



# DIVER DOWN NEWS

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## Message from the President June 2023

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The water is warm, the beaches are open, it is time to dive! Many Club members have been in the water already, but I am still hearing questions about the water temperature. Depending on the site, the temperatures are in the high fifties and low sixties. This is perfect for a 7mm wet suit. The visibility has been good at 6-15 ft. It doesn't get better than this.

The water will still warm up a little, but with the warm up the visibility drops. Now is the time to come out and dive. There is a full beach diving schedule and Oak Beach has had 2 successful Wednesday dive/BBQ's. There are still a few open spots on the wreck schedule and I can plan more trips if the spots fill up. There is some interest in scheduling another shallow wreck dive but I need 4 more divers to fill the boat. If you are new to local wreck diving and want to go let me know and we will set a date.

We have a new meeting location at the Tap Room in Bay Shore. Let's have a good turn out at our meeting to show our appreciation to our new hosts. I'll see you Tuesday June 6th.

See you soon,  
*Mary Davis*  
*President of the Dive Club*





# THE MONTHLY MEETING

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The Dive Club currently holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Tap Room in Bay Shore.

EST ★ 2011

44 E Main St. #46  
Bay Shore, NY 11706  
(631) 665-2000

# TAP ROOM

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



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### *Nuno Gomes on Deep Diving Records*





# CLUB MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

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Fill out the application at the end of this newsletter. If you are viewing the newsletter online, the fields are fillable and you can type in them. It is preferred that you fill out the application on your computer, print to sign, and then scan and email to Bill at the below address. Read on for detailed instructions.

Please note that ALL PREVIOUS Forms are Obsolete. The Form MUST say 2023 at the top.

Note, for Family Memberships, EACH PERSON IN THE FAMILY UNIT needs to fill out a Form and Sign it.

Print out the form so you can sign **BOTH Pages**, and **Initial the Waiver** where indicated.

PARENTS you must sign the Waiver for your Children under the age of 18.

No Digital Signatures please.

**When you sign the Waiver, PLEASE DATE IT January 1, 2023.**

Scan the two pages and save as a \*.pdf, using your Last Name for the File Name.

Ex: Mine would be Cadden.pdf .

E-Mail it back to this E-Mail Address ([Membership.TheDiveClub@gmail.com](mailto:Membership.TheDiveClub@gmail.com))

## Pay your Dues

You can do this by one of 3 easy and convenient ways:

1. Pay Cash at the meeting or if you run into an Officer (Pres, Vice-Pres, Treasurer, Corresponding Sec).
2. Pay by Check, either at a Meeting, to an Officer, or via mail to the P.O. Box.
  - \* If you use a Business Check, make sure you include a note telling us who it is for.
  - \* If your Family Unit has multiple Last Names, please let us know who is included.
3. Venmo to the Treasurer.
  - \* If you need Venmo directions, please contact the Treasurer at [info@thediveclub.com](mailto:info@thediveclub.com).
  - \* If your Family Unit has multiple Last Names, please let us know who is included.

## 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](http://thediveclub.com/membership).
- Individual memberships for 2023 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](mailto:info@thediveclub.com).
- Membership applications and renewals should be given to Bill Cadden, our Membership/Corresponding Secretary ([membership.thediveclub@gmail.com](mailto:membership.thediveclub@gmail.com)).



# MEETING MINUTES

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May 2, 2023  
*taken by Courtney Lyons*

