



# Lunarfins Scuba Club

## Paul Cater Deaton

### January 21st.

### TOMORROW, THE MARA —

### Kenya and Zanzibar from Under the Bubbles and Up in the Air

Fourteen flights, countless vans, three dive boats, an electric Land Rover and one hot air balloon carry documentary filmmaker Paul Cater Deaton to Kenya and Zanzibar for adventures high and low. First, there's diving off the coast of Kenya, then visiting the sprawling cities of Nairobi and Mombasa. Flying to the Maasai Mara, on the northern tip of the Serengeti, PCD visits a Maasai village, films the Mara from a hot air balloon and sees first-hand what Toto meant about the rains down in Africa. Then it's off to Zanzibar, birthplace of Freddie Mercury, to dive surprisingly healthy reef systems in the Indian Ocean.

### PAUL CATER DEATON

Filmmaker/Adventurer Paul Cater Deaton has come face-to-face with packs of tiger sharks in open water. He has climbed to the summit of Mt. Sinai to catch the sunrise. Three times. He has seen the Southern Cross from the Sulu Sea and sipped coffee in the shadow of the Great Pyramids. He made history on a film shoot in Cuba, and filmed the mysterious "Crystal Maiden" of Belize.

Often accompanied by the underwater and adventure travel films he has produced during his many global expeditions, PCD has thrilled audiences around the world for 30 years. His easy-going manner and quick wit, paired with research and preparation, make him highly sought-after as a featured speaker and master of ceremonies.

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**Lunarfins Board Meetings**  
are held every other month on the 2nd Thursday of the Month. Our next meet will be on **Jan. 9** if you want to attend contact Brion Saathoff at [brionsaathoff@icloud.com](mailto:brionsaathoff@icloud.com) > before 7:00 PM. on day of meeting to get the zoom access code.

**It will be a ZOOM Meeting**

*If you have an item to bring before the board, contact any board member to get on the agenda.*

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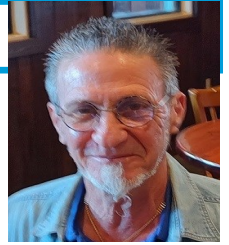
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Brion Saathoff,  
Cathy Strahan,  
Justin Wallace,  
Peggy Widaman



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## Lunarfin's President's Notes



Hello, my Lunarfin's family,

The holiday season is upon us, which is a very busy time of the year and it puts many of us in the air and on the road, so I wish safe travels for all of you, I would also like to wish everybody a happy and safe Thanksgiving may your turkeys be plump and your desserts be plentiful.

We are had a really good meeting for November. Last count. We had 27 people that attended in person. I was very happy to see all of you. Thank you so much for making this such a great Club. We could not do it without all of you..

I would like to thank Jim Rittenhoff from Force Blue, "One team one fight" Jim gave us a great presentation and a lot of insight into the awesome job that Force Blue does for our Warriors and marine conservation. We have included links to the videos and QR codes if anybody is interested in helping support this amazing organization or if you would like to know more about what they do. Thank you, Jim. You were awesome.

I would also like to thank our guests for coming to see what we are about.

We had Jenny, Wes, and TJ Seal. TJ talked to us about the Sea Scouts - ship eagle 1503 and gave us information on how we can help to support their organization, if you have any children or grandchildren that might be interested we have included the information in the newsletter.

We also had three of Jessica Lee's students that just became open water divers. **Congratulations** to: Vinh Pham, Felix Arwin, and Alexis Gangame.

I would also like to welcome our newest members: **Sonny and Johnnie King**, Sonny has been diving over 60 years. If you get a chance to talk to him, he has some amazing stories about the flower gardens before everybody knew there was a flower gardens. Also, we have **Dylan Huss**, Alexis Gangame and **Felix Arwen**. It is great to have all of you in the family.

I am looking forward to seeing everybody at the Christmas party December 1 at 5 PM at the Opus Ocean Grille: the details are in the newsletter. Opus is an upscale restaurant so please wear your Sunday Best.

We will be having a gift exchange if you want to participate, please bring a gift of around a \$20 value no gag gifts please. We are taking nominations for Diver of the Year. You can email a nominating letter to either JaVan or Myself. Our emails are in the newsletter. We will be voting at the Christmas party and recognize our Diver of the Year at that time.

Also, we will not be having a social in January as we have the Gulf Coast Council of Clubs, awards banquet. The details of that are in the newsletter. I hope to see everyone there. It is a good event to where the clubs intermingle and get to know each other better. Also, that's where we will be awarding the Lunarfin's diver of the year plaque.

There is one more thing before I quit tugging on your ears. We have outgrown our space at South Shore Grille, I really love the venue there and they have treated us very kindly with great food and great service and I'm sad that we have to find a larger meeting room but I am so happy to see the club growing and more young people joining our ranks to carry on with our philosophy of promoting the sport of scuba diving and marine conservation.

