



DIVER DOWN NEWS

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President's Note – May 2024



The Club has had 2 successful dives in April as of this writing and there is another dive and beach clean up scheduled on April 28th at the Old Ponquogue Bridge. I am hoping for a nice turn out for the 2024 Great East End Clean Up where we can work above and below water.

The weather has been a little cool but the water is warming up into the 50's. Every dive is an adventure and helps gain experience.

There will be a full season of beach dives and wreck dives planned. The Death By Diving schedule is planned and is in this newsletter. Start making your plans to participate. All 7 dives need to be completed to earn the dinner. The Indian Island Campground will be available for the weekend to facilitate completing the challenge. Be sure to sign up for camping to enjoy in the fun.

Thanks to Bruce and Martin there is camping available for Memorial Day weekend at Cedar Point County Park in Hampton Bays. Diving is available right at the campground and at other sites close by Hampton Bays.

Be sure to sign up for a wreck dive to make your dive season complete.

John and Courtney will be holding a CPR course on June 11th. This is important training for every diver. Be sure to sign up and keep your certification current especially if you are a rescue diver.

There is lots of diving scheduled with the Club. Come out and enjoy the fun.

Let's Go Diving,

Mary Davis
Club President



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THE MONTHLY MEETING

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

EST ★ 2011

TAP ROOM

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

Support our hosting establishment and wait staff. Please note that our hosts add an “Event Gratuity” to each bill.

And don't forget cash for our 50/50 raffle!

Arrive for dinner as early as 6:30pm. Meetings commence at 8pm.

May 7, 2024 Dive Club Meeting Presentation

Artifact Night

Bring your finds from your diving adventures and the stories that are attached to them!





Be Ready For Anything

CPR Certification &
First Aid Training for
Adventurers, Travelers,
& Divers



We will be hosting a CPR and AED class on Tuesday, June 11 at The Tap Room in Bay Shore (our monthly meeting location).

The class will start at 7 pm, but you can arrive early for dinner starting at 6.

The certification is through First Response Training International- a sister company of Scuba Diving International (SDI).

Even if you have taken a similar course in the past, recertification is necessary after 2 years! This course is also a prerequisite for a Rescue Diver certification!

This course is open to ALL- divers & non-divers, so family and friends are welcome. Children ages 10 and older are also welcome with parental consent.

The cost of the course is \$75 and includes e-learning.

Please RSVP in advance to me at courtneylyons20@gmail.com or (631) 431-2216.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Nick Abbott
Richard Baresich
Alexander Bases
Jeffrey Cardillo
Mary Davis
Barbrina Ertle
Ryan Gallagher
Zarina Kindo
Andrey Krasnov
Joseph Lemaire
Rick Magale
Michael Mooney

John Norgard
Thomas Riedman
Christopher Romig
Janine Schwedes
Anthony Simone
Andrew Smith
Michael Toomey
Steve Trapp
Emilly Waters
Robert Williams
Romualdo Zavala
Daniel Guy Zummo



CLUB MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

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Fill out the application. 2024 applications and waivers attached to the end of this newsletter! 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 for 2024 MUST say 2024 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 of the waiver year.

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)

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.
 - * 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.
- Individual memberships for 2024 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 (membership.thediveclub@gmail.com).



MEETING MINUTES

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April 2, 2024

taken by Courtney Lyons

- 🐟 Meeting started 7:57 pm
- 🐟 Approved minutes from last meeting
- 🐟 Bill says please get your 2024 paperwork ready especially if you plan on attending the upcoming dives. We need a waiver on file for everyone.
- 🐟 Beach diving season starting April 6 at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai. See newsletter for beach schedule.
- 🐟 Death by Diving July 26-28. More information to follow with dive schedule and camping.
- 🐟 Memorial day weekend Friday-Monday camping at Cedar Point. All are welcome to come and camp. \$20 deposit to Bruce Russo if you plan on attending so we have a decent head count ahead of time. Claim a spot as soon as possible and have deposit by the May meeting!
- 🐟 August 24-25 tentative dates for Rhode Island trip ran by Joe Lemaire. More information to follow.
- 🐟 Annual Orchard Beach clean up with Captain Mike's Dive Shop May 19 in City Island. Details in newsletter/Facebook.
- 🐟 Wreck dives start May 18. Money for all wreck dives is due 1 month prior. See Mary Davis if interested in joining a wreck dive. Some spots are still open.
- 🐟 1 spot left on trip to Moorehead with Linda Gotti. Contact her to join.
- 🐟 Canada/Thousand Islands trip with Jim Vafaes August 9-12.
- 🐟 Truk Lagoon Odyssey there are a few spots left. Contact Mary Davis for more info.
- 🐟 Introducing Glenn Butler 8:10 pm.



