



DIVER DOWN NEWS

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Message from the President March 2023

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Our plans are made for the dive season. There is a Beach schedule and a Wreck schedule for the Club. Check the newsletter and watch the Google Groups emails for the information. This is the time to get your gear ready. There are indoor pools available for testing your equipment or trying out any new gear purchased. Reach out to me if you would like to schedule time in the pool.

Hopefully, I will see some of you at the Scuba Flea market in NJ on March 5th. One can never have too much scuba gear.

There are several trips already planned and more in the works. See the info in the emails for details. We will be traveling to North Carolina in July and Canada in August. Come to the meeting for more information.

Beneath The Sea is back this year on March 25 and 26. Congratulations to our Club member Barry Lipsky, who will be honored on Saturday for his service to the dive community.

Our kickoff beach dive will be on April 22 at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai. The wreck dives are filling up fast. See the schedule in the newsletter. Claim your spot to join us under the ocean.

~Mary



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THE MONTHLY MEETING

The Dive Club currently holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at Lulu'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.

March 2023 Presentation:
My Trip to Iceland
by Megan Barrow





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)

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 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.
- Membership applications and renewals should be given to Bill Cadden, our Membership/Corresponding Secretary (membership.thediveclub@gmail.com).



MEETING MINUTES

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February 7, 2023
Recorded by Norma Leon

NEW BUSINESS

- 🐟 Next month speaker: Bill Blyer author of Shipwrecks of Long Island, (will be on sale!).
 - 🐟 *Note: This talk has been postponed. New March 2023 presentation by Megan Barrow*
- 🐟 New members: Contact Bill Caden (online email only) for Introductions, current waivers.
 - 🐟 Will be purging in April.

BEACH DIVING

- 🐟 Joey and Victoria will be scheduling 1st Dive @ Cedar Beach on April 22.
- 🐟 Oak Beach: Starts Wednesday, May 24th @ 5 PM and continues through September
- 🐟 Memorial Day weekend @ Cedar Point, Sat., Sun., and Mon., 2 dives each day. Your own dives.
- 🐟 Death by Diving: Indian Island, Riverhead. July 28th - 30th, camping until AM of the 31st.

WRECK DIVING

- 🐟 Mary Davis working on.
- 🐟 Payments will be due in full one month ahead of time. Approximately \$175 - \$200 range.

BARRY LIPSKI

- 🐟 LIDA, (non profit to keep up Diving on Long Island), Film Festival was a success!
- 🐟 March 5th, SCUBA Gear Flea Market, 30 tables. Support your local shops!

DIVE TRIPS

- 🐟 Morehead City, NC: Linda Gotti/Steve Burton. July 10 -14
 - 🐟 with Olympus Dive Group (252-726-5432, mention Linda Gotti as the organizer). Book ASAP.
- 🐟 St Lawrence River, Canada: Jim through Tiedeman's Dive Shop. August 11 -14
 - 🐟 \$695 includes 4 days of accommodations, Nitrox, breakfast and Lunch.
 - 🐟 Recreational diving—\$40 on-line, \$45 at door
- 🐟 Hataras Island, NC: Linda and Elaine sponsors. August, (dates to be announced).
 - 🐟 \$1050, stay as guests of the sponsors.

PRESENTATION

- 🐟 Elaine, Linda, and Janice Raber: Diving as we Age: You Can Keep a Good Diver Down!!!
- 🐟 As per PADI/SSI, no age restrictions for older divers.
- 🐟 Studies on Long Term Deep diving affects Pulmonary Function Tests, and medical issues. #1 resource for this is DAN, (Divers Alert Network).
- 🐟 Medical issues: Osteoporosis: take precautions; Menopause: Bone health, Sleep issues; Hypertension/Heart Disease; Diabetes: Low Blood sugar, monitor glucose levels;
- 🐟 Cosmetic care: Fillers compress as we dive; Thermal issues: hypothermia due to hormonal issues.
- 🐟 Don't be afraid to ask for help! Ex: Keep mask on your neck or fasten it on you when shore diving, ask for someone to help stabilize you as you put on your fins, etc.
- 🐟 Vision diminishes: consider eye surgery if severe. When converting to prescription lenses get a mask with pop out clear lenses, consider progressive lenses vs just a portion of the lens for better optical views. Captree Opticians by appointment only for prescription mask lenses.
- 🐟 Body strength decreases: Set up your own gear, but okay to accept help (heavy gear? Put it on in the water; strong currents ? Let the boat pick you up.) Calculate the risks. Follow your instincts.
- 🐟 DAN exercises for Divers
- 🐟 Slings instead of Doubles
- 🐟 Travel with Medical History and have a PADI Medical Form filled out yearly.
- 🐟 Ask about age restrictions prior to booking a live aboard.

