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Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter

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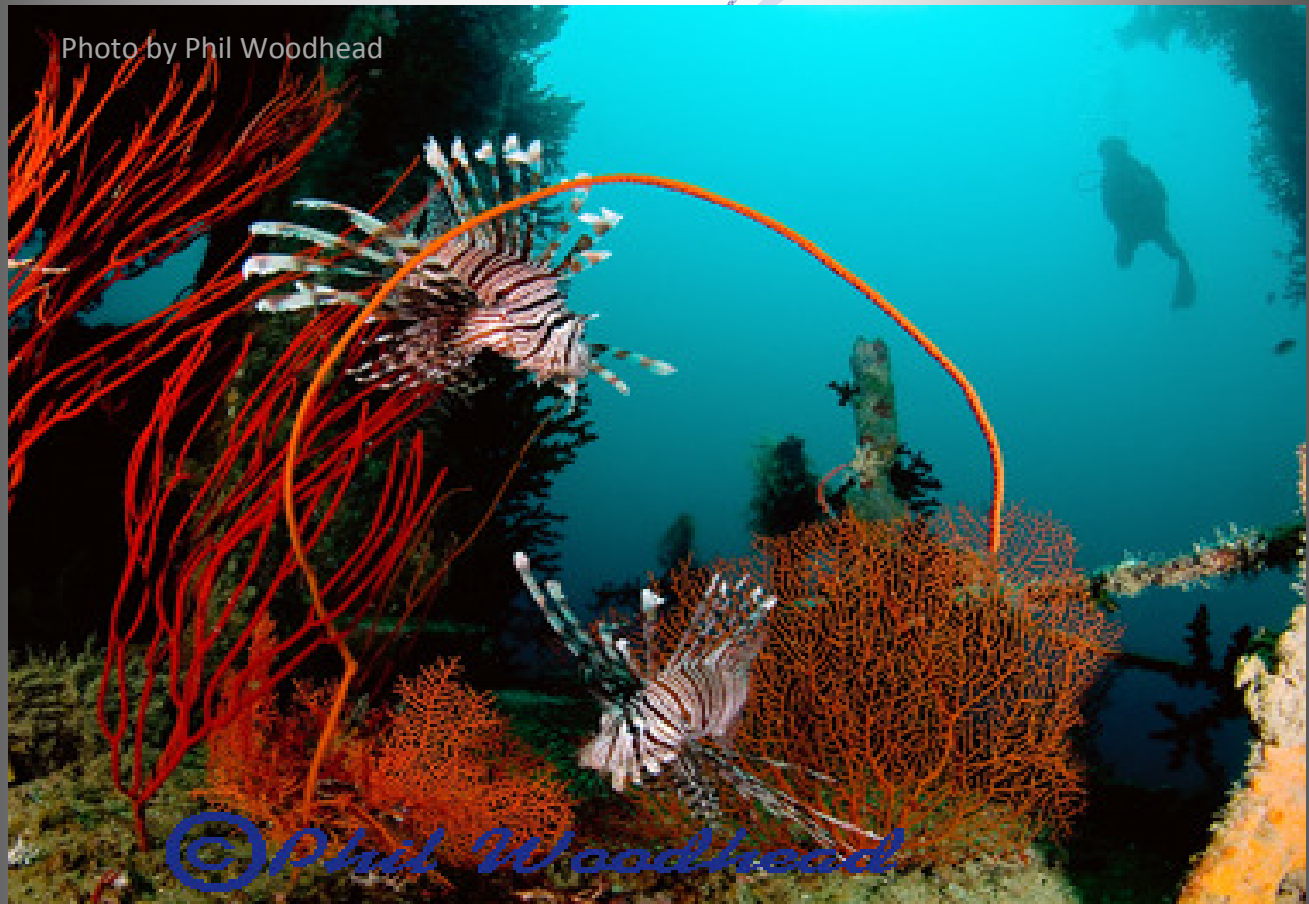


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Dive Trips
Club Meetings
Guest Speakers
Trip Reports

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TUSA Dive, Deep Sea Divers Den, Reef Magic Cruises, Mike Ball Dive Expeditions,
Cairns SCUBA Air, Calypso Reef Cruises, Poseidon Cruises



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November Club Meeting

Wed 30 November, 2011

Cairns Marine Radio Club
MacNamara St, Cairns
7.15 pm start with a BBQ

To start with.... Solomon Is trip
SLIDESHOW from Eden... then

Guest Speaker

Samuel Vermey

Cave Diving

Samuel is a local who seeks out dive sites that are NEVER subject to high winds !!! Caves... mine shafts... bath tubs ??? And MORE !!!

*Club Raffle... trip for 2 on TUSA 6
Drawn on the night !*



Photo by Rob Beaman

Monthly Club Dive

Can vary... but often one of the first Sundays each month...

Calypso, Port Douglas

Date: Sun 11th December, 2011

Where: Port Douglas

Cost: \$150 for 3 dives

INCLUDES bus transport from Cairns and back again PLUS hot finger food and your first drink at the Port Douglas Yacht Club after the dive

Booking...

