Tuesday, September 21. 2010

Re-Rigged

Dedicated GoBlog readers (there's got to be a few of you out there) may have noticed that I never wrote about the Gulf Oil Spill. In fact, I did craft a couple of blogs that I never posted, mostly angry, beer-fueled rants not so much about BP and their gruesome incompetence, but more about how raw sewage, toxins from petrochemical production, and industrial farming wastes cause the closure of beaches up and down both coasts every summer and no-one reports on it. But like I said, I never posted them. Now, however, I've stumbled across a great idea for old oil rigs that are no longer in production. Turn them into fancy hotels for scuba divers.The Seaventures Dive Resort is a hotel and diving platform created out of a small oil rig near Borneo. Owner Suzette Harris, explains the rig isn't super luxe (no glamping here, or wait, maybe this is glamping…) but that you don't come for the accommodations, "You come to dive."The rig got a fresh coat of paint and has 25 rooms for rent. Diving lessons, instructor lessons, and gear is all available. I couldn't find rates on the website, but I'm sure it's pretty damn expensive. But if you're into diving and you live in Nebraska, you've gotta pay to play right?So, maybe this wouldn't work in the Gulf. First off, there's nothing left of the Deep Horizon, except maybe some twisted metal and an untold amount of chemical dispersants. Secondly, there's not much diving in the Gulf. But, redesigning the wreckage of our industrial habits is definitely a cool idea. Via the Wall Street Journal (Yes I read the Journal, it makes my father proud!)

Posted by MT_Guy in Destinations at 06:58