



# FISH TALES

The Newsletter of  
Orlando Reef Divers

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## Mark Your Calendars...

January 5 & 19: ORD Meetings – presentations to be announced.

Jan. 24: ORD Brunch at Park Plaza Gardens in Winter Park – details to be provided at meetings & via emails.

### Next Regular Meetings



Meetings start at 7 PM

January 5 & 19

Board Meeting

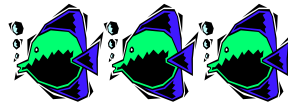
January 5 @ 6:30 PM

Jan. 24: Brunch is planned at [Park Plaza Gardens](#) in Winter Park (319 Park Ave South). Susan C. is organizing and will provide details. (As soon as more details are provided, an update will be emailed, and announcements will be made at the regular meetings.)

CHECK US OUT AT:

[www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com)

Every meeting announced and activities described!



**RSVP there to let the world know who attends our meetings!**

**Remember:**... You can receive a **complementary** ORD membership when you bring three new people to a meeting who then become members.

### Meeting Place

Meetings are held at

Paddy Murphy's

4892 New Broad Street

Orlando (Baldwin Park), FL  
32814

407.622.4700

[www.originalpaddymurphys.com](http://www.originalpaddymurphys.com)

Paddy's has a room which is pretty quiet until Trivia breaks out at 8. They also have a pretty good pub menu and selection of beer along with a full bar. There's parking on the street and a BIG lot just one block north.

**Suggestions** about future meeting places or outings are welcome! Please feel free to email the officers or Newsletter editor with your ideas!

## Officers and Committees

**President :** Rob

**President-Elect:** Janet

**Secretary:** Kathy

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**Dive Director:** Mack

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Orlando, FL 32802

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**Membership Committee:**  
Michele

**Newsletter Editor**  
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**Programs and Activities:**  
TBD

**Sales:**  
Mike /Kathy

**Undercurrent Recap:**  
Mack /Michele

**Web Master:**  
TBD

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THEY'RE POSTED ON THE  
MEMBERSHIP PAGE OF OUR  
WEB SITE.

## ScubaBoard

Dive into an online SCUBA community! Go to [www.scubaboard.com](http://www.scubaboard.com) and register.

See [www.sharkbreak.com](http://www.sharkbreak.com)



for ocean screen savers and widgets to turn your computer screen into an ocean experience.

Found an interesting website – email it to the Newsletter Editor for posting!

Want to plan for an emergency? Check out [www.72hours.org](http://www.72hours.org) !?!

Check the marine forecast at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/south/mflmz.htm>



Best Wishes to Our Members with Birthdays this Month!!!

**Kris** 14

**Melody** 29

### ADDRESS FOR MAIL:

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### ORD NEWSLETTER

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The Orlando Reef Divers Newsletter is published monthly by Orlando Reef Divers, Inc., PO Box 1863, Winter Park, FL 32790-1863. For information about the club, call 407-645-4190.

Subscriptions are available as a benefit of Orlando Reef Diver Membership.

**Classified Ads:** Members of Orlando Reef Divers may submit FREE classified ads for the resale of personally owned items, to find dive buddies, etc. Rates are currently being established for ads from businesses (small or large).

**Letters to the Editor:** Members' letters to the editor are welcome. (The editor reserves the right to edit for spelling, & space available.) You must provide your name and phone on all letters.

**Deadline for Newsletter Submissions** is the 21st of each month.



## Minutes in Brief

(These minutes may be edited for space. See the Secretary for the official version of the minutes.)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting - 12/1/09

The meeting was called to order by Rob at 7:00pm. 11 members present, no guests.

Minutes of prior meeting waived, were published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer reported that we have money. The report is published in the Newsletter.

**Sales** – same old stuff was available; T-shirts, coozies, stickers.

**Old Business:** Rob reminded everyone that there is only one meeting in December, and we will be back to a regular schedule in January 2010.

**New Business:** None

Undercurrent report by Michele. She also announced that Undercurrent is going to an “on line only” format starting in January.

