

# ◆ RRT REEF BRIEF ◆

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## **Important Dates**

### **Next Classroom training dates:**

1/5 Training – Invertebrate Class – Mary Lyons @ JU Reid Hall.

### **Meetings:**

1/12 Scubanuts regular meeting @ Wormon's!

1/19 6:30 PM Board Meeting @ Southside Branch Library.

1/19 7:30 PM Regular Meeting @ Southside Branch Library

2/2 6:30 – 9:30 PM JU Reid Hall Fish ID Training with Daniel Hughes-open to all team members as well as training class!!!

## **From Your Coordinator**

Well, it seems that the “Forecasters of Doom” missed the proverbial boat again. The World, as we know it, survived the clocks going to 0001, January 1, 2000, quite well! Personally, however, I did have a Y2K problem (I promise I won't use that term again!!) crop up, though. On New Year's Eve my car wouldn't start. I had to get a new battery. So what if it wasn't the gremlins that caused it!

We hope that you have noticed that the Team is, once again, meeting at the Southside Branch Library. If you remember, the Team voted that this was a preferred location (sorry, Beth!). Hopefully, this year we won't get tossed out on our ears without a warning! No, seriously, we are thankful for having such a nice place to meet. Jacksonville University has also been very kind to us over the years. We may go back there again!

Winter?? is upon us and we need to take this opportunity to have our BC's and our regulators serviced for the spring/summer diving season. I imagine that the shops would like to have our business this time of year, too!

Speaking of diving, please get with John Perkner and see if you can donate some quality data entry time for our grant info. We possibly can get some of the money if we will turn in the data that we have collected to date. We still have a lot of diving to do to complete the grant requirements.

Please put this years' fish ID classes on your calendar now! February 2nd at JU. We need good data from knowledgeable data collectors.

See you at the library!

*Jim Cribb*

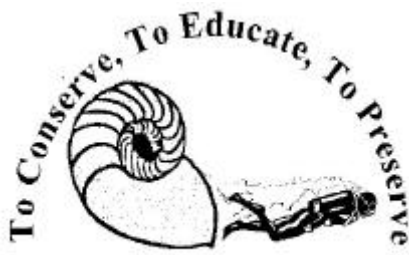
## **Science Officer Update**

Welcome to the New Millennium! Well our ocean water temp is just about bottoming out at 55 F. . . in another four weeks it should actually start going back up . . . and believe it or not our monitoring grant work is due to be completed in less than six months. We will be working to carefully plan out our Spring diving schedule to make sure we complete all the required work and get in the pre-deployment dives for the reefball project. In other words, as soon as that water gets warmer, we need to get out there and start counting fish . . . on another note, we need to give some special thanks to Alex Waters (our Vice President). Alex came down to visit me at work and helped with some of the data input for the monitoring grant. This is some very tedious work. After doing about half the surveys, he called and said he would do all the work (we need to input 10 pieces of information for every fish we counted . . . that means thousands of entries). Great Job Lex! And a big thanks for helping move the project along. There is still a good deal of work to do on finalizing the mapping, so I will still look for any other volunteers I can get.

Look forward to seeing everyone soon and maybe even starting some diving . . . in March?

*John Perkner*

**DID YOU KNOW . . .  
THAT OUR OWN BRIAN  
SALZMAN IS A NEW FATHER?  
OFFER YOUR CONGRATS TO  
HIM (AND HIS WIFE!!)**



Jacksonville Reef Research Team

### From your Vice President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It's not too late for that, is it? The trouble with the winter months and the newsletter is trying to find something to write about. No dives to report (that I am aware of), and no dives looming on the near horizon.

Of importance to mention is the fact that we will be reconvening at the Southside Library again for the upcoming year. In case it wasn't made clear enough up to this point, make it a point to go there, the Library, or you'll be waiting around for the rest of us for quite awhile at JU.

Recently, I took an afternoon off from my busy Christmas break to stop by John Perkner's place of employment at NationsBank downtown to help with a little data input from the log-sheets from last summer. I felt the need to at least put in some time so I could feel like I'm contributing something to the grant effort. It does my heart good to see all the names of the folks who made team dives last year. We seemed to get a lot of good data to turn in. Great job to all those who were able to contribute.

I would like to thank all those members who have done so much over the years who have made this whole thing (the Team) work. When you stop for a minute and think about what has and is being accomplished, it is truly amazing! Our reputation is second to none throughout the state as the first and still the best group of diving data collectors.

Well, at least the pay is good.

Lastly, be thinking about stepping forward to fill in for the officers who have served so valiantly for the last year or more. Soon, it could be your chance to occupy a position of prestige where your contributions and decisions can really impact what we do in this new millennium. Maybe one of the things that could be decided upon is that we will never use the phrase "Y2K" again! And will we have to re-celebrate all over again when we are told that we really did miss the true New Year? (Is that the one from the Gregorian calendar?). All right, enuff already! Regardless, I hope all had a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year/Decade/Century/Millennium. Well, you get the idea.

See you at the Library.

*Lex Waters*

### Public Relations

Well here it is the year 00. I imagine there are a lot of jokes running around about this year. Did ya here the one about the blond.....nah...but down to business.

First I would like to thank all the RRT members who assisted the team with PR this past year. We really could not do anything if you guys didn't volunteer your time and effort. I also would like to thank all the non-reef researchers who also gave of their time and effort. They saved the day sometimes when team members couldn't make it for whatever reason.

There is always a monetary cost also and I want you guys to know that is also appreciated, [you know....gas, wear and tear, lost overtime etc.].

AGAIN THANK YOU.

