



DIVER DOWN NEWS

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President's Note – July 2024



It is nice to see so many club members coming out to our beach dives. The weather has been great from shore so far this season. We have had 12 successful beach dives so far. Oak Beach diving started on May 29th and has drawn a nice crowd each Wednesday afternoon. This will continue into September.

Our wreck diving schedule has not been as fortunate. We have had 2 of our dives cancelled due to wind and rough seas. However, we did have a great weekend for the club Block Island Overnight trip. The seas were calm and the visibility was the best I have ever seen at 15 ft on the U853. See our story in this newsletter. Hopefully we will be diving off the Gypsy Blood Sunday June 30th.

Check the Leaderboards for Beach Diving, Oak Beach and Wreck Diving to see where your name is listed. If you are not on one of the boards yet, the water is calling you. It is warm in the high 60's to mid-70's. And the visibility is better than it has been for the past several years.

Death By Diving is planned and the schedule is set. The group camp site at Indian Island is reserved. It is time to start making your plans to meet this challenge. All 7 dives need to be completed to earn the celebratory dinner this year. If you want to make the weekend even more challenging, there are spots on the scheduled wreck dive on the Halftime available for Saturday morning July 27th. Grab your wreck diving spots where you can. They are limited and beach dives will always be there.

For those who will be traveling, I wish you safe travels. Take photos and bring your adventures back to share with the club.

Our July meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 2nd with dinner at 6:30PM and the meeting at 8PM. I will see you there.

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.

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TAP ROOM

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

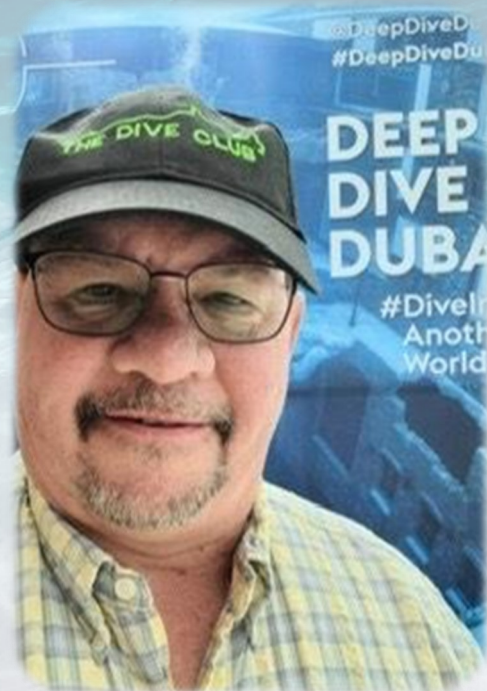
Support our hosting establishment and wait staff. Please note that our hosts add an “Event Gratuity” to each bill.

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

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



July 2, 2024 Dive Club Meeting Presents Leslie Von PlessRon Prybella How Deep can you Dive in Dubai?



Join us for a captivating presentation as we explore the rich tapestry of Dubai's architecture, culture, and innovation. From its iconic skyscrapers to the depths of its diving. With a vibrant cultural scene, Dubai stands as a testament to modernity and tradition intertwining.

One of the most recent additions to the area is not visible on the ever changing skyline but actually plunged deep into the sands of the Arabian desert. Deep Dive Dubai is the newest and deepest freshwater diving facility in the world.

Lead by Dive Club member, Ron Prybella,

don't miss the opportunity to gain insights into one of the world's most dynamic areas and a journey through the depths of Dubai.

Embark on an underwater adventure in Dubai and uncover the hidden secrets beneath the



surface of the newest and deepest diving facility.

Let's embark on a journey through the heart of one of the world's most dynamic cities together.

Join us for an insightful exploration, as Dubai promises an exhilarating diving experience like no other.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



Anthony Angiulo

Daniel Borrero

Yelina Chagin

John Ertle

Jim Godin

Madeleine Guilmain

Douglas King

Daniel David Lee

Grace Mattel

Alexandre Meiraaeghe

James Mellett

Quentin Riedman

William Rohr

Kevin Ryan

Mylene Sabino

Alexey Stenger



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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June 4, 2024

