

# DIVER DOWN NEWS Volume 35, Issue 4

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### President's Note - April 2024

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The 2024 dive season is here. We will be in the water for our kickoff dive on Saturday, April 6th; 10AM at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai. The water will still be cold, in the high 40's low 50-degree range so be prepared if you are going in. Come down for the top side fun even if you are not ready to get in the water. Be sure to complete your 2024 membership waiver to join in the diving fun. Everyone planning to dive with the club must have a current waiver on file.

The Beach Schedule thru June is in the newsletter, was sent by email and is posted on our website. Please review the schedule periodically for changes. As always, we are dependent on the weather, so watch your email for any last-minute changes. If you are not getting the club emails, please reach out to one of the officers so we can make sure you keep informed of all our activities.

The Wreck Schedule is also posted and is filling. Reserve your spot soon. There are 4 dives this season in the 70-80ft range. These are the shallow wreck dives for Long Island. They are the best dives to start your wreck diving experience. Reach out to me if you have AOW and are new to the LI wreck diving.

Beneath The Sea was fun this year. It was nice to see some of the club members there. Hopefully people have some new equipment to try out and some exciting trips planned. If you do get the chance to travel, please share your photos and adventures with the club in the newsletter or a presentation. It is always nice to see a new destination.

Camping has been scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend at Cedar Point County Park; and for the weekend of July 26-29 at Indian Island County Park. The Annual Death By Diving event will coincide with the camping weekend in July and the schedule will be posted in the next newsletter. I am looking for some new sites to add to the DBD schedule and would like your input. Please help to plan the schedule to keep it exciting. Ideas and suggestions from our members are always welcome.

Articles by club members in our newsletter helps to keep it interesting.

Sincerely,

Mary Davis Club President







## THE MONTHLY MEETING

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

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.



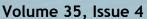
April 2, 2024 Dive Club Meeting Presentation

Glenn Butler:

How the Cold War Shaped Underwater and Outer Space Exploration



April 2024





Join us in welcoming Glenn Butler: Glenn has 50+ years of experience as a technical, military, and commercial diver.

He is and the founder and CEO of Life Support Technologies, whose initial mission was to transfer deep diving/ hyperbaric technologies and oxygen enriches air (nitrox) diving and oxygen techniques to NASA, National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Department of Defense.

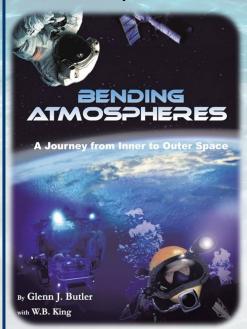
As an engineer, Glenn has developed closed circuit rebreathers and space cabin life support.

He is the author of "Bending Atmospheres" and several other books, in addition to publishing 58 scientific papers and developing 12 patents. Glenn is a resident fellow of the Explorer's Club and a frequent speaker there.

We look forward to having him share about how the Cold War drove technology and how the space race made the U.S. the superpower it is today.

Glenn also co-authored a children's book with his granddaughter and asks that we check it out!

Emaline is an underwater adventurer. she loves exploring the pool, and meeting the special sea creatures who live there. She meets an octopus, a cuttlefish, a squid, a turtle, angelfish, seahorses, hermit crabs, and an anglerfish. In this beautifully illustrated children's book, there is a page for each a special skills tested web to see the real.



A perfect book for kids ages 5-12 and there are giver together teacher on earth has special skills that make them unique.

glennbutlerbooks.com







# 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.

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### **MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

- If you have not renewed your membership, please do so asap including filling out the updated club waiver. Form/waiver available here: <a href="mailto:thediveclub.com/membership">thediveclub.com/membership</a>.
- 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 <a href="mailto:info@thediveclub.com">info@thediveclub.com</a>.
- Membership applications and renewals should be given to Bill Cadden, our Membership/Corresponding Secretary (<a href="mailto:membership.thediveclub@gmail.com">membership.thediveclub@gmail.com</a>).





