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This Month's Meeting

Online Meeting Through Zoom

Wednesday, June 10, 7:00pm

[Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 844 5371 9024, Password: 543832

Once again, the club will be unable to meet in person this month. However, in more promising news, we do seem to be on track to possibly have club events or a regular meeting soon. As always, keep an eye on our Facebook page, emails, and newsletters for the latest information. And please join us for a cocktail social hour this Wednesday night!



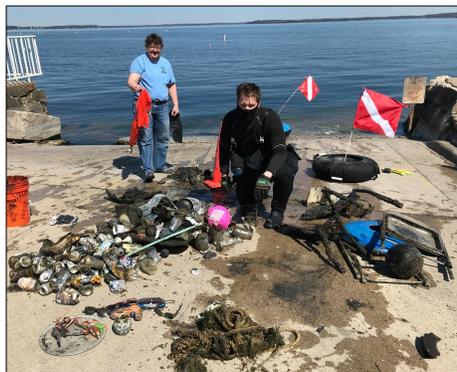
Lake Street Cleanup

By Brad Acker

Because of the pandemic, a number of Four Lakes Scuba members have taken advantage of the quiet downtown to clean up an area of Lake Mendota between the Memorial Union and Langdon Street. This location has a ramp for easy access, is about 10 feet deep, and has a stunning amount of garbage just under the surface. It's been a real opportunity to make a difference during this time.

Groups have been going out from here and bringing back full bags and floats over the past couple months, and unfortunately there's still a lot of garbage to be found. Most of the trash seems to be cans, bottles, drinking cups, pitchers, sunglasses, and Union trays. Some of the more interesting finds include a lot of skateboards, three bowling balls, dice, cell phones, an underwater "water pipe," and two anchors. We've also found several wallets, and have even reunited several with their owners.

Visibility has been spectacular in Mendota recently, and is just beginning to start getting worse. If you dive there, know that boat traffic is starting to pick up again and parking will be more difficult now that it's enforced. Be sure to bring all the bags you can!



In the News

Conception Reflection

Check out [this fascinating talk](#) by Ken Kurtis about the *Conception* fire last year. Hopefully with the lessons being learned we can avoid tragedies like this in the future, and you can also learn what to look for on your future liveaboard trips.

It's Electric!

Check out [this mesmerizing video](#) of dolphins swimming through bioluminescent algae off of California. Bonus [glow-in-the-dark surfing](#).

Operation Restoration

While tourists are away from the Great Barrier Reef due to COVID-19, scuba operators are [busy restoring the coral reefs](#).

Under Pressure

[Several research studies](#) are attempting to study whether hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) could benefit COVID-19 recovery. Who knows, maybe divers have been on to something all along....

Your Article Could Be Here!

We are always looking for contributions to the newsletter! Please send your trip reports, articles, photos, etc. to news@fourlakesscubaclub.org.

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