I have asked Dennis Deavenport to help me put together a Google forms to give the membership a chance to vote on a new location. So far the only one we have found that has been satisfactory and we have not had to pay a fee to use is Spring Creek barbecue. If anybody has any other ideas, they can either email me at [brionsaathoff@iCloud.com](mailto:brionsaathoff@iCloud.com) or you can write it in on the Google forms when we get them sent out. It does not necessarily have to be a restaurant, as when we were at Clear Lake Park people would eat before the meeting or a group of us would eat after the meeting and that is the same thing we do at HUPS. But the venue does need to be semi quiet and fairly large. I am looking forward to everybody's response.

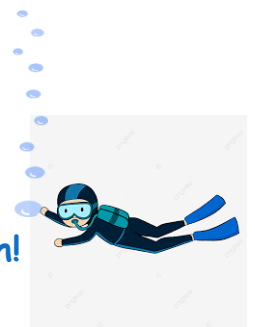
We will get this sent out as soon as possible and try to get something arranged before our January meeting. Have a Thanksgiving and a safe one.

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party, for those who can't make it. I will see you next year.

Blessings to all of you.

Fins up,

Brion Saathoff.



**Happy Birthday! to anyone that has a birthday this month!**  
**May your day be wonderful!**



## Events Calendar

(Tentative plans)

**Jan. 1st** —



**Jan. 21st** — **General Meeting Paul Cater Deaton** —  
**TOMORROW, THE MARA** —Kenya and Zanzibar  
from Under the Bubbles and Up in the Air

**Jan. 25st** — **TGCC Banquet** — **Bayland Community**—  
**11am** (get tickets from *Ja Van Pruett*) —*P. 5*

**Feb. 14th** — **Happy Valentines** ❤️

**Feb. 15th** — **Lunarfins Get-Together** — *P. 4*

**Feb. 18th** — **General Meeting** — **Jennifer Opiela-  
Miksch** — Treasure of Coos Island

**Mar. 15th** — **Lunarfins Get-Together** — *P. 15*

**Mar. 17th** — **St. Patrick's Day** 🍀🍀🍀

**Mar. 18th** — **General Meeting** — **Dennis Deavenport** —  
Siren Song—A Modern Greek Tragedy

**Apr. 15th** — **General Meeting** — **Justin Wallace &  
Scott Singleton** — “Extreme Pacific -Truk Wrecks &  
Outer Atolls of French Polynesia

### Membership

**2024 Membership dues are  
now being accepted** from  
**April 1st, 2024 to March 31st  
2025**

“The renewal form and dues  
payment is required as soon as  
possible prior to April 1.

Please bring the form (below) to  
the next meeting or mail it in.

Please fill in all fiANelds  
completely so that records can  
be verified this time around.

Don't forget to check your  
interest (s) and if you want to  
be included in the directory.

#### Membership Application

<https://www.lunarfins.com/>



#### ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Brion Saathoff
Vice President	Ja Van Pruett
Secretary	Frances Boutin
Treasurer	Cathy Strahan
Social Director	Mike Peters

#### APPOINTED

Media Manager	Dennis Deavenport
Training information	Jessica Lee
Trip information	PJ Campagna
	Jessica Lee
TGCC Representative	Tom Burns
Advisor	Dennis Deavenport
Advisor	PeeWee Dwire
Advisor	Mike Peters
Newsletter	Ja Van Pruett
Website	Tom Burns

Do you have  
any ideas for  
event or

Topics for  
Speakers for  
2025?

Please share  
them with  
any of our  
officers.



## Our General Meeting — South Shore Grille

**Be sure to check out their menu**

<https://soshoregrille.com/league-city-south-shore-grille-food-menu>

**January 21st., 6:00 pm**

**Come at 6 pm—and order, 6:30—announcements & social**

**Speakers start at 7:00 pm —will be a ZOOM presentation**

**2800 Marina Bay Dr. League City TX 77573**

## **Lunarfin’s Raffle — Let’s Make Some Money**

**Lunarfin’s will be offering raffle items at meetings.** Tickets will be very reasonable and the items raffled off will be interesting and worth having. Cathy Strahan has also donated several gifts.

Each month will be a great item and you never know till you come and see what you can pick from what we are offering. Bring a few extra dollars to the meeting to help Lunarfin’s make some money.

*Your friendly Board of Directors*



## **Lunarfin’s Get-to-gather**

### **Mediterraneo Market & Café**

**Feb. 15th. 2:00 pm**

**1400 NASA Road 1 Unit D, Nassau Bay, TX 77058**

**Please RSVP — Mike Peters (we need 15 members)**

**@281-481-9091**

**Greek eats, wine & beer**

**(Paul Cater Deaton — Continued from P. 1**

**Career Highlights:**

Multiple award-winning documentary filmmaker who has shot on six continents over a career spanning 40 years.

National Fellow in The Explorers Club, Member of the Television Academy.

Principal Underwater Cinematographer and part of the Emmy Award nominated cinematography team for Season 25 Premiere of The Amazing Race.

