



DIVER DOWN NEWS

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Message from the President

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The days are getting shorter as summer nears its end, but it is not time to put your dive gear away yet. There is still plenty of diving to do and fall can be the best time to dive. The water stays warm and the visibility gets better. We have dives scheduled thru the end of October so check the schedule and make a plan to come out and dive.

The highlight of our fall diving is the underwater pumpkin carving dive scheduled for October 9th at Woodhull Landing. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun. You can dive or just come out for the BBQ. To enter the contest, hollow out your pumpkin at home, bring a dive knife to carve and a weight to keep your pumpkin from floating away.

We will also be scheduling the Death By Diving dinner where 9 club members earned a dinner on the club. Everyone is invited to join in for dinner to congratulate the divers who completed the challenge. So even though it is September, there is still plenty of diving, eating and talking about diving to be done. You can't keep Dive Club members on dry land!

Mary Davis
President



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THE MONTHLY MEETING



The Dive Club currently holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at Lule's Lobster Inne (formerly the Jon Thomas Inne).

91 Howells Road
Brightwaters, N.Y 11718
(631) 647-3991

Support our hosting establishment and wait staff. Arrive for dinner as early as 6pm. Meetings commence at 8pm.

The Presenter for
September 2022 is Justin Enzman

Presenting on:

“Diving in Caves”



MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

- If you have not renewed your membership, please do so asap including filling out the updated club waiver. Form/waiver available here: thediveclub.com/membership
- Individual memberships for 2022 are \$25. Family memberships are \$35
- T-shirts are available for purchase for a charge of \$10.
- Membership payments should be given to Gus Bricker, who can be reached at info@thediveclub.com.
- Membership applications and renewals should be given to Bill Cadden, our Membership/Corresponding Secretary (info@thediveclub.com).



MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2022

Recorded by Jennifer Grosso

Meeting called to order at 8:06pm

OPENING REMARKS

- 🐟 Introduction to Club Member Board
- 🐟 Renewal starts in October
- 🐟 First Order Minutes approved
- 🐟 Found Dive Pocket has been claimed
- 🐟 Roy's grey Hollis fin was lost during D-b-D, his phone # and name is on it.
 - 🐟 A good time to remind to put name and number on gear in case you lose it
- 🐟 Dive Club Meetings are every First Tuesday of the month

NEW MEMBERS

- 🐟 Rick from Bayport FD new to the club diving for over 20 years
- 🐟 Edward Meyer - New OW diver as of last October
- 🐟 Anthony - New diver only has been diving for the past couple of months
- 🐟 Steve Davis - Certified for 5 years, AOW
- 🐟 Danna Davis- Steve's wife diving since the 90s, brought Steve into the sport
- 🐟 Zane, 9yrs old - son of Steve and Danna, to be certified next year

DEATH-BY-DIVING REPORT

- 🐟 8 Dives over the weekend from Friday-Sunday. 8 people did all 8 dives and 1 did 7 dives. All those people are entitled to Lobster Dinner
- 🐟 36 Divers total for the weekend with 8 camping
- 🐟 130 dives total, 9 dinners, biggest year ever or in a while
- 🐟 Shout out to Linda for land support and helping with the parking passes
- 🐟 Shout out to Jerry Kinkade former president of the dive club who came up for Death-by-Diving. He received a plaque for all the work he has done for the club as well as a lifetime membership

BEACH SCHEDULE

- 🐟 Located in the newsletter please check the newsletter for the dives
- 🐟 Double check Google groups for last minute updates and changes due to weather, etc.
- 🐟 OBI- Every Wednesday Evening meetup at 5pm till dusk. You can dive the pier or the jetty. We meet in the main parking lot. Visibility isn't great, but it is great for experience. You don't have to dive; you can always just come and hang out.



