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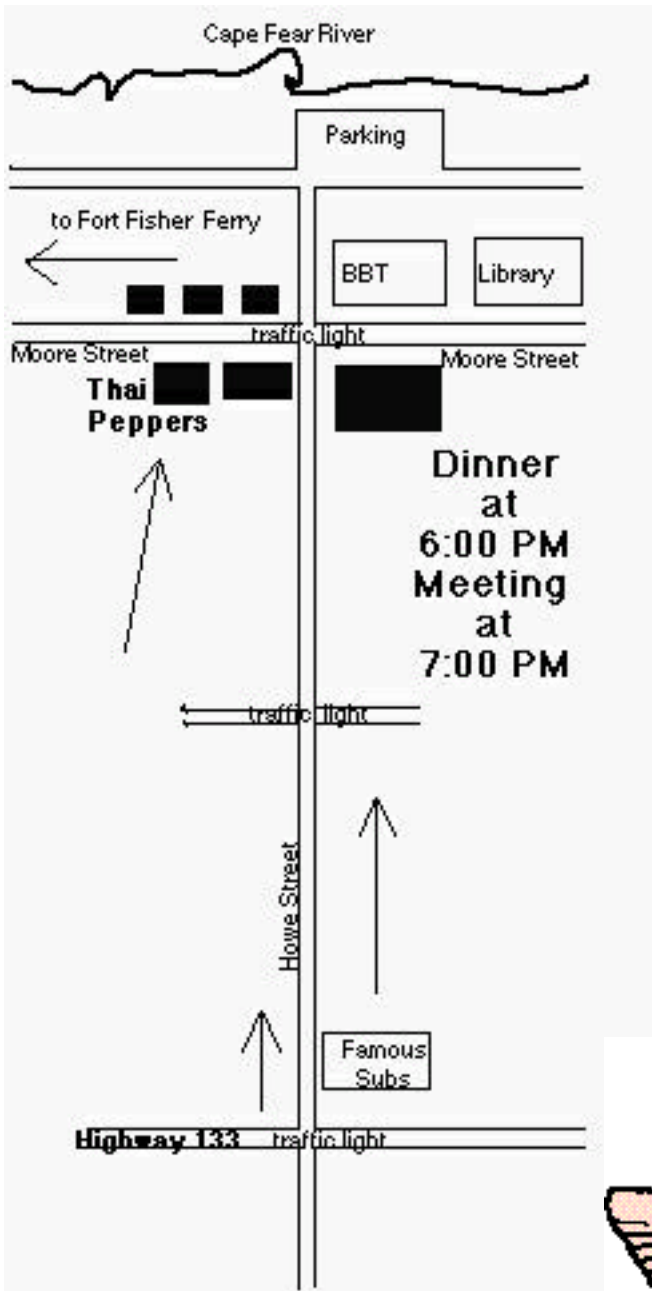
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Through My Mask

by Bryan Woodard

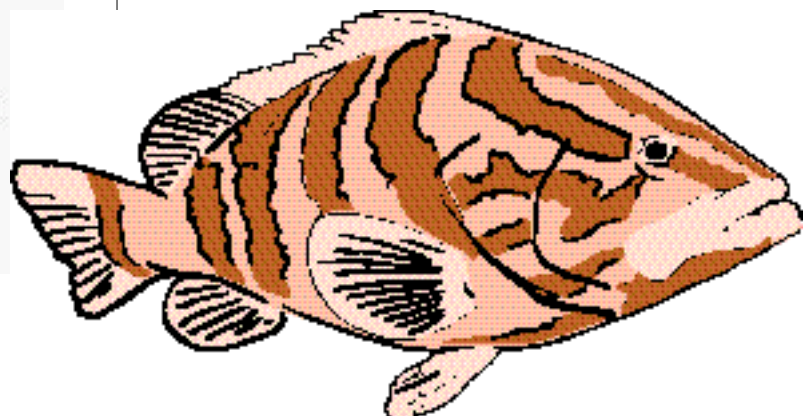
Hi, Steve is on vacation- sort of. He is working in South Carolina and won't be back until the November meeting.