T-SHIRTS

- 🐟 T-shirts (\$10-\$12), Crew Neck shirts and Sweatshirts, (\$42-\$46) of the Dive Club to be ordered



BEACH DIVING 2023 SCHEDULE

Beach Diving Committee: Joe Feldbaum & Victoria Ingolia

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.

April 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, April 22
 - ✦ Cedar Beach
- ✦ Sunday, April 30
 - ✦ Stehli Beach

May 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, May 6
 - ✦ Secret Beach
- ✦ Saturday, May 13
 - ✦ Shinnecock East County Park
- ✦ Sunday, May 21
 - ✦ Beach 8th Street
- ✦ Wednesday, May 24
 - ✦ Oak Beach dives begin

June 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, June 3
 - ✦ Noyack Bay (full moon night dive)
- ✦ Sunday, June 11
 - ✦ HMS Culloden (Montauk day trip)
- ✦ Saturday, June 17
 - ✦ Lake Minnewaska (Day trip)
- ✦ Sunday, June 25
 - ✦ Gypsy Blood charter
 - ✦ Oak Beach (alternative)

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
 - ✦ OPB
 - ✦ Cedar Beach
- ✦ Sunday, July 30
 - ✦ New Suffolk Submarine Base
 - ✦ 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
- ✦ 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





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NORTH SHORE:

Bayville Barge, Bayville

The site is located off the beach in front of the Wall's Wharf restaurant in Bayville. Please be advised that we are not permitted to use the restaurant lot for parking. There is a lot at the north end of Eighth Street that is open to Bayville residents, or look for street parking. The barge can be found by taking a north heading from the chain link fence outside of the restaurant.

Cedar Beach, Mt. Sinai

The fishing pier is located at the West end of Harbor Beach Rd in Mt. Sinai. Follow this road past the basketball courts, parking lots, and marinas until you arrive at a smaller parking lot overlooking the boat channel. The dive site is underneath the fishing pier. Please be advised that parking meters are in effect in the summer season.

When conditions do not permit diving underneath the fishing pier, the beach next to the basketball court is another option, also located on Harbor Beach Road.

Horton Point, Southold

Take Lighthouse Road in Southold north to the end. Turn left into the parking lot for the Horton Point Lighthouse. If there is a gatekeeper, let them know you are scuba diving there with The Dive Club, and parking should be free. The site is down the staircase and straight into the water.

Pirate's Cove, Port Jefferson

The site is now called McAllister County Park. Take Anchorage Road in Port Jefferson to the end. There is a roundabout where gear can be dropped off and about 6 parking spots a small way up the road.

Roanoke Barges, Reeves Park

Take Sound Avenue and turn onto Park Road. The site is located at the north end of Park Road in Reeves Park. A four-wheel drive vehicle and beach permit is necessary to access this site, or it will be a long walk with dive gear. A few club members have volunteered to transport gear to the site for everyone in their 4WD. Meet at the end of Park Road at the scheduled time to coordinate "travel plans."

Rye Cliff Ferry, Sea Cliff

The site is located off Sea Cliff Beach. Navigate to The BLVD in Sea Cliff and look for street parking. The wreck is approximately 270 degrees out from the first small jetty on shore.

Stehli Beach, Oyster Bay

Stehli Beach is located at the west end of Bayville Ave, before it turns into Bayville Road. Parking can be found in front of the bathhouse, where we will enter the water. Please be advised that this is an Oyster Bay town beach, so our diving here will be limited to early/late season only.

Secret Beach, Greenport

The site is located on North Road in Greenport where you will see a dirt road with chain link gates on the north side, make a left down this dirt road. If you are using a GPS or maps app, Inlet Pond County Park is close by. If you see the Eastern LI Kampground, you went too far! Please be advised the dive site is located on private property. The club has received permission to dive here as long as a LIDA waiver is signed by all attending, and a divemaster is present.