Deposit your hard earned cash into the Nautilus Club

Bendigo BSB 633-000

Acct No: 1136 25982

Reference: "Your name"

Email confirmation to Chrys at

divecoordinator@nautilus-scuba.net

Cc your email to Alison at

allyazza@internode.on.net

Cut off Date: Wed 30 November, 2011



Image by Calypso Dive

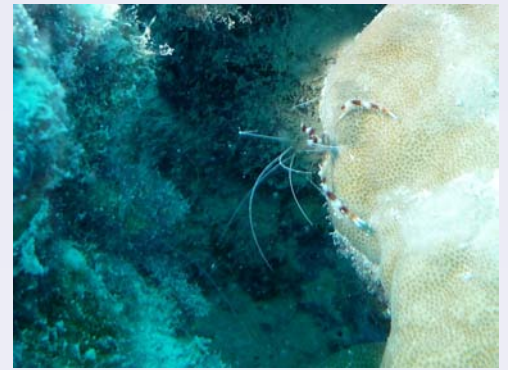
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November Day Trip Report

Reef Magic, Cairns

Sun 6th November, 2011



Photos & text by Rick Evans

Saw the club dive to Moore Reef advertised in the newsletter and thought that since I had not had the opportunity to do a dive for 5 months (may sound funny but was too busy with work and holidays) I decided to take this opportunity to re-immense myself plus take the opportunity to meet some of our members while actually diving. On my holiday I did take up the offer to do some snorkelling in Alaska but just not the same as diving on the Great Barrier Reef.

Joined Reef Magic not knowing the only other member booked on this trip and was wondering how I would meet up with him. As luck would have it I overheard Albert talking to one of the crew – so I took this opportunity to introduce myself, sat down and started to get to know Albert a bit more. We decided to buddy up for each dive only to later find out that Reef Magic has a standing requirement for a company dive master to be in charge of each dive – thus no going off by ourselves. Regardless of losing our independence we decided to do all 3 dives offered and would still buddy up within the group.

Our first dive was a drop off by the tender to the Pinnacle and Pressure Point with 5 divers and 2 dive masters – all keeping an eye on each other. We charged around with the dive master who was trying to show the tourists everything that he knew that lived in that area – not really conducive to photography. Several times I found myself chasing after everyone as they disappeared into the distance – except Albert who was trying to keep them and myself in sight – thanks Albert. Saw large schools of surgeonfish, snapper, trevally and sweetlips, I was surprised at the masses of sea life in this area.

Second dive was in the Lagoon near the pontoon – this dive was much more relaxed with only Albert, myself and 2 dive masters (must have thought that they really needed to keep an eye on us). Had more chances to take some photos on this dive and there were a lot of things to see and try to photograph. We saw several nudibranchs, file fish, Harlequin sweetlip and many other fish. Albert also found a cleaner shrimp for me to photograph – thanks Albert. We found that most of the fish were basically camped under or near the pontoon.

A quick lunch and I mean quick – Albert barely had time to finish his, and we were gearing up for our third dive for the day. The 3rd dive was another tender drop off to the Pressure Point. The abundance of large fish in this location was just amazing there were schools of snapper, surgeonfish, trevally, sweetlips and emperors. On this dive I saw the largest coral trout that I have ever seen – it was massive, well over a metre and very well fed by the look of it.



In summary an interesting area to dive in with lots to look at however, if you want to do some photography, arrange your dive buddies prior to the trip.

Rick Evans



Spirit of Freedom

14 Day Far Northern Exploratory Trip

Mon 23rd January to Mon 6th February 2012

10% Discount for Nautilus Members booking directly with TUSA

www.spiritoffreedom.com.au

Ocean View Deluxe Cabin	\$9790pp (less 10% \$8810)
Ocean View Standard Cabin	\$8890pp (less 10% \$8000)
Quad Share Cabin	\$6490pp (less 10% \$5840)

Plus gear hire, nitrox fills and alcohol



Bookings: Spirit of Freedom ph: 4047 9150

Or TUSA Dive Shop 4047 9120

Photos by www.spiritoffreedom.com.au



Rigo's Birthday

*What a Startee to this great party
Canapés Galore are in store
Drinks, lights, music and we are on the floor
Flash mob moves, full on grooves
Music fills the night
Rigo looks on in delight
Groovin on, oh what a great sight
Time for a dip under a full moon lit night
Thanks Rigo
“Oh what a night” as the song goes*

By Andrew Bristoe

Club Member Information



- ⇒ Any advertising for the newsletter will need to be presented at a Committee Meeting (once per month) for approval
- ⇒ Early Bird Membership renewal cut-off date will be 31 July yearly
- ⇒ Nautilus Club Policies and Rules can be found on the club website

Any questions, do not hesitate to contact Committee Members

... details available on the website

<http://www.nautilus-scuba.net/>



Photo by Janet Smith



Club Member Information

There will be no Club Meeting in December.....

Next meeting is **NEXT Wednesday 30 Nov, 2011**

and then Wed 25 January, 2012

Keep an eye on the website for details of club dives and activities....

<http://www.nautilus-scuba.net/>



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Have a happy and safe December / January...



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