- 🐟 7:59 Meeting started
- 🐟 Karaoke cancelled as per new owners of restaurant
- 🐟 Going forward, our meetings will be held somewhere else. Location TBD. Looking for a new location that will allow separate checks, suggestions accepted!
- 🐟 minutes approved
- 🐟 new member June
- 🐟 This weekends dive is moving to Ponquogue Bridge. Secret Beach is closed to us until further notice. Meet at 7:15. High tide 8:57 am. No permit is needed yet.
- 🐟 Shinnecock dive on May 13 likely to change. Keep an eye on emails and Facebook.
- 🐟 Barry: Greenport Village has changed leadership. We are waiting to hear back from Secret Beach to confirm our ability to dive there.
- 🐟 2024 LIDA Film Festival January 27. Mark your calendars for a great event to meet, talk about diving, and see some films from around the diving industry.
- 🐟 Signs being created for HMS Culloden in Montauk to post the history of the wreck
- 🐟 8:20
- 🐟 May 21 Orchard Beach clean up with Captain Mike's Diving Center. Info in newsletter
- 🐟 Wreck diving schedule posted in newsletter. Contact Courtney for a spot on the June 25 wreck dive to the Gypsy Blood.
- 🐟 Oak Beach Wednesday nights starting May 24 from 4:30 to sunset for a dive and barbecue
- 🐟 New t-shirt and sweatshirt orders are in. Come get your swag!!!!
- 🐟 Cedar Point camping memorial day weekend
- 🐟 Death by diving is July 29-31. Let Martin know if you will be bringing a trailer to camping. Camping will be at Indian Island
- 🐟 Joe Lemaire: Jamestown Rhode Island camping trip at Fort Getty. Near Newport. Sites can fit 3-4 people but spots must be reserved ahead of time. Contact Joe for help with reservations. Diving will be in a protected area July 14-15
- 🐟 Linda Gotti: boat diving in Moorehead City, NC. Pay per spot, stay in bunkhouse right by dove shop and within walking distance to the boat. Contact Linda for info or to book a spot +1 (631) 680-8168
- 🐟 Jim Vafaes: trip to Canada. Contact Tiedemanns Diving Center
- 🐟 See email from Elaine Turley- North Carolina OBX trips
- 🐟 Bill on memberships: read instructions and fill out paperwork and waivers properly. If you have not renewed your membership yet, contact [info@thediveclub.com](mailto:info@thediveclub.com) to renew. \$25 per person per year and need a new waiver on file each year.
- 🐟 Death by diving winners last year that haven't received a hat yet: Vicky & John. Thank you Bill!
- 🐟 8:45: in lieu of karaoke, members shared memorable diving experiences



# SAVE THE DATE

## LIDA FILM FESTIVAL 2024

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 Long Island Diving Association



The Long Island Diver's Association (LIDA) Film Festival has become an annual tradition for New York area divers seeking to break the winter doldrums and to begin looking forward to new dive adventures.

This highly anticipated event is the highlight of the diving season, as we bring together photographers and cinematographers to present a glimpse into our amazing underwater world. Our presentations feature images from around the world as well as our own backyard.

Each year, the film festival sells out, as divers from all around the area come together for a night of entertainment and enjoyment. Join us as we both look back on the dive season just behind us and look forward to future adventures. We welcome family and friends, divers, and non-divers for an evening not to be missed.

**The LIDA Film Festival will be held on  
Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 7 p.m.**

For one low price of admission attendees can enjoy 2-hours of presentations from some of the best underwater photographers and film makers in the world, followed by an amazing after-party complete with food and refreshments.

There is always the opportunity to win one of our highly sought-after raffle prizes. This is a great way to connect with friends, meet new divers and begin to plan new diving adventures in the year to come.

The Long Island Diver's Association is a not-for-profit regional organization dedicated to the promotion of local diving, the representation of divers interests throughout the diving and general community, and the protection of divers rights through outreach to our local and regional government officials.

Member dues, donations and the proceeds from its annual Film Festival fundraiser fund LIDA. LIDA is staffed completely by volunteer members. For more information, visit [lidaonline.com](http://lidaonline.com).



# WRECK DIVING 2023 SCHEDULE

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

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.

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 June 17	Sea Hawk	TBD—offshore	80-130 ft	Full
 June 25	Gypsy Blood	Stolt Dagali	130ft	Full*
 July 2	Halftime	Oregon	130ft	4 spots
 July 15	Sea Hawk	TBD—offshore	80-130ft	2 spots
 August 26	Sea Hawk	TBD—offshore	80-130ft	Full
 September 3	Halftime	12 Mile Reef	120ft	4 spots

Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Mary Davis at [painlessm@msn.com](mailto:painlessm@msn.com) or 516-987-8308.

