

JACKSONVILLE REEF RESEARCH TEAM (JRRT)
MONTHLY MEETINGS 2014 – MINUTES

15 JANUARY 2014
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
PABLO CREEK REGIONAL LIBRARY

Attendees:

Sue Wilcox, President	Denise Hughes
Jessica Grimm, Secretary	Daniel Hughes
Phil Harville	Mike Barnes
Luke Lawley, Treasurer	Dan Schultz
Ed LeBlanc	Mike Kurtz
Rob Rush	Kimberly Mann
Bill Lindholm	Doris Pope-Reyes
John Perkner	Justina Dacey
Kevin Carr	Andrea Leontiou

Guest Speaker: (Felicia Boyd)

- Felicia Boyd discussed the Timucuan Trail Parks Foundation
 - Presentation on the Timucuan trails around Duval County
 - Discussion of volunteer opportunities and ways to join the friends of the Timucuan Park Foundation

Discovery Dives: (Sue Wilcox)

- January dive was cancelled due to not enough participants
- Next discovery dive is February 15. Confirmation needed 5 days in advance.

Training Update: (John Perkner)

- Training dive this weekend (Jan 18-19). Expedition tentatively scheduled for June or July.

Archives: (Sue Wilcox)

- Volunteers needed for picture organization; pictures need sorted and narrowed down.
- Paper archives being scanned.

Next Meeting:

- February 19 at the Pablo Creek Regional Library

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Ed LeBlanc	Doris Pope-Reyes
Kimberly Mann	Beth Strawbridge

Katie Bizub

Guest Speaker: (Maia McGuire)

- Maia McGuire with the Florida Sea Grant Extension gave a presentation about plastics in the ocean
 - Short video: “Synthetic Sea”
 - Discussion about different types of plastics
 - Garbage patches in oceans and great lakes
 - Impacts of plastics
 - What we can do to help reduce plastic waste

Archives: (Sue)

- Data on floppy disks needs to be converted, scanned and sorted
- Photos need to be sorted and organized

Discovery Dives: (Mike Barnes)

- February’s dive did not occur
- Next discovery dive is March 29 (rescheduled from March 15 due to the joint Adopt-a-Highway event being on this date)

Dive Safety: (Sue Wilcox & Ed LeBlanc)

- Need to get all diver information updated and the active list of divers updated

Upcoming Events: (Sue Wilcox)

- March 15 – Joint clean-up/Adopt a highway event involving the JRRT, North Florida Land Trust, River Alliance & Sierra Club; followed by BBQ/potluck at NFLT Talbot House
- March 22 – St. Johns River Clean up & Celebration. The JRRT will be site lead at the Little Jetties.
- **JRRT Next meeting:** March 19 at the Pablo Creek Regional Library

FWC Grant Update: (Sue Wilcox)

- FWC is still processing grants applications/contracts. We should have our contract soon.

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19 MARCH 2014
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Bill Lindholm
Doris Pope-Reyes

Guest Speaker: (Heather Smith)

- Heather Smith, a Florida State Parks Volunteer & Board Member of the Friends of Talbot Island State Park discussed her work with the Atlantic horseshoe crab.

Upcoming Events 2014

- March 21 – Beneath the Waves Film Festival. 7:00 pm at Jacksonville University, Gooding Auditorium (<http://www.beneaththewavesfilmfest.org/festivals/2014-festival/>)
- March 22 – St. Johns River Cleanup & Celebration (<http://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/events/st-johns-river-celebration/>)
- March 27 – Diver Meeting for the Northeast Florida Lionfish Blast. 5:30 pm at Mudville Grille (www.northeastfloralionfishblast.com)
- March 28 – April 28 – Northeast Florida Lionfish Blast (www.northeastfloralionfishblast.com)
- March 29 (rescheduled from March 15) – JRRT “Discovery Dive”
- April 12 – JRRT “Discovery Dive”
- **April 16 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, Community Room B
- April 19 – Earth Day Ecology Fair. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Landing (<http://earthdayjax.com/>)
- May 8 – Evenings at Whitney Public Lecture. 7:00 pm at Whiney Lab. *Horseshoe crabs: The Surprising Reproductive Behavior*, Jane Brockman, Ph.D. (<http://www.whitney.ufl.edu/horseshoe-crabs-surprising-reproductive-behavior-living-fossil-dr-jane-brockman-may-8th-7-pm/>)
- May 17 – JRRT “Discovery Dive”
- **May 21 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Beaches Library, Community Room
- June 14 – JRRT “Discovery Dive”
- **June 18 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, Community Room B
- **July 16 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Beaches Library, Conference Room
- **August 20 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Beaches Library, Conference Room

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16 APRIL 2014
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Katie Bizub	John Perkner
Justina Dacey	Doris Pope-Reyes
Jim Davis	Madelyn Woods
Phil Harville	Jose Zouain
Mike Kurtz	

Guest Speaker: (Rachel Cimino)

- Rachel Cimino, a Marine Mammal Biologist with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission gave a presentation about her work at the Dolphin Conservation Field Station, rescuing marine mammals-mainly dolphins, as well as helping out with manatee rescues.