taken by Courtney Lyons

- 🐟 Meeting started 8:15 pm
- 🐟 May meeting minutes approved
- 🐟 Beach diving report: our season is now in full swing. We had our dive at the annual Orchard Beach cleanup and have many great dives coming up.
- 🐟 Coming up on June 15 is the eel grass dive at Oak Beach for Rob Vasiluth and his organization to collect seeds.
- 🐟 The Death by Diving schedule is in the newsletter the weekend of July 26,27,28.
- 🐟 The rest of the beach diving schedule through October has been shared via email.
- 🐟 Wednesday nights at OBI are in full swing, meet at Oak Beach Babylon every week for a dive and barbecue.
- 🐟 Tiedemanns Diving Center is running a trip to the St. Lawrence (Canadian Side) contact Jim Vafaes if interested.
- 🐟 Rhode Island camping trip to Fort Getty August 23-24. Contact Joe Lemaire if interested.
- 🐟 Anyone who hasn't paid dues or filled out waivers, please do so and email them to membership.thediveclub@gmail.com.
- 🐟 John and Courtney are hosting a CPR/AED class at The Tap Room in Bay Shore Tuesday June 11 at 6:30 pm. Contact them if interested in signing up 631-431-2216- the cost of the course is \$75.
- 🐟 There is 1 spot open on the Gypsy Blood wreck dive to the Stolt at 125 feet on June 30. Contact Courtney if interested.
- 🐟 There are also openings on our other scheduled wreck dives. See the schedule in the newsletter and contact Mary if interested.
- 🐟 Welcome Leslie Von Pless 8:39 pm



WRECK DIVING 2024 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DIVE BOAT</u>	<u>WRECK</u>	<u>SPOTS</u>	<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>COST</u>
July 27	Halftime	Offshore Reef	3 left	120ft	\$183pp
August 25	Sidekick	Shinnecock Reef	5 left	80 ft	\$150pp
September 8	Halftime	Oregon	2 left	130ft	\$217pp

📍 *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.

LEADERBOARD

Mary Davis	4	Danny Rivera	4
Jim Vafeas	4	John Hochenberger ..	4
Ryan Christie	4	Sal Candela	4

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
July 13	12:00PM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays (HT 1:54PM) (with Big Apple Divers)
July 21	10:00AM	Cedar Beach, Mount Sinai

DEATH-BY-DIVING



FRI-SAT, JULY 26-28

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
August 4	7:00AM	Beach 8th Street, Far Rockaway (HT 8:49AM)
August 10	TBD	TBD
August 18	5:00PM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays (HT 6:46PM) NIGHT DIVE
August 24	10:00AM	OBI Fishing Pier, Oak Beach
September 8	10:00 AM	Shinnecock Jetty West (HT 11:35AM)
September 15	TBD	TBD
September 21	9:00AM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays (HT 10:54AM)
September 29	9:30AM	Stehli Beach, Bayville
October 5	TBD	TBD
October 13	9:00AM	Cedar Beach PUMPKIN CARVING DIVE
October 20		<i>Rain date for Pumpkin Carving Dive</i>
October 27	TBD	TBD

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.



BEACH DIVING

LEADERBOARDS (12/31/23 - 6/22/24)

BEACH DIVING

Mary Davis..... 9	Barry Lipsky 2	Jim Vafeas 1
Alex Einbinder 6	Ken Murphy..... 2	Kim Valenti..... 1
Jenny Ross 3	Bob Auteri 1	Mike Feldbaum 1
Kevin Ryan 3	Chris Weaver 1	Joe Lemaire 1
Jim Lisle 3	Priscilla Seigh 1	Danna Davis 1
Chelsea Miller 3	Louis Buda 1	Steven Davis 1
Nick Lappano 3	Ryan Smith 1	Rob Vasiluth 1
Dan Corcoran 3	Martin Ryder 1	Daniel Fleischman ... 1
Rick Baresich 3	Glen Whelpley 1	Norma Leon 1
Kris Kulikauskas..... 2	Danny Rivera 1	John Pfisterer 1
Jack Frost 2	Kathryn Brusewitz .. 1	Ryan Christie 1
Ozon Ersoz 2	Andre Krasnov 1	Vadin Paley 1
Willian Iaconetti.... 2	Harris Moore 1	Tim McMahon 1
Tom Reidman..... 2	Alex Bases 1	Nick Sinnott..... 1
Alyssa Armour 2	Leslie Von Pless 1	



OAK BEACH WEDNESDAYS

Norma Leon 4	John Berntsen 1	William Iaconetti 1
Eric Cregreen 4	Rick Baresich 1	Chuck Ertle 1
Kris Kulikauskas 3	Tim McMahon..... 1	Babs Ertle 1
Joe Lemaire 3	Alyssa Armour 1	Andrey Krasnov 1
Kevin Ryan..... 2	Louis Buda..... 1	Alex Einbinder 1
Chelsea Miller 2	Dan Corcoran 1	Ronald Broom 1
Nick Lappano..... 2	Jeannine Jennette . 1	Harris Moore..... 1
Vadim Paley 2	Megan Barrow 1	Michael Feldbaum ... 1
Courtney Lyons 1		



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LIDA BEACH DIVE

COME JOIN US!
Secret Beach (Greenport, LI)

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, July 27, 2024



Your membership dollars help LIDA in its mission to protect diver's rights, preserve access to dive sites on Long island, and contribute to the dive industry in the local area. One of our recent success stories has been the preservation of "Secret Beach" in Greenport and the ongoing access we have secured for LIDA members to this favorite dive site.

