



DIVER DOWN NEWS

Message from the President—January 2022

We are turning our Log Book pages to start a new year in 2022. I am glad to leave 2021 behind. It was another difficult pandemic year and as always in January, I am looking forward with hope to an exciting new year. I am hopeful that safe dive travel will return without all the restrictions. But we do live on an island and there is lots of diving to do right here at home. In less than 3 months our most hardy divers will begin there early spring beach diving. The water is cold but that means the best visibility of the year. There is not a lot of sea life but the crabs are always there to wave a claw and say “hi”.

This year is shaping up to be a very active dive season for the Club. We have all the offices and committee positions filled with Club members ready to plan a full diving season. In March the beach and wreck committees will start planning the schedules. Watch the newsletter for details.

As you read this newsletter, 32 divers will be traveling to the springs of Northern Florida for cavern diving and snorkeling with the Manatees. There is a trip to Truk Lagoon on the books for March 2022 that will hopefully happen after 2 delays. There are several Club trips in the planning stage to North Carolina and Rhode Island. All club members are welcome at every dive planned.

Since it is too cold to dive here, it is a perfect time to service your gear at your local dive shop. The Equipment Techniques course is a good way to learn how to inspect your gear for wear and learn how to make simple repairs. It is also a great time to review your diving theory and take the Science of Diving course at your shop.

The Dive Club is running a CPR/AED course on February 8, 2022. It will be held at Lulu’s Lobster House from 6-10PM. Arrive at 5:30PM for dinner before the course. The cost is \$60 and can be paid at the January 4th meeting. There are 12 spots available for this course. Contact Mary Davis to reserve a spot.

Finally, don’t forget to sign up for the LIDA Film Festival presentation on February 5, 2022. This will be a Zoom presentation so there is not need to travel or wear a mask. Tickets can be purchased at the LIDA website and are only \$15 for a full evening of dive talk and entertainment.

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

The Presenter for January 2022 is
Danny Rivera

“Wreck Diving and You: The Diver's Guide to Not Being Banned from a Wreck Dive”



MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

- If you have not renewed your membership, please do so asap including filling out the updated club waiver.
- Individual memberships for 2022 are \$25.
- Family membership for 2022 be \$35.
- Early renewal with \$5 discount (\$20 for an individual membership and \$30 for a family membership) for current and active club members has been extended through January 2022. January of a new year will revert to full membership fees.
- T-shirts will no longer be supplied as part of a paid membership. They will, however, be available for purchase for a charge of \$10.
- Membership payments should be given to Gus Bricker, who can be reached at treasurer@thediveclub.com





























MEETING MINUTES

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December 7, 2021

Recorded by Courtney Lyons

-  8:00—Meeting started minutes approved from previous meeting motions to accept positions.
-  Danny Rivera and Frank Cara taking over as wreck coordinators on the Sidekick (*other positions noted on last two pages of newsletter*)
-  T-shirt order needs to be placed
-  8:05—Upcoming trips to be planned: Canada, Rhode Island, North Carolina, and Lake Minnewaska
-  8:09—Bruce reports on camping trips: Death by Diving in July 2022
-  8:11—Wreck dive reports:
 -  The wreck dive scheduled for Nov. 7 was cancelled due to engine issues with the Halftime.
 -  The Bottle dive on the Seahawk this past weekend was nice, a beautiful day.
 -  Upcoming bottle dive on December 19 weather permitting; spots available.
-  8:15—Kyle is the official membership person. Mary motioned to extend \$5 off memberships until January; Randi seconded.
-  8:16—Barry speaking:
 -  LIDA film festival February 5 at 7:00 pm \$15 tickets.
 -  Letters to new governor regarding artificial reefs not getting responses (in the past, Cuomo answered. Appeal for club members to send more letters and hope for responses now that we have permits for the reef.
-  8:26—Bill Cadden: support local dive shops we are running out of compressors, buy gear local instead of online
-  8:29—Ed planning to Florida snorkeling with manatees
-  8:30—Take dive shop classes over the winter, classroom sessions like equipment maintenance, CPR, nitrox, etc.
-  8:37—Certificates:
 -  Death-by-Diving: Courtney, Jerry, Ron, Rick, Mary, Ken
 -  Beach Dive winner: Rick
 -  Oak Beach winner: Rick
 -  Wreck Dive winners: Mary and Andrew
-  Barry: CPR class \$60 per person 4 hours location and date pending
-  8:46—artifact show and tell:
 -  Ron: bottles from the bottle dive last Sunday and bottles from submarine base from Death-by-Diving
 -  Nicky: crate end from the Iberia
 -  Mary: oriental toothpaste powder porcelain dish



UPCOMING EVENTS

CPR / AED TRAINING CLASS



The Dive Club is holding a CPR/AED training evening on February 8, 2022 at Lulu's Lobster House.