**Activities:** Brunch held on Nov. 15 at Dexter’s was very enjoyable. The next brunch is being planned for Jan. 24 at Park Plaza Gardens in Winter Park, Susan C. is organizing and will forward details to the Newsletter Editor for dissemination.

**Dive Schedule:** 2010 schedule discussed. Dominica trip is open and has 7 signed up. Rob is looking into Derby trip details, Alan S. volunteered to assist. Susan and Justin are putting together June Babies trip info. Coordinators needed to run trips in July, August, Sept.

**Announcements:** Michele announced the Seminole County Science Fair, on Feb. 20. The club has been involved in the past, giving “awards of merit” to water/environmental based projects. We agreed to do so again.

Keith Mattson announced class specials that he is offering in 2010. Call him directly for details.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

**Program:** There was no program.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting

The second meeting was not held due to the Holidays.

### Board Meeting - 12/1/09

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Basket of Cheer is ready to go for the holiday party. Raffle tickets to be sold tonight and at the party. Rob will check on paper goods for the party.

Membership non-renewals were discussed, non-renewing members will be dropped from the Newsletter and roster as of Jan. 1, 2010.

A brunch is planned for Jan. 24 at Park Plaza Gardens in Winter Park, Susan C. to organize and provide details.

There was discussion about records retention. Rob offered to store in his attic. Kathy R to draft a “Policy and Procedure” for review. Kathy R, read the “thank you” letter received from DAN, will try to attach to the next NL. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

## Activities!

The Holiday party was held at Dave & Judi’s home on Dec. 5th. A wonderful holiday meal was dished up for about 20 members, with great desserts provided by some unexpected chefs. A holiday gift exchange was also held with copious and wondrous gifts stolen repeatedly.

Thanks again for your hospitality, Dave & Judi!

## 2009-2010 Activities and Dive Schedule

Jan 5	Regular Meeting 7PM - <a href="#">Paddy Murphy's</a> :						
Jan 19	Regular Meeting 7PM - <a href="#">Paddy Murphy's</a> :						
Jan 24	Sunday Brunch at Park Plaza Gardens in Winter Park, details to be provided.						
<b>2010 EVENT SCHEDULE &amp; DIVES</b>							
Date	Location/Event	#	Member Cost	Deposit	Opens	Organizer / Assistant	
April	TBD		TBD				
May 1-2	Derby Day Trip <a href="#">See Ad for details!</a>		\$220	\$100	Jan 5	Rob Allen S	
May 22-29	Dominica, WI <a href="#">See Ad for details!</a>	12	\$875	full amount now due	open	Michele Kathy	
June	TBD		TBD			Susan C Justin	
July	TBD		TBD				
August	TBD		TBD				
Sept.	TBD		TBD			Rob	
Oct.	TBD		TBD				
Other Events for the year!							
Fall Picnic							
Oct 30?	Halloween Party						
Year-End Holiday Party							

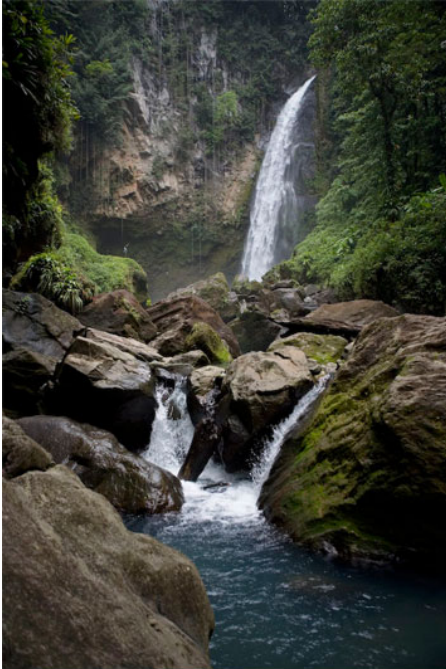
**Important:** Per Article XIII, Standards for Divers, Section 4, Refunds of the *Orlando Reef Divers Bylaws* Once a deposit is paid, there shall be no refunds for moneys paid for dive outings. The committed participant is responsible for all unrecoverable trip costs due unless he/she finds a replacement. 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, all moneys will be refunded.