MEETING MINUTES

(continued)

AQUAWOMAN DIVE

- 🐟 Linda Gotti spoke about the Aquawoman dive.
- 🐟 8 Women who were lifetime members showed. 5 new ladies came this year.
- 🐟 12-15 men this year and 1 or so additional supporters.
- 🐟 This is normally a boat dive, however due to the smaller boats so they held a beach dive.
- 🐟 Sign Off to Edith Hoffman who passed away 2 days before the dive.

WRECK DIVE SCHEDULE

- 🐟 8/27 & 10/1 Scheduled for the Sea Hawk. Waitlist is available, if interested

TRIPS

- 🐟 Tiedemann Dive Shop is hosting a trip to Belize 10/8-10/15- Liveaboard 2 spots available contact the shop or Mary Davis if you're interested
- 🐟 First week of January they will be hosting a Florida dive trip as well, the first Wednesday after new years eve (January 4-8).

GUEST SPEAKER—BARRY LIPSKY: PUBLIC SAFETY DIVING

- 🐟 8:35pm start of presentation
- 🐟 Barry is a member of the Bayport Fire Department
- 🐟 Handles Surface Water Rescue, Ice Rescue, Scuba Rescue and Ice Scuba Rescue
- 🐟 Barry spoke about the types of equipment and brought some for show. He gave real life examples and showed additional pictures of the types of equipment used. He talked about redundant air sources and their importance.
- 🐟 Barry distinguished between the different circumstances surrounding recreational diving and public safety diving. The latter is extremely dangerous, and the correct training is imperative.
- 🐟 Knowing where your tender is located and communicating through the tender line is the key to staying oriented. Search sweeps are in arc pattern
- 🐟 Presentation ended at 9:35pm after questions

CLOSING REMARKS

- 🐟 50/50 Winner- Michael \$98

Meeting Adjourned at 9:36pm



DEATH BY DIVING WEEKEND JULY 29-31, 2022 ~ RESULTS

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- 🦋 8 ~ Eight divers completed all 8 dives
- 🦋 7 ~ One diver completed 7 dives
- 🦋 3 ~ Four divers completed 3 dives
- 🦋 2 ~ Fourteen divers completed 2 dives
- 🦋 1 ~ Nine divers completed 1 dive

Totals:

- 🦋 9 dinners earned
- 🦋 36 divers participated
- 🦋 120 dives done over the weekend

Congratulations to all that participated and made the weekend a success!





WOMEN DIVERS HALL OF FAME 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING GRANTS

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Thirty-eight scholarships and training grants are offered this year. For some of the categories, more than one scholarship/grant is being offered. A summary of the scholarship/grant categories is listed below. Full descriptions, sponsorship and amounts can be found in the press release.

Go here to download the press release:

womendivershalloffame.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/WDHOF%202023%20Scholarship%20Training%20Grant%20PR.pdf

Application instructions & info at:

wdhof.org/scholarships/sponsorship & wdhof.org/scholarships/how-to-apply

To go directly to the application link, go here:

grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=wdhf

2023 SCHOLARSHIPS (17)

- 🐬 Marine Conservation Scholarships: Graduate (4 - women only, 1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Marine Conservation Scholarships: Undergraduate (1 - women only, 1 - women or men)
- 🐬 J. Berman Memorial Grant for Sea Turtle Conservation (1 - women only)
- 🐬 Susan L. Williams Memorial Fellowships in Coral and Seagrass Rehabilitation (4 - women only)
- 🐬 Cecelia Connelly Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Underwater Archaeology (1 - women only)
- 🐬 Undergraduate Marine Research Scholarships & Internship (1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Laurel Clark Memorial Sea to Space Physiology Research Fellowships (2 - women or men)
- 🐬 Bonnie Cardone Memorial Scholarship in Journalism, Graphic Arts, Photography, or Videography (1 - women only)

