

DIVER DOWN NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB

President's Letter – June 2025

Happy June it's (almost) starting to feel like summer! It's been a rather uneventful dive season so far but we've got a lot more to look forward to. The wreck schedule is out and there's a handful of spots left for some reef dives!

We are still looking for speakers for upcoming meetings so I'd be happy to hear recommendations for anyone you'd like to have speak.

Our Wednesday night tradition is starting back up this week- Oak Beach! We are kicking it off on Wednesday, June 4 at 4 pm with a dive and a BBQ so bring your gear and an appetite.

The weather is looking good! Oak Beach is a great site for new divers to get used to local diving, and you can become very comfortable and confident in your skills after diving there week after week. Hope to see you all there!

~Courtney Lyons, President



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MONTHLY MEETING

The Dive Club holds monthly meetings monthly on the first Tuesdays.
Location: The Tap Room in Bayshore

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TAP ROOM

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

Support our host and wait staff. Additional "Event Gratuity" on each bill.
And don't forget cash for our 50/50 raffle!

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



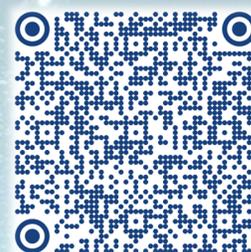
June 3, 2025 ~ TBD

Upcoming meetings & speakers:

July 1: vacant
August 5: Bill Bleyer

September 2: Jennifer Sellitti
October 7: vacant

Contact Courtney (or fill out the form linked in the QR code) if you are interested in being a guest speaker on a topic of your choosing, or if you'd like to recommend someone!



Diving Updates:

Oak Beach Wednesdays: Begin June 4
Wreck: Schedule posted in page 5 of this edition



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Alyssa Armour
Roy Bacchi
Steve Borgess
Salvatore R Candela
Bart Chiarizza
Benedict Chung
Eric Cregeen
June Dawson
Thomas Ertle

Daniel Hillyard
Philip Hollnsteiner
Nick Lappano
James Lark
Andrew Lauckhardt
Nicholas Lombardo
Paul Santarsiero
Thomas Spier
Leslie Von Pless
Larry Zeidler
Guy William Zummo





MEMBERSHIP

The Club Membership year is January 1 to December 31, and each year club members must fill out an application form and waiver specific to that year along with submitting annual dues. Forms must be filled out and submitted for your safety as well as the Dive Club's and are necessary to participate in our club dives and activities. These forms and timely payment of your dues keep you in good and active standing with the club.

When we begin taking membership applications for an upcoming year, we also offer a discount for those who pay their dues before January 1 of that year.

For those still in arrears with your 2025 paperwork, forms can be found at the end of the newsletter. Please fill them out and E-Mail them back to Bill Cadden at [Membership](#).

For those who still need to send in dues, you can do so via Cash/Check at Club Meetings, via Check to the Dive Club's P.O. Box, or via Venmo to our Treasurer, Gus Bricker.

TDC APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Fill out the application, which is available for download on the The Dive Club's webpage and at 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 Cadden at the below email address.

Please note that ALL PREVIOUS Forms are obsolete. The Form for 2025 MUST say 2025 at the top. And, again, **New Applicants** should download the form from thediveclub.com/membership.

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 **ALL 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 pages and save as a *.pdf, using your Last Name for the File Name (ex: Cadden.pdf), and email it to: Membership.TheDiveclub@GMail.com

Individual memberships for 2025 are \$25. Family memberships are \$35.

You can **Pay your Dues** 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.





MEETING MINUTES

MAY 6, 2025

- 🐟 Meeting called to order 8:05 pm
- 🐟 Approved minutes from last meeting
- 🐟 Courtney thanked everyone for coming to the film festival
- 🐟 The beach dive schedule has been finalized and shared for May-June
- 🐟 The wreck dive schedule is coming soon
- 🐟 Oak Beach will be starting the first week of June
- 🐟 Upcoming camping trips:
 - 🐟 Memorial Day at Cedar Point
 - 🐟 Death by Diving at Indian Island
 - 🐟 June 27 in Rhode Island
 - 🐟 Contact Bruce to sign up for camping
 - 🐟 Contact Ozan to sign up for Rhode Island
- 🐟 Speaker couldn't make it last minute, no speaker this month.
- 🐟 Meeting adjourned 8:19 pm



More Info on Upcoming Activities

Camping:

Death by Diving Weekend: August 15-17, 2025 at Indian Island.

- ✈ Contact Bruce Russo with any questions or to sign up.

June 28-29 Fort Getty Jamestown Rhode Island. Sites are \$35 each.

- ✈ Contact Ozan with any questions or to sign up at kozmik73@yahoo.com

Member Travel/Trips (unofficial):

June 23-June 27 Moorehead City, NC. Olympus Dive Center.