The course will run from 6-10PM.

Plan to arrive at 5:30PM for dinner before.

The cost for the course is \$60 and will include the training material needed to complete the course.

Money will be collected at the January 4th meeting by Barry Lipsky.

There are 12 spots available.

If you would like to attend this training, contact Mary Davis at (516) 987-8308 to reserve a spot.

If there are more than 12 people that are interested, we will arrange a second date for the course.



BIRTHDAY WISHES—JANUARY

Stephen Burton

John Schwedes

John Olazagasti

Julie Cohen

Katy Schwedes

Philip O'Sullivan

Carl Friedman

Bob Chalmers

John Scelfo

Matt Maarschhauser

Christopher Corapi

Alicia Sirois

Denis Mellett

Gene Desebli

Tess Stundis

Ron Prybella

James Weydig



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REEF PROGRAM UPDATE

from Christopher LaPorta of the NYSDEC

The 45-foot steel tug *Chickadee* was deployed on McAllister Grounds reef at approximately 0900 EST yesterday morning. She's small but still in all a vessel for diver's to explore once established. She rests in over 50 feet of water reportedly on her keel.

Deployment coordinates recorded were: 40 32.093 73 39.209.

Next will be the 80 foot steel deck barge *Barge 226* destined for Smithtown Reef before year's end.

Hopefully greater support and bigger projects ahead!

Christopher LaPorta
Artificial Reef Program Coordinator
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Marine Resources



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UPDATES FROM OUR FRIENDS



LIDA FILM FESTIVAL 2022

Saturday, February 5 at 7 p.m.

Tickets now on Sale at lidaonline.com!

The Long Island Diver's Association (LIDA) is please to announce the presentation lineup for the upcoming LIDA Film Festival that will be held virtually via ZOOM on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 7 p.m.!

With single admission tickets priced at \$15 and with 2 hours of presentations from some of the best underwater photographers and film makers in the world, the LIDA Film Festival is a tremendous value for the diving community.

In addition, when you purchase a ticket to the Film Festival, you will also receive access to special pricing for your annual LIDA Membership. *There will be no better time to renew your LIDA membership or become a new member of LIDA than now!*



Dutch Springs

Dutch Springs potentially to remain open to dive community!

Excerpts from "New version of Dutch Springs may partially open this summer, depending on construction" article by Jeff Ward, WFMZ.com reporter.

Full news article at https://www.wfmz.com/news/areal/lehighvalley/new-version-of-dutch-springs-may-partially-open-this-summer-depending-on-construction/article_b704ea7e-6cb2-11ec-899e-67081c8e6120.html

The next incarnation of the Dutch Springs scuba diving quarry may be open with limited access this summer, depending on how construction of two warehouses at the site progresses.

Not all details are set, but the quarry has been saved if Lower Nazareth and Bethlehem townships grant final approval...

That means the quarry will remain open to emergency squads, first responders and recreational divers.

Diving times will be made by reservation, instead of on a first-come, first-served basis. The aqua park will not reopen, and DIVE LLC will give Dutch Springs a new name, to be announced later...

With the quarry on the way to being kept open, Kraft and Folk are working on logistics, such as the reservation system. The quarry will no longer run on a first-come, first-served basis...

With online reservations, there will be no lines and spots will be guaranteed. A dive master will supervise all activity. Prices and the mechanics of making reservations have not been set.

Kraft said the east side of the quarry may be open this year for diving, depending on construction. He hopes for both sides to be open in 2023. Nothing is definite until final approvals are in and construction starts...



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?

R.I.P. to local diver, John Patrick Raftery, III. Though not an official member of the Dive Club, John was well-known in our community and friends with many of our divers. After a long battle with cancer, John passed away on Dec. 27, 2021. He was very much loved and will be very much missed.



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.



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