



IT'S SUMMER TIME AND TIME TO DIVE

We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of SUDS and share with you some of the highlights of our recent dive trips and events since the last message.

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SUDS event at the National Aquarium June 11



The event was inspired by Chief Petty Officer Jeffrey Charlot, the ready-for-operations coordinator at Coast Guard Sector Baltimore and together with SUDS and the National Aquarium a a group of SUDS certified divers were welcomed for a very special dive experience.

While at the Aquarium, they divers learned the basics of Aquarium diving and safety procedures before plunging into the world of sting rays, sharks, and over 50 species of fish! Each diver was accompanied in the water by dive professionals from the Aquarium, they were split into two groups and explored the Atlantic Coral Reef and the Wings in the Water exhibits for two great dives.

"To be able to dive in the aquarium, and put that in your dive log is amazing," said Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Stephanie Mason, a wounded warrior at the event.

"It was a very special day, not just for the heroes, but for their children, their family members and for their parents," said

The Atlanta Aquanauts Dive Fest 2011

Since this event starting 4 years ago the group has raised nearly 19,000.00 for SUDS !!!

This year's event will take place September 9th - 11th, 2011 and will be offering several oppourtunities for diving over 3 days, as well as activities for your non-diving friends and family.

The evenings will be filled, as always, with good food, drinks, socializing with fellow divers, and TONS of prizes !

The dive operators Panama City Dive Charters and Better Bottom Time, two fantastic dive operators are big supports of SUDS and have agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds from the weekend's event to SUDS.

To find out more about this event visit .

www.asdivest.com

SPOTLIGHT on GTMO

The June issue of FACEPLATE, the official newsletter for the Divers and Salvors of the United States Navy, featured a story titled "*Just Say Thanks* "

The article was written in thanks to the hundreds of volunteers at the Navy Base at Guantanamo Bay Cuba (GTMO) for their outstanding support of SUDS.

Charlot. "This is a day that they're never going to forget, and I helped provide that. It feels wonderful."

Henderson a supported of the Aquarium and the SUDS program provide the divers with a wetsuit to commemorate the event.

Thanks to all the volunteers from the Coast Guard, the National Aquarium and the USO in coordinating the event it was a great day for SUDS !



Rincon, Puerto Rico May 2011

Rincon means "niche" in Spanish and perfectly describes this northwest corner of Puerto Rico, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Caribbean Sea.

Last month SUDS did our 4th trip to this beautiful location, where we were blessed with four days of prestine diving conditions. Three veterans completing their open water checkout dives while the other three completed their advanced open water class.

The 1st day we dived the local reefs just offshore of Rincon. The last 3 days we made it out to Isla Desecheo. This island sits 13 nautical miles off the west coast of Puerto Rico & has consistant 100 foot + viz. On our last day of diving we had a 12 foot tiger shark cruise by the boat with it's dorsal fin out of the water. This certainly got all the guys excited.

We want to thank the USCG in Aguadilla for their support and all the Rinconeros who helped us out on the trip with a special thanks to Taino Dives, Leanne Arcuri and her family and Billy at Casa Verde Guesthouse. Capt. Steve

Over the past few years SUDS has had the opportunity to be the guest of GTMO and these trips have always been an unforgettable experience for all those who participate.

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Plans for 2011

We have a full schedule of events planed for the up coming months.

**2011 Jim Haigh Memorial Dive
Haigh Quarry, Chicago III
July 31**

**Olympus Dive Center
Morehead City, NC
Sept 23-25**

(WW2 Vet), Nick Arcuri and Dr & Mrs Pondolfino opened up their homes and hosted dinner for the group. Also several local restaurants hosted events including The Rum Shack at the Lazy Parrot and The Tamboo Restaurant. The support and sense of community is outstanding in this special part of Puerto Rico.

Olympus Dive Center
Morehead City, NC July 2011

This past weekend SUDS was diving at Olympus Dive Center in Morehead City with six warriors.

They came from WRAMC and Fort Bragg NC. Also joining the group was Shane Health a long time SUDS diver. All of the divers from WRAMC have completed their open water certification and working on advanced dives and nitrox dives. The soldier from Ft Bragg will be doing his open water check out dive and Shane will be helping out the group.



Cherokee Rose Country Club
Hinesville, Georgia
Spine & Sport
1st Annual Warrior Classic on
Sept 23

Conch Republic Divers
Tavernier, Florida Keys
Oct 6-11

Ocean Encounters
Curacao, NA
Oct 13-18

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