WRECK DIVING 2024 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DIVE BOAT</u>	<u>WRECK</u>	<u>SPOTS</u>	<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>COST</u>
May 18	Halftime	Mandy Ray	FULL*	80ft	\$141pp
June 1-2	Sea turtle	Block Island Overnight / U853	FULL*	130ft	\$450pp
June 23	Halftime	Inshore Reef	3 left	80ft	\$141pp
June 30	Gypsy Blood	Stolt Dagali	FULL*	70-110ft	\$120pp
July 27	Halftime	Offshore Reef	3 left	120ft	\$175pp
August 25	Sidekick	Shinnecock Reef	5 left	80 ft	\$150pp
September 8	Halftime	Oregon	2 left	130ft	\$208pp

☺ Additional dives will be added if the schedule fills. ☺

**Waitlist available for full excursions.*

Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Mary Davis at painlessm@msn.com or 516-987-8308.

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 waitlist.

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.



BEACH DIVING

RUNNING 2024 SCHEDULE & LEADERBOARD (AS OF APRIL 20)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
May 5	10:00 AM	Lake Ronkonkoma, Michael Murphy Memorial Park, South Side
May 11	9:30 AM	Culloden, Montauk - RSVP required for parking Montauk Jetty is alternate or 2nd (HT 12:23 PM)
May 19	9:00 AM	Orchard Beach Clean-Up, City Island, NY
May 25-27	Mem. Day Weekend	Cedar Point Park, Noyack, Montauk, other sites - 1 dive each day counts to leaderboard
June 2	10:00 AM	Ohio, Greenport, NY
June 8	7:30 AM	Beach 8th Street, Far Rockaway (HT 9:45AM)
June 15	9:00 AM	Oak Beach Fishing Pier. Sea Grass Harvest Dive.
June 22	7:00 PM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays, NY (HT 9:02PM) NIGHT DIVE
June 29	10:00 AM	Secret Beach, Greenport, NY
July 13	12:00PM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays, NY (HT 1:54PM) (with Big Apple Divers)
July 21	10:00AM	Cedar Beach, Mount Sinai, NY

LEADERBOARD

Mary Davis	3
William Iaconetti .	1
Rick Baresich.....	1
Kris Kulikauskas ..	1
Mike Feldbaum ...	1
Alex Einbinder	1
Jenny Ross.....	1
Jim Lisle	1
Tom Reidman	1

All dive locations and times are subject to change. Please check with the Google Group for any changes and updates and the most current news and information.

DEATH-BY-DIVING – FRI-SAT, JULY 26-28

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
July 26	6:00PM	Oak Beach, East Jetty
July 27	9:00 AM	Secret Beach, Greenport, NY
	12:00 PM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays, NY (HT 1:31PM)
	3:30 PM	Fort Pond Bay, Montauk
	8:00 PM	Noyack Bay, Noyack, NY (NIGHT DIVE)
July 28	9:00 AM	U.S.S. Ohio, Greenport, NY
	11:30 AM	Submarine Base, New Suffolk, NY (LUNCHEON to follow dive)

All 7 dives must be completed to earn the dinner. A dive must be at least 15 minutes to qualify. All divers must have a buddy and each team must have a dive flag.

There will be a group camp site at Indian Island County Park in Riverhead available that is central to the dive sites. This is open to the club to make the challenge easier.



VOLUNTEER

It's My Estuary Day!

Kaiser Park, Coney Island

2529 Neptune Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11224

Saturday, May 11 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

In addition to volunteers to help with the clean-up, we are also looking for partners who are interested in setting up a table for the event. Please see the forms below to register.

There are three types Google forms that need to be completed for your participation. Please fill out the form(s) that pertains to you:

1. Registration for tabling partners



2. Schools and Youth Groups Registration



3. Registration for Individuals




Kaiser Park, Coney Island
Saturday, May 11 9:00 AM- 2PM

It's My Estuary Day!

"This Land Is Your Land, This Land Is My Land"
- Woodie Guthrie

Coastal cleanup
ROV demos
Fish ID & seining demos
Microscopic viewing of plankton



#itsmyestuaryday




In memory of Gene Ritter (left),
Prince of Mermaid Avenue* Jimmy
(Major) Prince (right)



Volunteers & business support needed!
Contact Adam Riback at executivedirector@nysmea.org

SPONSORS



REFRESHMENTS,
SNACKS, LUNCH ALL
INCLUDED!











20TH NEW JERSEY SHIPWRECK SYMPOSIUM

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Presented by the NJHDA

“Surf Boats, U-Boats, The Cachalot, and Lost Flights”

New Jersey Shipwreck Symposium
**Surf Boats, U-Boats,
The Cachalot,
and Lost Flights**

May 18, 2024 - 2:00PM-6:00PM

Hosted by Mike Lavitt, Chairman of the New Jersey Council of Divers and Clubs

LOCATION:

InfoAge Science & History Museums | 2201 Marconi Rd, Wall Township, NJ 07719

Near exits 100 and 98 on the Garden State Parkway (by the [New Jersey Shipwreck Museum](#))

REFRESHMENTS ~ SILENT AUCTION ~ 50-50

**ADMISSION IS \$30.00pp
(\$25 for NJHDA members)**

Presentations:

The Monomoy Pulling Boat Project by Dan Lieb, NJHDA President

The Cachalot at the Shipwreck Museum: A Video by Roaming Dingo

Bones in the Ocean: Uncovering the True Stories Behind NJ's War Wrecks by K.A. Nelson, author and diver

Lost Flights by Joe Fiorentino, Master SCUBA Diver Trainer and Explorer

Silent Auction Sample of Framed Print Prizes:

All proceeds benefit the children of Bart Malone and the shipwreck museum.



