

## May 2014

Hey Team,

Mermaids was a huge success! Attendance broke records from our last two Spring Breaks by **20%**. In addition we gained **724** new memberships during that 10-day week. We had help from **288** or 62% of all our Aquarium Volunteers, who donated a total of **1,879 hours** during that time.

Dive Volunteers (you guys) logged **144 dives** for a total of **106hrs** of bottom time. Mermaids logged **66 dives** for a total of **23hrs** of bottom time.

Thank you so much to all of you who helped out and rearranged your schedule to cover our short days. We had at least **6 divers** for every show, which was a big help.

And through it all we only had one reg dunked without the dust cap! =D

It was a huge team effort by both Staff & Volunteers in every department. I thank you for helping to make this a huge success.

Here's your Monthly Newsletter:

### Dive Team News

- **Save the Date: May 28<sup>th</sup>** Planning a Dive Volunteer Party @ the Joe.  
Details to follow soon....
  
- Dominique Maldonado is joining our Saturday Dive team starting mid-May. Please give her a warm welcome if you see her.
  
- Big shout out to some of our divers who have reached volunteer milestones:
  - 250hrs**  
Jake Tucker
  
  - 1,000hrs**  
Louis Steinke
  
  - 1,250hrs**  
Katherine Abel
  
  - 1,500hrs**  
David Corvette                      Lonnie Rector
  
  - 2,000hrs**  
Philippe Gresle                      Dale Swing                      Julie Taylor
  
  - 2,750hrs**  
Amy Funderburk
  
  - 3,750hrs**  
Charles Fox
  
- **To the entire team, thank you for your continued support, dedication, and in helping us improve our dive program.**

### GOT News

- Safety Divers be on you're **A** game.  
Caretta is getting more active and a bit teathy at times.
  - o Recall it's ideal to be in a place where all divers are in front of you within a head turn (more or less)

Midwater **10-15ft**, back of the tank is a good starting spot, till you notice something that requires attention or relocating

- Remember to have a general idea of where our key animals are in relation to other divers
- Class for Exhibit Surface Supply Diving is coming soon.
  - Try to get more GOT Guardian dives in if you're not fully comfortable
- Fish ID Quiz is coming up soon. It won't be open book like the others, so brush up if you need to.

## **Gear News**

- PowerPoint for Pony Bottle Configuration is now uploaded to Diver webpage
  - We've gone through multiple changes to our Pony Bottles recently. I think we've now found a consistent solution.
  - The presentation shows what the intended setup should look like and how to do that.

## **- DUST CAPS**

As some of you have already noticed, we changed the dust caps on our Regulators. Because of their design, a little more attention to detail has to be taken into consideration. These do seal much better than the original ones though.

When you take the reg on and off the shelf, please make sure the retaining ring is wrapped around the lower half of the first stage, before you screw the dust cap On/Off.

This is opposite of what most are used to seeing.

Please also make sure you seat the cap on correctly as these are pretty precise.

Not doing so could:

- Break the thin ring
- Cause the dust cap to fall off during the dive
- Not seal correctly => Flooded regulator when dunked

Please see pictures below:



**YES**



**NO**

See you all throughout the month!

Cheers,  
- RY

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