



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 PM
Babe's - 5614 Schroeder Road

Speaker: Tori Galloway

Tori Galloway is a graduate student at Indiana University completing degrees in Historical Archaeology and Earth and Atmospheric Science. She has attended several field projects with IU's Center for Underwater Science and Department of Anthropology, and has served as an intern for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Tori is currently working as a Maritime Archaeology Fellow with the Wisconsin Historical Society. She is most interested in submerged cultural heritage, community outreach, and public policy. She is an associate member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame and the Explorer's Club and a certified divemaster.

Presentation:

Indiana University has one of the oldest and largest academic diving programs in the country. From that program, students and researchers have been working to promote Living Museums of the Sea, a concept used to protect both the biological and cultural resources in areas that often do not otherwise practice conservation. From this concept, IU has paired with outside institutions to emphasize park development and sustainable use. Living Museums of the Sea have been heavily implemented in both the Dominican Republic and the Florida Keys, where students of all ages have the ability to train and do research. Because of these opportunities, students like Tori are able to gain experience in their prospective fields of underwater science, and as scientific divers.

Take a Stake in Our Waters 2019!

Our annual clean up dives in the local lakes are coming up! Please mark you calendars for the following dates:

May 11 at 9:00am, Lake Kegonsa, [Pleasant Springs boat launch](#)

May 12 at 9:00am, Lake Monona, [Yahara Park Place](#)

May 18 at 9:00am, Lake Monona, [Olin Park](#)

May 19 at 9:00am, Lake Waubesa, [McConnell Street boat launch](#)

June 2 at 10:00am, Lake Mendota, [Mendota County Park](#)

These clean up dives are a great opportunity to help the community and the environment, all while having fun with fellow divers! Everyone is invited, including non-divers (shore support is always helpful!). Please bring your dive flag if you will be diving. We will also have our annual picnic after the dive on June 2. The club will provide brats and burgers, please bring a dish to pass if you plan on attending!



Liveaboard Tips

By Brad Acker

Liveaboard diving makes for a great scuba vacation. You get on a boat and it takes you to some of the best sites in the world. You only unpack and haul your heavy equipment once, and then you can settle in to good food, relaxing, and lots of great diving.

On the other hand, you'll be stuck in a relatively small area with about a dozen other divers for up to a week at a time. Here are some random tips accumulated from past experiences and reading on the Interweb to make liveaboard diving enjoyable and hassle-free.

Packing and Prep

Hard-shell luggage will waste space in a tiny room. Instead, pack your gear in luggage that will collapse down.

Put your name on all your gear and camera chargers. Assume others dive the same brand of gear as you.

Small mesh bags—like what we use for Take a Stake cleanup dives—are great for preventing your small gear from getting misplaced.

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Bring a couple carabiners and line for securing your swimsuit on a railing to dry between dives. Pack several so you don't have to change into a wet swimsuit.

Bring cash from home for tips. Don't count on ATMs to work, or even that there is one on the island. For tips, US dollars are welcome anywhere in the world.



Travel and dive insurance is very cheap compared to the cost of an emergency overseas.

Equipment can be heavier coming home if still damp, so pack with a pound or two to spare for the trip home.

Dive Tips

Don't skip the night dives! The life is different and more active at night.

Do weight checks and practice getting your buoyancy right, so you can hold steady without flailing and running into the coral or other divers.

Bring signaling devices on every dive: at least a light, safety sausage, compass, and signal mirror. These can easily fit into a BCD pocket.

General Diving Etiquette

Know the correct bucket for rinsing your snotty mask and peed-in wetsuit. (Hint: it's probably not the one with cameras in it.)

Pay attention to the boat and dive briefings, so you know where to find the pretty fish, and how to not have to be rescued. The briefing isn't a good time for distracting side conversations.

A rule Lisa told me: if you were the one to find the creature, you can gawk and photograph it as long as you want—it's your find. If someone else pointed it out, briefly admire it and let everyone else have a chance to see it.

Even if you actually are an amazing world-famous expert diver, keep your ego in check. Refrain from unsolicited scuba advice—not everyone appreciates it.

I hope you find a few points of the above unsolicited advice helpful. Do you have other dive tips? Send them to the editor for next month's newsletter!

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