### Membership Renewal Notice

Orlando Reef Divers Membership Dues are due on October 1 of each year. Renewal dues are \$20 per person for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. (New members since June 2009, if you paid \$25 dues at signup, you are paid through Sept 2010.) You can send in your dues at any time. Please return your payment to:

Treasurer, Orlando Reef Divers, P.O. Box 1863 Winter Park, FL 32790-1863



## Dive Dominica in 2010

Join Orlando Reef Divers May 22-29, 2010 in beautiful Dominica, West Indies.

We will have 5 days of 2 boat dives per day with [Dive Dominica](#) and unlimited shore diving. Tanks and weights are included.

Accommodations are double occupancy at [Castle Comfort](#) located one mile south of the island's capital, Roseau. Your accommodations, welcome rum drink, transfers from and to the airport, taxes, and daily breakfast are included. Use of kayaks is also included.

For some previews of the awesome scenery, see <http://www.dominica.dm/site/index.cfm>

The price of the trip does NOT include airfare, lunch, dinner, tips, departure tax, trip insurance, or hotel room during the air travel portion of the trip should an overnight layover be necessary.

Extra cost options are available to upgrade to an ocean view room (\$210 for the week) and a Castle Comfort dinner package (\$212 per person for the week).

Member diver cost is \$875 due at signup. Signup deadline is Feb 16.

Contact Michele Mingoia at 407-902-7426 / [mmingoia@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mmingoia@cfl.rr.com) Or Kathy

*For those who have placed a deposit, the 3rd installment is due in February. Please ask the coordinators for details on payment schedules when you sign up.*

## ***Derby Dive 2010: 30 April – 2 May!***

### ***On the Narcosis***

It's that time of year, the annual Run for the Roses at the [Kentucky Derby](#) on the first Saturday of May. And in the grand tradition of the Orlando Reef Divers, we'll be having our annual "Derby Dive".

Here's the plan: We head south on Friday 30 April and meet at the beautiful Juno Beach Holiday Inn Express just a block from the Atlantic Ocean. On Saturday morning we'll dive with Captain Van and the crew of [Narcosis](#) out of the Riviera Beach Marina. Saturday afternoon, we'll gather in the dining room of the Holiday Inn and enjoy our potluck Derby Party while we watch the race. Don't forget the infamous Mint Juleps!

Sunday morning we'll dive again with Narcosis. I know, it sounds great, right?

Cost is \$220.



Here's what \$220 buys you:

- Two tank dive on Saturday morning and a two tank dive on Sunday morning
- Two nights at the Juno Beach Holiday Inn Express

Tanks are not included, but Capt Van rents them to us at \$10 per tank for air

Deposit is \$100. This trip opens at the first meeting in January 2010

Rob is the trip coordinator.

## ***Let's go diving!!***



## ADVERTISEMENTS

From: Seminole Scuba <<http://www.seminolescuba.com/>>  
Don't Forget Family Dives:

Don't forget to sign up so we know how many are coming!!!

WHEN: January 17 - Sunday

WHERE: Rainbow River – Meet at K.P. Hole County Park - 10:00 A.M.

COST: Divers, Snorkelers & "Boat Riders" - \$20.00, others: \$10.00

FUN: Scuba diving, snorkeling, tubing

FOOD: Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, hot chocolate, condiments supplied, please bring a dish to pass

GEAR RENTAL SPECIAL – BC, REGULATOR, WETSUIT, TANK \$30.00

WHEN: February 21 – Sunday

WHERE: Devil's Den – Meet at the Pavilion -10:00 A.M.

COST: Diver - \$37.00, Non-Divers - \$7.00

FUN: Scuba diving, snorkeling, volley ball & games

FOOD: Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, hot chocolate, condiments supplied, please bring a dish to pass

GEAR RENTAL SPECIAL – BC, REGULATOR, WETSUIT, TANK \$30.00