

Wednesday Yachtsmen's Luncheon

Our lunch programs will go on vacation in early January. Many of us need a breather, including the staff, and you will have a new chairman for these weekly gatherings. I will be stepping in behind Ron Young, who has now put in eight years of service in this role, in two separate terms. Thank you, Ron. You've set the bar high.

We will be back with a bang, beginning January 24. In our first three programs we'll be hearing about the beginnings of civilization, a few of the things wrong with modern civilization, and just how good it can be to go sailing at Key West in the winter.

I think that qualifies as variety, so come on 'round.

Kimball Livingston, 2007 Chair, Wednesday Yachting Luncheon Committee

January 24th

Brendan Foley, PhD, Scientist and Underwater Archeologist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

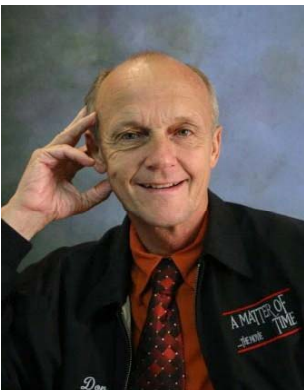


The Origins of Civilization

Ancient, undisturbed wrecks in the depths of the Mediterranean are now within reach of advanced submersibles, and there is no better place to search for high-quality artifacts. (Every ancient bronze statue in the National Archaeological Museum in Athens was recovered from an underwater site.) Dr. Brendan Foley, who is headed back to the Aegean later this year, will tell us about new search and research techniques, including the DNA analysis that detected and amplified 2,400 year-old genetic material inside ceramic transport jars on a Classical Greek shipwreck. To date, he reports, only three Bronze Age wrecks have been excavated in the Med, all in shallow water. Ancient shipping had a greater risk than modern craft of sinking in deep water, and that's where Foley plans to explore.

January 31st

Don Kirchner, author, pilot, ex-inmate, and philanthropist



From the Mekong Delta to the Belly of a Federal Prison and Back

Don Kirchner, author of a true story, "A Matter of Time" will speak on January 31. His book (a movie script is in development) chronicles his journey from the jungles of Vietnam as a helicopter pilot to being an unwitting player/pilot in one of the largest drug cartels in Central and South America. Following arrest and incarceration, Don began a transformation from angry victim to an accountable person who has made a difference in the lives of men imprisoned with him. Since his release, Don has dedicated himself to helping veterans, preventing juvenile crime and assisting newly-released prisoners in re-entering our communities through his non-profit organization, The Society for the Return to Honor.

Luncheon – 12:00 Noon. **Speaker** – 12:30 PM. **Brief adjournment** – 1:00 PM. **Q&A** until ~2:00 PM.
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