeper than your buddy can go. Know your buddy's limitations due to certification level and bottom time remaining. When the most conservative computer says it's time to go up, you BOTH go up.
- Always stay within your buddy's limitations.
- When diving in a group, have individual dive buddies. It's easier to keep track of one or two people, than 10 people.

Keeping these simple guidelines in mind will make your dive both safer and more enjoyable.

### *Coming Events-*

**“Rescue on the Beach and Cookout”** Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4pm. Rescue Divers and Divemasters, it is time to brush up your in-water Rescue skills. We will be doing a Lost-Diver underwater scenario at Emon Beach. This will be followed by a cookout on the beach once the training is completed. More information on this to be presented at the March monthly meeting.

~~~ Safe diving is no accident! [www.diversalertnetwork.org](http://www.diversalertnetwork.org) ~~~

Bill's Dive Shop

March Hours

Monday's 10:00pm – 4:00pm unless I get bored or go diving!

Thursday and Friday 4:30pm till 6:30pm

Free Drawing – No Purchase Necessary

Oceanic VEO 3.0 WRIST DIVE COMPUTER

MSRP \$449.95 Dual Algorithm



Stop by the dive shop and fill out an entry form

Must be present to win!

Drawing March 31st 6pm