As everyone knows Hurricane Floyd roared through here and totally screwed up life from the continental shelf break 40 miles offshore all the way to the mountains.

If anyone has been diving off the Cape Fear they are keeping it secret. I sure haven't heard about it. Wayne Strickland tried the Houston a couple of weeks ago, found visibility at 90 feet and 35 miles offshore to be less than 2 feet. He lost a prop on the Scuba South II coming in from that dive and was in a repair mode last time we talked.

As of now we do not have a speaker lined up for the meeting on October 12. But, dinner will be served at the usually time.

Steve is working on getting a speaker from the Weather Service for a upcoming meeting and I have talked to Discovery Diving in Morehead about their meeting with us in the near future.





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Udate From the Dive Shops

Adventures Etc

The Lobster tournment and the Treasure hunt scheduled for later this month have been canceled. Another victim of Floyd.

Aquatic Safaris

Trip to Crystal River area is planned for November 18 —21. Kings Spring, Catfish Corner, Blue Grotto, Rainbow River, and a night dive are some of the stops planned for this trip. The cost is \$275 and includes air, lodging, spring fees, and boat rental. Check with Roy about Transportation options.

September Meeting

by Sally Thomas

Floyd was to hit late that night, President Steve was out of town, and nothing urgent was pending... so there was no business meeting. However, those of us who intended to stay put for the storm were given a preview of the video Bryan has produced. It's WONDERFUL! It features many members of our club doing what dive club members do best (besides eat). Local sites, very fishy, good viz, and recognizable stars make it a very special tape. I believe he is designing a cover and is to make copies but it is best to ask him for details. Good conversation, good food (which is what we do second best) filled the evening. Sally

Club Goes on Line with New Website

www.bcinet.net/cfddiveclub



Copies of *Diving the Wrecks and Reefs of the Cape Fear with the Descenders' Dive Club* will be available at the next meet or by contacting Bryan. Phone 910.457.4358 or e-mail bryanw@bcinet.net





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Cape Fear Descenders' Presents: Top 10 Things Divers liked about Hurricane Dennis

By Sott and Amy Fowler

10. Creation of new inland dive sites...some in your own front yard.
09. Creation of new offshore dive sites...sorry captains.
08. Rare chance to earn that new specialty...Hurricane Diver.
07. Rain rinsed gear.
06. Can now do night divers in the afternoon.
05. Fish are seasick and are now easy pickings.
04. most hurricanes hit and leave; we all had a chance to enjoy this one.
03. Almost had a new artificial reef down at Shell Island.
02. Had a chance to see if those new Bio-fins really do work against the current.

And the number one thing that divers liked about Hurricane Dennis is...

01. Two words: Drift Diving

Dolphin Dive Charters Donates free Dive to some luck Cape Fear Descender

At the August meeting Tuck Rion Captain and owner of Dolphin Dive Charters based in Little River South Carolina gave an interesting presentation of the wrecks he dives regularly showed us artifacts he found over the years and a video of some of the dives. It was an interesting and informative meeting. As the meeting was ending and members departing Tuck was telling myself and Steve Bland how much he had enjoyed the evening and that he would like to donate a dive trip to the club.

The luck Club member wins the trip can choose between a dive to the *St. Cathan, Hebe, USS North Carolina* or *The Lady Margaret*. There is no time limit on the gift certificate so you can use it anytime in the future. The charter is valued at between \$80 and \$100 depending on which site you dive.

A drawing for the trip is planned for the next meeting tickets are



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MEMBER BENEFITS

- Newsletter Keeps you abreast of local diving information including offshore charters, lake activities, meetings and social gatherings.
- Educational There will be interesting and educational guest speakers at each monthly meeting plus seminars and speciality courses.
- Charters Cape Fear Descenders will work hard to book comfortable boats to exciting offshore wrecks. Charter costs are usually less than typical walk- on rates.
- Socials Throughout the year the club will sponsor social events such as picnics, quarry days, and the holiday banquet. These events should draw good crowds, good company and good fun.

Club membership is based on the calendar year January 1st, through December 31st. Membership dues are payable January 1st. There is a grace period that extends through March.

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