



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 6, 2025

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreational Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The August 2025 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Approximately 47 members and guests were in attendance.

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

Treasurer's Report: Provide highlights and accept

Secretary's Report: Accept 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 29 - Jul 3 - Bahamas onboard Schooner Juliet departing Miami
- Jul 5-12 - Cayman Brac Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent
- 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



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REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- 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 (305) 989-7781
- 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 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
- May 2-9, 2026 - Save The Date: Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Joanne Sargent
- 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

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips.

Training Tip:

Mike Gann presented the training tip "Questions to ask your 'new' dive buddy". This presentation will be made available on the website.



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Presentation:

Mike Blatti presented "Shore Diving". This presentation will be made available on the website.

50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Next meeting : September 3rd at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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