



UNDERWATER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The United States World Spearfishing Team needs your generous contribution to participate at the 2007 Pan-American Spearfishing Championship

October 6 and 7, of this year 2007, will be the date for **The Pan-American Spearfishing Championship** that will be held at Higuerote, Venezuela, ***that is 6 weeks from today!!!***

The **All American Spearfishing Skin-Diving Team** representing the USA needs your help to gather enough resources and support, to place among the top 5 countries to qualify and be able to compete at the World championship in June 2008 at Isla Margarita, Venezuela.

We will like to see sponsors supporting the **All American Diving Team** and putting their prestigious names behind our **World Class Athletes**. You will feel proud to help the USA National Team to fight for the gold at the world championship. With your help, our young men and women skin-diving athletes will have a great chance to bring home the valuable world Trophy.

We are pleading for your help in a way of **Tax Deductible donations** to the Underwater Society of America. Any type of help will be greatly appreciated. We need spearfishing equipment, sport attire, clothing, t-shirts, wind breakers, luggage, diving suits and gear, hand held GPS/Radios, airplane tickets, lodging, boats, spearfishing accessories, etc.; needless to say that financial support is a huge advantage and of paramount importance to cover for expenses related to traveling, lodging, scouting, training and logistics in the country hosting the tournament.

- **Gold Sponsor**: contributions of money or Valuables of \$1000.00 or more, will receive as appreciation for their donations:
- An 8" x 11" inches Plaque from the USOA, made of solid wood with Gold metal plate USOA logo and personalized to the sponsor's name. US mail or UPS delivered.
- A one-year free USOA membership with all benefits.
- A one year free subscription to "*Visibility*" the USOA official newsletter
- A Poster with the All America Team Picture.
- A promotional T-shirt from the event.
- Public recognition of your name on the world-class divers and their equipment, attire,

- vessel, etc.
- Exposure in the USOA publications as a Gold Sponsor.
- **Silver Sponsor**, contributions of money or Valuables of \$ 500.00 or more, will receive as appreciation for their donations:
 - An 8" x 11" inches Plaque from the USOA, made of solid wood with Silver metal plate USOA logo and personalized to the sponsor's name. US mail or UPS delivered.
 - A one-year free USOA membership with all benefits.
 - A one year free subscription to “*Visibility*” the USOA official newsletter
 - A Poster with the All America Team Picture.
 - Public recognition of your name on the world-class divers and their equipment, attire, vessel, etc.
 - Exposure in the USOA publications as a Silver Sponsor.
- **Bronze Sponsor**, contributions of money or Valuables of \$ 300.00 or more, will receive as appreciation for their donations:
 - An 8" x 11" inches Plaque from the USOA, made of solid wood with Bronze metal plate USOA logo and personalized to the sponsor's name. US mail or UPS delivered.
 - A one-year free USOA membership with all benefits.
 - A one year free subscription to “*Visibility*” the USOA official newsletter
 - Public recognition of your name on the world-class divers and their equipment, attire, vessel, etc.
 - Exposure in the USOA publications as a Bronze Sponsor.

Remember, your contributions will be Tax Deductible

- 1- **To make your contributions credited A.S.A.P. please write checks payable to: U.S.O.A.
Attention: USA World Spearfishing team
Tax ID 52-1175361**
- 2- **Then, Please send checks Via US mail to: 4445 West 16TH Avenue
Suite 250, Terrabank Building
Hialeah, Florida 33012**
- 3- **Please, include your name and/or your company’s name, as you want it to appear on your appreciation plaque and send it to:**
 - . Via e-mail DrSalado@AOL.com
 - . Via Fax: (305) 827-1404 Attn: Dr. Erick Salado USOA Plaques.
 - . Via US mail to: 4445 West 16TH Avenue
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- 4- **Please, also include with your check the name of the requesting entity, for instance, Donation requested by *Club Name Free Divers, Mr. John Doe, etc.***

For further inquires you may contact:

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What is the U.S.O.A.?

The Underwater Society of America is a dues supported membership organization. Membership is open to ALL divers.

The existing skin-diving councils formed the Underwater Society of America U.S.O.A. in 1959; it was composed of and represented all divers in North America.

The USOA is the public diving organization of the United States. Its executive committee, board of directors and delegates of the member councils and clubs meeting annually controls it.

Currently there are some thirty councils/clubs in the Society. (The clubs are usually formed to play an underwater sport.) The Society functions to give national recognition to divers.

Since 1959, National Championships have been conducted in Skin Diving Spearfishing, Scuba Diving and other underwater sports as U/W Hockey, U/W Rugby, Fin Swimming, and U/W Photography.

In 1989, the Society was admitted to the **United States Olympic Committee (USOC)** as an Affiliated Sport.

United States National Skin Diving Champions the "All American Dive Team" has represented the USOA in all the biennial World Championships and has placed as high as second.

Other U/W sports World Championships are also biennial. In 1984, USOA hosted these Championships in Chicago, IL, and again in San Jose, CA in 1998.

As a charter member of the World Underwater Federation C.M.A.S. (Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques), the Society is the sanctioning body for underwater sports in the United States.

As a member of CMAS, the Society sanctions yearly local, regional and national underwater championships in Scuba, Skin Diving, Spearfishing, U/W Hockey, U/W Rugby, Fin Swimming and U/W Photography.

The USOA is also eligible and sends teams to all World U/W Sports Championships.

CMAS is headquartered in Rome where USOA sits on all CMAS Committees: Science, Technical and Sports.

USOA athletes are honored with all sports national champions comprising the **ALL AMERICAN DIVE TEAM**. Each sport also awards their MAN & WOMAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

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Carol Rose, President
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