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The Official Newsletter of Orlando Reef Divers

*Orlando Reef Divers meets on the **first** and **third** Tuesday of each month at*

TIBBY'S NEW ORLEANS KITCHEN

7:00 P.M.

[2203 Aloma Ave](#)

[Winter Park, FL 32792](#)

This month's meetings:

***March 3rd - Board Meeting at 6:30 PM and
General Membership at 7 PM***

March 17th - General Membership at 7 PM

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<https://www.orlandoreefdivers.com>



DIVE & TRAVEL INSURANCE

Restoration of Florida's Oyster Bay; learn
more: [The Pew Charitable Trusts \(pewtrusts.org\)](http://pewtrusts.org)

Treasurer's Report

Due to possible phishing the treasurer's report will only be available to be viewed in person by members of the Orlando Reef Divers.

Orlando Reef

Diver's Club Official Shirts!



As everyone is aware, the supply of ORD shirts has dwindled over the last couple of years to a point where we have a very limited selection of sizes (primarily smaller ones). We've mentioned at the last couple of meetings that the Board is looking at new shirts for the coming year. We blue rash guards in men's and ladies' cuts, short and long sleeve for \$25.00 each. Additionally, T-shirts (also) blue is available at \$20.00 each. Reach out to Aaron Martina (martinatime@gmail.com) to determine if your size and style is available.

DAN Travel Medical Guide

[Travelers Medical Guide - Divers Alert Network \(dan.org\)](http://dan.org)

Checklists for Traveling Divers

Experienced divers can often become too casual at checking things before a dive. We suggest you do a thorough check that everything is up to scratch before you even set off on a trip, and notwithstanding that, a separate check immediately before each dive. To this end we've compiled a comprehensive checklist that you can download, print, and laminate, so you've always got it handy with your dive kit. Don't be too proud to use this handy reminder. It could save a dive or even save your bacon. <https://www.undercurrent.org/UCnow/UndercurrentEquipmentChecklist.pdf>

2026 Activities and Dive Schedule

Date 2026	Location/Event	#	Member Cost	Deposit	Opens	Organizer / Assistant Contact Info
March 3	Trip Coordinator training					
March 3	Tibby's club meeting					
March 17	Tibby's club meeting					
May 1-3 2026	Boynton Beach – Annual Derby Dive	14	\$TBD	\$100	Soon	James Leiter
May 23-30 2026	Roatan Aggressor	8	FULL	FULL	FULL	Stephanie Goodenough (Lead) Dan Lipofsky (Assistant)
June 2026	TBD	TBD	\$TBD	\$100	TBD	TBD
July 2026	TBD	TBD	\$TBD	\$100	TBD	TBD
August 2026	TBD	TBD	\$TBD	\$100	TBD	TBD
Sept 2026	TBD	TBD	\$TBD	\$100	TBD	TBD

Important: Per Article XIII, Standards for Divers, Section 4, Refunds of the Orlando Reef Divers Bylaws once a deposit is paid, there shall be no refunds for moneys paid for dive outings. The committed participant is responsible for all unrecoverable trip costs due unless he/she finds a replacement. The only exception is cancellation due to death in the immediate family. All recoverable moneys will be refunded should a portion of a dive outing be canceled by the Club. If an entire trip is canceled by the club, all moneys will be refunded.



Roatan Aggressor

May 23 – 30, 2026

Member **\$3,081**
Non-Member **\$3,111**



Roatan is ideally situated along the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System, the second largest barrier reef in the world. This extensive reef attracts a wide variety of marine animals and feeds the Bay Islands with healthy and diverse populations of fish and other marine creatures, making it a true diver's delight.

The Bay Islands of Honduras consist of eight islands and 53 small cays located off the northern coast of Honduras. Our Roatan diving liveaboard trip in Honduras departs from the dock located at Roatan Yacht Club & Marina. The 7-night charter runs from Saturday to Saturday.

- Diving begins Sunday morning and ends Friday around noon when the Aggressor returns to port.
- Average of up to 27 dives on 7-night charters including night dives.
- Depth Range: 30 – 130 ft (9m – 40m)
- 3-5 mm wetsuit recommended
- Average water temperatures: 78-84F, 25-28C (summer) 75–80F, 24-27C (winter, with possible 72F, 22C drop in January)

4 deluxe double-occupied rooms available. Air is included in this fee; nitrox is available at an additional charge of \$100 paid directly to the boat. Required fees **NOT** included in the trip fee:

- \$40 (\$20 each way) airport transfer fees
- \$145 park fee paid in cash upon boarding liveaboard.

The boarding is between 3:30 and 4:30 May 23rd and check out is 8:00 am on May 30th.

NOTE: Airfare, gratuities and hotel (if you choose to come early) are not included in the liveaboard fee.

A **\$500 deposit** is required to reserve a spot. Remaining payments due as follows: **August 15, 2025 - \$1,000; November 15, 2025 - \$1,000; Final payment of \$481 due January 15, 2026.** Although you can make payments before or on these dates with a check, please use

Zelle if possible, to: orlandoreefdiversclub@gmail.com and indicate you are paying for the Roatan trip.

Contact Stephanie Goodenough @ skgoodenough66@gmail.com or Dan Lipofsky dan@danlipofsky.com if you have further questions. For information on the liveaboard, please go to [Roatan Scuba Diving Liveaboard Trip in Honduras | Aggressor](#).



Meeting Minutes

Orlando Reef

Divers

February 3, 2026

Minutes of the Board Meeting

President Jeff Weatherford called the board meeting to order at 6:32 PM with board members Darren Goos, Aaron Martina, and Danielle Campbell, and Stephanie Goodenough by phone.

February 21st at 3pm Winter social at Keg Social, back side of Waterford Plaza. Beer, bowling, axe throwing, etc. RSVP to Danielle. Darren to send notice to club members.

Darren to research international trip to El Salvatore for May 2027.

Public Comment: No comments.

Jim is running the Derby Dive and will present to the board at our next meeting March 3rd. Need assistant

Meeting adjourned @ 6:57pm

General Meeting

Called to order February 3rd @ 7:05pm

Visitor: None

Next meeting is March 3 @ 6:30 officers / 7pm open for members.

Honduras dive is paid off.

Sales from Aaron

Scuba news: Curacao named dive destination of the year for 2026

Fish of the week: Great Barracuda

Dive report; no one has dived recently

Winter Social at Keg Social near UCF. Feb 21st at 3pm.

Closed @ 7:28pm