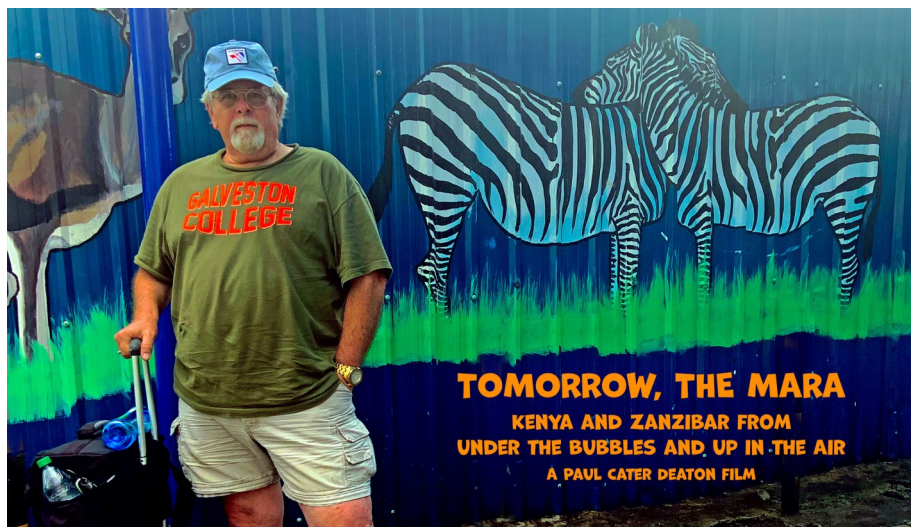
**Internationally published writer.**

His work has been seen on HBO Documentaries, The Discovery Channel, The Travel Channel, The Amazing Race, Animal Planet, National Geographic, Warner Brothers, Nickelodeon, ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, BBC, CMT and MTV, Comedy Central, and at the United Nations, among others.

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# About our Members

## Prayers are Needed

### Peggy Widaman

Peggy lives in Ft. Worth, and comes down every year for our Christmas party. Her brother was Randy Widaman, he passed away in 2021. There is a reef named after him. We need prayers for Peggy, on December 22, 2023 she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon Cancer, it took 3 months to get her started on Chemo. Then her doctor took her off Chemo and they wanted her to go into Hospice. Peggy, she would not take that sitting down, she got an appointment with M.D. Anderson in the Woodlands and her new doctor put her back on a lower dose of chemo that she started taking the in Ft. Worth, on 16th of September, she now has been taken off Chemo. Peggy came to Houston to have the doctors go over the results of the Chemo, Her Cancer has spread, she now has 3 kinds of Cancer. She started with Colon, now she Lungs and Bones. On Monday the 25th she was supposed to start her 3rd round of Chemo, they cancelled it due to she was too sick to receive it. So please continue praying for her. We are hoping she and Billie will be joining us for our Christmas Party. Just not sure at this point.



On the Left : Johnnie King (new member), Ja Van Pruett (me), PeeWee Dwire

On the right: Sonny King (new member), Peggy Widaman, Billie Williams

## Up Coming Events:

### TGCC Awards Banquet

January 25th, 11 am

Bayland Community Center

6400 Bissonnet St.

Houston, TX 77074

**Tickets? Contact Ja Van Pruett**

### TGCC Awards Programs

One of the purposes and objectives of TGCC, as specified in the TGCC Constitution, is to “provide recognition for outstanding contributors to the dive community”. TGCC accomplishes this through its various Awards Programs, which are designed to “promote education in the dive community” and to “encourage, coordinate and promote cooperation” among divers and member clubs. The TGCC 1st Vice President normally oversees these programs, which are defined in the TGCC Bylaws and its Attachments. These awards are typically presented at the annual TGCC Awards Banquet.

**Members of the Year** – for each club will be Recognize an individual for work done for TGCC and/or the dive community.

**Neptune Award** – A point based individual award based upon events.



# Meet our Guest



**Felix Arwen**  
NASA Contractor



**Dylan Huss**  
NASA Contractor



**Alexis Gangeme**  
NASA Contractor



**Jenny, Wes and TJ**  
Sea Scouts



**Vinh Pham**  
NASA Contractor



# Meet our New Members



**Felix Arwen**  
NASA Contractor



**Alexis Gangeme**  
NASA Contractor



**Dylan Huss**  
NASA Contractor



**Sonny and Johnnie King**

Sonny has been diving over 60 years

# About our Members Congratulations!!

**Paul Cater Deaton**



Great news coming out of Las Vegas today! Arrived at [DEMA Show](#) to find that my article about [Nemo's Garden](#) is in the latest edition of [Ocean Geographic](#)!! Thanks to [Emilio Mancuso](#) and [Steve Luchon](#) for adding your photos! Together, we nailed it!

# About our Members Congratulations!!

**Paul Cater Deaton**



**Current Situation: Ground-breaking of Texas A&M University Space Institute at**

[NASA's Johnson Space Center.](#)

Got a text this morning from Capt. "Atlas" Boynton, of the USAF F-16 Viper Demonstration Team, letting me know that we made the front page of their outreach page. That's my arm in the left side of the photo. Guess I'll have to get an agent now...

