

## Kwajalein Scuba Club, November 2011

### **--The First Stage--**

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There were no photo submissions that came in for the November edition of the newsletter. Your secretary decided this month to cut everyone some slack, and post something other than a wreck photo from his personal collection. This should serve as proof that he does in fact take pictures of things besides wrecks...once in a great while, at least.



*White Tip reef shark near Emon Beach*

#### ***November monthly meeting-***

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9th, at 7pm at the Pacific Club.

Wear a dive shirt for an extra point and a Hawaiian dive shirt for yet another point.

***KSC would like to extend a special thanks to the Chapel for continuing to fund night diving opportunities for the community!***

#### ***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.

## *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 the 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!



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.

## *November Specials from our local scuba gear vendors...*

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

SCUBAPRO Pocket Weight Belt Size Small (26" to 34") - \$29  
Call 5-0894 or email [jimbishop1@gmail.com](mailto:jimbishop1@gmail.com)

~ From Pennington Scuba~

Pennington Scuba thanks you at Thanksgiving with 20% off any mask, Snorkel, or gloves in stock for all of November.  
Call 5-3290 or email [penningtonscuba@gmail.com](mailto:penningtonscuba@gmail.com).

## *KSC T-shirt and towel sale*

KSC is selling T-shirts and towels at the Craft Fair, November 7th from 10:00 - 2:00pm at the CRC Gym!

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

### *New KSC Treasurer is needed...*

We are sad to report that Betina Dodd, our dedicated club treasurer, is departing in May. Therefore, we need a new Treasurer.

We would like someone to volunteer and begin training after the holidays, and be ready to take over the job in February. That way, Betina will be available as an assistant and answer questions until her departure in May.

This will be a temporary position, lasting until the elections in May. If you are interested in helping out in this capacity, please contact Betina and/or Bill Williamson.

### *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!

#### Classes by Bill Williamson-

Divemaster class coming in January. Contact Bill for more information.

### *Pacific Club Work Day*

Charles and Marie Cable have been doing a lot of work at the Pacific Club. They need our help. Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 0800 we will get started rain or shine. Wear closed toe shoes and old clothes, we have painting to do. This is a great opportunity to catch up (or just get ahead) in points. We are giving two points per hour worked for this day!

***Don't forget- Wednesday, November 9th, 7pm at the Pacific Club for the monthly meeting.***

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