

## **Jacksonville Reef Research Team**

### **July 2006 - Meeting Minutes**

*Draft only*

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, 7/19/06, at 6:40 pm, by Team President Sue Wilcox.

#### President's Report:

Sue Wilcox announced that the Team's grant proposal was approved this week!!

#### Vice President's/Dive Coordinator's Report:

The next scheduled Team dives are Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindholm noted that there were no significant changes in the Team's financial standing. He mentioned that charter boat fees will most likely increase due to rising gas prices, so the best way to get our money's worth is to fill up the boats with Team members.

#### Secretary's Report:

A draft of the June minutes was submitted for review in hard copy. Denise will accept any requests for modifications until 7/31/06. Look for an updated copy on the Team website.

#### Grant Administrators' Report:

Mapping was begun at the BB site (dry dock) and fish counts were conducted on the MR site (Barge '85), on Saturday 7/17/06.

#### Safety Officer Report:

Jim Davis conducted a debriefing on the boat drifting incident from the most recent Team dive. During the afternoon grant work on 7/17/06, the tie off was not secure enough to hold the Native Diver. Captain Parks and topside Team members realized the boat was adrift. Thankfully, all divers were able to perform safety stops after the dive and were picked up safely. Jim recommended that divers try to stay in groups on the surface using our buddy lines (ten feet of rope with a d-ring and a clasp), use safety sausages so that divers are more visible in waves and sun glare, and that every diver be equipped with a noise making device such as a whistle. Jim also reminded Team members to check the DAN website for up-to-date equipment recall information.

#### Training Report:

Phil Harville said that former Team president Alex Waters presented the Invertebrate module. Mike Barnes will be involved in training the new class.

#### Public Relations Report:

Phil Harville said there was no information this month.

#### Webmasters Report:

Rob Bronson is working on the Dive Safety Manual update.

#### Old Business:

-Larry brought up the need for some members/students to recertify in CPR. Jim said the Dive Safety Manual requires Team members to have current CPR certification.

#### New Business:

- Candy and Rob purchased a 15ft safety bottle, and are bringing it on team dives.
- There will be an Artificial Reef workshop August 1-2, 2006, in Escambia County.
- PBS will present a TV special about the St. Johns River on July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Daniel showed slides from the grant sites taken during the Team dive July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Southeast Branch Library at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.