2023 TRAINING GRANTS (15)

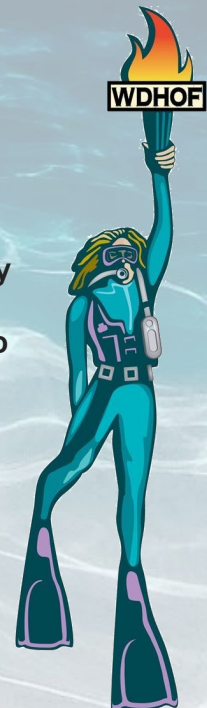
- 🐬 Basic dive training (learn to dive) (6 - women only, 1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Advanced dive training (6 - women only, 1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Basic or advanced hard hat dive training (1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Basic or advanced dive training for candidates in ROTC, JROTC, military academy, Sea Scout or Sea Cadet (1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Disabled diver (beginner or advanced) or instructor to assist disabled to dive (1 - women or men)

2023 SPECIALTY GRANTS (6)

- 🐬 Instructor advanced education (1 - women only)
- 🐬 Diver medical education or emergency medical responder (5 - women or men)

The deadline for receipt of applications is October 31, 2022,
at 5:00 pm New York time.

*(Exception: Undergraduate Marine Research Internship
closes Jan 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm New York time.)*





2022 LEADERBOARDS

BEACH DIVING (AS OF AUGUST 26):

Mary Davis..... 18	Megan Barrow..... 3	Danny Rivera 1
Mike Feldbaum..... 12	Alicia Sirois..... 2	Steve Maggio 1
Courtney Lyons 10	Andrew Solomon.... 2	Ann Bivona 1
Tim McMahon 10	Jim Vafeas..... 2	Freddie Bonaire..... 1
John Berntsen..... 9	Larry Zeidler 2	Janet McLoughlin... 1
Jim Lisle 9	Doug King 2	Kim Valenti 1
Joe Feldbaum..... 9	Dawn Dawson 2	Jeremy Gruber..... 1
Rick Baresich..... 8	Jackie Feldbaum ... 2	Jack Frost 1
Victoria Ingoglia 7	Sam Feldbaum 2	Denis Mellett 1
Roy Bacchi..... 5	Ryan Feldbaum 2	Julie Cohen..... 1
Vadim Paley 5	Rusty Lukeman..... 2	Henry Serra..... 1
Jenny Ross..... 5	Tom Reidman..... 2	Liam Dawson 1
Les Charles 5	Alicia Sirois..... 2	Barry Lipsky 1
Matt Gruber 4	Elaine Turley 2	Kim Dunham..... 1
Andrey Krasnov 4	Glen Whelpley 2	Will Krasnov 1
Nick Sinnott 4	Dave Thorburn 2	Alex Stemger..... 1
Ron Prybella..... 3	Bill Cadden 2	James Campbell 1
Ryan Smith 3	Ken Murphy..... 2	Jim Campbell 1
Tom Spier 3	Ryan Christie..... 1	Leslie Von Pless..... 1
Chelsea Miller..... 3	Danny Rivera..... 1	Pat Fontana 1
Kevin Ryan..... 3	James Zima 1	Gavin Fontana 1
Eric Cregeen 3	Denis Mellett..... 1	Dana Pranthier Davis 1
Ozan Ersoz..... 3	Chuck Ertle..... 1	Steve Davis 1
Jeanine Furco..... 3	Harris Moore 1	John Norgard..... 1
Linda Gotti 3	Jeremy Gruber..... 1	Al Marvelli 1





2022 LEADERBOARDS

OAK BEACH (AS OF AUGUST 24):

