

DIVER DOWN NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB

President's Letter — September 2025

Hi everyone and welcome to September! What may mean the end of summer to many doesn't have to mean the end of your dive season! In the next couple of months, we can see some of the best diving conditions of the year as the water starts to cool and the boat traffic dies down. Now might even be the perfect time to start thinking about taking a drysuit course and extending your season even more.

We had an amazing time at our annual Death by Diving weekend with 7 club members completing at least 6 out of 7 dives and finishing the challenge. In total, 27 members got in the water over the course of those 3 days. Stay tuned for the date that the DBD celebration dinner will be hosted, likely in early October, because all are welcome to attend.

There are a few changes to make note of: the September meeting is moved to September 9 because of Labor Day being this week. We will be hosting David Hoffman, son of Edith Hoffman, who was a well-known local wreck diver, as our guest speaker for the evening to share about ethics in diving as well as give the club some more information on a dive he has put together for us at a new freshwater location in Shelter Island.

This brings me to the next change to make note of: we are adding this on to our weekend beach diving schedule for September 20, more details to follow. Finally, the dive scheduled for September 13 at the Manasquan River Railroad Bridge has been changed to the HMS Cullogen in Montauk at 12:30.

Also, please note that our Wednesday night OBI dives are still in swing and will be until the end of September. Hope to see you all soon!

~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.

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The Dive Club presents
David Hoffman

David will be leading our expeditionary dive at Fresh Pond in Shelter Island, and speaking on ethics in diving.

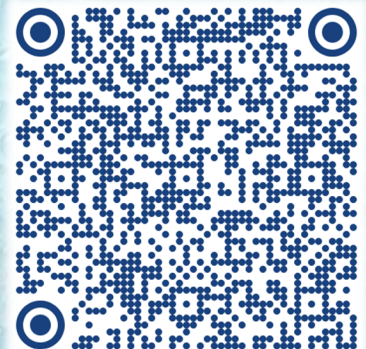


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BE A GUEST SPEAKER AT MEETINGS!

Each month we welcome a guest speaker at our meetings to share their experiences on topics related to scuba diving, maritime history, travel, oceanic sciences, and more.

If you or someone you know might like to present at one of our upcoming meetings, fill out the [Google Form](#) by scanning the QR code!





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.










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MEETING MINUTES








AUGUST 5, 2025

Last month's meeting minutes approved




Diving Season

-  Beach dives every weekend.
-  Last weekend: Noyack Bay
 -  4 divers, 3 ft visibility, warm & calm.
 -  Chris & Mary dove again afterward.
-  Upcoming dive schedule available on club website & newsletter.






Wreck Diving

-  Season ended: only 2 of 5 scheduled dives successful.
-  Highlights:
 -  *Gypsy Blood* (Freeport/Yankee wreck): calm seas, lots of lobsters (many returned due to restrictions).
 -  *Stolt* (NJ): 30 ft visibility.
 -  *Oregon*: good visibility, rough surface; second dive canceled.
 -  *San Diego*: first local wreck dive for Jen & Bill—successful, need dry suit.
-  Fourth Quarter did not go out this year.







Weekly Dives

-  Oak Beach every Wednesday, 4-5 PM.
-  Max 25-30 ft at high tide.
-  Good for new divers; better visibility deeper; tropicals in rocks.








Death by Diving (Aug 15-17):

-  Camping at Indian Island (Fri-Sun).
-  6 dive sites this year (6/7 dives = free dinner).
-  Sunday BBQ/meal at Old Ponquogue Bridge.
-  Contact Courtney to get in touch with Bruce if wanting to camp
-  Parking/pass logistics for Ponquogue still being worked out - options to park available on north side.


Exploration Dive

-  Shelter Island Fresh Pond (Glen Whepley & David Hoffman).
-  Depth: up to 40 ft (avg. 19 ft).
-  Murky, muck bottom, fishing lines, artifacts, possible vehicles.
-  Risk of entanglement.
-  Temp: ~70°F surface, 50-60°F bottom.
-  Details to come via email & Zoom.