Kidding aside, we were proud to be there. Outreach is what it's all about for all of our groups.



# About our Members (Continued)

## Dennis Deavenport – Brazil

Amazon Rainforest, large tropical rainforest occupying the drainage basin of the Amazon River and its tributaries in northern South America and covering an area of 2,300,000 square miles (6,000,000 square km). Comprising about 40 percent of Brazil's total area, it is bounded by the Guiana Highlands to the north, the Andes Mountains to the west, the Brazilian central plateau to the south, and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.

[A great adventure for \(6\) fishermen total a good group of guys all have had incredible careers and enjoying life](#)



On the leaderboard. A 12-pound lunker after stinking it up for four days. Visions of blind squirrels and acorns running through my mind.

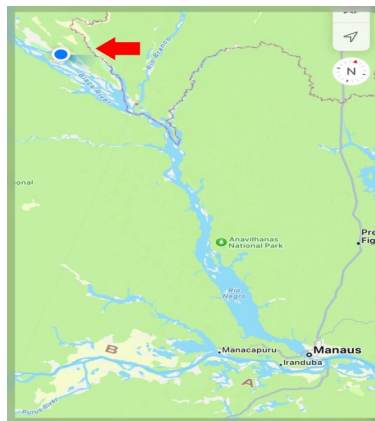
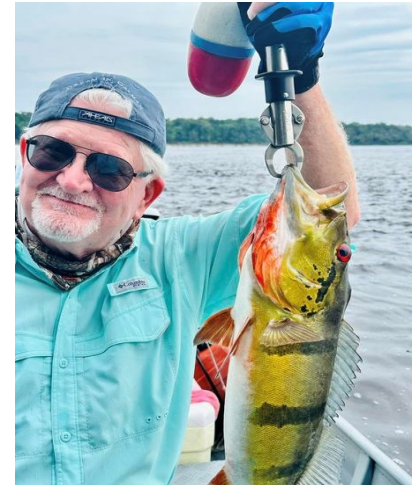
I was just looking at the chewed-up fins and tail on this fish. The bass and the piranhas are in a battle to the death in the Rio Negro.

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## Dennis Deavenport - Brazil



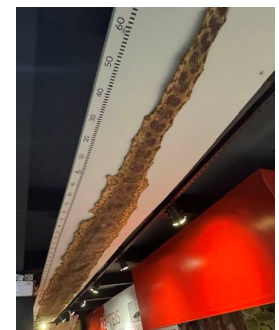
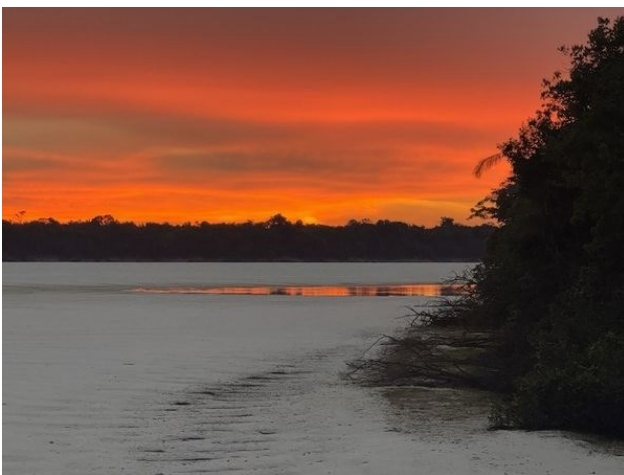
**Day 7** - Back on the river early AM with a new fishing guide. Paul was so kind to swap guides with us given he caught 107 fish yesterday. The strategy worked our boat is at 26 total fish caught this morning before 11:30. Dennis caught a huge 12-pound Peacock Bass, and I snagged a Caiman in the head above the eye. The Caiman put up a huge fight before snapping the line. Today all the boats met on the shore for a shore lunch of fresh Peacock Bass. The fish doesn't get any fresher. Our final catch for the day was 34 fish, it was a good day.



**Day 8** - It was a slow fishing day today and our boat only caught 12 fish total. Tomorrow is our last day fishing. On Tuesday we fly via charter seaplane back to Manaus, then fly home Wednesday. It was my birthday today and the hostess on the mother-ship had a cake made and all sang happy birthday.

Left front to back: Peter, Greg and Kerry (Buck)

Right front to back: Paul, Dennis and Perry



Consider what this **anaconda** might have looked like before being skinned and stapled to the ceiling.

# About our Members (Continued)

## Stanley Fontento

Getting ready to start my cavern training. Looking forward to getting wet.