Officer Nominations & Elections: (Jessica Grimm)

- It's that time of year again! Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are now being accepted. Nominations will be accepted through April 26. Elections will be held in May and will be managed by Jessica Grimm & Bill Lindholm.

Upcoming Events 2014

- April 16 – REEF “Fishinar” – A Few Mind-Blowing Fish Every Ichthyo-Geek Should Know About (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
- April 19 – Earth Day Ecology Fair. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Landing (<http://earthdayjax.com/>)
- April 22 – “Water Blues, Green Solutions” (a film about communities working with nature to solve their water problems.) Film showing at 6:30 and expert panel discussion at 7:30. At WJCT Studios. RSVP www.usgbcnf.org/event-calendar. Info at: stjohnsriverkeeper.org
- April 22 – REEF “Fishinar” – What I Did On My Fall Vacation – Research on the Fishes of Southern California Oil/Gas Platforms (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
- April 26 – Butterfly Festival at Tree Hill Nature Center, 10 am – 4 pm. (<http://treehill.org/Visit/2014ButterflyFestival.aspx>)
- May 8 – Evenings at Whitney Public Lecture. 7:00 pm at Whitney Lab. *Horseshoe crabs: The Surprising Reproductive Behavior*, Jane Brockman, Ph.D. (<http://www.whitney.ufl.edu/horseshoe-crabs-surprising-reproductive-behavior-living-fossil-dr-jane-brockman-may-8th-7-pm/>)
- May 13 – REEF “Fishinar” – Hawaii's Wrascally Wrasses (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
- May 17 – JRRT “Discovery Dive”
- **May 21 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Beaches Library, Community Room. Speaker: Quincy A Gibson, Phd, Coastal Behavior Biologist, UNF Marine

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Mammal Research Program – Dolphin research, behaviors and identification of over 300 individual in the St. Johns River

(<http://www.unf.edu/coas/biology/MarineMammals.aspx>)

- May 29 – REEF “Fishinar” – Coralinar! (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
- **June – dates tbd – JRRT Training Class Expedition.** Location tbd.
- June 14 – JRRT “Discovery Dive”
- June 19 – REEF “Fishinar” – Eastside vs Westside: Lookalike Fish from the Pacific and Atlantic coasts (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
- **June 18 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, Community Room B. Speaker: Matthew Denny, Field Coordinator, Georgia Aquarium Conservation Field Station – Matthew will talk about research and work conducted at the field station. (http://www.marineland.net/conservation_field_station.html)
- **July 16 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Beaches Library, Conference Room. Presentation: JRRT Training Class – Expedition June 2014
- **August 20 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Beaches Library, Conference Room. Speaker: Dr. Eric Johnson, UNF – Results from the Lionfish Rodeo held 24 August 2013 (<https://www.unf.edu/bio/N00813595/>)
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Jim Davis
Phil Harville

Mike Kurtz
Kimberly Mann
Ceff Ramirez
John Perkner

Guest Speaker: (Quincy Gibson, PhD)

- Quincy Gibson, PhD., a Coastal Behavior Biologist with the University of North Florida Marine Mammal Research Program discussed the dolphin research that is currently being conducted, as well as the behaviors and identification of over 300 individual mammals in the St. Johns River. More information can be found at <http://www.unf.edu/coas/biology/MarineMammals.aspx>

Training Class:

- Congratulations to the 2013-2014 training class for passing their Fish ID test last week! They are in the process of planning their Expedition and will soon be certified to dive with the team on the grant dives. Fellow members of the JRRT are strongly encouraged to join the Expedition and support the current class members.

Elections:

- Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are now closed and the election ballot will be sent out soon to those members who are eligible to vote.

FWC Grant:

- The contract for the FWC grant is being finalized and the grant dives will be starting soon.

