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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:

***November 4th - Board Meeting at 6:30 PM and
General Membership at 7 PM***

November 18th - General Membership at 7 PM

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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.

Annual Dues

Club dues for the upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal year are due as of
October 1, 2025

Pays Dues	For Year through	Receive Membership for	Amount Due
October 1 through December 31	September 30	9-12 months	\$24
January 1 through March 30	September 30	6-9 months	\$18
April 1 through June 30	September 30	3-6 months	\$12

Good News

This story was submitted by Dr. Gyurisko during a recent out of country vacation.

“During our recent cruise to Greece, I injured my back and needed medical treatment on the ship. My wife and I had the foresight to purchase travel insurance through DAN with an associate company called Generali Travel Assistance. Though this was a non-diving incident, I submitted the claim to DAN via Generali and have already been fully reimbursed for all the cost. This is a good-news story not just for divers, but non-divers and non-diving travel. Thank you DAN!

Thank you!”

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>

Holiday Party 2025

Saturday, December 6 @ 4PM

Join us to celebrate the holidays at our annual winter gathering.

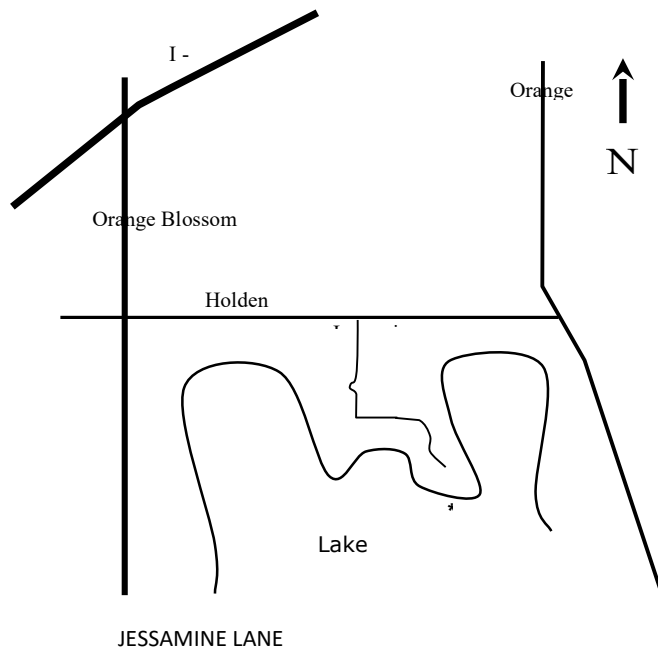
Our thanks to David and Judi Willis for opening their home to us for our party. The club is working out the provisions but in general, provides the main meat. Each member should bring a covered dish to share to round out the meal and bring your own beverage.

The annual entertainment will once again be the “Chinese” auction. If you wish to participate, please bring a uni-sex gift, wrapped for the exchange. How does this work? Each person bringing a gift gets to pick one from under the tree – OR to shop from among those already open.

To add to the cheerfulness, the basket of cheer drawing will be a highlight of the evening. Dana, who won last year, has the honor of preparing the basket. Be sure to get your tickets at the meetings or at the party.

Dress is holiday casual. Non-member spouses or dates are most welcome.

We need to know if you're attending so there will be enough seats, so the courtesy of a reply is requested (RSVP) to Darren at ddgoos@gmail.com or text 407-221-3471. Please also give him an idea of what dish you're planning so we can balance the meal.



5157 Crane's Point Court

DIRECTIONS:

FROM DOWNTOWN: GO SOUTH ON ORANGE AVE; TURN RIGHT ON HOLDEN AVENUE; GO APPROX. 0.8 MILE; TURN LEFT ON JESSAMINE LANE;

FROM I-4: TAKE EXIT 33 (441/17-92/ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL); GO SOUTH ON OBT; TURN LEFT ON HOLDEN (2nd traffic light); GO APPROX. 0.7 MILE TO JESSAMINE LANE (THE ORANGE GROVE IS GONE, THERE IS A NEW SUBDIVISION BEING BUILT ON THE CORNER); TURN RIGHT ONTO

ONCE ON JESSAMINE: GO APPROX. 0.7 MILE DOWN JESSAMINE LANE. THE GATE WILL BE SCHEDULED TO BE OPEN AROUND ARRIVAL TIME BUT CAN'T STAY THAT WAY FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY, SO IF YOU'RE ARRIVING LATE YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL. GO DOWN SHARED DRIVEWAY TO LEFT OF LARGE OAK TREE. HOUSE IS ON THE RIGHT. IT IS BRICK WITH 3 DORMERS.

