The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 4, 2026
Meeting Place: Bridgeport Recreation Center
Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.
Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President
Pledge of Allegiance

The November 2026 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Bridgeport Recreation Center. Approximately 54 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 CLUB BUSINESS:

- Membership dues for 2027 are $5. Mike Gann, Treasurer, is collecting 2027 membership dues. Membership includes access to the Facebook page, email lists, and discounts for Club sponsored dive events (when offered).
- New members will receive a welcome email with general information on the club along with our website, our Facebook page.
- Scuba Club 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 AND EVENTS:

- Oct 13 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 21 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Warren Gross
- Oct 28 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti - **CANCELLED**
- Nov 2 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti **CANCELLED**
- Anyone go anywhere else?

REVIEWED UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Nov 11 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 18, **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 23 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 1 - **Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach** 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 2 - Club meeting at **Laurel Manor Recreation Center**

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- Dec 5-12 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Dec 9 - **Kyalami Charters in Jupiter** 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 16, **10 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 30 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 4, 2027 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 6, 2027 - Club meeting at **Laurel Manor Recreation Center**
- Jan 13, 2027 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 20, 2027, **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 23-30, 2027 - Dive Paradise at Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
- Jan 27, 2027 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 1-8, 2027 - Cozumel at Iberostar Waves Cozumel
- Jul 3-10, 2027 - Cayman Brac POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 11-18, 2027 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 30-Oct 9, 2027 - Fiji Dive/Land Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- 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:
Warren Gross presented the training tip - "What is NDL?". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

Presentation:
Mike Blatti presented "Boat Diving Costs and Tips". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Next meeting : December 2nd at the **Laurel Manor Recreation Center**

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