

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETING

DATE/TIME

Wednesday, 20 May 2009, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

LOCATION

Jacksonville Public Library – Southeast Regional Branch, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd,
Jacksonville, FL 32256

ATTENDEES

Sue Wilcox, President	Daniel Hughes
Genny Gunsolus, Vice President	Denise Hughes
Phil Harville, Public Relations	Mason Cooper
Bill Lindholm, Treasurer	Joel Leavitt
Jim Davis, REEF Coordinator	Joe Kistel
Larry Davis, Dive Safety Officer	

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PHIL HARVILLE)

- Earth Day at Native Sun – Mandarin location on San Jose Boulevard
 - Held 18 April 2009.
 - Volunteers: Phil, Mike, Larry, Genny, Joe, and Sue.
- It was suggested JRRT create a book, things for kids, recipes, info on JRRT/training, etc.
 - Little pieces of paper to hand out, with basic JRRT information.
- We have two new JRRT flags from Windy Creation.
- City of Jacksonville Beach Parade – “Opening of the Beaches”
 - Held Sunday, 26 April 2009.
 - <http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/index.asp?NID=209>
 - Tom Martin let us use his boat. Sue towed the boat with her truck. JRRT members stood on the boat waving and blowing bubbles.
 - Our new team flag blew in the wind.
- Banner – Phil will look into obtaining.
- Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup
 - Held Saturday, 16 May 2009.
 - Volunteers: Phil, Sue, Joe, Mason, and Beth Strawbridge.
 - This was the 3rd event this year.
 - The next one will be ~August 2009.
- New Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) rule.
 - Now have to pay to fish from shore. \$7.50.
- *Atocha* – advertising to dive with them. Treasures cannot be brought up to the surface. Contact Mel Fisher at 305.294.5441.
- *Queen Anne* – University of North Carolina.
 - Dive dates in June-July 2009.
- Great Annual Fish Count
 - 18 July 2009
- International Coastal Cleanup
 - Saturday, 19 September 2009
 - http://www.oceanconservancy.org/site/PageServer?pagename=icc_home
 - JRRT will be the “site captain” for this event at the Little Jetties in Mayport.

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TRAINING

- Expedition – 20 June 2009.
 - Divers needed.
- New training session begins September 2009.

DIVE SAFETY OFFICER (LARRY DAVIS)

- Make sure you have diver insurance.
- Get forms in to Larry.
- Dive 31 May 2009.

GUEST SPEAKER – MIKE MCMANN – THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVE INSURANCE

- Mike relayed his accident at sea on a live aboard and how grateful he was that he had diver insurance with Divers Alert Network (DAN).

REEF COORDINATOR (JIM DAVIS)

- Trip 13-20 June 2009. Aboard the *Sundancer* with Lad Adkins. Dissecting lionfish.
- 15 May 2009 is Endangered Species Day.
- REEF offers ~ 5 trips/year that you can join and volunteer with.
- Obtaining JRRT fish ID sheets on waterproof paper – Jim is still trying to coordinate with Anna DeLoach.
- South Florida Dive HQ moved to Deerfield Beach.

TREASURER (BILL LINDHOLM)

- The unclaimed money from the State of Florida has been received / deposited (~\$1,500).
- As of 30 April 2009, there is ~\$17,000 in checking.

SPIKE (JOE KISTEL)

- Safe Harbor Boys Home had called Joe last Friday indicating the *Spike* would be scrapped. The Boys Home needs the boat off the property, as they need to construct a new building where the tug sits. Joe went to talk to them to convince them to wait.
- The U.S. Coast Guard has agreed to tow the tug out for deployment, at no charge.
- Need to find a crane to get it from land to the water. W.W. Gay was out there 19 May 2009.
- The goal is to get the *Spike* into the water by 27 June 2009.
- JRRT would need to do a pre-deployment survey.
- www.sinkthespike.com

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE – CONSTRUCTION GRANT FROM FWC

- The City was approved for the construction grant applied for March 2008.
- The City is working on getting out a request for proposals for a crane/barge to deploy materials.

NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday, 17 June 2009 at 6:30 PM.
- At the Southeast Regional Library.