

DIVER DOWN NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB

President's Letter – April 2026

Hello everyone!

April is here and we're finally getting back into dive season mode. A big thank you to everyone who attended the beach diving committee zoom meeting who helped put together this year's weekend beach dive schedule.

Our first beach dive of the season is coming up on Saturday, April 18 at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai, and we're all looking forward to getting back in the water and kicking things off. Whether it's your first dive of the year or you've been diving through the winter, it'll be nice to be back together as a group.

For our upcoming meeting on April 7, instead of a guest speaker we'll be hosting Artifact Night. Everyone is encouraged to bring in any artifacts they've found for a little show and tell, along with the stories behind them. It's always a fun night and a great way to share some of the history we come across while diving.

Our Wednesday night dives at Oak Beach in Babylon will also be returning starting May 27, which is always a highlight of the season. They're a great way to get in the water midweek and catch up with everyone.

As always, feel free to keep the "Where in the World Is the Dive Club?" submissions coming. We've gotten some great ones so far and it's been fun seeing where everyone has been diving.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon and getting back in the water!

~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

EST ★ 2011

44 E Main St. #46

TAP ROOM 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.



MEETING TOPIC FOR APRIL 7, 2026





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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Fellow members,

I am finalizing the Membership Directory that will be going out hopefully by the April Meeting, some reminders.

Some people have paid their Dues, but have yet to send in their Paperwork. Up to date info is critical for a several reasons. Emergency Contact info may have changed, you may have changed your Phone Number, or E-Mail Address, you may have moved. If we need to get a hold of you, or your Emerg Contact, it is vital that this info is up to date.

Some have submitted their Paperwork, but have not paid their Dues. This is important so that the Club can continue to deliver the services you have come to expect on Club Dives, etc..

And sadly, there are a number of long time Members who have not done either. Please do not wait until the start of the Dive season to follow up on this. We want you and will miss you. Don't run the risk of being dropped. After the Membership Directory goes out, I will be culling the Google groups of people we have not heard from in some time, and slowly working my way towards more current.

As a reminder, the Membership Directory will only include Members who are in Good Standing.

Regards,

Bill Cadden

Corresponding Secretary





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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.



TDC APPLICATION INFO & INSTRUCTIONS

Fill out the application, which is available for download on the The Dive Club's webpage (thediveclub.com/membership) and at the back of this newsletter. Please fill out the application on your computer, print to sign, and then scan and email to Bill Cadden (below).

If filling out by hand, please use **black ink** and write legibly. If scanning it in via phone, please crop out any areas that are not part of the forms (aka the surface from which you took the image).

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE HAND SIGNED, NO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ACCEPTED.

The application consists of the Data Sheet, Wavier, and Membership Directory (4 pages total)

The Data Sheet keeps your information current and updated, including emergency contacts (who should be someone other than your typical dive buddy). The waivers is needed for safety and protection year over year. Finally, the Directory sheet is to add you to our membership directory and keep that fresh as well.

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 Corresponding Secretary, Bill Cadden at Membership.TheDiveclub@GMail.com

Individual memberships for 2026 are \$25. Family memberships are \$35.

You can **Pay your Dues** by one of 3 ways:

1. Pay Cash at the meeting or if you run into an Officer (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Corresponding Secretary).
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, Gus Bricker.
 - * 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

FEBRUARY 3, 2026


RECORDED BY NORMA LEON


 **Minutes Approved**


 **A Couple of updates to out committees:**


 **Wreck Diving being taken over by Elias who is working tirelessly with the local captains on our wreck schedule to gets us one more dates this year. Hopefully by the next meeting we will have a full schedule of wreck dives that we can sign up for.**


 **2 dates so far on the Gypsy Blood out of Pt Pleasant, NJ dock:**

 **June 7th we have a couple of spots open on the Tolten and**

 **September 5th to the wreck of the Coney Island. Let Courtney know if interested in these trips.**

 **Oak Beach will be taken over by Savi and Linda Gotti who have volunteered to team up together and switch off every other week to share the BBQ responsibilities. If anyone wants to bring something to throw on the grill, bring a snack you're more than welcome to do that. Starting Oak Beach, Wednesday, June 10th. Linda announced that we would like to stop the extra waste, asking everybody to bring a fork, knife, spoon and a washable plate so no more accumulation of trash, paper towels will be provided, but nothing non-disposable. Focus on less trash. Plenty of glasses in the waters at that site. Possibly a menu of what is going to be served in case you want to add to it. Encouraged by Fish Guy fotos, Possibly a picture taking contest of pics taken at the site like an eel in a bottle.**