Courtney Lyons..... 10	Jenny Ross 2	Noah Yousha..... 1
Mary Davis 10	Bobby Reith 2	Alex Stemger..... 1
Tim McMahon..... 10	Chris Brady..... 2	Jerry Kinkade 1
Eric Cregeen..... 9	Jack Frost 2	John Ertle 1
Chelsea Miller 8	Ryan Feldbaum..... 2	Thomas Ertle..... 1
Kevin Ryan 8	Bill Cadden..... 2	Roy Bacchi..... 1
Mike Feldbaum 8	Jim Lisle..... 2	Andrew Solomon 1
John Hochenberger.. 7	Barbara Ertle 2	James Lark 1
Joe Feldbaum 7	Ron Prybella 2	Norma Leon 1
Randi Hochenberger. 6	Jim Campbell 2	Doug King..... 1
Louis Buda 6	James Campbell..... 2	Tatiana Vivar 1
Victoria Ingoglia..... 6	Jack Dillon 2	Edward Meyer..... 1
Vadim Paley..... 4	Eric Yousha 1	Steve Davis..... 1
Chuck Ertle 4		
Megan Barrow 4		
Joe Lemaire 3		
John Berntsen 3		
Ciara Smith 3		
Harris Moore 3		
Rick Baresich 3		
Nick Sinnott 3		
Larry Ziedler..... 3		
Andrey Krasnov 2		
Ozan Ersoz 2		



WRECK DIVING (AS OF AUGUST 26):

Roy Bacchi..... 4	Grace Mattel 1
Danny Rivera..... 4	Larry Ziedler..... 1
Frank Cara 2	





BEACH DIVING

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER SCHEDULE

(All dives are subject to change due to weather and/or other conditions
—check Facebook and Google Group messages for the most up-to-date info)

- ✈ September 3: Horton's Point ~ Meet 10 AM
- ✈ September 11: Old Ponquogue Bridge, HT 9:36 AM ~ Meet 7:30 AM
- ✈ September 17: Glen Cove Clean Up with LIND for Scuba Network
- ✈ September 25: Stehli Beach ~ Meet 9 AM







- ✈ October 1: Fort Pond Bay, Montauk ~ Meet 10AM
- ✈ October 9: Woodhull Landing Pumpkin Carving Dive ~ Meet at 11AM, BBQ after
- ✈ October 16: Old Ponquogue Bridge , HT 1:26 PM ~ Meet 11:30 AM
- ✈ October 22: Woodhull Landing Night Dive ~ Meet 5PM
- ✈ October 29: Secret Beach ~ Meet 10 AM (Hopefully will be tick-free)






WRECK DIVING INFORMATION

The following equipment is **required** for all wreck dives with The Dive Club:

-  Secondary Air Source: doubles or pony bottle
-  Wreck reel
-  Lift bag OR Surface Marker Buoy
-  Cutting tool
-  Whistle or other sound device
-  Strobe



Barry Lipsky was recently featured in News 12 piece about the impact of climate change on local wrecks.

Check it out at
projects.news12.com/saving-our-shores/

Scroll down to the “Lost To The Sea” segment and you will see the 2:43 minute video featuring Barry

Divers should be comfortable with the use of this gear.

To book a spot on the Sidekick Dive Boat, each diver must have certification for the planned depth of the wreck. **Deep Diving certification is required for wrecks over 100ft.**

To book a spot on the Sea Hawk or Sea Turtle, AOW certification is required. Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Danny Rivera at sidekickdiveboat@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE

 October 1 - Sea Hawk - Site TBA, preferably offshore

Currently waitlist only. More charters TBA. Check Google Groups and Facebook.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES



Ryan Davis
 Shannon Davis
 Richard DeFilippo
 Chuck Ertle
 Jeanine Furco
 Victoria Ingoglia
 Barry Lipsky
 Kenny Mascak
 Chelsea Miller

Harris Moore
 Cory Moran
 John Palumbo
 Rick Picone
 Bobby Reith
 Ciara Smith
 Mia Venezia
 Katie Waskzkiewicz
 Kathy Zummo



DIVER PROFILES

Be featured in a future newsletter and help our dive community to become more familiar. Send the following information about yourself to editor@thediveclub.com

Name:

The nickname divers know you by:

Years diving:

Certification level:

Additional skills and certifications you have earned along the way:

How many dives do you have under your belt?

What is your favorite type of diving?

Have you traveled to far-off destinations?

