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ADDITIONAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP OFFERED FOR SUMMER 2008:

**BLACKBEARD'S CRUISES TRAVEL AND TOURISM INTERNSHIP IN  
FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND**

The 2008 Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society (OW-USS) Summer Internships are offered for a 1 to 3 month period and are primarily directed at college undergraduates and graduating seniors. Internship recipients will receive a grant to help fund travel to/from site, room and board, and a stipend to cover living expenses.

For the summer of 2008, OW-USS is pleased to announce an additional internship sponsored by Blackbeard's Cruises in the Bahama Islands

- **Blackbeard's Cruises Travel and Tourism Internship**

This internship provides the opportunity to gain experience in multiple aspects of a small cruise company's operations—including market development, customer service, boat operations, and logistics.

Blackbeard's Cruises offers liveaboard scuba diving adventure travel to the Out Islands of the Bahamas. Based in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, intern duties will include internet research to further youth market development, assembling of marketing materials, phone/email correspondence with customers, and boat operations.

This internship provides valuable experience for someone who is interested in pursuing a career in the travel and tourism industry. The intern will learn about multiple aspects of working in a cruise company, spending time at Blackbeard's office in Freeport as well as serving as a crew member on guest cruises.

Additionally, the following Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society internships will be offered during the summer of 2008:

- **Aquarena Center Environmental Education Internship**

The Aquarena Center is situated along the headwaters of the San Marcos River and provides the Austin and San Antonio area with the opportunity to discover a natural wonder created by the Edwards Aquifer, a major water resource for Central Texas. Open to the public, this environmental education center offers a variety of exhibits focusing on the endangered species of the San Marcos Springs, including the Texas Blind Salamander, San Marcos Salamander, and Fountain Darter, the importance and diversity of wetlands, and the native and exotic species found in this area.

Day-to-day operations at Aquarena offer a variety of opportunities for students interested in the practical aspects of the emerging field of environmental education. The intern's responsibilities will be divided among aquatic maintenance, science diving, boat tours with staff and photo documentation on land and underwater. The intern will be expected to provide his or her own SCUBA equipment (including full wet suit) as well as a completed SCUBA diving medical form and physical, as this internship involves long days of physically demanding work underwater in 71 degree water.

- **Divers Alert Network (DAN) Research Internship**

The DAN Research Internship Program is designed to expand DAN's *Project Dive Exploration (PDE)* data collection, which is a prospective, observational study of safety in recreational diving. The objectives of PDE are to establish the risk of injury in recreational diving; study the effects of age, sex, and dive style on the risk of decompression illness; and investigate the relationship between pre-existing health conditions. The intern is trained at DAN's headquarters in Durham, North Carolina and then placed with DAN sponsors during the research phase.

- **The Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) Marine Conservation Internship**

Offered in Key Largo, Florida, the Marine Conservation Internship provides an opportunity to experience the working at a nonprofit environmental organization. REEF is a grass-root, non-profit organization of recreational divers dedicated to protecting and preserving the underwater environment. Outside duties include environmental presentations to local and visiting school, university, dive and public groups; working with other local marine conservation entities; and opportunities for conducting marine life surveys during local dives. Office duties

include handling memberships, incoming marine life survey data, answering e-mail and dealing with the public.

- **“Sport Diver” Magazine Publishing Internship**

Based in Winter Park, Florida, the recipient of this internship will gain valuable experience in supporting a complete 6-week publishing cycle of Sport Diver magazine, a leading publication in the scuba diving and travel markets. This is an opportunity to get real world experience in magazine publishing, including all facets of taking the product from start to finish.

- **U.S. Navy Engineering Internship**

Based in Bethesda, Maryland or Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this internship will provide a unique opportunity to work with a world-class scientist or engineer on hull, mechanical, and electrical technologies for US Navy ships and ship systems. Sponsored by Mercury Marine, this internship is hosted by the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division. The Carderock Division consists of approximately 3,800 scientists, engineers and support personnel working in more than 40 disciplines, ranging from fundamental science to applied/in-service engineering.

*Application Deadline for 2008 Summer Internships is January 31, 2008*

For more information on eligibility criteria and application process, please contact the OWUSS website at

<http://www.owuscholarship.org>