To thank you for your continued support of LIDA, and to make use of this special dive site, a "LIDA Members Beach Dive" is scheduled to take place at Secret Beach on July 27, 2024. LIDA members are invited to join us for a day of diving.

More information will be sent closer to the dive day, but the gates will be open for diver entrance for several hours in the morning, LIDA personnel will manage diver waiver forms for all in attendance and a port-o-san will be provided for comfort. Divers will be encouraged to bring their own beverages and food.

We hope to see you all there on July 27 for a fun day of diving at one of the best dive sites on the north shore.

Visit lidaonline.com/secretbeach use the QR code for additional dive details such as access requirements, directions, and to sign the liability release form.





BLOCK ISLAND OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE

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On June 1-2, 2024, 6 club members were lucky enough to have a spot on the Sea Turtle dive boat located in Montauk, NY. We left our homes as early as 3:30AM for the drive out to the end of the island. We started the chore of loading our gear onto the boat. We had to bring all the tanks needed for the weekend since there is no compressed air available on Block Island anymore.



We all planned to sleep on the boat with 4 bunks for 8 people; the Captain, Chuck Wade and his crew person,

Brittney also planned to stay on the boat. 2 of us brought small tents to set up on the deck if needed.

After the boat was loaded, we headed out to the Grecian wreck. The sun was shining and the seas were so calm. After the 2-hour ride, we arrived to see 2 other boats beat us to the wreck. After discussing the options, it was decided that we would all share the wreck and the Sea Turtle tied to the other boats and we jumped in for



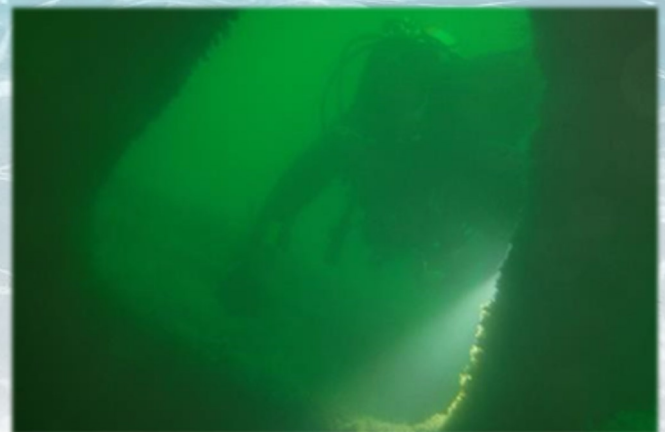
our dives. The water was cool at depth, 47 degrees but the visibility was great at 15 ft. The 6 of us had a nice dive.

The Grecian was a 296 ft long freighter that sank in 1932 in 95 ft of water off Block Island. With the nice visibility, we were able to see a lot of the wreck. There was even a lobster spotted.



We untied and headed to the U853 U-boat that sank in 1945. This was the last U-boat

sunk in US waters. The water temperature was 49 degrees with 15 ft of visibility. We were very lucky with the weather and calm seas. It is not easy to get to the U-boat with the wind and rough seas being a factor. I was able to see more of this wreck than I have ever seen in the past where the visibility usually is 3-5 ft.





BLOCK ISLAND OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE (CON'T)

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After our dive, we headed to Block Island for a nice dinner at The Poor People's Pub. 4 of the

divers were able to locate rooms on the island for a better rate than quoted in advance so they took advantage of a soft bed and warm shower. 4 of us decided to sleep on the boat that now had a bunk for each of us. We got a descent night's sleep and there was a nice rest room at the Marina with a 4-minute shower.



In the morning, the wind picked up slightly but not enough to spoil the

trip. We were able to dive the U-boat a second time and then finished our adventurous weekend with a dive on the Lightburne wreck in 35 ft of water. This was a tanker that sank in 1939 after running aground.



The wreck is broken up but the remaining structure is great for photos. The visibility was great at 20ft



with bright sun shining on the wreckage. There is a moderate surge here as it is close to Block Island.

Thank you to Captain Chuck Wade of the Sea Turtle and his



crewperson, Brittney for a great weekend of diving. The dive buddies on the boat were a nice team to dive with. Everyone worked together to make this a memorable trip . 🐟





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 _____