Getting Bent in North Carolina (June 12, Glen Whepley)

-  Incident: decompression sickness/air embolism due to multiple dive errors (hydration, dive planning, reverse profile).
-  Symptoms: leg weakness, burning sensation—diagnosed air embolism, but no deep joint pain or loss of consciousness in his case
-  Emergency response: oxygen, fluids, hospitalization, hyperbaric treatment at Duke.
-  Outcome: 5 days in chamber, recovering with some balance issues. Had to cancel planned trip to Dublin.
-  Cost: ~\$52,700 for chamber + transport, hospital admit, and hotel (covered by DAN).
-  Reminder: Always carry dive insurance (DAN recommended).
-  Nearest chamber: Jacoby Hospital (Bronx)—note many chambers are wound care only, not for dive emergencies.

Other Notes

-  Still seeking guest speakers.



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BEACH DIVING

2025 AUGUST-SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Saturday, September 6	Stehli Beach	11:00 am
Saturday, September 13	Manasquan River Railroad Bridge, New Jersey	11:30 am 12:27 pm high tide
<i>MORE DATES COMING!! STAY TUNED!!!!</i>		

DEATH-BY-DIVING 2025 LEADERBOARD

Alyssa Armour	7	Frank Lombardo	2
Linda Gotti	7	Priscilla Seigh	2
Nick Lappano	7	Courtney Lyons	2
Norma Leon	7	Eric Cregreen	2
Dan Corcoran	7	Danna Davis	1
Ron Prybella	6	Steve Davis	1
Mary Davis	6	Steven Maggio.....	1
Christopher Antonison ..	5	Jack Frost	1
Yuriy Chagin.....	3	Ozan Ersoz.....	1
Yelena Chagin.....	3	Joe Feldbaum.....	1
Alex Einbinder.....	3	Kevin Ryan	1
Marc Zysman	3	Chelsea Miller	1
Jeff Cardillo.....	3	Rick Baresich.....	1
Mike Feldbaum	2		





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LEADERBOARDS (AS OF 9/1)

BEACH

Mary Davis	6
Christopher Antonison...	6
Alex Einbinder	4
Dan Corcoran	4
Ron Prybella	3
Nick Lappano	3
Michael Feldbaum	3
Nick Sinnott.....	3
Rick Baresich	2
Linda Gotti	2
Henry Serra	2
Jack Griffin	2
Tim McMahon	2
Tom Riedman	2
Jack Frost	2
Eric Cregeen	1
Will Iaconetti	1
Louis Buda	1
Travis Brady.....	1
Ken Murphy	1
Courtney Lyons	1
Vadim Paley	1
Ozan Ersoz	1
Norma Leon.....	1
Jeff Cardillo	1

OBI

Eric Cregeen	8
Nick Lappano	8
Kevin Ryan	7
Chelsea Ryan.....	7
Norma Leon	6
Vadim Paley	4
Linda Gotti	3
William Iaconetti	2
Mary Davis	2
Rick Baresich.....	2
Jack Frost	2
Bob Stamm	1
Henry Serra	1
Dan Corcoran	1
Kayla Arbuckle.....	1
Ron Prybella	1
Marco Drazic	1
Rayhan Mohammed	1
Jugaad Nagi	1
Megan Barrow.....	1
Tim McMahon	1
Travis Brady	1
Jake Griffin.....	1

WRECK DIVING FINAL LEADERBOARD

Kris Kulikauskas.....	4	Jen Gineau.....	2
Andrey Krasnov	2	Bill Strauss	2
Alex Stengey	2	Jim Lisle	1
Bill Cadden	3	Bobby Reith.....	1
Jim Vafaes	2	Nick Sinnott.....	1
Mary Davis	2	Tracy Cloherty.....	1
Ryan Christie	2	Andrew Solomon.....	1



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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.





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BEACH DIVE

DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

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.

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).





BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

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.

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.





