

Vintage Double Hose
SAND DOG 2.0
Florida Springs Dives
April 9th-13th, 2025

1. Quite a few of the Vintage Double Hose Divers Group are attempting to put together another Vintage Dive Gathering SAND DOG 2.0 that were called Sand Dogs in the years past. The month of April from the 9th -13th, 2025 has been chosen for the get together. The weather will be warming up and changing for the better and those that live in the cold north can schedule ahead.
2. Roger VF and Allan Klauda are the primary coordinators of this event but certainly we will need help getting the word out. WE are attempting to coordinate where the overnights will take place and the a-la-cart diving locations for the 4-day event. We will have costs and group rates for the motel that is the nicest and close to Ocala. The Best Western Motel has been chosen for the motel as the rate is reasonable and they have comped us a meeting room in the evenings until 10 pm so we can all gather, tell lies, stories, talk about the old days, swap out equipment. The rooms are \$140 a night plus 11.5% tax per night for double occupancy. Here's the caveat, we need to call and give them your Credit card to hold the room under the SAND DOG 2.0 before March 9th. Please let me know if you are coming via my email rvanfrank@gmail.com so I can keep track. I have 15 rooms reserved for the group. I am not collecting c/c numbers or money. Plan ahead and block the dates. The motel is the Best Western Ocala Park Centre, 3701 SW 38 Ave, Ocala, FL34474. Phone number is **352-237-4848**.
3. Dates in April have been determined so mark them on your calendar. Planning on 4 days of diving and locations and pricing for you to make plans will be placed in an email to you soon. Travel time is not scheduled into the dive days. So plan on traveling on your nickel and arrive on the day before diving begins. You do not have to stay with the group if you have other perks at other motel chains you want to use. This is there and I know it's not a 5 star but its available.
4. No money to exchange hands. We will do a group booking and each diver or couple will call and schedule their rooms. Hopefully we will get better than normal pricing. WE received better than normal rates.
5. Air fills will be supplied by RVF and any other compressor that is brought to Florida. Allan has offered his humble abode to gather at the end of the diving day to fill. I will be glad to put some tanks in my trailer and fill them. Probably can fill before the day is out. I will have a four to a six bottle cascade in a trailer and for those that travel a distance I am pretty confident

we can have at least a few extra tanks available for those flying in to dive. These will be steel 71.2's.

6. Flying in would be Gainesville Airport which is probably as close to Ocala as you can get. But again, these accommodations for flights are the diver's responsibility.
7. Possible dive locations: Alexander Springs, Ginnie Springs , Blue Grotto, Devils Den, Rainbow River drift dive, Blue Springs State park and any others you can think of adding to the list of potentials. If Rainbow is drifted then a boat rental and "Captain" Allan Klauda has offered to be the operator, is best to drop off group(s). This will require some funds and deposits. I will set this up. No other funding will be requested. If donations for air fills are given that will help with fuel costs to get the compressor there from Ohio.
8. Fun and games. Each evening could bring some Sea Hunt Forever and Sea Hunt Historic Films the original series. Should have some type of give-a-ways prizes for those in attendance. Food coupons? A possible give away of a rebuilt double hose. Everyone gets a ticket. I might be able to help with this one. I will check in with Jerry and Todd and Rob to see if they want to participate now that we have established dates.
9. Once again airfare is scheduled by the individual divers.
10. Plan on your car rentals for the 5 or 6 days. *We will not be able to pick divers up at the airports.*
11. Ocala is the central location we looking to use as the home base. I have begun the process of getting pricing to the dive sites. I will forward prices for the dive sites as they answer our requests. My suggestion is to not advise we are diving double hoses. It just confuses the issues locally.
12. Invites to the event can be spread by word of mouth or forward this email. I will need email addresses from you or others to get them sent out in a reasonable time frame so people can plan ahead. I will begin to work on a list of names.
13. List of names:
 - a. Roger VF
 - b. Allan Klauda and Anne
 - c. Rob Studnicka and Barb
 - d. Jim Bach
 - e. Todd Conner
 - f. Jerrie Struble
 - g. Pete McCadden and son
 - h. Karl Gehring
 - i. Jeffrey Vaughn
 - j. Alec Pierce
 - k. Terry(forgot last name) from Traverse City
 - l. Luis Heros and Christine?
 - m. Ron Bentz
 - n. Ron Benson
 - o. Tom Madere

- p. Herman Mowery
- q. Mark Spencer Scuba Lawyer
- r. Surf Lung Eben Brown
- s. Voit the Lung Greg Barlow
- t. Gregs buddy Mark
- u. Ron Sivonda
- v. Gary Reece
- w. Captain Tom Madere
- x. Herman's Buddy Henry Allen?
- y. Dan Benedict Van Frankoo's bud
- z. George Fees and Lilly
- aa. James Williams
- bb. Andrew Hartley
- cc. Scott Bonser

Again, let others know that I am sure, I have missed. Email me at rvanfrank@gmail.com. Come on lets get there.

Roger Van Frank

Some Information for your information

DISTANCE AND TRAVEL TIMES TO DIVING VENUES

Base Motel: Best Western Ocala Park Centre

3701 SW 38 Ave. 532-237-4848

ALEXANDER SPRING (352-669-3522)

49525 Cty Rd 445 Altoona, FL 32702. 49 mi, 1 hr 9 min. (\$13.91)

ALLAN'S. (585-733-6193)

10041 SW 97th CT, Ocala, FL 34481 [In Pine Run] 8.7 mi, 18 min

GINNIE SPRING (386-454-7188)

7300 NE Ginnie Springs Rd High Springs, FL 32643. 65 mi 1 hr 5 min (\$36)

RAINBOW RIVER KP HOLE PARK (352-489-3055)

9435 SW 190th Ave Rd Dunnellon, FL 23 mi 31 min \$20 +15 for boatride to drop off ?

BLUE SPRING (386-775-3663)

2100 W French Ave Orange City, Fl, 75 mi 1 hr. 44 min ?\$

BLUE GROTTTO (352-528-5770)

3852 NE 172 CT Williston, FL 32696 29 mi 39 min \$57

DEVILS DEN (352-528-3344)

5390 NE180th Ave Williston, FL 32696 29 mi 38 min \$48

AQUATIC CENTER OF OCALA (352-245-9162) 8769 US-441 Ocala, FL [Craig]