RELIEF sunk off Sandy Hook | STOLKHOLM and ANDREA DORIA collision | USS SAN DIEGO sinking.

For reservations, directions and more info call 732-456-5045 or email info@njhda.org. Pay admission at www.njhda.org or send checks payable to NJHDA, 107 Wilson Road, Neptune, NJ, 07753

14th ANNUAL Orchard Beach Clean-up & Clambake

HOSTED BY CIOR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION AND THE
AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY

May 19, 2024
9:00 am
at the boardwalk
near section 2

For more information, call
718-885-1588 or email [mike@
captainmikesdiving.com](mailto:mike@captainmikesdiving.com)

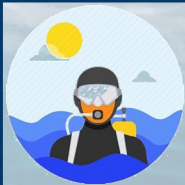


Join us or donate to
help restore oyster
reefs around City
Island!

Divers are invited to help us clean up Long Island Sound and assist with an underwater survey for the City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR). Bring proof of certification. We need beachcombers too, so bring the whole family! All participants are invited to a clambake immediately afterward, and prizes will be awarded for most trash collected. All donations benefit City Island Oyster Reef, a 501(c)(3) organization. Learn more about CIOR at cioysterreef.org or email info@cioysterreef.org.



Thanks to Aquatic Voyagers, Beneath The Sea, Big Apple Divers, Captain Mike's Diving Services, Divers Alert Network, Gotham Divers, Hutchinson River Restoration Project, Island Diving, LIDA, Northeast Dive News, Oceanblue Divers, Pristine Azul, Scuba Network L.I., Scuba New York, Ski & Scuba Connection, The Scuba Sports Club of Westchester County, and many other fine organizations for your support!



TDC LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President:
Mary Davis



Vice President:
John Berntsen



Treasurer:
Gus Bricker



Recording Secretary:
Courtney Lyons



Corresponding Secretary:
Bill Cadden



COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Wreck Diving:
Mary Davis &
Savi Presperia



Beach Diving:
[Vacant]



Oak Beach:
Tim McMahon



Camping Trips:
Bruce Russo



T-Shirts & Swag:
Courtney Lyons



Website:
Jim Vafeas



Social Media:
Jerry Kinkade



Newsletter:
Randi
Hochenberger

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 J/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

Do you have Dive Accident Insurance (DAN or other)? 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 26 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 an important legal document. You may wish to consult an attorney prior to signing it.

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.
- I acknowledge that The Dive Club does not provide buddies, gear, transportation, training, or professional advice pertaining to the sport of scuba diving. However, the dive sponsors will do their best to help club members find what they need for a dive by setting up email groups to allow individual club members to coordinate rides, buddies, and rental gear, if necessary.
- The Dive Club does not vet divers or make any determination about whether any diver is qualified to do any given dive. This decision is entirely up to the individual diver, as well as any external dive operator, such as a dive boat captain or resort operator. It is important to evaluate your current experience when making the decision to dive. If you only have experience diving in warm waters with optimal visibility, you should consider the additional challenges associated with northeast diving before making your decision. I expressly assume the risk of any injury or illness for **each and every** dive that I determine to make and hold harmless for the same the above listed companies and individuals.



- I acknowledge that for planned boat charters, the minimum certification and equipment requirements listed in our newsletter are the requirements of the boat captains. Please contact them directly if you have any questions about the suitability of a dive for you.
- I understand that DAN (Divers Alert Network) Insurance or other similar diving accident insurance policies are available to me if I choose to acquire this. I acknowledge that it is my own responsibility to educate myself on the available policies and choose the one, if any, that is appropriate for me. I understand that without this, I will be responsible for any medical bills or damages to my equipment that I incur.
- I recognize that I may receive false or misleading information from one or more club members or non-members pertaining to the relative difficulty of a dive or my ability to safely participate in or perform a dive. Additionally, I acknowledge that one or more club members or non-members may negligently approve of my dive plan, including preparation or intended dive plan, the condition of my equipment, my ability to use my equipment, or proper use of equipment. I understand and agree that **I am responsible for determining whether I am capable of executing** a dive safely, whether I have sufficient information regarding my own physical abilities and the intended dive to base this decision, as well as whether my equipment is in proper working condition and is sufficient for the intended dive. I release The Dive Club and all co-signers who by signing this waiver similarly release me from negligent acts or omissions of this nature.

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



Membership Directory Data Sheet

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

I wish to have the above information published in the 2024 Membership Directory to be distributed to the Membership.

Signature of Member _____

Date _____