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BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Mark Broome
James Campbell
Juliana Chung
Ryan Davis
Shannon Davis
Zane Davis
Richard DeFilippo
Chuck Ertle
Jacki Feldbaum
Jeanine Furco
Victoria Ingoglia
Barry Lipsky

Kenny Mascak
Chelsea Miller
Harris Moore
Cory Moran
Ann Moreno
John Palumbo
John Pfisterer
Rick Picone
Bobby Reith
Ciara Smith
Mia Venezia
Katie Waskzkiewicz
Kathy Zummo



HMS CULLODEN DIVE

JOIN LIDA FOR A DIVE TO THE HMS CULLODEN ON SEPTEMBER 13

**DIVE THE
HMS CULLODEN**
WITH LIDA
ON SEPT. 13TH



**MEET AT 12:30 PM,
DIVE HIGH TIDE AT 2:00PM**

On Saturday, September 13th, LIDA will host an afternoon of diving on the wreck of the HMS Culloden. This historic wreck is a wonderful example of the history we have off the shores of Long Island waiting to be explored by divers. Because of the uniqueness of this site, we are providing some important information below.

The dive will take place on Saturday, September 13. There is no rain date planned. Because of the tides, we ask that divers arrive at 12:30pm and be prepared to dive around the 2pm high tide.

Historical Information, Access and Directions: Please visit the LIDA website for information on the history of the wreck, access information and driving directions: lidaonline.com/hmsculloden

Parking: The dirt parking lot adjacent to the trailhead that leads to the dive site is small and can only accommodate a few vehicles. It is very strongly advised that divers carpool wherever possible to reduce the number of vehicles in the lot. When parking, please try to park so as not to block others from leaving. It is possible that the site might be used by fisherman and others and blocking their vehicles is not appropriate.

While we are not requiring an advanced sign up, to help with the parking problems we ask that participating divers email contact@lidaonline.com so that we can anticipate and mitigate parking problems.

If we run out of parking at the site, please DO NOT park on Soundview Ave nor on the sides of the dirt road leading to the site. We are encouraging divers who are unable to park at the site to park at the parking lot adjacent to Gosman's Dock restaurant. LIDA will organize shuttles to/from that parking lot for divers and their equipment. We will have information at the site on how we will conduct the shuttles. Please be respectful of Gosman's Dock, park responsibly and do not attract negative attention.

Facilities: There will be no facilities at the site (e.g., food, restrooms, etc.). LIDA encourages divers to use the public restrooms on west Lake Drive near Gosman's Dock before going to the site.

Protecting the Culloden: The HMS Culloden wreck is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a Federally protected site and the removal of anything from the site is strictly prohibited. Whatever you find or see there must be left in place. It is illegal to damage the wreck site in any way or to remove anything from the site.

Dive briefing: Like all Long Island dive sites, conditions may vary greatly at the location. There will not be a formal dive briefing, but LIDA members who have experience with the site will be on hand to give general directions.

A few words of caution: The wreck is low-lying and sometimes is completely covered in sand. We cannot predict the conditions on the day of the dive. Entry and exit can be treacherous as the water is very shallow to begin with and the bottom is covered with numerous slick, seaweed covered rocks that makes footing difficult. (This is why we are diving at high tide). Please use caution. The wreck is no deeper than 15-18 feet so plan accordingly.





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LIDA FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 25, 2025

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

Meet Our Presenters!

Michael Salvatorezza &
Christopher Weaver

[Baja: Secrets of the Sea
of Cortez](#)

Jennifer Sellitti

[Program on Northeast
Wrecks](#)

Peter Venoutsos

[Humpbacks of Rurutu](#)

Mike Dudas

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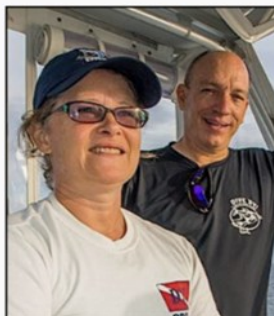
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Deep Weddell Sea](#)

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Michael Salvatorezza



Christopher Weaver



Jennifer N. Sellitti



Peter Venoutsos



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)

Bundles with LIDA memberships available as well!

For one low price of admission attendees can enjoy 2-hours of presentations from some of the best underwater photographers and film makers in the world, followed by an amazing after-party complete with food and refreshments. There is always the opportunity to win one of our highly sought-after raffle prizes. This is a great way to connect with friends, meet new divers and begin to plan new diving adventures in the year to come.

Tickets On Sale Now! For more details, updates, and sales go to:

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





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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



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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 _____