Shoreham Jetties, Wading River

Take Sound Road to Creek Road and make a left. Follow Creek Road west to the end. Park on the left side of the wooden barrier in the small, square dirt lot. The right side is reserved for permit holding residents.

The site is located at the end of Wading River where it empties out into the Long Island Sound. The idea here is to plan the dive with the tides so that we can enter the river from the parking lot and receive a lift with the outgoing tide. Then, execute the dive, and ride the incoming tide back in.

Submarine Base, New Suffolk

The site is located at the south end of Main Street in New Suffolk and there is street parking only. Use Case's Place Restaurant for GPS directions.

Theodore Roosevelt Fishing Pier, Oyster Bay

The site is located at the end of West End Ave in Bayville. For GPS directions, input Theodore Roosevelt Beach. Find the site by entering from the boat ramp and heading west until you hit the fishing pier.



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U.S.S. Ohio, Greenport

The entrance to the beach is at the south end of Clark Street in Greenport. Street Parking can be found on Clark Street or the adjacent 4th Street. Enter the opening to the beach from Clark Street and follow the beach along to the right. There is a large iron pipe in the sand along with some other metal pieces. Take a compass heading of 120 degrees from there to find the wreck (debris).

SOUTH SHORE:

Beach 8th Street, Far Rockaway

The site is located at the south end of Beach 8th Street in Far Rockaway, Queens. Street parking is limited, but additional spots can be found on Beach 9th street, or near the basketball courts on Beach 10th Street. Do not park in the Rockaway Manor parking lot, as this is for nursing home residents only, but use this building as a GPS guideline if necessary.

HMS Culloden, Montauk

Take Soundview Drive until it turns into a dirt road and continue for another quarter mile or so until you see another unnamed dirt road. Take this road to the end and park. Parking is on the bluff that overlooks the water, so the staircase will lead you down to the dive site. The wreck is located 330 degrees from the large boulder on the beach.

Noyack Bay, Noyack

The site is located on the north side of Noyack-Long Beach Road. Proceed past Foster Memorial Beach and look for a spot to pull off on the north side of the road. The dive site is street-parking only.

Oak Beach, Babylon

The old Oak Beach Inn. A large parking lot on North Oak Beach Road. After going over the Robert Moses Bridge and the small draw bridge, turn right onto Ocean Parkway West. You will have to use a turnaround to get onto Ocean Parkway East, where you will then see the parking lot on your right. For GPS directions, use Oak Beach. The dive site can be accessed from the jetty on the east side of the parking lot, where we usually meet. Others may choose to dive the fishing pier located on the west side of the same parking lot.

Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays

Proceed over the bridge on Lighthouse Road in Hampton Bays and turn left onto Dune Road. Immediately make another left and follow this road to the end. The dive site is under the Old Ponquogue Bridge. A parking permit is required, but you can also drop off your gear at the site, drive your car back over the bridge, park on the north side, and take a nice scenic walk back over.

Shinnecock County Park East, Southampton

The site is located at the west end of Meadow Lane in Southampton. Turn right onto Meadow Lane from Halsey Neck Ln and follow it to the end. The site is entered from the camping parking lot just beyond the entry booth. Please be advised there is an in-season and weekend fee to park for non-residents (\$7). Also, keep in mind this is an entirely different site than Shinnecock West, with an inlet in between the two.

Shinnecock West, Hampton Bays

The site is located on Road H, at the east end of Dune Road in Hampton Bays. If you are familiar with the Ponquogue Bridge, continue straight down Dune Road instead of turning left into the parking lot. The dive site is the Shinnecock inlet, where we will enter on the ocean side where the jetty is.

UPSTATE NY & BEYOND

Minnewaska State Park Preserve, Ulster County

Within Minnewaska State Park, navigate to the visitor's center. The parking for the dive site is down a short road to the left of this building. You will have to stop by the visitor's center with your certification card and \$25 to dive for the day. Also, admission to the park is \$8 (typical of any New York State Park) or free with an Empire Pass.

