



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: July 2, 2025

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreational Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The July 2025 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Approximately 42 members and guests were in attendance.

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

Treasurer's Report: Provided highlights and accepted

Secretary's Report: Accepted from minutes posted on website

REVIEWED OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership dues for 2025 are now being accepted.** Dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your 2025 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 on file in order to attend Club-sponsored diving events. See Mike Gann for a waiver or download from the website. You only need to sign a Club waiver form once a lifetime.
- Check out our website at: thevillagesclub.org.
- The Village Scuba Club is on [Facebook](#). Go online and ask to join and a board member will accept you. You must be a paid Club member to be accepted. Please do not invite non-members to the Facebook page. Club policy is **no selling or advertising** of non-scuba products or events on our Facebook page.
- Club polo shirts can be purchased at Custom Apparel in Southern Trace Plaza.
- Mike Blatti has Scuba Club decals for sale (\$7)... or take a free one if you can get it posted at a dive destination.
- Reminder: Club policy is **no selling** of products or used gear during club meetings. **Also, please be sure to take your unclaimed gear after the meeting.**

Recapped last month's trips/events:

- Jun 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti - CANCELLED
- Jun 18 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 25 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti



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REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Jul 5-12 - Cayman Brac Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jul 7 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 14 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 16 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 29 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 4 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 6 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- Aug 11 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 19 - Shark Tooth Shore Dive at Sharky's, South Venice POC: Warren Gross
- Aug 20 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 27 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 2 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 3 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- Sep 6-13 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 17 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 15 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 24 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 10-24 - Banda Sea/Raja Ampat, Indonesia Blue Whale aboard Pindito POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062 **One Spot Left**
- Nov 6 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Warren Gross
- Dec 6-13 - Roatan at Seagrape Plantation Resort in West End, Honduras POC: Debbie Garcia (352) 410-3002
- Jan 15-Feb 2, 2026 - Maldives Dive Adventure and Sri Lanka Land Safari
- Jan 22-Feb 2, 2026 - Maldives Dive Adventure POC: Gail Chapman
- Jan 24-31, 2026 - Dive Paradise at Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

Training Tip:

Warren Gross presented the training tip "Pre-dive Safety Checks". This presentation will be made available on the website.

Presentation:

Mike Blatti presented "Packing for a Dive Trip". This presentation will be made available on the website.



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50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Next meeting : August 6th at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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