Where was your favorite dive destination?

What was your best dive experience?

What was your worst dive experience?

What was your scariest dive experience?

Have you had any funny experiences while diving?

Have you had any close encounters with aquatic life while diving?

What (besides your love of diving) can you share with the divers that will be reading your profile?



GOT NEWS OR STORIES?

Just because it is the height of winter, doesn't mean our diving is dormant. This is an excellent time to brush up on skills, service equipment, take classes, and make diving plans.

To keep the momentum going, let's share highlights of our adventures in diving. Consider writing an article for the newsletter (pictures also welcome!). If not a personal story or experience, diver-related news or educational articles are also welcome. All submissions are appreciated and will be credited accordingly. Send to editor@thediveclub.com.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**President:
Mary Davis**



**Vice President:
John Berntsen**



**Treasurer:
Gus Bricker**



**Membership/Corresponding
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Bill Cadden**



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Jennifer Grosso**



**Newsletter Editor:
Randi Hochenberger**



COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Wreck Diving:
Danny Rivera/Frank Cara



Beach Diving:
Ken Murphy/Tim McMahon



Oak Beach-Tee Shirts:
Courtney Lyons



Camping Trips:
Bruce Russo



Website Management:
Jim Vafeas



Social Media Chairperson:
Jerry Kinkade

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone (home/cell): _____
 Email: _____

Level of Certification: _____ Certifying Agency: _____ Date of Certification: _____
 Student Yes/No Years Diving: _____ Approx. Number of Dives made: _____ Deepest Dive to date: _____
 Have you ever made a decompression dive Yes/No

What are your diving interests? (Circle all that apply):

- Wreck Diving Beach Diving U/W Photography Deep Diving Spear Fishing Night Diving
 Artifact Collecting Environmental Issues

Are you First Aid/CPR certified? Yes/No

Are you interested in furthering your present level of certification? Yes/No

What are you looking for in a dive club? _____

Would you be interested in participating in club committees? Yes/No

When are you available for club dives/activities? (days, nights, weekends) _____

Are you a member of Divers Alert Network (D.A.N.)? Yes/No

Are you a member of any other dive clubs? Yes/No If so, which ones?

Membership Level: New/Renewal, please circle
 Single Membership: \$25.00. Full club membership
 Family Membership: \$35.00. Full Club membership for the person signing up,
 plus spouse and all children under the age of 15 years old.

Disclaimer:

I understand that if accepted for membership in The Dive Club, I will be bound by the by-laws of The Dive Club and will be required to sign a waiver of liability and pay the applicable admission fee.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Club officer: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____



LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK

THIS IS A RELEASE OF YOUR RIGHTS TO SUE

This release may be used against you in a court of law if you sue any released person or party.

Please read carefully, fill in all blanks and initial each paragraph before signing. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

I, _____, hereby affirm that I have been advised and thoroughly informed through my open water training of the inherent risks of skin and scuba diving.

- Further, I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks; decompression sickness, embolism, or other hyperbaric injuries can occur that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that any trips of any kind (diving or non-diving), whether sponsored or not, by The Dive Club may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such diving activities in spite of the absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site(s).
- I understand and agree that neither The Dive Club or any of their respective board members, officers, agents or assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties"), may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death, or other damages to me or my family, heirs, or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in any Dive Club activity, or as a result of negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.
- In Consideration of being allowed to become a member of The Dive Club I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with diving or non-diving activity from any harm, injury or damage that may befall on me, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen.
- I further save and hold harmless said Dive Club and Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in Club events including both claims arising during said event or after said event.
- I Further understand that skin diving and scuba diving are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during any diving activity, and that if I am injured as a result of a heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, etc., that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the above listed individuals or companies responsible for the same.
- I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian.
- I understand that the terms herein are contractual and are not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document of my own free act.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF _____ BY THIS INSTRUMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE THE DIVE CLUB, AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES AS DEFINED ABOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

