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**President's Corner**

***Notes from Tim:***

- ◆ Thanks to Steve Kunder. We'll have the Flipper again!
- ◆ The Bonaire trip went well and the diving was great. We had a few travel problems but all in all things went well.
- ◆ Don't forget to turn in your dive times to me so I can calculate the Deep Six awards.
- ◆ The banquet is fast approaching. See the note in this Flipper and watch your snail mail box for a separate invitation, reply card and ticket info.
- ◆ Don't forget your photos for the contest. See the note in this Flipper regarding rules for submission.
- ◆ Thanks to Sea The World Scuba for donating several items that were awarded to GLA members on the Bonaire trip.
- ◆ Pizza party is scheduled for my house, Sunday, November 18 at 3PM. We will finalize banquet plans and board positions.

**Programs**

**November 18 Nominations/ Pizza Party.**

Location Tim and Jan Ouellette's 3:00 PM

**December 08 Holiday Banquet**

Location: Same as last year. The event will be held at the clubhouse at Steve Mahr's Bingham Farms Condo complex. Details will be forthcoming. We will again be doing the Gift exchange, so purchase one 10 dollar non-gender based gift per person and wrap it.



**2008 GLA Meeting Schedule SCHEDULE**

To be announced.

**OTHER DIVE RELATED INFORMATION**

**FOR SALE**

Call, or email Steve Kunder to place your ad.

- ◆ O'neil Drysuit, size XXL with weights. \$250.00 Gary Morgan

### **WHERE TO NEXT?**

It is time to be thinking about where we want to go next for our club trip. Having just completed the Bonaire trip, there was already conversation on where we should go next. So be thinking about it and gather up some information and ideas and bring them forward so we can get planning.

Ideas that I have heard so far are;

Truk Lagoon  
Belize  
Dominica  
Roatan/Honduras  
Florida Keys.

There is nothing saying that we can not have more than one trip planned also so that everyone's interest can be met. Also I think it is probably common knowledge that Hugh Walton is looking to take a break from the trip planning, so lets see if some one else can step up and give Hugh a break. Thanks to Hugh for all of the time and effort he has put forth in getting these trips off the ground. We all know how much work it is and how we as participants can be at times.

### **EDITORS NOTES**

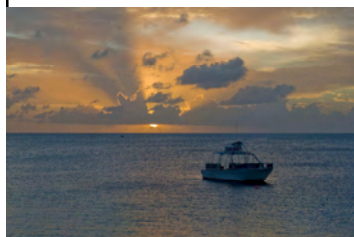
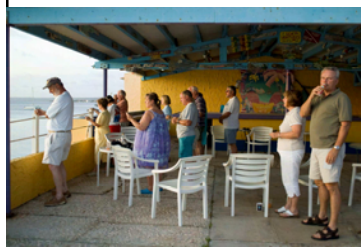
Well this is my first attempt at getting the Flipper back out to everybody. I ask that you be patient with me as I jump into this new experience. I ask that you give me constructive feedback on how to make this publication better and more informative. We truly had a great summer with the new format for meetings at members homes. The turnout was great. Also it is with great joy, that I tell you that David and Judy have been at the last two meetings. David has made a remarkable recovery and is even talking about getting wet again. He indicated that he is going to go slow at first with snorkeling and then see how it goes from there. Judy I am sure that David's remarkable recovery, is due to your dedication and support. Keep up the great progress David it is great to have you back and we are all pulling for you!!!! Well as I said this is yours the members publication, so keep information and ideas you want included in these pages coming to me.

Thanks for reading

Steve

### **AMAZING GRACE**

Well GLA did it again, the traditional nightly rendition of Amazing Grace was held on the patio deck at Bonaire's Divi Resort. The food and diving I found to be great, after all



is that that not what we like best in GLA is food and diving. Also a big GLA welcome to Vicki who joined us on this trip from Florida. It was great to have you with us.

Guidelines on Weighting	
Exposure suit type	Begin with
Swimsuit or dive skin	1-4 pounds/0.5-2 kg
Thin (3 mm), one-piece wet suit — shorts or jump suits	5% of your body weight
Medium-thickness (5 mm), two-piece wet suit	10% of your body weight
Cold-water (7 mm), two-piece wet suit with hood and boots	10% of your body weight, plus 3-5 pounds/1.5-3 kg
Neoprene dry suit	10% of your body weight, plus 7-10 pounds/3-5 kg
Shell-style dry suits* (using light, nonfoam underwear)	10% of your body weight, plus 3-5 pounds/1.5-3 kg
Shell-style dry suits* (using heavy or foam underwear)	10% of your body weight, plus 7-14 pounds/3-7 kg

\* The lead needed beyond 10 percent of your body weight is primarily determined by the buoyancy of your underwear. The buoyancy of different underwear types varies greatly.

Conversion Estimates for Salt or Fresh Water	
Body weight	Amount of weight to add (fresh to salt) or subtract (salt to fresh)
100-125 pounds/45-56 kg	4 pounds/2 kg
126-155 pounds/57-70 kg	5 pounds/2.3 kg
156-186 pounds/71-85 kg	6 pounds/3 kg
187-217 pounds/86-99 kg	7 pounds/3.2 kg

Its getting close to that time of year again. Think about getting your dues in early and you wont have to worry about it during the always busy times of the holidays.

I thought this weighting chart might be useful.

**Annual GLA Dues**  
 Payable now thru January 31, 2008.  
 \$30 per year per individual or per family member at the same address.\*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address (if you have one) is important to notify you of last minute club information such as scheduled dive changes and meetings. Also, we need it if you wish to receive the Flipper via email.

Mail your dues payable to GLA to:  
 Linda Walton, 38483 Lancaster, Livonia, MI 48154.

\*Each family member must have a membership app on file.

## 2007 PHOTO CONTEST SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

These are the notes that were taken for the Photo Contest submission rules for this years contest: We can discuss these at the November Pizza meeting to finalize. Judging will take place at this years banquet, and will be conducted by the participants present.

Two categories: A—Land and B—Underwater

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1A) Second place land

1B) Second place underwater

2A) First place land

2B) First place underwater

C) Overall winner

Limit submissions to one per category (One A—Land and One B—Underwater)

Criteria:

8 x 10 (inches)

Glossy or matte finish (glossy is better)

Untouched

Unframed

Mounted on foam core (or similar suitable material)

Title and photographer's name on the back