## **MEETING MINUTES**

March 5, 2024 taken by Courtney Lyons

- Meeting started by Mary 8:00 pm
- Beach diving schedule is out for April-June
- Contact Bary if interested in a wreck dive
- DBI coordinator needed. Wednesday nights from May-Sept. to barbecue and host dives.
- Beach coordinator needed. Can be multiple people to help making schedule.
- Renew/sign up for membership if not already. contact Bill Cadden if you need an application.
- Scuba flea market next weekend. Savy will be there along with the Big Apple Divers. Stop by and pick up some new/used gear.
- Beneath the Sea march 22-23 in Secauses NJ Port Diver email list. See Mary's email if interested in signing up for Port Diver's emails.
- Rest in peace to Bob Rusnak keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.
- Rhode Island trip with Joe Lemaire stay tuned for dates.
- North Carolina with Linda Gotti: Moorehead July 15-19. 2 spots left!!! \$975 for 5 days of diving
- Canada trip with Jim Vafaes: August 9-12.
- We are not limited to our beach diving schedule! Members can feel free to send out emails and Facebook posts to plan dives with others on days the club is not diving.
- ⇒ Introducing Jenn Sellitti from the D/V tenacious talking about U-53! 8:17PM
- **⇔** Meeting adjourned 9:08PM

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Sean Curran
Jeremy Davila
Frank Dorsey
Patrick Fontana
Matthew Gruber
Lenny Mastrandera

Giselle Mioczkowski
Jack Ozer
Jenny Ross
Andrew T Solomon
Dave Thorburn
Jim Vafeas
Sally A Wahrmann



### WRECK DIVING 2024 SCHEDULE

DATE	DIVE BOAT	WRECK	<u>SPOTS</u>	DEPTH	COST
May 18	Halftime	Mandy Ray	3 left	80ft	\$141pp
June 1-2	Sea turtle	Block Island Overnight / U853	FULL*	130ft	\$450pp
June 23	Halftime	Inshore Reef	4 left	80ft	\$141pp
June 30	Gypsy Blood	Stolt Dagali	FULL*	70-110ft	\$120pp
July 27	Halftime	Offshore Reef	4 left	120ft	\$175pp
August 25	Sidekick	Shinnecock Reef		80 ft	\$150pp
September 8	Halftime	Oregon		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 <a href="mailto:painlessm@msn.com">painlessm@msn.com</a> 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 <u>required</u> 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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# BEACH DIVING APRIL-JUNE 2024 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SITE
April 6	10:00 AM	Cedar Beach, Mt. Sinai at basketball court
April 14	10:00 AM	Prybil Beach, Glen Cove
April 20	10:00 AM	Noyack Bay, Noyack
April 28	9:30 AM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hamton Bays (HT 11:37AM)
May 5	10:00 AM	Lake Ronkonkoma, Michael Murphy Mem. Park, South
May 11	9:30 AM	Culloden, Montauk - RSVP required to arrange parking
The state		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, diving Cedar Point, Noyak, 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

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.

### 14th ANNUAL

### Orchard Beach Clean-up & Clambake

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



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!



Save Great South Bay

**VOLUNTEER** 

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South Bay
To Help Save the Great South Bay
Volunteers Wanted at Community Creek Cleanups.

Time to clear the arteries of fresh water to the Great South Bay at a local community creek clean up hosted by our amazing team of Creek Defenders.