## Bob Sanders

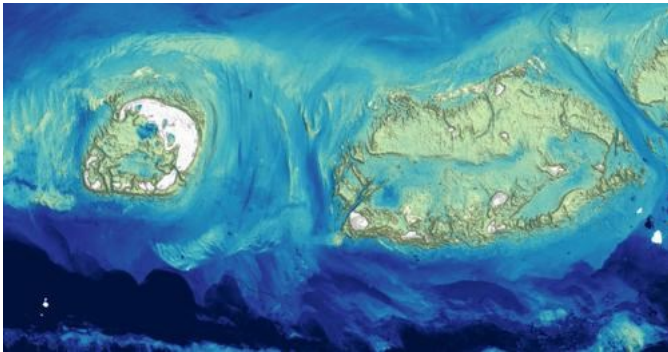
Divers are ready to go for Washdown Weekend at USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber



# About our Members (Continued)

**Pete Hasbrook**

## Landsat Plumbs the (Shallow) Depths



Scientists have figured out how to measure depths of near-shore water using just satellite images - no concurrent on-the-water depth measurements needed for calibration. The post has a slider to compare two images: one of the Key West area in the satellite image, and the other the calculated depths.

To see the article go to website: <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/153529/landsat-plumbs-the-shallow-depths?>

## HOUSTON TIDELANDERS CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

### SUGAR LAND

December 7, 2024 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Fishers of Men Lutheran Church  
2011 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land TX



### NORTHWEST HOUSTON

December 14, 2024 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Windwood Presbyterian Church  
10555 Spring Cypress Rd, Houston TX



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Tidelanders  
Chorus

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Across Houston

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Buy tickets to our shows now to make sure you're on Santa's "Nice" list.  
Tickets are \$22.13 each (\$20 plus fees). Get tickets via the QR code in the image or  
via [www.HoustonTidelanders.org](http://www.HoustonTidelanders.org).  
Don't miss it, 'cause we'd have a Blue Christmas without you!

# About our Members (Continued)

## Cathy Strahan and Brion Saathoff





# About our Members (Continued)

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# About our Members (Continued)

**Mike Peters, Johnnie & Sonny  
King, PeeWee Dwire, and  
Ja Van was taking the picture**



**Lunarfins Get-to-gather  
SALTGRASS Steak House**

**March. TBA. 2:00 pm**

**20241 Gulf Freeway, Webster, TX 77598**

**Please RSVP — Mike Peters (we need 15  
members)**

**@281-481-9091**

Fresh seafood, poultry, BBQ Baby Back Ribs, and Pork Chops, plus burgers, sandwiches, salads and more. Serves happy hour food · Has fireplace · Serves vegetarian dishes.

# About our Members (Continued)

## Justin Wallace

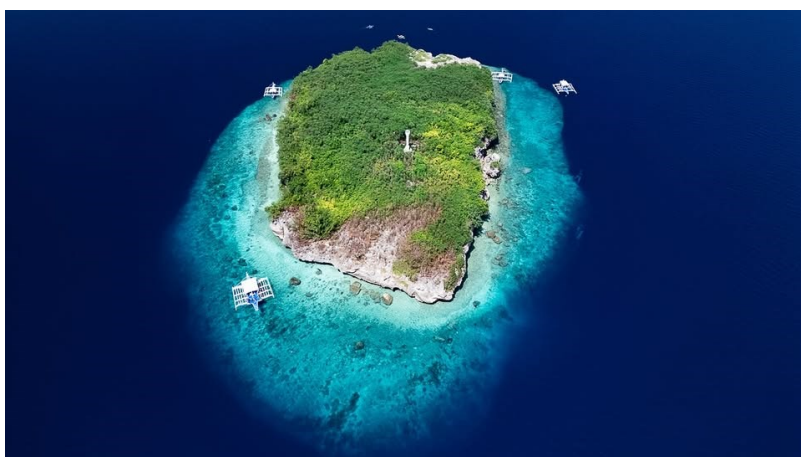


Justin Wallace is at  
Malapascua Island, Philippines

Malapascua Island, Philippines



**T H R E S H E R T A L E S**



Justin Wallace is at Pescador Island, Moalboal, Cebu



## How long do Sea Turtles Live?

— *Sent in by Mike Peters*

Sea turtles have traversed the deep, blue sea for [over 100 million years](#), according to the World Wide Fund for Nature. Today, [seven distinct species](#) exist, according to [seeturtles.org](#). Six of them splash around [U.S. waters](#), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports.

Nearly all species of the marine reptiles are classified as [endangered](#). Three species are "[critically endangered](#)," the WWF reports.

Sea turtles' life expectancies are hard to pinpoint exactly. What scientists do know, however, is that the reptiles live long.

Estimates of a sea turtle's lifespan can vary. According to the [WWF](#), "the actual documentation of the age of any species of sea turtle is difficult." The reptiles have similar lifespans to humans.

The natural lifespan of a sea turtle can be anywhere between [50 to 100 years](#), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports.

Sea turtles take decades to mature, usually between [20 to 30 years](#), and can reproduce for another 10 years after this, according to the WWF. Some species may take [up to 50 years](#) to reach reproductive maturity, the Sea Turtle Conservancy reports.

### What do sea turtles eat?

Each sea turtle species has a unique diet.

