



# **EGLIN YACHT CLUB DIVE FLIGHT MONTHLY MEETING**

**22 March 2018**

**Mike “Adrian” Guidry**



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# Introductions

# Dive Flight Key Personnel

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# Diver introductions



- **Name**
- **How long have you been diving**
- **How many dives**
- **Certification level**
- **Any interesting information about yourself or any good diving stories**



# Dive Flight Status



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- **Winter Hours in effect**
  - **Open Fridays from 1730-1900**



# Past Events

**DF Clean Up**  
**Hydro**  
**VIP Party**



# Dive Flight Clean up Dec 17





# hydro







# 2018 VIP

Thanks: Steve Csaszar, Jeff Petresky, Chris Seymour, Ron Rapp, Ken Gibson, Don Jones, Geno Dylewski, Tony Marshall, Cody Fisher, Adrian Mijangos, Matt Avery, Scott Moore, Mike Semenov, Steve Space, Ken Crosby, Marty Schmieder, Dan Krug, Tammy Richter, Ken Fisher and Bill Vachon





# Dangers on the Surface

**Safety briefing  
Eglin Dive Flight  
March 22, 2018  
Adrian Mijangos**





# Dangers on the surface



- It's often been said that the most stressful part of a dive is while you are on the surface, especially in rough seas and/or there is a current.
- If you are stressed, it can cause you to panic.
- If you panic, you can make bad decisions.
- A bad decision while diving can cause you your life.



# Dangers on the surface



## 4 Cases:

Diver jumps in the water with air turned off.

Diver drowns in the Florida keys after jumping in the water.

Diver nearly drowns after a dive trying to get back on the boat.

Diver gets cut by propeller before getting on the boat after the dive.



# Safety Tips – Before entering the water



**Diver jumps in the water with air turned off.**

- **Buddy check – Always check your gear AND your buddy's gear BEFORE entering the water.**
- **Never assume anything (the Crew turned your air on)**



# Safety Tips – Before entering the water



**Diver drowns in the Florida keys after jumping in the water.**

- **Buddy check – Always check your gear AND your buddy's gear BEFORE entering the water.**
- **Fully inflate your BCD before entering the water.**
- **Make sure you have the right amount of weights**
- **If in trouble... DROP YOUR WEIGHTS!**





# Safety Tips – After the dive



**Diver nearly drowns after a dive trying to get back on the boat**

**In rough seas, swim underwater to the ladder.**

**Fully inflate your BCD when back on the surface.**

- \* If in trouble... DROP YOUR WEIGHTS!**
- \* Use extreme caution getting on the ladder in rough seas.**
- \* Keep you mask and reg ON until you are back on the boat.**



# Safety Tips – After the dive



**Diver gets cut by propeller before getting on the boat.  
In rough seas, swim underwater to the ladder.  
Always wear a full-body wetsuit.**



# Tips for varying Surface conditions

**In calm seas think of your BCD as a LIFEVEST when you are on the surface.**

**Fully inflate your BCD before entering the water**

**Fully inflate your BCD after the dive when on the surface**

**In rough seas:**

- \* Deflate your BCD after entering the water, decent 5-10 ft and swim to the anchor line underwater.**
- \* After the dive swim underwater straight to the ladder.**



# QUESTIONS ?



(GETTY IMAGES)



# Fish Regulations



# Regulation Update

(as of 1 April 2018)

- **Spiny Lobster: CLOSED (Aug 6 2018 – March 31 2019)**
  - Mini Season 25 & 26 July
- **Red Snapper: CLOSED (season TBD)**
  - 2 Fish Limit
  - 16” minimum
- **Grouper: CLOSED**
  - Gag: Open 1 Jun to 31 Dec 2018
  - All Others: Open year round
  - 4 total (only two Gags)
  - Gag & Black - 24” minimum; Red-20” min; Scamp-16” min
- **Amberjack: CLOSED; Open May then Aug – Oct 2018**
  - 1 only
  - 34” to the fork



# Regulation Update

(as of 1 April 2018)



## ● Trigger Fish: Open

- *Closed January, February, June and July*
- 15" to the fork
- 1 fish bag limit within the 20 reef fish aggregate

## ● Cobia

- 1 (nmt 2 per vessel)
- 33" to the fork

## ● LionFish:

- Recreational fishing licenses are no longer required when targeting lionfish using the following gear: a pole spear, a Hawaiian Sling, a handheld net or any spearing device that is specifically designed and marketed exclusively for lionfish











Before you go, check: <http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/regulations/><sup>23</sup>

# 2018 Saltwater Seasons

## 2018 Recreational Seasons - AT-A-GLANCE

### Gulf of Mexico State Waters





Click on the species for up-to-date closures and regulations.

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
 Amberjack, Greater	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
 Bay Scallops	2018 Bay Scallops at-a-glance coming in February											
 Crab, Stone	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closes May 16	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Opens Oct. 15	Open	Open
 Cag Grouper Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson & Taylor counties	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
 Cag Grouper All counties including Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor & Monroe counties	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
 Permit	Open	Open	Open	Open	Special Permit Zone (SPZ) Charges Pending			Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
 Snapper, Red	2018 season to be determined											
 Snook Including Monroe County & Everglades National Park	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed
 Spiny Lobster	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Sport season open July 25-26	Opens Aug. 6	Open	Open
 Triggerfish, Gray	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
KEY	Open			Closed			Open for portion of month (see open/close dates)					

## 2018 Recreational Species With No Closed Seasons - AT-A-GLANCE

### Gulf of Mexico State Waters

Click on the species for up-to-date size and bag limits.


JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
 Bonefish Catch and Release Only	 King Mackerel	 Sheepshead									
 Black Drum	 Spanish Mackerel	 Snapper (all snappers except red)									
 Blue Crab (regional trap closures apply)	 Mullet	 Spotted Seatrout									
 Bluetfish	 African Pompano	 Lionfish									
 Cobia	 Florida Pompano	 Other Groupers Includes Red, Black, Yellowfin, Yellowmouth, Rock Hind, Red Hind & Scamp Excluding Monroe County									
 Dolphin, Mahi	 Red Drum (redfish)	 Tripletail									
 Flounder	 Black Sea Bass	 White Grunt									
 Hogfish	 Shark (Non-prohibited species)	 Whiting									
Prohibited Species: Goliath Grouper, Nassau Grouper, Queen Conch, Prohibited Sharks, Sturgeon, Spotted Eagle Ray. (Does not include all prohibited species)											





The *Aluminum Chambered Boat* design allows diving and fishing charters year round. The pilot house offers shade in the summer and warmth in the winter. Also, the *Aluminum Chambered Boat* design coupled with two 275HP Mercury Verado engines makes trips to the destinations quick and easy.

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# Upcoming Events



# UPCOMING EVENTS



- **6 Apr: Family Night Burger Burn – 1830**
- **20 Apr: Membership Night**
- **Spring & Summer**
- **21 Sep – Fish Fry Hosted by Dive Flight—1700**
  - **EYC Elections**
  - **Serves as Sept DF meeting**



# MEMBERSHIP

- **Must be a member to rent equipment**
- **Must be a member to get free air / cheap nitrox fills**
- **Must be a member to get free ice**
- **\$20 initiation fee**
- **\$12 per month dues (paid in advance for FY)**



# Next Meeting



- April 26