- ✈ Contact Bob Stamm - 631-935-2944





WRECK DIVING 2025 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Saturday, June 7	Halftime to Shinnecock Reef ~ 85ft	12:00PM 6 Spots—\$165pp
Saturday, July 12	Halftime to Shinnecock Reef ~ 85ft	12:00PM 6 Spots—\$165pp
Saturday, July 19	Gypsy Blood (Point Pleasant) to Stolt Dagali 60-120ft	7:00AM 2 Spots—\$150pp
Saturday, July 26	Gypsy Blood (Freeport) to Oregon 80-120ft	6:30AM Waitlist—\$145pp
Sunday, July 27	Gypsy Blood (Freeport) to San Diego 100ft	6:30AM Waitlist—\$135pp
Sunday, August 3	Halftime to Shinnecock Reef ~ 85ft	7:00AM 6 Spots—\$165pp

All payments due in advance. Payment must be made to secure spot.

All spots are final. If you can't make it you can replace yourself with a qualified diver. We will try to help with a replacement if needed from a waitlist.

The following equipment is **required** for all wreck dives with The Dive Club:

-  Secondary Air Source:
~ doubles or pony bottle
-  Wreck reel
-  Lift bag OR Surface Marker Buoy
-  Cutting tool
-  Whistle or other sound device
-  Strobe

Divers should be comfortable with the use of this gear.

Divers should be comfortable with the use of this gear. AOW certification or equivalent is required. Wreck & deep diving certification is recommended.





BEACH DIVING

2025 JUNE SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sunday, June 1	Ponquogue Bridge	12:30 pm 1:20 pm high tide
Saturday, June 7	Cedar Beach Mt Sinai Fishing Pier	9:00 am
Saturday, June 14	Secret Beach	11:00 am
Saturday, June 21	USS Ohio	11:00 am
Saturday, June 28	Manasquan River Railroad Bridge, NJ, Day Trip	10:00 am 10:50 am high tide

Wednesday Oak Beach (Babylon) dives begin June 4
(see the bottom of page 8 for site details)





BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY

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.





BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

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.

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, but others may choose to dive the fishing pier located on the west side of the same parking lot.





BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

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

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.

& Beyond

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.

Manasquan River Railroad Bridge, New Jersey

Parking is close by and free, but the lot is not very large and sometimes fills up. A 7-11 store is across the road, and the dive site is adjacent to the Point Beach Yacht Club in Point Pleasant Beach, which you can use as a GPS landmark to get directions.



PONQUOQUE PERMITS

SEASON PARKING PERMITS: \$125
MAY 15 – SEPTEMBER 15 2025



Purchase your 2025 beach parking permit [online](#) or at one of the following locations:

Parks & Recreation Office (Red Barn)
6 Newtown Road, Hampton Bays
Monday through Friday, April 15 - Labor Day
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Westhampton Library
7 Library Ave, Westhampton Beach
Mondays, May 19 - June 23
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Southampton Town Hall (Auditorium)
116 Hampton Road, Southampton
Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 29 - June 26
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bridgehampton Senior Center
585 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike,
Bridgehampton
Wednesdays, May 21 - June 25
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Beach Locations

Pre-Season: May 24 - June 27: Weekends and holidays, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm (Not all beaches may be staffed in the pre-season. Please check our website for the most updated information: www.southamptontownny.gov/BeachPermit)

In-Season: June 28 - September 1: 7 days/week, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

[Seasonal Beach Parking Permit Map & Information \(PDF\)](#)

Please Note: The town code was recently amended to change the dates that parking permits are required. The new dates are **May 15 - September 15, 2025**. See *Seasonal Beach Parking Permit Map & Information* (PDF, linked above) for more information and locations.



LIDA FILM FESTIVAL



LIDA Film Festival 2025

Saturday, October 25 at 4 p.m.

Come Join Us

Save the Date!

And stay tuned for when online ticket sales become available!

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Hofstra University Student Center Theater, Hempstead, NY

Ticket Price Includes: Films, Live DJ, Food, and Soft drinks

Admission: \$45 US pp (advanced purchase online), \$50 pp (at the door)

For more details, updates, and ticket sales go to:

<https://www.lidaonline.com/2025-film-festival>





TDC LEADERSHIP



President:
Courtney Lyons



Vice President:
John Berntsen



Treasurer:
Gus Bricker



Recording Secretary:
Norma Leon



Corresponding Secretary:
Bill Cadden



Wreck Diving:
[Vacant]



Beach Diving:
Courtney Lyons &
Martin



Oak Beach:
John Bernsten &
Eric Cregren



Camping Trips:
Bruce Russo



T-Shirts & Swag:
[Vacant]



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 Shore 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

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: _____

Approved by:

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 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

Reviewed by Club Officer

Date



Membership Directory Data Sheet

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

I wish to have the above information published in the 2025 Membership Directory to be distributed to the Membership.

Signature of Member _____

Date _____