For example, [flatback sea turtles](#) are omnivores, eating both plants and animals, while [loggerheads](#) are carnivores, eating plants rarely. Leatherbacks are often classified as "[gelatinivores](#)" since their diet primarily consists of gelatinous prey like jellyfish and sea squirts; on the other hand, hawksbill sea turtles are known as "[spongivores](#)" because they mainly eat sponges, according to the Sea Turtle Preservation Society.

### Do all sea turtles live in the ocean?

Sea turtles spend nearly all of their lives in the ocean. Only female sea turtles go on land to lay their eggs, according to the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#).

Female sea turtles lay their eggs on the beach during the summer. They dig a nest in the sand and can lay [up to 100 eggs](#), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports. It takes [around 60 days](#) for the eggs to hatch. Once hatched, the baby sea turtles make their way back into the ocean.



Brevard Zoo released Curry the sub-adult loggerhead back into the ocean after a nearly four-month stay at the Zoo's Sea Turtle Healing Center. Curry was found washed ashore covered in barnacles and algae along Melbourne Beach on Oct. 2, 2023. The turtle was released at Nance Park in Indialantic.



## Divers Digitally Map World's Oldest Sunken City Predating the Bronze Age—Here's Why It Sa

By [Michael Wing](#) — 4/16/2023 an Updated:10/16/2024



The sunken city of Pavlopetri is the stuff of myths. Just a dozen feet beneath the sea off the coast of Laconia, Greece, her ruins were thought to have originated from the Mycenaean period, but today are thought to be far older preceding even the Bronze Age.

Predating even Greek philosopher Plato, who told of the lost city of Atlantis's sinking beneath the wine-dark sea, Pavlopetri, some have [suggested](#), could have been what Plato meant.

Reports of a lost city surfaced in 1904 when geologist Fokion Negri announced the discovery of Pavlopetri in between southern Laconia's Pounta coast and the island of Elafonisos—just a stone's throw from the beach.

The sunken ruins were rediscovered in 1967 by oceanographer Nicholas Flemming of the University of Southampton, who returned in 1968 and conducted an extensive six-week survey. Using just measuring tapes and snorkels—the technology of the day—they mapped an area 980 by 490 feet (150 by 350 meters) using a grid system and identified 15 distinct buildings along with courtyards, 5 streets, and tombs. The ruins also yielded artifacts, such as obsidian and chert blades, pottery, and a bone figurine. All of which lay 9 to 12 feet (3 to 4 meters) below the surface.

Forty years later, in 2009, scientists returned. Using new, highly sophisticated sonar mapping equipment developed by the military and oil prospectors, they conducted a survey that would chart Pavlopetri digitally, in three dimensions, using sound. These means enabled them to [map](#) an additional 30,000 square feet (9,000 square meters) of new buildings.

By 2011, technology had made further leaps that allowed the University of Nottingham's Jon Henderson, alongside the Hellenic Centre for Maritime Research, to embark on a 5-year survey that would build a digital, photorealistic visual model of the city in three dimensions and allow them to explore the ruins through their computer screens.

A diver examines the ruins of Pavlopetri during a 21st-century expedition. Courtesy of [the University of Nottingham](#) “We managed to work alongside CGI movie professionals, these are people who normally work on films like ‘Star Wars,’” Henderson told the [University of Nottingham](#) shortly after the expedition. “The reason the new technique is so good is because it's photorealistic, people can look at it right away and go, ‘Oh wow, that's a submerged city!’”



The team used a technique known as stereo photogrammetry to collect optical information, which would then overlay the acoustical three-dimensional data cloud that had been collected, thus producing an impressive photorealistic picture. As a base-level tool, they employed total stations equipped with lasers—used in surveying for city planning and building highways—to create a vector prism and pin down their position to within 2 inches (5 centimeters). All this allowed them to check the accuracy of their 3D construction.

They would also draw new historical conclusions about the city of Pavlopetri from their research. The buildings themselves had already been dated back to the Mycenaean Period, around 1650 to 1180 B.C., however, newly discovered artifacts from the site pinned the city down to a much earlier era. They were surprised to discover among the ruins pottery fragments from as early as [2800 B.C.](#), with some citing evidence as far back as [3500 B.C.](#), [making it some 5,000 years old](#). Those artifacts, from as early as the Bronze and Chalcolithic Ages, include cups and vessels of not just Mycenaean origin, but also Minoan, which lends credence to the possibility that Pavlopetri's inhabitants once traded with the Minoans of Crete.

As for what caused the city's sinking, scientists can only speculate. Some theorize that tectonic activity—a series of earthquakes—was what ended Pavlopetri, causing it to sink beneath the waves. By certain [estimates](#), that could have happened between 1000 and 375 B.C.

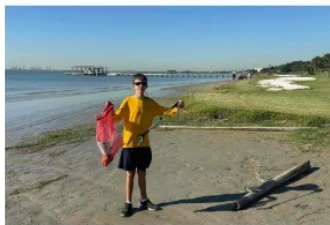
**Today, Pavlopetri is considered the oldest sunken city in the world**—that we know of. Its heritage predates not only Plato, but also **celebrated Greek poet Homer and his legendary heroes**, yet it continues to conjure mystery and myth like few places on Earth.