*\*Contact Courtney Lyons for information about the waitlist and any openings for this dive.*

*All payments due in advance. Payment must be made to secure spot.*

*All spots are final. If you can't make it you can replace yourself with a qualified diver. We will try to help with a replacement if needed from a wait list.*



# WRECK DIVING REPORT JUNE 2023

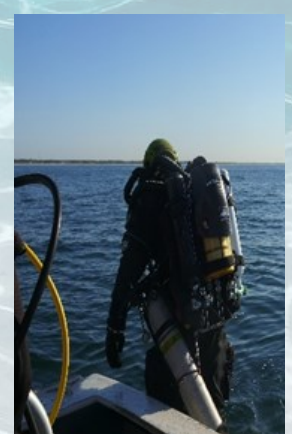
By Mary Davis

The first wreck dive of the season was on May 28<sup>th</sup> on the Halftime dive boat out of Hampton Bays. The trip was amazing with warm, sunny weather and calm seas. It was a great way for the 6 Club members on board to start the season.

We traveled to the wreck of the Panther which is a 110 ft tug that sank on August 24, 1893. It sits in 55 ft of water. There are 2 pieces of the wreck that rise 5-15 ft off the sand. They are covered with fish. There was even an eel spotted hiding in the wreckage. The water temperature was 54 degrees and the visibility was 15 ft.

It was nice to start the season with a shallow, inshore dive. While we were looking out over the water during the surface interval I said to the group, "The only thing that could make this day better is if 2 dolphins surfaced right now".

Well, would you believe as soon as I said it, 2 dolphins did just that. And for the next hour of our surface interval we all watched as about 30 dolphins swam, surfaced and jumped all around the boat. I would not have believed it if I didn't see it. It was a magical day on the water on the Halftime with Captain Ralph Towlen and the crew Wally. It deserves a nice write up in to logbooks.





# BEACH DIVING

## UPDATED 2023 SCHEDULE

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Beach Diving Committee: Joe Feldbaum & Victoria Ingoglia

Please be advised that all dives are subject to a location change or cancellation. Any updates in the schedule will be sent to Facebook and E-mail as they come up.

Wednesday, Oak Beach Dive and BBQ has commenced for the season. Meet as early as 4:30PM

### June 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, June 3
  - ✦ Noyack Bay (full moon night dive)
- ✦ Sunday, June 11
  - ✦ Lake Minnewaska (Day trip - meet by 11, dive by 12)
- ✦ Saturday, June 17
  - ✦ HMS Culloden (Montauk Day trip - meet at 8:15, HighTide 9:08)
- ✦ Sunday, June 25
  - ✦ Gypsy Blood charter: Meet at 6:30, boat leaves at 7:00 AM SHARP (spots are currently full, this is reserved for members who reserved a spot already only)
  - ✦ Beach 8th Street: Meet at 1 PM, High tide 1:50

### July 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, July 1
  - ✦ Roanoke Barges
- ✦ Monday, July 3
  - ✦ Cedar Beach (full moon night dive)
- ✦ Sunday, July 9
  - ✦ Shoreham Jetties
- ✦ Saturday, July 15
  - ✦ Ponquogue Bridge
- ✦ Sunday, July 23
  - ✦ Beach 8th Street

### Death by Diving & Camping:

- ✦ Friday, July 28
  - ✦ Oak Beach 6pm
- ✦ Saturday, July 29
  - ✦ Secret Beach
  - ✦ Horton's Point
  - ✦ Cedar Beach
  - ✦ New Suffolk Submarine Base
- ✦ Sunday, July 30
  - ✦ OPB
  - ✦ Noyack Bay (2 dives, BBQ)

### August 2023:

- ✦ Sunday, August 6
  - ✦ Rye Cliff Ferry
- ✦ Saturday, August 12
  - ✦ Shoreham Jetties
- ✦ Saturday, August 19
  - ✦ Beach 8th Street
- ✦ Sunday, August 27
  - ✦ Delaware Water Gap (Day trip)

### September 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, September 2
  - ✦ Oak Beach (Labor Day weekend BBQ)
- ✦ Sunday, September 10
  - ✦ Ponquogue Bridge

### September 2023 (con't):

- ✦ Saturday, September 16
  - ✦ U.S.S. Ohio
- ✦ Saturday, September 23
  - ✦ Shinnecock Inlet (weather permitting; backup: Ponquogue Bridge)
- ✦ Saturday, September 30
  - ✦ Theodore Roosevelt Pier