The News,

As you have probably heard about by now the Jazz Festival was a huge success for the team and we have been invited back next . . . oops THIS year. So you guys plan on one. It's a lot of fun plus some great jazz.

Earth day is coming up in April so be giving some thought to volunteering. We had a nice time last year and it's always fun at the Landing. I'll have more about this later this spring.

The RRT had a two page ad in the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament Program, a real nice one too, although our plans for a booth were not successful . . . a disappointment. Mayby this year.

### ATTENTION – NEW EVENT!

Coming up Friday, February 4, 2000, the **Eleventh Annual Earth Kinship Conference 2000**, presented by **Sea Grant, University of Florida**, and **University of North Florida**. It is being held at the University of North Florida and some of the presenters will include your Reef Research Team along with our Booth Display. Presenters also include: Miriam Therese MacGillis, O.P., John Lambie, Toni Rossi, PhD., Carole Mosley, Susan Cerulean, Sandra Anderson Schuh, PhD., David Fenner, PhD., Jennifer Sagen, Marge Powell, Steve Torma, and others.

Seminars and presentations will be presented throughout Friday and Saturday with final ceremonies Sunday morning. Our booth will be up from Friday morning through Saturday evening about nine. It does not have to be manned the whole time but we need two volunteers to man it from noon on Friday until about nine at night. The same on Saturday—manned from noon to around nine at night. One person can man the booth while the other one visits the seminars and they can swap off.

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I will have more information at the RRT meeting in January. Anyone interested please call me at 757-1928. We do not have to have the same two people man the booth the whole time, as we can swap off people as the agenda changes, say every two or three hours during the evenings. We are restricted to having only two non-paying exhibitors at the event at any one time. Any more than two and we will be charged \$75 per extra person. More Info at the January meeting.

**Happy New Year, everyone!**

*Jim Barnes*

### Training Update

The Training Class met January 5th at Jacksonville University for the Invertebrates Module. Mary Lyons did a wonderful job as usual. I want to thank Mary for her continued support of the training class.

Next month we will be starting the fish identification training. Daniel Hughes will be providing the training. Plans are to meet at JU from 6:30 to about 9:30, on February 2nd. Daniel has extended on open invitation to all team members to review their fish ID skills. As we all know fish identification is like anything else, if we don't use it we loose it. So those of us that have not done any fish identification lately, this is the best time to review our skills before the season starts.

The Training Class will be heading to Kelly's on the Bay for the first weekend of April and May. There will be limited space available for team members. Stay tuned for more details.

That is all for now from training. See you at the meeting.

*Brian Salzman*

## 1999 DIVE SCHEDULE

Day	Month	Dive Date	Rain Date	M	J	Location
Saturday	April	04/03	04/10		*	Jaxspots
Sunday	April	04/17	04/24		*	Jaxspots
Saturday	May	05/08	TBA	*		<b>BB</b>
Sunday	May	05/16	05/23		*	Jaxspots
Sunday	June	06/06	TBA	*		<b>CR Culverts</b>
Saturday	June	06/19	06/26		*	Jaxspots
Saturday	July	07/03	Open		*	Jaxspots
Sunday	July	07/04	TBA	*		<b>JW</b>
Saturday	July	07/10	07/24		*	Jaxspots
Sunday	July	07/18	TBA	*		<b>EEF Culverts</b>
Sunday	August	08/08	08/15		*	Jaxspots
Saturday	August	08/14	TBA	*		<b>HH Barge</b>
Sunday	August	08/15	08/22		*	Jaxspots
Saturday	August	08/28	TBA	*		<b>TR Anna</b>
Saturday	September	09/04	TBA	*		<b>JW</b>
Sunday	September	09/12	09/19		*	Jaxspots
Saturday	October	10/02	10/09		*	Jaxspots
Sunday	October	10/10	10/17		*	Jaxspots
Sunday	October	10/31	TBA		*	Jaxspots
Sunday	November	11/14	TBA		*	Jaxspots

Notes: M = Monitoring Dives      J = Jaxspots Confirmation and Discovery Dives

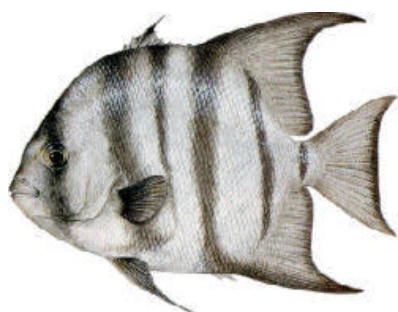
Meet at Mayport Marine promptly at 7:30 for all dives, unless specified otherwise

Contact Alex Waters at 262-5001 or John Perkner at 273-4562 with questions on the schedule.

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### Atlantic Spadefish

**Family Ehippidae, SPADE-FISHES Chaetodipterus faber**

**Description:** silvery with 4 to 6 black, vertical bands on each side which sometimes become obscure in larger fish; deep, flattened body; separated first and second dorsal fins; concave caudal fin; anterior rays of second dorsal fin and anal fin elongated.

**Similar Fish:** no close resemblances, but frequently and mistakenly called angel-fish.

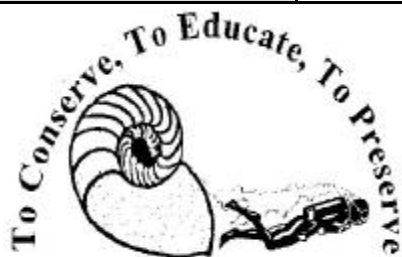
**Where found:** INSHORE and NEARSHORE, around natural and artificial reefs, and especially near navigation markers in 15 to 20 feet of water.

**Size:** most catches less than 2 pounds, known to reach 15 pounds.

**Florida Record:** n/a

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