# Open Enrollment For BSA SEA SCOUT SHIP EAGLE 1503



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Sea Scouts BSA is adventure in, on, around, and under the water. Chartered by Sport Divers of Houston, SSS Eagle 1503 is a co-ed scouting unit for youth ages 14-20. Youth that are 13 and have completed the 8th grade are also eligible to join. Sea Scouts enjoy a range of maritime and aquatic focused activities such as scuba diving, sailing, and rowing sports like kayaking and canoeing. Sea Scouts develop teamwork and leadership skills through opportunities to learn and master seamanship and scuba diving. A greater set of core values and ethics to live by are instilled through volunteering and participating in service projects, such as beach cleanup, cleaning attractions at Mammoth Lake, food drives, and toy drives. Ship meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 4-6pm at Sport Divers of Houston. For more information, email our Skipper, Kevin Reams, at [kgreams@gmail.com](mailto:kgreams@gmail.com) or our Ship Committee Chair, Thomas Fitzgerald, at [ship1503@scubadivingship.com](mailto:ship1503@scubadivingship.com).



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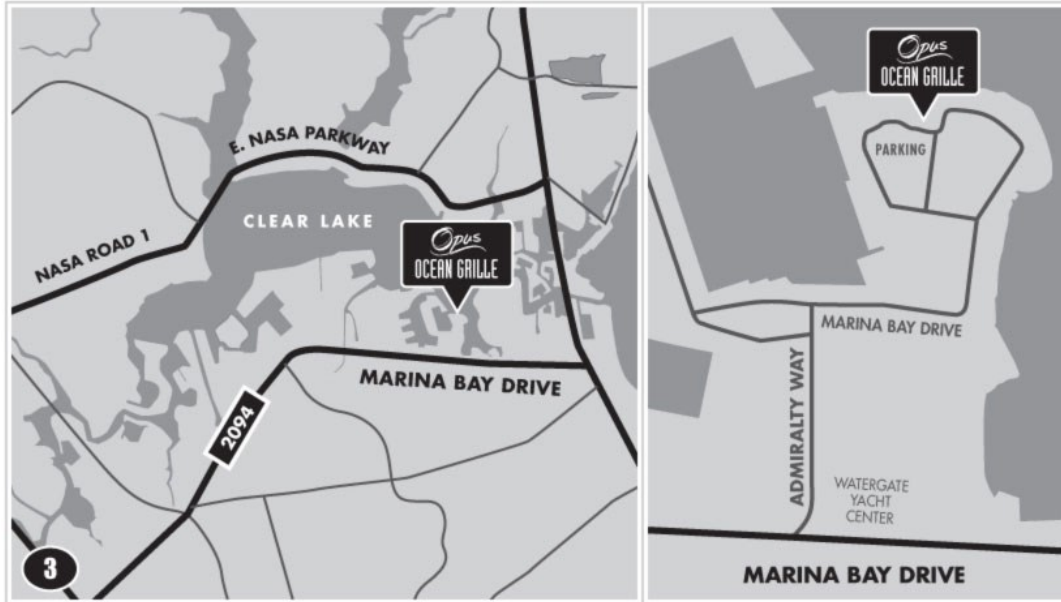


# 2024 NASA Lunarfins Christmas Party



**December 1, 2024**

**5:00 P M, Second Floor**



## OPUS OCEAN GRILLE

1510 Marina Bay Drive, Building 124  
Clear Lake Shores, Texas 77565

Opus Ocean Grille offers a variety of your favorite fresh seafood dishes; from oysters on the half shell, Alaskan King Crab, Chilean Sea Bass and much more!

Located within the Watergate Yachting Center in Clear Lake Shores, our waterfront dining experience makes for a perfect brunch, or evening out with Friends and family.

**Be sure to bring a White Elephant Gift**

**I need a good head count by November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dresses or what you wear to church.**

Please RSVP: Ja Van Pruett, text or email

281-229-8631 or [caladyfish@yahoo.com](mailto:caladyfish@yahoo.com)

<http://www.opusoceangrille.com/>

Go check out the menu and pictures.



# American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation



## 2024 Supporter Registration

The “American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation” (ACWA) was established by SCUBA divers on March 31, 2023. ACWA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public non-profit charity. Staffed by non-paid volunteers, ACWA’s administrative and donation support is provided annually by members of our community.

Supporter Registration for the “American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation” (ACWA) is open to Dive Clubs and Individuals who reside in the United States of America. 2024 registration is \$20.

“Supporters” on record for 2023 are listed on a “Supporter Master List” and need not complete this form. They continue their charity efforts with their 2024 payment of \$20 to ACWA’s treasurer - Mark Leiserowitz (contact information listed below).

New “Supporters” need to complete this form to provide ACWA with contact and IRS reporting information. To join as an individual (must be a certified scuba diver, or a member of a dive club) - fill out the application below. Please print legibly as e-mail addresses will be utilized to keep supporters abreast with the charity’s status and your name as identified below, used in any future donation reporting required by you or the IRS.

