

Underwater Photos of the Week



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This *Leaf scorpionfish* (*Taenianotus triacanthus*; also known as paperfish) was photographed by Kwajalein resident Tommy Ryon in the waters of Kwajalein Atoll. Found through the Indo-Pacific, this species is known for its large, paper-thin dorsal fin running along its back like a huge mohawk. Varying widely in color, from pinkish hues and pale whites to dark browns and blacks, leaf scorpionfish are thin in girth and, as their namesake illustrates, resemble leaves from trees fallen during an autumn breeze. Interestingly, the species molts every couple of weeks and is able to switch to a different color after each molt. Leaf scorpionfish feed on small crustaceans and fishes. They inhabit reef flats and deeper reef slopes, residing at depths of up to 135 meters.



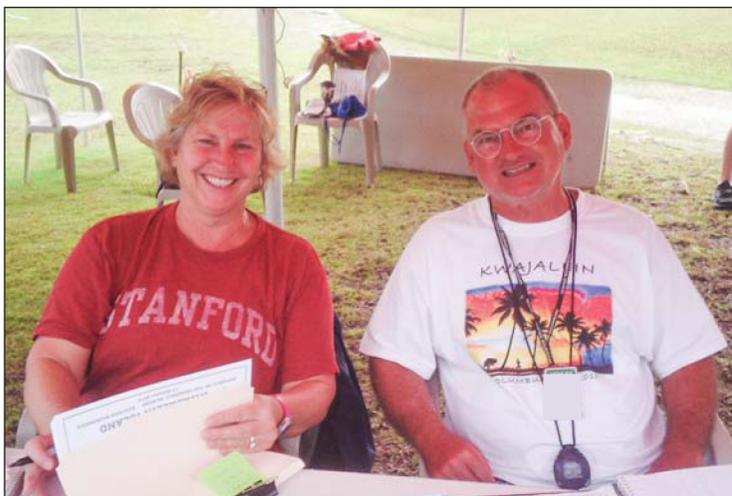
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📷 Leaf scorpionfish by Tommy Ryon

HEROES OF THE WEEK

USAG-KA's Heroes of the Week for this week are Bob and Jane Sholar. Long-time residents of Kwajalein, Bob and Jane are behind many of the Kwajalein Running Club's annual and monthly running and walking events held on the island. Bob began participating in the club's events in 1979 and has worked as an organizer alongside Jane since about 1995. It's a lot of work putting together the larger events, such as the Columbus Day Run (see page 3) or the RustMan Triathlon, but the effort is well worth it, says Jane.

"It's just a lot of fun," she says. "It's nice to see everybody participating, especially the newcomers. It's a nice way to bring the community together."



📷 Nikki Maxwell

THUMBS UP



Komol Tata to Tony and Mikiko Maika for your kind donations and in helping out a young family on Ebeye. Little Alice Laan Jiban Kabua Lome's family is very thankful to both of you.



Thumbs up to the band, dancers, and community members who helped celebrate Ryland/Driben's first birthday Marshallese style. We truly appreciate the opportunity to live here, learn about the culture and have such amazing friends! The Yarnes.

Want to thank an awesome community member here? Send an email to the Hourglass editor at jordan.m.vinson3.ctr@mail.mil