

# **The Scuba Sports Club**

## **Meeting Recap May 11, 2022**

### **Club Officers & Directors Updates/ Reminders**

- Welcome new members/ guests to their first meeting (some from our Earth Day event!)
- Travel Update: Denise B. spoke about the club's recent trip to Dominica
- Feedback on new location please email Melissa to let her know
- If you do not have a name tag please let Kevin know

#### **Ken Salstrom, Executive Director**

- Please "like" our Facebook page and give us a review! If you're not getting notifications about events posted there please follow us as well.

#### **Kevin Cushing, Membership Director**

- Reminder: 2022 Waivers need to be filled out and submitted online through our website in the join/ renew tab. All members need to fill this out yearly.
- Any updates on contact or training please contact Kevin to adjust our records.
- Gave out "Thank you" certificates to Earth Day Volunteers
- Power point presentation on Earth Day booth. Much interest in repeating this next year.

#### **Liza Handziak, Social Director**

- Thanked Earth Day volunteers
- Any ideas for new social events please let her know

#### **Ken Andreu, Newsletter (Sea Swells Editor)**

- Anyone going on upcoming trips or have other ideas for an article they'd like to see in the newsletter, please contact Ken (his email is on our website). If you need Ken's help writing up something he will be glad to help you. If you have pictures to contribute to the newsletter to attach with an article please see them for that as well.
- New member/ existing member spotlight... please contact Ken or Gary if you'd like to be featured in this new section

#### **Joe Rinaldi, Education & Safety Director**

- Joe presented the "Safety Message of the Month"

### **Scuba Diving Lights: Why You Should Always Dive With (at Least) One Light**

#### **I Recreational scuba diving lights history**

- A Standard flashlight that was disposed of after each dive (they would often not even last the length of a dive)
- B Motorcycle battery powered lights in waterproof containers (very heavy & awkward to use)

## **II Modern scuba diving lights have better engineering & O-rings**

- A Handheld light with disposable batteries
- B Handheld light with rechargeable batteries
- C Cannister lights
  - 1 Hard Goodman handle
  - 2 Soft Goodman handle (often used with handheld lights)
- D Marker lights (for diver identification during night dives)
- E Strobe lights (for photography & to mark boat mooring line)
- F Video lights (usually 120-degree wide angle beam)

## **III Uses for scuba lights**

- A To see into darkened spaces
- B To actively communicate with dive buddies
- C To assist with photography or videos
- D To identify divers (cylinder marker lights)
- E To mark the mooring line to the boat
- F To see the true colors of aquatic life

## **IV When scuba lights are required on dives**

- A On night dives (if properly trained or certified)
- B In overhead diving environments
  - 1 Cavern or Cave dives (if properly trained or certified)
  - 2 Wreck penetration dives (if properly trained or certified)

## **V Other uses for scuba lights**

- A To passively communicate with dive buddies
- B To signal for assistance on surface

## **VI For more information about the best scuba dive light(s) for you, or for training in night diving or diving in overhead environments speak with your local dive center or scuba instructor**

## **VII *“It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness”* -Eleanor Roosevelt**

## **VIII Q & A**

**Amanda Slattery, Program Director**

- Introduction of this month's speaker, facilitate Q & A
- Notes from Kelley's presentation: Two types of dolphins in Bimini – Atlantic bottlenose and spotted dolphins. Described how dolphin communication is observed and heard – two microphones set at a distance on opposite sides of recording device enables observed behavior to be linked with co-incident sounds. Identification of individuals by markings and bites on dorsal fins. Age is more difficult. Relies on observing individuals over time. Actual age can only be seen by looking at rings on teeth (like trees!) after death. Speculated on why dolphins like riding bow waves, which resonated with those of us who had seen dolphins doing just that in front of our dive boat.

*President's Note: I'd like to thank all the directors that were able to assist with this meeting (even more than normal) in my absence! It was much appreciated!*

*As always, thank you all for being the best part of TSSC, without each and every one of you we would not be the great club we are today!*

*Very Truly Yours,*

*Melissa Lonquich  
President, TSSC*