



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** July 1, 2026

**Meeting Place:** Bridgeport Recreation Center

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:** Mike Blatti, President

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The July 2026 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Bridgeport Recreation Center. Approximately 71 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).
- 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](http://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:**

- Jun 10 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive **CANCELLED**
- Jun 17 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Gann
- Jun 24 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Warren Gross
- Anyone go anywhere else?



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## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- 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: Warren Gross
- Jul 11-18 - Little Cayman Island POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jul 15 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 22 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul **28** - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 5 - Club meeting at **Bridgeport Recreation Center**
- Aug 12 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 18 - Scalloping Trip on Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock
- Aug 19 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 26 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 1 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 2 - Club meeting at **Laurel Manor Recreation Center**
- Sep 5-12 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 16 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 16 - Oct 1 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Sep 23 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 30 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Gann
- 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 "Boat Stowage". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

### Presentation:

Mike Gann presented "DCS Risk Factors". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.



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**Next meeting :** August 5th at the **Bridgeport Recreation Center**

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