Delaware River Water Gap, Pennsylvania

From I-80, exit onto Rt. 611 South. Follow 611 through town of Delaware Water Gap into Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area. The parking area is at the bottom of the hill south of town on the right side. Pull off on the side of the road just before the road rounds the corner and the wall starts on the train tracks. Alternatively, there is a large parking lot on the other side of the road, but travel across the highway with dive gear at your own risk.



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.

 May 28	Halftime	Panther	110ft	6 spots
 June 17	Sea Hawk	TBD	80-130 ft	4 spots
 June 25	Gypsy Blood	Stolt Dagali	130ft	Full
 July 2	Halftime	TBD		6 spots
 July 15	Sea Hawk	TBD	80-130ft	4 spots
 August 26	Sea Hawk	TBD	80-130ft	4 spots
 September 3	Halftime	TBD		6 spots

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 wait list.



REGIONAL SCUBA DIVING PERMIT

SOLD YEAR-ROUND

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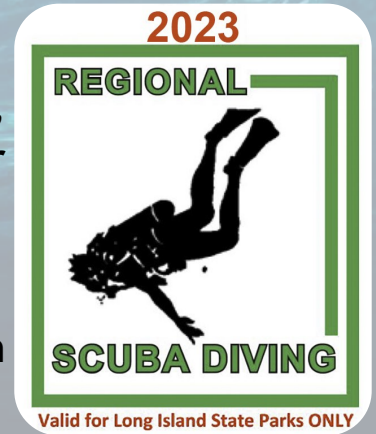
Fee: \$80 NYS resident/ \$125 non-NYS resident

Requirements: Valid Motor Vehicle Registration, Valid Driver's License, must have a Diver Certification Card (C Card).

Permit valid April 1 - December 31.

This permit allows access to designated beach areas for SCUBA-Diving only at:

- ◇ **Caumsett:** Fisherman's parking lot, 24-hr access.
- ◇ **Jones Beach:** East end of Field 10 only, 24-hr access. Not valid in bathing areas.
- ◇ **Orient Beach:** 8 am to sunset.
- ◇ **Robert Moses:** Democrat Point, hours vary, not valid in bathing areas.



Permit Conditions:

- ⇒ This Permit expires December 31, regardless of issuing date.
- ⇒ This permit allows for parking and access to designated beach areas at Caumsett, Jones Beach, Orient Beach and Robert Moses (Democratic Point) State Parks for the purpose of diving ONLY.

CAUMSETT- Permit valid 24 hours daily at fisherman's parking lot ONLY, JONES BEACH- Permit valid 24 hours daily at east end of Field #10 ONLY, not valid in bathing areas. ORIENT BEACH- Permit valid from 8 AM to Sunset, ROBERT MOSES (DEMOCRAT POINT)- Permit valid 24 hours daily from April 1 thru December 31. Beginning the Saturday before Memorial Day until Labor Day, vehicles may enter before 7 AM and after 5 PM ONLY (4-wheel drive vehicles and associated equipment are required). Not valid in bathing areas.

- ⇒ Permittee and passengers must possess SCUBA diving equipment. This permit is for bonafide divers with "c" cards ONLY and divers are required to show same upon request of State Parks employee. Divers must employ the buddy system while diving and all divers must have "c" cards.



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- ⇒ Open fires, charcoal barbecues, camping, portable generators, trailers, boats, inflatables, bathing, surfing, jet skis, spear fishing, kayaks, wind-surf/sailing equipment, alcoholic beverages and pets are strictly PROHIBITED. Take all litter and debris with you and discard in trash receptacles. Do not destroy sand fence, it is helpful in maintaining a stable beach environment. Tents and portable shelters PROHIBITED sunset to sunrise.
- ⇒ This permit is valid ONLY for vehicle bearing license plate number indicated on front and is NON-TRANSFERABLE to another vehicle. Proof of license plate surrenderslip must be provided to the Permits Office in the event of a license plate change. There will be NO REPLACEMENTS or REFUNDS FOR LOST or REVOKED PERMITS. Duplicate permits will not be issued. Temporary permits will not be issued for loaner/rental vehicles.
- ⇒ Environmental conditions and endangered species management may require the temporary or permanent closure of all, or part of the beach areas accessed by this permit.
- ⇒ The permittee shall be responsible for any damage to park property or facilities which may result from the use thereof The permittee assumes all risk and shall hold harmless the State of New York and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for damages, for injury or death of themselves or others, resulting from activities under this permit or by reason of any unauthorized activities undertaken in contravention of the permit conditions. Violation of any condition of this permit or any rule of STATE PARKS or the Long Island Park Region may result in the immediate confiscation and revocation of the permit (NO REFUND) and POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF A TICKET.
- ⇒ Vehicles must not exceed 10 MPH at any time. Pedestrians have the right-of-way; please be courteous to people walking.
- ⇒ Vehicles must be parked in the parking lot in a marked stall. *EXCEPTION:* Robert Moses (Democrat Point) - Vehicles must follow designated access road to the beach. DO NOT DRIVE ON DUNES, WETLANDS, BEACH GRASS, BIRD NESTING AREAS, OR IN SEAL HAUL OUT AREAS. Vehicles are prohibited from parking on the access road or around entrance area; vehicles left unattended at these locations will have their permit revoked immediately.

