

Welcome Statement

Welcome! Here's a bit about the list and how we operate. Hope to see you soon!

We currently operate as a "cyber club". There are no officers or bylaws. We are a GLBT group, but welcome all friends of the GLBT community. We a list of divers, with a common desire, but we are not a formal club. I operate mostly as dive coordinator. Picking dates and places for list members to meet for dives. However, anyone can organize a dive. I'm just the catalyst for activity. Feel free to contact me directly with any questions, concerns or comments.

Anyone can post a dive. You can use the list to post when you'd like to dive and ask for a dive buddy. Hopefully you'll get a response! Many on the list tend to be warm water vacation divers, but there are also several of us who dare to chill fairly often.

If you are inexperienced and want to go out with more experienced divers, No Worries! There are several of us who are happy to go out with new divers and help you get through the early dive woes. We may pepper you with questions to find out what you need/want etc. We'll help you become familiar with the local dive spots.

What we won't do is take you out for a night dive unless you are advanced / night certified or has a minimum of 10 dives during the day and a few of those with us. We won't take you on a deep dive (80-100fsw) unless you are advanced/ deep certified or have 10 dives and some with us. We WILL NOT take you below 100fsw unless you have Advanced OW Certification or Deep Specialty AND 10 dives. Maximum recreational depth limit is 130fsw. Stay within safe diving limits and within your skill level.

ONLY YOU can truly determine what is/isn't within your abilities. As a certified Scuba diver, you are responsible for your decision to dive. You should follow all Safe Diving Practices and be in good physical condition. ANY DIVER MAY ABORT ANY DIVE AT ANY TIME - NO REASON IS NEEDED. Please read Safe Diving Practices and incorporate it into your diving routine.

I have put together a list of professionals in the club or friendly to our community. Feel free to contact me and request a copy of the list if you'd like more training or refresher, or would like more advanced certifications.

Anyone may put together a trip. I/we appreciate all the help we can get. We will have meetings about once every 3 months. Bring your ideas to a meeting, post to the list or e-mail me directly.

Your e-mail settings! When you signed in to this group you were taken to a settings page. You may change your settings at any time. The setting that seems to cause the most consternation is the one that defines how you receive e-mails. The moderator DOES NOT control this. YOU HAVE THE POWER! Click the setting that best suits your needs:

Individual: you will receive e-mails as they are posted to the list throughout the day.

Daily Digest: you will receive all e-mails in a single e-mail at the end of the day (midnight?). This cuts down on how much e-mail you receive, but you may miss something important for that very day.

Never: you will not receive any e-mails at all. However, you can still log on to the list site and read all the posts you want at your leisure. You may miss a few things if you don't keep up, but some people prefer this method. If you don't dive locally, you may want this method so you can check out posts about social events or trips that may be of more concern to you.

Enjoy your diving, Plan your Dive and Dive your Plan!

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SAA SCUBA CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SAA Scuba Club membership is on a calendar year basis beginning January 1st. Starting 2009, the Club does not charge a membership fee but members and applicants have to file a form annual to continue their membership.

NAME: Applicant (1) _____

Applicant (2) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ APT # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE (1) _____ (2) _____

EMAIL: (1) _____

(2) _____

ARE YOU CERTIFIED? YES (1) ___ (2) ___ NO (1) ___ (2) ___ CERTIFYING AGENCY: _____

CERTIFICATION LEVEL: (1) _____ (2) _____ SPECIALTIES: _____

No. OF DIVES: (1) _____ (2) _____ DATE LAST DIVE: _____ PROBLEMS? NO ___ YES ___

IF YES, Please Explain: _____

ARE YOU A DAN (Divers Alert Network) MEMBER? YES (1) ___ (2) ___ NO (1) ___ (2) ___

DO YOU HAVE DIVE INSURANCE? YES (1) ___ (2) ___ NO (1) ___ (2) ___

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Notification of ON-LINE NEWSLETTER publication is via email. Other notices may be by email or US Mail.

Full name, address, email and phone numbers may appear in Official Club publications and distribution lists for Club purposes; these lists are never shared outside of SAA. If you do not wish all this information listed, please give a listing preference: _____
(At minimum, first name, last initial, and a means of contact must be included in listings.)

You may not engage in SAA Scuba Club activities unless by doing so you are in agreement with the SAA Waiver of Liability, required of all participants. By signing below you are agreeing to this waiver and that you have read the SAA Scuba Club Policies, understand them, and agree to comply fully with them.

SIGNATURE (1) _____ DATE _____

(2) _____ DATE _____

Please send membership form to David Ho at dkho@prodigy.net, mail it to: SAA SCUBA CLUB, c/o David Ho, PO Box 15012, West Palm Beach, FL 33416 or fax to: 561-585-5497

SAA SCUBA POLICIES

FINANCIAL POLICIES AND DIVING REQUIREMENTS & Welcome Statement

SAA Scuba Financial Policy

SAA Scuba announces dive events through its Yahoo Group e-mail broadcast and calendar. Members and friends are responsible to follow instructions to make your own reservations and make payment directly with the dive and resort operators.

SAA Scuba provides a \$20 subsidy to each boat/resort dive to individuals who became paid members prior to December 31, 2008, until the balance of the SAA Scuba's bank account is exhausted.

SAA Scuba Diving Requirements

Scuba membership can be terminated when any individual uses falsely documented certification credentials and/or assists in falsely documenting the certification or dive log of any member or guest participating in a club sponsored dive.

Members shall not in any way assist in the obtaining of air/gas fills for individuals who are not properly SCUBA certified.

Our club abides by PADI/NAUI "Good Buddy" diving practices and members are expected to do a safety stop for 3 minutes minimum at 15-20 feet at the end of all deep dives.

DAN membership and diving insurance are recommended. DAN membership, or equivalent medical evacuation coverage, is **required** on all out-of-country club sponsored dives.

SAA Scuba advocates a drug/alcohol free diving environment; illegal substances are never permitted.

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