Combined Federal Campaign:

- The JRRT's application was approved and we will be listed in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). What does that mean? That the JRRT will be listed as an eligible organization that can receive monetary contributions from federal employees through a workplace program. The CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal, and military donors during the campaign season (September 1st to December 15th) support eligible non-profit organizations. <http://nefl-sega-cfc.org/>

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Equipment, Archives, Website, Facebook, YouTube) If you are interested, please contact any one of the officers (Sue, Mason, Jessica, Luke).

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Attendees:

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Jessica Grimm, Secretary	Kimberly Mann
Katie Bizub	Ceff Ramirez

Guest Speaker: (Matt Denny)

- Matt Denny, the Field Coordinator with the Georgia Aquarium Conservation Field Station, discussed the history of the field station as well as the mammal rescues they carry out-mainly coastal dolphins. They also assist with manatee rescues and have helped with the occasional whale rescue. More information about the field station can be found at <http://www.dolphinfieldstation.org/>

Officer Elections: (Sue Wilcox)

- Congratulations to the newly elected officers!
President – Sue Wilcox
Vice President – John Perkner
Secretary – Justina Dacey
Treasurer – Luke Lawley

Training Class: (Sue Wilcox)

- The Expedition dive is still being planned and all members of the JRRT are encouraged to participate.

FWC Grant: (Sue Wilcox)

- The contract is almost finalized and grant work will begin soon! Members for the grant committee are still needed, please inquire with the officers if you are interested.

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JaxSpots

- We are updating our JaxSpots book and adding more details. We need your assistance. If you are offshore, or know someone going offshore, if you could fill out the **attached form**, it will greatly assist us in updating the JaxSpots book. If you have updated information on a site from a previous offshore trip, please provide that as well.

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Upcoming Events 2014

- **June – dates tbd – JRRT Training Class Expedition.** Location tbd.
- June 16 and 30 – REEF “Fishinar” – Digging Deeper in to Caribbean Fish ID - Exploring the 4th Edition of Reef Fish ID (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
- June 19 – REEF “Fishinar” – Eastside vs Westside: Lookalike Fish from the Pacific and Atlantic coasts (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
- June 24-25 – REEF “Fishinar” – Northeast US and Eastern Canada Invertebrate ID (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
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Attendees:

Sue Wilcox, President
Jeremy Crossland
Jim Davis
Phil Harville

Guest Speaker: (Eric Johnson)

- Eric Johnson, University of North Florida, discussed the results of the 1st Annual Lionfish Rodeo held August 2013.

2ND ANNUAL NORTHEAST FLORIDA LIONFISH RODEO 2014 – see attached flyer

- Captain's Meeting – Friday, August 8th, 7:00 pm at Nipper's Beach Grille
- Lionfish Rodeo – Saturday, August 9th
- <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-northeast-florida-lionfish-rodeo-tickets-11810301931>

FLORIDA ARTIFICIAL REEF SUMMIT 2015 – Call for Abstracts ** Due August 31

- FWC is accepting abstracts for Oral and Poster Presentations.
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- <https://www.flseagrant.org/fisheries/artificialreefs/summit/call-abstracts-ar-summit/>

ARCHIVES

- The 1st batch of scanned photos is expected back to us in August. Volunteers are needed to sort and label the electronic jpg files. Contact an officer (Sue, John, Justina, Luke) if you are willing to volunteer!
- Transferring the archives to electronic format is a huge undertaking and requires significant organization. If you drop off files/equipment/etc. to the Team Locker, PLEASE notify Sue Wilcox so we can maintain organization/tracking of the archives/equipment. Thanks!

FWC GRANT – COMMITTEE NEEDED!

- The contract will be finalized soon and we will begin grant work as soon as the contract paperwork is final!
- We need folks to help with the Grant Committee. If you would like to be part of the grant committee, please contact Katie Bizub (fluffycheese14@yahoo.com / 352.281.7790) and/or Sue Wilcox (904.612.7806 / sue.m.wilcox@usace.army.mil).

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- **We also have an immediate need for volunteers to assist with: Monitoring Grant, Archives, and 2015 Artificial Reef Summit.**
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UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

- August 8 – Captain’s Meeting for the Lionfish Rodeo
- August 9 – 2nd Annual Northeast Florida Lionfish Rodeo (<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-northeast-florida-lionfish-rodeo-tickets-11810301931>)
- **August 20 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at the Beaches Library, Conference Room. Speaker: tbd
- August 31 – Abstracts due for the 2015 Florida Artificial Reef Summit (<https://www.flseagrant.org/fisheries/artificialreefs/summit/call-abstracts-ar-summit/>)
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2ND ANNUAL NORTHEAST FLORIDA LIONFISH RODEO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014

Beach Marine (Nippers Beach Grille), Jacksonville Beach, FL

Mandatory Captain's meeting, Friday, Aug. 8th (7pm)

**Most Lionfish: \$1000, Largest: \$500,
Smallest: \$250**

(Additional Prizes to be announced)

Entry Fee: \$ 35 per diver (teams of two)...includes a T-shirt.