Dive Club \_\_\_\_\_

**or**

Certifying Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ C-Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable To: **ACWA, c/o Mark Leiserowitz, 5205 De Milo Dr., Houston, Texas 77092**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone / Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

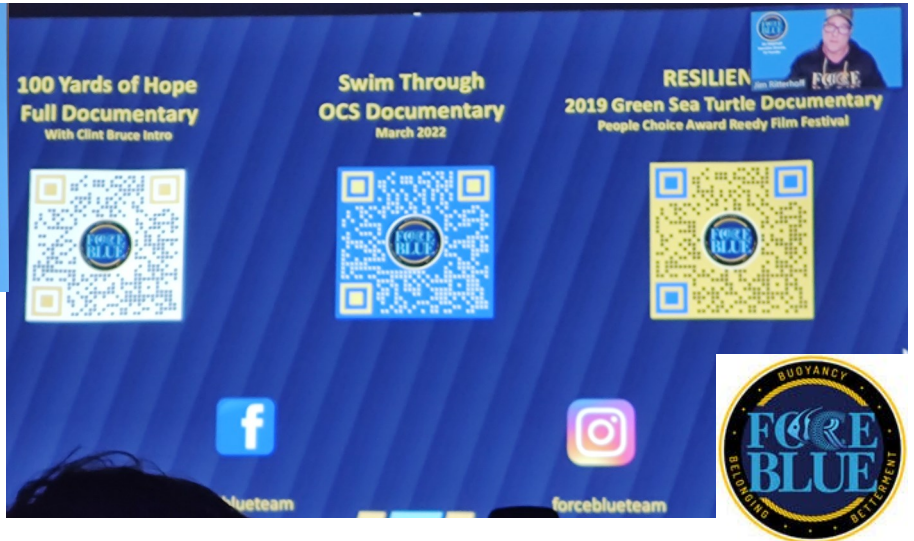
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# You should have been at our General Meeting Nov. 19th, 2024

I have included the email that Dennis Deavenport and I received. It was nice to get feedback from our speaker.



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[www.forceblueteam.org](http://www.forceblueteam.org)

Dennis. Hopefully, your crew got something out of the presentation. And JaVan, thank you again for reaching out and inviting FORCE BLUE to participate

I am attaching the presentation (sans embedded videos). Please feel free to share it with anyone who is interested.

I am also including the links to two (2) videos — the (3-minute) ***THIS is FORCE BLUE*** film I used to open my presentation and the full-length (32 min) version of **SWIM THROUGH** — the documentary chronicling our first FORCE BLUE OCS (Ocean Conservation School) for Gold Star families.

***THIS is FORCE BLUE***

Again, please share as you see fit.

<https://vimeo.com/822980993>

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## Lunarfins Get-Together Nov. 17th

The Lunarfins Scuba Club was organized in 1963 by a small group of divers who worked at the Manned Spacecraft Center, as Johnson Space Center (JSC) was known back then. The club grew primarily through the sponsorship of SCUBA training classes, local dive trips and social activities. Since that time, membership has broadened to include anyone interested in diving. The majority of our members are in some way affiliated with NASA but this is not a requirement for membership and we have members from all across the board.



### Lunarfins

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### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/687047211312336>

### Website:

<https://www.lunarfins.com/>

### TGCC

<https://www.tgccdiving.org/>

### TPWD reefs:

[https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/habitats/artificial\\_reef/](https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/habitats/artificial_reef/)



## Trips Offered by Dive Shops etc.

### Captain Beard Charters

1011 Casco Rd – Freeport TX

[captainbeardcharters.com/index.shtml](http://captainbeardcharters.com/index.shtml)



### Giglin' Marlin Dive & Swim

4502 Almeda Rd – Houston TX

[giglinmarlin.com](http://giglinmarlin.com)

### Island Dreams

10245 Kempwood Dr E119 – Houston TX

[www.divetrip.com](http://www.divetrip.com)



### Maximum Scuba

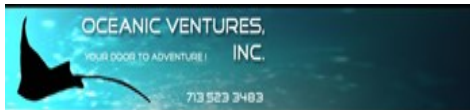
134 Gulf Freeway North – League City TX

[maximum-scuba.com](http://maximum-scuba.com)

### Oceanic Ventures

5808 Newcastle Dr. – Houston TX

[oceanicventures.com](http://oceanicventures.com)



### Outside The Asylum

15015 Westheimer Rd #H – Houston TX

[otadiving.com](http://otadiving.com)

### REEF Trips

Dive Vacations That Count – Key Largo FL

[reef.org/trips](http://reef.org/trips)



### Sport Divers

20814 Gulf Fwy #60 – Webster TX

[sportdivers.com](http://sportdivers.com)

### Texas Dive Center

364 FM 1959 #D – Houston TX

[txdivecenter.com/](http://txdivecenter.com/)



### Texas Scuba Adventures

2315 Mechanic St #120 – Galveston TX

[texasscubaadventures.com](http://texasscubaadventures.com)