NOTE: CRANE'S POINT COURT IS NOT IDENTIFIED BY A STREET SIGN

2025 - 2026 Activities and Dive Schedule

Date 2025	Location/Event	#	Member Cost	Deposit	Opens	Organizer / Assistant Contact Info
October 25-26, 2025	Boynton Beach with South Florida Dive Headquarters		Canceled			Dana Zukierski (Lead)
Nov 4	Tibby's club meeting					
Nov 18	Tibby's club meeting					
Dec 6 11am??	Holiday Party					
Dec 2	Tibby's club meeting					
Dec 16	Tibby's club meeting canceled					
May 23-30 2026	Roatan Aggressor	8	\$3081	\$500	May 6 th	Stephanie Goodenough (Lead) Dan Lipofsky (Assistant)

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.



Report for ORD dive trip - Riviera Beach

September 20 - 21, 2025

Originally this dive was planned with Shellback Aquatics, but due to mechanical problems with their boat they canceled on us. Our heroic dive coordinator Stephanie scrambled on Thursday and found us replacement boats: Narcosis on Saturday and Stuart Scuba on Sunday. Narcosis was a nice boat with a great crew. They sent down 3 guides with the divers - two with ORD and one with the other guests on the boat, so none of us had to carry a flag. The weather was rough, making it challenging to climb back on the boat, and two of us got sick. One member stayed at the hotel rather than face it. On Sunday it was predicted to be equally rough, and the Stuart Scuba boat was smaller, so all but one of us decided to skip the dive and head home early.

Submitted by Dan Lipofsky



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

October 7, 2025

Minutes of the Board Meeting

President Jeff Weatherford called the board meeting to order at 6:31 PM with board members Darren Goos, Aaron Martina, Danielle Campbell, and Stephanie Goodenough present.

Public Comment: No comments.

Discussed OneDrive access and password. Stephanie discussed all the issues with Quicken and the file being corrupted. Aaron and Stephanie will meet Friday to hand over treasury and Quicken.

Club picnic reimbursement needs to be reconciled. Riveria club dive second day boat canceled the dive. Members were sent Zelle with reimbursement.

New business

- Reimbursement for club picnic of \$182.01
- Planning for the Christmas party. December 13 or 14th. We need to find a location. Darren to contact Rob about using his house.
- Need to cancel Nov and Dec meetings. November stays with 2 meetings. Cancel December 16th.
- Jeff needs to talk with Tibby's manager to reserve the room.

Old business

- None

Meeting adjourned @ 6:53pm

General Meeting

Called to order October 7 @ 7:00pm

Stephanie discussed the reimbursement from Riviera dive.

Sales from Aaron

Jeff shared Undercurrent story about lost diver

Shared Riviera dive with club

Stephany went diving at Blue Heron. Also dived with Paravata and the visibility was fantastic. Disney Epcot tank, she said it was more fun than she expected. Cost was \$250 and they will take 12 people.

Dan gave dive report for Rivera dive

Oct 25-26 Pumpkin dive. 4 signed up with 4 open slots. We pay for tanks through the club.

No announcements

Closed @ 7:30pm

General Meeting

Called to order October 21 @ 7:00pm

Visitor: Cecil Stewart has been diving for 30 years, instructor, university student program.

Next meeting is Nov 4th. There will be a board meeting.

Sales from Aaron

Jeff shared Undercurrent story about turtles. Green turtle has been removed from the extinct endangered list.

Dana talked about October dive at Boynton. It was agreed that the dive would be canceled due to the weather. Roatan May of 2026. Nest payment is due in early November.

Activities report: Holiday party December. Darren to call Rob. To confirm the date and if he can host the party.

Closed @ 7:21pm