Website: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-north-florida-lionfish-rodeo-tickets-11810301931>

or contact: Walt Quinn: waltquinn@comcast.net

**Sponsors: REEF, FWC, UNF, DSAJ, Nippers,
Beach Marine, Atlantic Pro Dive, Slingfish,
Scuba Tiger.**

This is a charity event and all revenue will benefit the DSAJ (Down Syndrome Assoc. of Jacksonville) & REEF.

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Training Update: (John Perkner)

- Expedition dive tentatively scheduled for September.
- Trainees need cards and insured instructor to complete expedition dive. Discussion of charter options in the area.
- May have to redo CPR/First Aid Certification, investigating options.
- Equipment: Mike K. has some dive equipment needed for expedition.

Archives: (Sue Wilcox)

- Pictures are currently in the process of being scanned. Volunteers are needed to sort and label the electronic jpg files. Contact an officer (Sue, John, Justina, Luke) if you are willing to volunteer!
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- JRRT members sorted through four boxes of paper duplicates and unnecessary paperwork.

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Sally Logan	

Guest Speaker: No speaker this month

Meeting Discussion:

- Volunteers are needed to man a booth at the Green Lion Festival (October 4th) and the Right Whale Festival (November 15th).
- Monitoring grant – only 3 team members have submitted paperwork. Team members need to submit paperwork to dive. We need divers to start the grant work.
- Artificial Reef Summit (January 2015)
 - We want as many JRRT members to attend as possible.
 - There was discussion of fundraisers to raise money to offset the cost of registration and lodging fees. Several fundraising ideas were discussed:
 - Donation Can at festivals
 - “Discover SCUBA”
Potential pools to use: Fletcher HS (Kurtz?), YMCA (Perkner)
 - Work at booths for City of Jax
The groups get the funds from tips.
Jim Davis will check with his contact to see if additional groups are needed for the Jax Beer Festival & see if we can get the JRRT on the list for future events.
 - 10% of sales donated to organization – restaurants/bars
Justina will check with restaurants (Chili’s, Nipper’s, other?)
Perkner will check with Table 1
Sue will check with Intuition

FLORIDA ARTIFICIAL REEF SUMMIT 2015 – January 14-16 in Clearwater, Florida

- We did not submit an abstract but plan to raise money for members to attend the meeting
- Fundraiser Ideas:
- Discovery Diving – John & Seth will look into YMCA/Fletcher pool availability
- Fundraiser nights: Bowling Night, Chili’s, California Pizza Kitchen, Nippers – Justina and Mike will look into options.
- Beerfest October 10-11: Beverage booth workers, donate tips to JRRT – Jim Davis will find out more information
- Sell dive gear at Right Whale Festival or put a jar out to raise funds.
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Right Whale Festival

- We will have a booth at the upcoming Right Whale Festival on November 15th at the Sea Walk Pavilion in Jacksonville Beach. Please contact Mike Kurtz if interested in helping out. **Kurtzmd221@yahoo.com**

Training Update: (John Perkner)

- Expedition dive tentatively scheduled for October.
- CPR cards arrived!
- Discussion of combining expedition dive and grant dives.
- Discussion of charter options in the area and different methods using GoPro for fish counts.

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- **October 15 – JRRT Monthly Meeting.** 6:30 pm at tbd. Speaker: tbd

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Upcoming Events 2014

- October 4th – Green Lion Festival – at Aardwolf Brewery in San Marco (<http://www.usgbcnf.org/greenlionfestival>)
- October 7 – REEF “Fishinar” – Playing in the Sandbox: Top 12 Sand Dwellers of the Caribbean (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
- November 4 – REEF “Fishinar” – That Face, That Face, That Wonderful Face! Top 12 Blennies of the Caribbean (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
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January 13-15 – Florida Artificial Reef Summit, Clearwater Beach
(<https://www.flseagrant.org/arsummit>)

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15 OCTOBER 2014
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
CRISPER'S @ THE ST. JOHNS TOWN CENTER

Attendees:

John Perkner, Vice President	Phil Harville
Luke Lawley, Treasurer	Andrea Leontiou
Justina Dacey, Secretary	Eric Nichols
Wanda Verne	Rich Verne

Guest Speaker: No Speaker

Introductions: John explained to new people what the team is about.

