



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 6, 2026

Meeting Place: Churchill Street Recreation Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The May 2026 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Churchill Street Recreation Center. Approximately 46 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 2026 are \$5. Mike Gann, Treasurer, is now collecting 2026 membership dues. Membership includes access to the Facebook page, email lists, and discounts for Club sponsored dive events (when offered). **The membership roster and Facebook will be purged after the June meeting.**
- 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 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 Logo -
 - The club is distributing Scuba Club decals to all members paid for 2026. Pick up at the entrance to the club meeting.
 - Additional decals are available for \$3, see Mike Blatti or Warren Gross to purchase. Free decals are also available for posting at a dive destination.
 - Digital files of the club logo are available on the website on the Resources page.
 - Custom Apparel in Southern Trace Plaza can also embroider shirts and hats.
- 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:

- Apr 8 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive
- Apr 15 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 16 - Club Picnic at DeLeon Springs State Park POC: Madeline Helbock
- Apr 23 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive



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- Apr 29 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive
- May 5 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive - **CANCELLED**

REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- May 2-9 - Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- May 13 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 20 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 27 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 1 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 3 - Club meeting at **Bridgeport Recreation Center**
- Jun 10 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 17 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- **Jun 18 - Venice Beach Shark Tooth Dive POC: Warren Gross**
- Jun 24 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 1 - Club meeting at **Bridgeport Recreation Center**
- Jul 4-10 Schooner Juliet, departing Miami for Bahamas - **FULL**
POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Jul 6 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 11-18 - Little Cayman Island POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jul 15 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 22 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 29 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 18 - Scalloping Trip on Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock
- Sep 5-12 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 16 - Oct 1 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Dec 5-12 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jan 23-30, 2027 - Dive Paradise at Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
- Sep 30-Oct 9, 2027 - Fiji Dive/Land Adventure POC: Gail Chapman
- Oct 7-16, 2027 - Paradise Taveuni Resort Adventure Only or Add-on, Taveuni, Fiji
POC: Gail Chapman

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

Training Tip:

Mike Blatti presented the training tip "Dealing with Inflator Issues". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

Presentation:

Mike Gann presented the "7 Mistakes Divers Make". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.



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50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Next meeting : Jun 3rd at the **Bridgeport Recreation Center**

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