### **Upcoming Clean-up Dates**

Sign up at savethegreatsouthbay.org/volunteer/

Sat. 04/06 Islip
Sun. 04/07 Blue Point
Sat. 04/13 Bay Shore
Sun. 04/14 Babylon
Sat. 04/13 Bayport
Sat. 04/20 Brookhaven
Sat. 04/20 Patchogue
Sun. 04/21 Lindenhurst
Sat. 04/27 East Patchogue
Sat. 05/04 Sayville
Sat. 05/18 Oakdale
Sat. 05/18 Amityville



# Circle Circle



### **Get emails from Port Diver!**

Send the following information to <a href="mailto:scuba@portdiver.com">scuba@portdiver.com</a>

- → Name (First, Middle Initial, and Last)
  - ✓ Full Mailing Address & Email
- Phone Number(s) (specify if home, cell, etc.)
- \* Full Date of Birth in Day/Month/Year format



# 20TH NEW JERSEY April 2024 Volume 35, Issue 4 SHIPWRECK SYMPOSIUM

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



### New Jersey Shipwreck Symposium 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 <a href="mailto:info@njhda.org">info@njhda.org</a>. Pay admission at <a href="www.njhda.org">www.njhda.org</a> or send checks payable to NJHDA, 107 Wilson Road, Neptune, NJ, 07753



## NEW DUTCH NEW RULES

Lake Hydra to open for scuba diving with limited access in April

Article from: https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/lake-hydra-to-open-for-scuba-diving-with-limited-access-in-april/article\_04644ff8-d32c-11ee-8196-63e8db556a90.html

BETHLEHEM, Pa. - Lake Hydra, the Northampton County scuba-diving venue, will open April 20 with limited access.



All activities at the 50-acre quarry lake must be arranged in advance. At first, Lake Hydra will be for classes and first-responder training only.

"A diver can't just show up and dive, it has to be a class," Ken Kraft, one of the Lake Hydra partners, said Saturday. He reiterated that all activities must be scheduled.

The property, formerly known as Dutch Springs, was acquired by developer Trammell Crow for the construction of two warehouses. Access to the water could have been eliminated. Then Trammell Crow worked out an agreement with Kraft and Jim Folk of Atlantis Aquatics, Bethlehem Township, to save the lake for the scuba community.

"I can't say enough about Trammell Crow and what they did for the dive community," Kraft said Saturday. Work continues on Lake Hydra amenities, Kraft, now a member of Northampton County Council, said.

The site, known for its depths and clear water, could have been lost to the diving community. Instead, training for divers and rescue teams will continue at one of the few East Coast inland scuba venues.

Kraft said divers should check the Lake Hydra website (<u>lakehydra.com/</u>) for more information. It will be updated as services at the lake are expanded.

Lake Hydra is located at 4733 Hanoverville Road in Lower Nazareth Township. The property, including the warehouses, also extends into Bethlehem Township.



## 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:				
Email:				
Emergency Contact: Name	<u> </u>		Telephone:	Relationship:
Level of Certification:	Cer	rtifying Agenc	y:	Date of Certification:
Student Yes No Years	Diving:	Approx. Num	ber of Dives made	: Deepest Dive to date:
Have you ever made a plan	ned decompre	ession dive?	Yes No	
What are your diving interests?				
Are you First Aid/CPR certif	ied?	No		
Are you interested in furthe	ering your pre	sent level of c	ertification? ☐Yes	□No
What are you looking for in	a dive club?_			
Would you be interested in	participating	in club comm	ittees?	No
When are you available for	club dives/act	tivities? (Chec	k all that apply): 🗌	days Inights weekends
Do you have Dive Accident	Insurance (DA	N or other)? [	YesNo	
Are you a member of any o	ther dive club	s?  Yes	No If so, which one	s?
	Membership	Type: Please	check  New  New	Renewal
□Family Membership: \$3		membership	5.00. Full club mer for the person signd and under.	nbership ning up, plus Partner and all children
		Discl	aimer:	
I understand that if accepte and will be required to sign		•		ound by the by-laws of The Dive Club mission fee.
Signature of applicant:				Date:
Signature/Title of Club offic	er:			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 car	refully, fill in all blanks and initial each paragraph before signing. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
l,	, hereby affirm that I have been advised and thoroughly informed through my
open water tr	aining 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 dividing 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	BOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR
PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE	R WRONGFUL DEATH HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED I	ARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.
I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON B	CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISI HALF 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

