

Kwajalein Scuba Club, October 2011

--The First Stage--

Dr. Kim picks up some trash during the annual 'Splash for Trash' event held on September 25th, 2011. For more, see page 2.

October monthly meeting-

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12th, at 7pm at the Pacific Club.

KSC would like to extend a special thanks to the Chapel for funding the three night diving opportunities last month!



Picture by Ivy Springer

Important reminder...

Do not remove any items from any wreck at Kwajalein Atoll. The looting or removing of any items from any wreck is against both U.S. law and RMI law, and it is a felony offense. Violators are subject to disciplinary action. Diving wrecks is a privilege for KSC members, so let's protect our Kwajalein history and help ensure that we do not lose that privilege.

Important reminders on the use of Nitrox...

1. ALL nitrox tanks must be logged out in the orange binder. A single log entry for two or three or more tanks under one name is NOT proper procedure.
2. ONLY properly certified, oriented and paid-up members are permitted to sign out and/or use Nitrox. This rule pertains to both KSC tanks, and privately-owned tanks filled by KSC.

Giving nitrox tanks to people who are not KSC enriched air members or using tanks when not an enriched air member is a 12-month suspension from all scuba diving at Kwajalein Atoll. Failure to personally analyze and log out nitrox tanks, or giving tanks to someone who has not personally analyzed and logged them out is a 3-month suspension from all scuba diving at Kwajalein Atoll.

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

Annual 'Splash-for-Trash' a big success!

The September 26th "Splash-for-Trash" event, co-sponsored by the Kwajalein Scuba Club and KRS Community Activities, was a phenomenal success again this year with over 120 community volunteers pitching in. KSC organizers John Pennington and Kim Morris would like to thank all that made this a success although there are too many to mention by name. A big **THANK YOU** to the vendors who contributed prizes and to Swanby Snow for helping everyone cool off with free shaved ice before the BBQ lunch.

Kudos to the Roi Scuba Club as the Dolphins put in a great effort cleaning up their surrounding waters too.

Orientation Dives-

Do you have a visitor coming that wants to dive at Kwajalein? An orientation dive is **REQUIRED**. The Kwajalein Scuba Club website lists all club's active Divemasters, and any of them can give orientation dives. Most of the club divemasters are available after work and on the weekends. Also, Kim Morris is available during the day by prior arrangement. Note: only professional and commercial divers who are diving in a work capacity are not required to do orientation dives. However, if they are diving recreationally, they are still required to do an orientation dive. Even Dan Orr, President of Divers Alert Network, had to do an orientation dive during his visit to Kwajalein!

Want to dive Truk (Chuuk) Lagoon?

The Odyssey live-aboard is offering a discount for Kwaj residents who book a trip and travel in the next 60 days. The discount is roughly equivalent to the cost of the Continental/United airfare/hotel package to get there. There are still rooms available for the following 2011 trips-

October 23 - 30

October 30 to November 6

November 6 - 13

They offer an amazing experience - just ask anyone who's been there!

The website for additional information is www.trukodyssey.com, or you can call their office at 800-757-5396. Make sure you mention you're a Kwaj resident!





Are you on Facebook? If so, so is KSC! We use it to post meeting and event announcements. By using Facebook, you can help us judge how many are attending events. Do a search for Kwajalein Scuba Club.

Rental Gear-

Jim Bishop, John Pennington, and Bill Williamson have rental gear available if needed. Contact any of them for details and pricing. Bill's rental gear is available at Bill's Dive Shop, located at the AAFES store.

October Specials from our local scuba gear vendors...

~From Jim Bishop's SCUBAPRO and ATOMIC AQUATICS Gear~

ATOMIC AQUATICS Split fins, size Large and Medium, one pair each - \$99/pair. Call 5-0894 or email jimbishop1@gmail.com.

~ From Pennington Scuba~

Pennington Scuba will be having a SPOOKtacular 10% off sale on all BCDs with i3 inflation system. Call 5-3290 or email penningtonscuba@gmail.com.

Upcoming Scuba Classes... (all are PADI unless otherwise noted)

Classes by Lisa Shier-

Enriched Air Diver (Nitrox)- every Friday night.

Digital Underwater Photography- class forming soon, personal camera not required!

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