### October 2023:

- ✦ Sunday, October 8
  - ✦ Noyack Bay (Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest)
- ✦ Sunday, October 15
  - ✦ Bayville Barge
- ✦ Saturday, October 21
  - ✦ Cedar Beach
- ✦ Saturday, September 28
  - ✦ Ponquogue Bridge

### November 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, November 4
  - ✦ Pirate's Cove







# 2023 LEADERBOARDS

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## SHORE

Mary Davis .....	3	Chelsea Miller.....	1
Tim McMahon .....	2	Ben Chung .....	1
Philip Hollnsteiner	1	Doug King.....	1
Jim Vafeas .....	1	John Berntsen .....	1
Vadim Paley.....	2	Courtney Lyons .....	1
Joe Lemaire .....	2	Rick Baresich .....	1
John Hochenberger	2	Eric Yoshua.....	1
Joe Feldbaum .....	2	Noah Yoshua.....	1
Danny Rivera .....	2	Jim Lisle.....	1
William Iaconetti ..	1	Steven Davis .....	1
Vicky Ingoglia .....	1	Ed Meyer, Jr.....	1
Ron Prybella.....	1	Andrew Solomon....	1
Mike Feldbaum .....	1	Grace Mattel .....	1
Kevin Ryan.....	1	Ryan Smith .....	1

## OAK BEACH

Courtney Lyons ....	2	Nick Sinnott.....	1
Kevin Ryan.....	2	John Bernsten .....	1
Chelsea Miller.....	2	Megan Barrow.....	1
Tim McMahon .....	1	Tim McMahon.....	1
Philip Vastano.....	1	Mary Davis.....	1
William Iaconetti ..	1	Will Iaconetti.....	1
Vadim Paley .....	1	Jack Frost .....	1
Louis Buda .....	1	Mike Felbaum .....	1
Jenny Ross.....	1	Joe Feldbaum .....	1
Vicky Ingoglia .....	1	Alex .....	1
Saverio Pispisa.....	1	Gavin.....	1

## WRECK

Mary Davis .....	2	Jack Dillon .....	2
Andrew Solomon ...	2	James Lark .....	2
Ryan Smith .....	2	Alicia Sirois .....	2



# DIVER PROFILES

Be featured in a future newsletter and help our dive community to become more familiar. Send the following information about yourself to [info@thediveclub.com](mailto:info@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 [info@thediveclub.com](mailto:info@thediveclub.com).

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Roy Bacchi  
Steve Borgess  
Salvatore Candela  
June Dawson  
Nicholas Lumbardo  
Guy Zummo

William Carver Jr.  
Timothy Dawideit  
Paul Santarsiero  
Mike Grimes  
John Roche  
Roy Weydig



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**President:  
Mary Davis**



**Vice President:  
John Berntsen**



**Treasurer:  
Gus Bricker**



**Corresponding Secretary:  
Bill Cadden**



**Recording Secretary:  
Courtney Lyons**



**Newsletter Editor:  
Randi Hochenberger**



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# COMMITTEE CHAIRS



**Wreck Diving:  
Roy Bacchi**



**Beach Diving:  
Joey Feldbaum and Vicky Ingoglia**



**Oak Beach-Tee Shirts:  
Courtney Lyons**



**Camping Trips:  
Bruce Russo**



**Website Management:  
Jim Vafeas**



**Social Media Chairperson:  
Jerry Kinkade**

APPLICATION DATA SHEET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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 planned decompression dive?  Yes  No

What are your diving interests?  Wreck Diving  Beach Diving  U/W Photography  Deep Diving  
(Check all that apply)  Spear Fishing  Night Diving  Artifact Collecting  Travel/Vacation  
 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? (Check all that apply):  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 Type: Please check  New  Renewal

Single Membership: \$25.00. Full club membership

Family Membership: \$35.00. Full Club membership for the person signing up, plus Partner and all children 18 years old and under.

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/Title of Club officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**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 acknowledge scuba diving is an activity that is done with a buddy. I will not make a solo dive during a Dive Club event unless I am certified to do so by an accredited training agency and an I am equipped to make this dive safely.
- 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