



The Villages Scuba Club

AGENDA

Meeting Date: September 3, 2025

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreational Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

Treasurer's Report: Provide highlights and accept

Secretary's Report: Accept from minutes posted on website

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.**

Recap last month's trips/events:

- Aug 11 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 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 - **CANCELLED**
- 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
- Anyone go anywhere else?



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NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Sep 6-13 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 15 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 17 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 24 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- **Oct 1 - Club meeting at Manatee Recreation Center, Hillsborough Trail**
- Oct 6 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 9 - Rainbow River Drift Dive/Snorkeling @ KP Hole Park POC: Warren Gross
- Oct 10-24 - Banda Sea/Raja Ampat, Indonesia Blue Whale aboard Pindito POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Oct 15 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 20 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 29 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 5 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- Nov 6 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Warren Gross
- Nov 11 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 19 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 24 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 3 - Holiday Party at Bridgeport Recreation Center
- 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
- May 2-9, 2026 - Save The Date: Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jul 4-10, 2026 Schooner Juliet, departing Miami for Bahamas. POC Jack Farrell
- Jul 11-18, 2026 - Save The Date: Little Cayman Island POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 5-12, 2026 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 16-October 1, 2026 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure - POC Gail Chapman

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips



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Training Tip:

BCD Maintenance and Storage - Warren Gross

Presentation:

Managing Dive Anxiety - Warren Gross

50/50 Raffle

Next meeting : October 1st at the Manatee Recreation Center, Hillsborough Trail

The Villages Scuba Club board members contact information

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