

Kwajalein Scuba Club, February 2012

--The First Stage--

February monthly meeting-

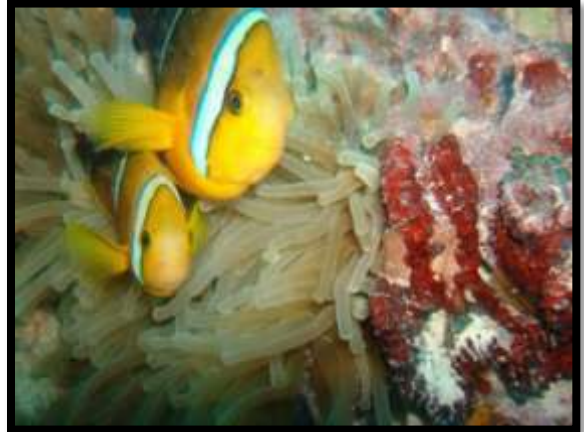
The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8th, at 7pm at the Pacific Club.

Were you wondering?

No, you did not miss an issue of the KSC newsletter- we did not put one out for January 2012.

Monthly safety topic- "Tank\$"

Never leave unattended scuba tanks sitting upright. ALWAYS lay them down flat – even if you are just a few feet away for even a few minutes.



Anemone fish near Emon Beach. Photo by Chuck Kuzy.

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!

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.



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.

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...

Bill Williamson is accepting sign-ups now for an Advanced Open Water class to begin February 15th.

Also- Bill will be starting Nitrox classes at the end of February.

Other instructors will also be holding classes, and we will update you as more information is available.

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

## *Kosrae offering special deals just for Kwaj Divers!!*

**Special #1-** Bring a group of six divers and pay for five! Tuesday to Friday- 3 nights twin-share accommodation, 3 days of 2-tank boat dives, includes airport transfers, breakfast and lunch each day, plus an island tour! Dive Tuesday after the flight, Wednesday and Thursday. Then Friday morning take a 3-hour guided hike to the 1,000 year-old Menke Ruins in the heart of the island, back for lunch, and leave for the airport at 1:30pm. All of this for only \$549 per person. Note: this offer is valid for the month of March 2012 only!

**Special #2-** If you can't get six divers together, then stay six nights and you will get breakfast each day, a guided tour to the 1,000 year-old Menke Ruins, plus a t-shirt for free. Note: this offer is valid from January 2012 to April 2012 only!

To receive these offers, reservations must be made directly with Kosrae Nautilus Resort. Contact them at [doug@kosraenautilus.com](mailto:doug@kosraenautilus.com). You may also check out their websites at [www.kosraediving.com](http://www.kosraediving.com) or [www.kosraenuatilus.com](http://www.kosraenuatilus.com).

For more information on Kosrae and the diving, feel free to contact Ivy Springer on the global email.

## *Other cool Scuba Clubs...*



St. George Scuba Club in Sydney, Australia. This club was established in 1973 as an offshoot of the St. George Spearfishing Club. Over the years they have run trips all over the Pacific. Check out their website:

<http://www.stgeorgescubaclub.org.au/news.php>

## *Planning a dive trip off island??*

Be sure to take DAN insurance with you! Also, have your gear serviced before you leave, especially if it's been a year since the last servicing. It's never fun to get to your dive vacation destination and then your equipment malfunctions. Not all dive resorts are able to service gear such as regulators.

***Don't forget- Wednesday, February 8th, 7pm at the Pacific Club for the monthly meeting.***

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