



# SEA BASE ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

## What's new at the Base?

### New Dive Boat

A new 46' Newton, the BSA Quail Ridge Explorer, was added to the fleet in 2005. The vessel is used to support the SCUBA Certification and SCUBA Adventure programs.



### General Manager

The Florida Sea Base came under direction of general manager Paul Beal, on April 1, 2005. Paul began his professional Scouting career in 1982 as a district executive in Houston, TX. After a few promotions to Sioux Falls, SD and Grand Island, NE, he was appointed associate director of Professional Development Division, Human Resources Group. Paul is an Eagle Scout and Visil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. He is married to Dana and has two daughters, Amanda and Caitlin.

### New Facilities

The Brinton Environmental Center has been the sight of new construction for the past year. The Center is located at MM 23.8 on Summerland Key and serves as the base facility for the Out Island Adventure and Keys Adventure Programs during the busy summer, spring and Christmas seasons. Beginning with the 2006 summer season, in addition to the existing



participant dorm, marina, and full commercial kitchen there will now be an additional 40 beds in the new staff dorm.

### SCUBA Live Aboard Dive Program

The new SCUBA Live Aboard Dive Program was a smashing success in 2005 with 12 crews of 88 participants. Living aboard the *Conch Pearl*, a 57' steel hull gaff rigged schooner, the Scouts did an average of 15 dives a week along the reef track from Lower Matecumbe to Key West. They also learned how to sail and fish during the week.



### Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow expanded adventure and service opportunities from Philmont and Northern Tier to the Sea Base. Participants spent the first week either earning their SCUBA certification or honing their diving skills in preparation for a second week of service. In partnership with NOAA's Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, under the guidance of Nick Tagliareni the Sanctuary's Volunteer Coordinator and Sea Base alum, participants conducted surveys on the condition of the reef for the BleachWatch program and collected marine debris as a part of the Adopt-A-Reef program. Service continued on land with the crews doing exotic removal of invasive trees for The Nature Conservancy and cleaning of Anne's Beach and Bird Island.

## Alumni Update

Dawn Douglass (2000 to 2004) married Bradley Nuding on 03/10/06

Keith Douglass (1990 to 1994) new position- Executive Director of the Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust

### Who belongs to SBFA?

- ✓ Members hail from 22 different states- CA to RI
- ✓ Florida has the most members with 17
- ✓ 5 life members
- ✓ 26 charter members
- ✓ Illinois has the second most members with 5

Do you have news- recently married, new job, retired, ??- e-mail your items to Mary Tagliareni at [nmtag@bellsouth.net](mailto:nmtag@bellsouth.net)



## Do you remember?

In the early years of the Florida Sea Base, at each closing program there was a staff production of the *Wreck of the Sapona*. It was written by Kelly Bricker (Aschenbrenner), and was choreographed to music. There are many "behind the *Sapona* scene" stories- we are looking for some of these stories for in the next newsletter. Drop a few memories (text or pictures) about the *Sapona* to Mary Tagliareni at [nmtag@bellsouth.net](mailto:nmtag@bellsouth.net).

Photo was provided by Dr. Roger Turbin.

## What's new at the SBAFA?

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the SBAFA will be held on June 10, 2006 from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Florida Sea Base in the Chart Room. All members are welcome.

### Web Site

Thanks to alumni John Lincoln and Dan (Chip) Gill, the SBAFA launched the web site <http://sbafa.org> in the winter of 2006. Surf the site and send pictures (jpeg format) for posting on the site to John Lincoln. The site will only be as good as you make it. John Lincoln- [jblincoln@hotmail.com](mailto:jblincoln@hotmail.com)

### Work Weekend and Annual Meeting: February 16 - 19 2007

Mark your calendars for February 16 to 19, 2007 for a SBAFA work weekend at the Florida Sea Base. Plans are for a work session on Saturday, February 17 to help the Base get ready for the spring and summer crews. Sunday, February 18 will be fun in the sun. If you would like to help with the planning of this event contact Mary Tagliareni at [nmtag@bellsouth.net](mailto:nmtag@bellsouth.net). Look for more information on the web site and in a mailing this fall.

### Assisted Staffer

During the summer of 2005, the Sea Base staff contacted the SBAFA Board of Directors about a staffer who was in need of financial assistance for a plane ticket home due to a family emergency. Like most of us when we were on staff, this staffer did not have the spare cash for the emergency plane ticket. The Board voted to assist the staffer with the funds for the ticket.

### SBAFA is searching for .....

pictures, stories, fellow alum, and alumni news. We are looking "good stuff" for in the newsletter. Please share old and new pictures, memories, stories, and alumni news. Send to Mary Tagliareni at [nmtag@bellsouth.net](mailto:nmtag@bellsouth.net) or 32 Park Road, Islamorada, FL 33036

### Skills to Donate

Do you have time or a skill you would like to donate to the SBAFA? Would you like to write the newsletter? Help plan the work weekend next February? We are looking for volunteers to help make SBAFA a great organization. Contact Fog or Mary Tagliareni if you have ideas.

## Board of Directors

President	Jim (Fog) Dosser	<a href="mailto:fdosser@preferred.com">fdosser@preferred.com</a>
Vice President	Mary Tagliareni	<a href="mailto:nmtag@bellsouth.net">nmtag@bellsouth.net</a>
Secretary	Al Rother	<a href="mailto:rothera@monroe.k12.fl.us">rothera@monroe.k12.fl.us</a>
Treasurer	Sharon Wampler	<a href="mailto:wamplers@monroe.k12.fl.us">wamplers@monroe.k12.fl.us</a>