



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 7:30 PM

Cranefield's—VFW Post 1318 - 133 E. Lakeside St., Madison, WI 53715

Social event!

We are still trying out new venues while we search for a new home for the 4LSC meetings. This month we will meet at Cranefield's (VFW Post 1318) located at 133 E. Lakeside Street. We have the main meeting room across from the bar reserved. Please order your own food and drinks at the bar. As usual, the board will get together at 6:30 and all are welcome to join in the discussion.

There is no speaker for February, so we will meet and have a fun social gathering instead! We do have access to a TV there, so please feel free to bring any diving photos or videos you would like to share with the group in a more informal way.

In The News

Choral Reefs

Recent research suggests that playing the sounds of healthy coral reefs with an underwater loudspeaker could trigger rejuvenation of the reef. Playing fish-friendly tunes increased the number of fish species by 50% in an area of dead coral. [[The Happy Broadcast](#)]

Great Lake Cleanup

Milwaukee planned over \$29 million to clean up the estuary. Contaminated sediment from 30 years of manufacturing will be removed, eliminating heavy metals, PCBs, and PAHs. [[WPR](#)]

History Diver

Wisconsin Life on PBS recently featured Tamara Thomsen and her work with shipwrecks. It's a very interesting feature—check it out [here](#).

Out of the Blue, Into the Black

PBS recently had a documentary on cave diving in the cenotes in Mexico. The show is available to view online at the link below. It has beautiful footage of the caves and is worth a watch. [[PBS](#)]

+ *Ancient Caves*, a documentary about exploration into the earth to unlock the secrets of the planet's climate history, premieres on March 13 in the Twin Cities. Several Madison-area divers are planning to travel up to see it. [[Info](#)]

Safety Is No Accident

After recent tragedies with fires on liveaboard boats, PADI has come up with some updated safety considerations. [[PADI](#)]

PFA Gourmet

Recent testing has shown elevated levels of chemicals in large mouth bass, northern pike, walleye, yellow perch, and bluegill caught in Lake Monona and Starkweather Creek. The Department of Health Services advises limited consumption of these fish. [[WPR](#)]

Island Fever and Rash

If you don't already have enough reasons to get vaccinated, here's one more: the Solomon Islands now requires proof of measles vaccination to enter the country. This comes in response to a recent measles outbreak on neighboring island Samoa, where more than 2% of the population was infected. [[RNZ](#)]

WANTED: Speakers for 2020

Do you have some great pictures or video from a recent trip? Do you know someone with interesting dive experiences? If so, you're in luck—we have openings to present in 2020!

Presentations do not need to be long or formal, and club members are always welcome to volunteer to present! If you're interested in giving a presentation yourself, or if you have ideas on topics you would like to learn more about, please speak up at the next meeting or contact one of the club officers.