FLORIDA ARTIFICIAL REEF SUMMIT 2015 – January 14th-16th in Clearwater, Florida

- The team did not submit an abstract but plans to raise money for members to attend the summit.
- Early Registration ends October 21st!
- Fundraiser Ideas:
 - Table One or Whitey's Fish Camp Fundraiser Night
 - Breweries or a Bowling Fundraiser Night
 - John will look into VRBO for group accommodations versus staying at the Marriot where venue is.

FWC GRANT – COMMITTEE NEEDED!

- Contract finalized! Please turn in dive/safety paperwork if you would like to help with grant dives.
- We will be mapping two locations and conducting two fish counts at each location per season. Both locations have a max depth of 90 feet.
- We need folks to help with the Grant Committee. If you would like to be part of the grant committee, please contact Katie Bizub (fluffycheese14@yahoo.com / 352.281.7790) and/or Sue Wilcox (904.612.7806 / sue.m.wilcox@usace.army.mil).

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Training Update (John Perkner)

- Expedition dive tentatively scheduled for November 16th or 17th, weather dependent.
- Will meet first week in November to plan out the expedition.
- John will call Atlantic Pro Divers and Steve Park to set up diving dates.
- Will see if Sally can join to finish Advanced certification for some trainees.
- Discussion of charter options in the area and different methods using GoPro for fish counts.

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Upcoming Events 2014

- November 4 – REEF “Fishinar” – That Face, That Face, That Wonderful Face! Top 12 Blennies of the Caribbean (<http://www.reef.org/resources/fishinars>)
- November 8-9 – DUI Drysuit Demotour, Manatee Springs, Chiefland, FL (<http://www.dui-online.com/demo-tour/what-is-a-dui-demotour-event/>)
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19 NOVEMBER 2014
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
WHITEY'S FISH CAMP

Attendees:

John Perkner, Vice President	Kim Mann
Luke Lawley, Treasurer	Sally Logan
Justina Dacey, Secretary	

Guest Speaker: No Speaker

FLORIDA ARTIFICIAL REEF SUMMIT 2015 – January 14-16 in Clearwater, Florida

- An abstract was submitted; we will have a poster at meeting. Thanks to everyone who helped edit the poster!
- Early registration has ended. Team Members registered so far:
 - John Perkner, Justina Dacey
 - Luke Lawley, Kim Mann, Sally Logan – going to register

FUNDRAISER IDEAS:

- Table One – need enough people to be really worth it.
- Chili Cook-off at Whitey's Fish Camp. Open it to the public and have people compete for best chili. Advertise thru emails, facebook, other media outlets. Plan to host event in February after Artificial Reef Summit due to all the holiday events happening.
- Donations for Whitey's Fish Camp Christmas Boat Parade – make a nice display or a raffle. Come up with something to give, something dive related.
- Work with the Jax Zoo – Aqua Jax – contact Lucas Meers: Development Coordinator at Jax Zoo
- Go Fund Me – will look into.
- John will look into VRBO for group accommodations versus staying at the Marriot where the 2015 Artificial Reef Summit venue is located.

GRANT DIVE

- Plan to do at least one Fall Season Dive before the end of Fall Season (December 15th).
- Tentative Grant Dive Dates: December 6th or 7th, depending on the weather.
- Divers: John Perkner, Luke Lawley, Justina Dacey and invite newer advanced certified members Bradley Horvath, Ceff Ramirez, and Erich Nichols.
- Will make call the Wednesday before the dive weekend.

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Right Whale Festival

- We did not have a booth at festival due to mechanical issues with Mike's truck.

Training Update (John Perkner)

- November Expedition dive was cancelled due to weather.
- Due to seasonal weather conditions and everyone's schedules, planning to accomplish Expedition Dive the 1st or 2nd weekend in February in South Florida.
- John will setup VRBO accommodations and Sally will join to finish off trainees advanced certifications.
- Will see if other trainees (ones currently not present at meeting) are available either of those weekends.

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Next Meeting

- **December 13th – JRRT Holiday Boat Parade Social** at 6:30 pm at Whitey's Fish Camp

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- January 20 – JRRT Monthly Meeting. 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Library, Community Room B. Speaker: tbd

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- February 18 – JRRT Monthly Meeting. 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Library, Community Room B. Speaker: tbd
- March 18 – JRRT Monthly Meeting. 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Library, Community Room A. Speaker: tbd
- April 15 – JRRT Monthly Meeting. 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Library, Community Room A. Speaker: tbd

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13 DECEMBER 2014
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
WHITEY'S FISH CAMP