To obtain you permit follow link below or the
QR code to the right:

bit.ly/LI-SCUBA-PASS





DIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS!

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OCEAN WRECK DIVERS PROUDLY ANNOUNCES
OUR 34th ANNUAL SCUBA SUPER MARKET!

Sunday, March 5, 2023 from 9:00AM until 1:00 PM



THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST SCUBA FLEA MARKET IN NJ!

NEW AND USED GEAR AND OTHER DIVE-RELATED ITEMS!!!

*Food, Raffles and Door Prizes. Indoor Market.
Admission is \$5.00 at the door
Children under 12 yrs. old Free with Paid Adult!*

For more information, see our website at www.oceanwreckdivers.com
and click on the Flea Market Link.

**Location: Infoage Museum
2201 Marconi Road
Wall Township, NJ 07719**

Near exits 100 and 98 of the Garden State Parkway

While at the museum you can visit the New Jersey Historical diver's
Association free displays on boats, shipwrecks, and scuba.



This is a picture of the display Dive Club Member, Jack Frost, did for the Nesconset library in November 2022. It helps people to be aware of our wreck diving community. If you would like, Jack could see if your local library would be interested. Best for a wall display. This one is 3 by 6 feet.

Contact Jack at: jackfish1@optonline.net



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INVITATION TO AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

6:30 - 10:00 P.M.

***The Trustees and Officers of Beneath the Sea
Cordially Invite you and Your Guest to
Our Annual Awards Banquet
To support our Scholarship fund and to Honor:***

***Legend of the Sea - Wyland
Pioneer - Butch Hendricks***

***The Beneath the Sea Divers of the Year
Dr. Michael Lang - Science
Barry Lipsky - Service
Brian Skerry - Arts***

Visionary Award - Nicole Zelek

The Women Divers Hall of Fame Inductees

The Hilton Meadowlands
2 Meadowland Plaza
East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073

\$115.00 per person - Black Tie Optional
You may purchase tickets on Eventbrite,
Or send a check directly to:
Beneath the Sea, 143 Bay Avenue, Hampton Bays, NY 11946



BUY TIX & SAVE THE DATES!

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UPCOMING DIVER COMMUNITY EVENTS



**BENEATH THE SEA
Dive, Travel, and Oceans
Exposition**

**March 25-26, 2023—All Day
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.**



**At the Meadowlands Exposition Center
355 Plaza Dr, Seacaucus, NJ 07094
Additional details at beneaththesea.us!**



Dive Club member, Linda Gotti, posted and emailed that there are a few members of The Dive Club and others going to Morehead (North Carolina) to dive from July 10-17. If anybody wants to go, let her know. You still have to book your own spot. Just say with the “Linda Gotti group”. Linda will help arrange carpools.

For more info about the dive location check out the Olympus Dive Center:
www.olympusdiving.com/ | 252-726-9432 | info@olympusdiving.com
713 Shepard St., Morehead City, NC 28557

**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**



Marianna Albanese

Megan Barrow

Linda Brown

Ozan Ersoz

Sarah Farhat

Steven Maggio

Kimberly Ryzuk

Patricia Scanlon

Nick Sinnott

Anna Stassinaris

Randy J Weidner



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.

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.



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



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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