



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 7:30 PM

Hop Haus (Fitchburg Location) - 2975 Sub-Zero Parkway, Fitchburg, WI 53719

Speaker: Maya Gomez

Maya Gomez (she/her) is an aspiring coral reef ecologist and conservationist. She spent most of her childhood in water, splitting the time between Madison's lakes and highly chlorinated pools. She began swimming competitively at the age of 4 and continued through college. She graduated from Middlebury College (in Vermont) in Spring of 2020, with a BA in Biology and Spanish. Maya now works as a Research Assistant at the Perry Institute for Marine Science. Much of her work focuses on ex situ data collection and analysis in order to better understand and monitor coral reefs in the Bahamas. When in the field, Maya often does Atlantic and Gulf Rapid Reef Assessments (AGRRA), which involve quite a bit of coral and algae identification. She hopes to return to the field in July or August to get involved with some coral spawning work. Maya also hopes to attend graduate school in the fall of 2022 to continue studying to coral reef ecology and conservation.

Important Note: This Wednesday the Bucks will be playing in the NBA Finals during our meeting, so Hop Haus may be more busy than normal. Also, like most restaurants right now, they are not fully staffed. Please keep this in mind during our meeting! You may want to arrive early and put your food order in right away. Your patience is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Dive, Eat, Float 2021 Update

Good news! We will be able to do our annual Dive, Eat, Float on Saturday, July 31st. If you plan to dive in Redgranite Quarry, you are **required** to fill out the registration form attached in this newsletter. This form can be brought to our meeting on Wednesday or must be mailed to our event coordinator at:

Dive, Eat, Float
N249 County Road JJY
Wautoma, WI 54982

All registration forms must be received by July 23.

For new club members who are unfamiliar with this event, it is a full day of fun! First we dive at Redgranite Quarry. This former quarry has now been turned into a swimming and diving destination. There is a sunken boat, jet ski, and garden gnomes in the water. After the dive we have a potluck lunch at club member Randy's home. Then we go tubing down the Mekan River.

Exact times to be announced shortly!

Location: Red Granite Quarry. [Directions.](#)

What to bring: If diving, bring your own gear; Dive flags are required. If coming to the potluck, bring your own entree for the grill, bring a dish to pass, your own beverage, and a chair. If floating down the Mekan River, bring a floatation tube. FYI: the Mekan is shallow and rocky in certain locations: bring a sturdy tube and appropriate footwear!

Want to dive and not float? Or do you want to just eat and relax on the river? No problem! You can show up and leave at any time during the day.

Please let us know if you have questions!

Election Results

In June the club had elections for the club officers. Here are the results:

President: Brad

Vice President: Ellen

Secretary: Nikki

Treasurer: Mary

Safety Officer: Gayle

Social Media Editor: Lisa

Newsletter Editor: Nikki

Event Photographer: Randy

Congratulations to all of our officers!

Upcoming Dives—Mark Your Calendars

- July 31: Dive, Eat, Float at Redgranite Quarry
- August 8: Devil's Lake
- August 28: Lake Wazee
- October 3: Yahara River Clean-up

In the News

[NOAA Designates New National Marine Sanctuary in Wisconsin's Lake Michigan](#) (NOAA)

[Dane County Regional Airport Announces American Airlines New Non-Stop Service to Miami](#) (Aviation Pros)

[Dark Fish: Ninety-five per cent of world's fish hide in mesopelagic zone](#) (Kottke.org)

[National Speleological Society Virtual Convention July 26-31](#) (National Speleological Society)

[Check out Diveheart's song!](#) (Diveheart)



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Village of Redgranite Quarry Park

This Certifies that

Quarry Diving Permit #2020-

has been issued to (name(s):

Four Lakes SCUBA Club (Madison, WI):

Date of Dive: 31 July 2021

Beginning Time of Dive: 09:00

Ending Time of Dive: 13:30

Date

Signature of Village Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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