



The Villages Scuba Club

WELCOME TO THE VILLAGES SCUBA CLUB

MEMBERSHIP -

- Annual dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your membership dues. Membership includes access to the Facebook page, email lists, and discounts for Club sponsored dive events (when offered).
- Club waiver forms must be signed by members and are kept on file in order to attend Club-sponsored diving events. Waivers are available from Mike Gann or can be downloaded from the website at <https://thevillagesclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/TheVillageScubaClubWaiver.pdf>. You only need to sign a Club waiver form once a lifetime.

COMMUNICATIONS -

- The club strives to keep email communications to a minimum. Emails are generally limited to meeting notices and important updates to club-wide events. Point of contacts for events you have signed up for may also email you with event related information. The club does not provide email lists to non-board members or any local businesses.
- The club website is thevillagesclub.org. The website has an events, copies of most presentations from previous meetings, and links to a variety of resources.
- The Villages Scuba Club is on [Facebook](#). Request to join and a board member will accept you. Please be sure to answer the questions, otherwise you will be rejected. You must be a paid Club member to be accepted, so please do not invite family and friends to our Facebook page. Club policy is **no selling or advertising** of non-scuba products or events on our Facebook page.

MEETINGS -

- Club meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, doors open at 6:30. We usually meet at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center, however we will be at the Bridgeport Recreation Center for the March, July, and November meetings.
- Meetings are a great way to find out about upcoming local and overseas trips. We also present a Training/Tech Tip and have a presentation on a variety of topics.
- Check out or signup for upcoming trips and events at the back tables.
- The club runs a 50/50 raffle at every meeting. Raffle tickets are available at the back tables.
- We typically have donated gear available at the back of the room available on a first come basis. If you bring in gear to donate, please check at the end of the meeting to ensure it is not unclaimed.
- Club policy is **no selling** of products or used gear during club meetings.

LOCAL DIVES -

- We typically schedule local dives 3-4 times each month:
 - 2 dive charter with Jupiter Dive Center, Jupiter FL
 - 2 dive charter with Kyalami Charters, Jupiter FL
 - 2 dive charter with Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach, FL
 - Spring dive at Blue Grotto or Devil's Den, Williston, FL



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- To sign up for the charter dives, you **must** call the shop or use the link provided in the event announcement on Facebook or the website. Also, please put your name on the event sign up sheet on the back tables. This assists the point of contact in coordinating carpools.
- For the Spring dives, please put your name on the event sign up sheet on the back tables. The club does not typically coordinate carpooling for the Spring dives.
- Each diver is responsible for their equipment for all local dives. All of the charters and Springs dive shops can provide tanks and other rental gear, but you should pre-arrange with them.

OVERSEAS TRIPS -

- Many members of the club participate in overseas dive trips. The trip coordinators have continued to arrange trips to excellent dive locations around the world.
- The club does not typically sponsor or coordinate these overseas trips. These trips are arranged by club members or local dives shops, who are solely responsible.
- Trip coordinators are typically available at each monthly club meeting. Trips fill up very quickly, so contact the trip coordinator as soon as possible, if you interested.

EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING-

- The club encourages all divers to maintain their gear in accordance with manufacturer requirements.
- The club supports our local dive shops and some of the local shops provide discounts to club members.
- Although the club does not provide training, we will assist you in gaining experience and confidence in the water. Please work with a certified instructor for formal training.
- A list of local shops and instructors is available on the club website at <https://thevillagesclub.org/resources/dive-equipment-and-instruction/>

ADDITIONAL INFO -

- The club encourages all divers to follow medical screening guidelines. The latest industry-wide guidelines are available at <https://thevillagesclub.org/resources/revised-medical-screening-system/>.
- The club also recommends that divers consider purchasing dive insurance. A list of companies providing dive (and trip) insurance is available at <https://thevillagesclub.org/resources/dive-and-travel-insurance/>.

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