 **Beach diving committee was committed to Wednesday March 18th, Zoom meeting for Beach dives at 7:30 P. Courtney will send out dive tables and please pre prep sites you are interested in. Beach schedule is April through to mid October or November weather permitting.**

 **Mary Davis spoke about some Beach dive dates: Glen Whepley setting up Shelter Island for May 16th and 17th, (more info to come as the date approaches, a cold dive, ice, good visibility), Orchard Beach Clean Up is May 17th; Rhode Island was planned for June 27th and 28th, June 26th if you want to come up on a Friday last weekend in June; and Death By Diving is the last weekend in August, which is not Labor Day weekend.**





MINUTES (CONT'D)

- 🐟 Update on the “Where in the World is the Dive Club?” new submissions:*
 - 🐟 Eric Cregren: Shared pics on his trip to Waikiki, Oahu and Kona Hawaii around 5,000 miles away And*
 - 🐟 Alex Einbinder went to Asia. Send all submissions to Courtney so Randi can add them to the newsletter.*
- 🐟 Someone donated some OS system dry gloves that fit a dry suit with OS rings on it and a set of 7mm XS neoprene gloves.*
- 🐟 Tuesday, March 3, 2026 T-shirts and sweatshirts were also available after the meeting from Courtney.*
- 🐟 Linda Gotti spoke about the 13 people going to Bonaire. Price was under \$1700 with 9 dives including a shore dive on the other side of the island on an inflatable for a two tank dive. Price includes the dives, room, Breakfast, Nitrox and a car/room. In August we will have an idea where they are traveling to next year.*
- 🐟 The Tiedeman’s Canada trip is going to be planned for the second weekend in August, to Brockville. Interested? Reach out to Jim Vafeas.*
- 🐟 Another Film Festival? Maybe a committee to help plan it at least 5 months to plan it, getting speakers to come and present is the hardest task. Maybe just a party and chit chat or a communal slide show. Maybe Sally from California can come and speak.*
- 🐟 Turned over to the speaker of the night Dr. Alex Einbinder.*



NEW FOR NEWSLETTER!!

WORDS FROM A DIVER COLUMN

Reminiscing on old Dive Club memories? Dug up some photos that the club might like to see? Visit somewhere special you'd like to share?

We want to hear from you!

Write in to info@thediveclub.com with anything diving-related you'd like to share. Include a photo or two; your column will be featured in our monthly newsletter!





NEW CONTEST

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE DIVE CLUB?

Dive Club Travel Contest/Challenge Instructions

1. Pack Your Dive Club Swag: Bring a piece of your dive club swag with you on any 2026 dive trips.
2. Take a Selfie: Snap a selfie of you wearing or displaying your swag at each destination.
3. Share Your Photos: Once you have your selfies, collect them for submission.
4. Tracking Miles: At the end of the year, Courtney will review all submitted photos to calculate how many miles each member has traveled.
5. Win a Prize: The member who has traveled the farthest will win a prize next year!
6. No Swag? No Problem: If you don't have any swag, reach out to Courtney. She will arrange to get you a piece with the club logo.

Participate and showcase your travels while representing our dive club!

Submissions so far (in order of mileage):

- 📍 Alex Einbinder - 10,105 miles - Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia **NEW!!!**
- 📍 Barry & Marueen Lipsky - 9,317 miles - Raja Ampat, Indonesia
- 📍 Jake Griffin - 8,800 miles - New Zealand
- 📍 Eric Creegan - 5,000 miles - Waikiki, Oahu and Kona, Hawaii **NEW!!!**
- 📍 Norma Leon - 2,000 miles - Tortola, Antigua, & St. Lucia
- 📍 Mary Davis & Others - 940 miles - Blue Grotto, Williston, Florida

Alex in Bali



Eric in Hawaii





BEACH DIVING


2026 APRIL-AUGUST SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Saturday, April 18	Cedar Beach Basketball Court	10:00 am meeting
Sunday, April 26	Pirate's Cove McAllister County Park	10:00 am meeting
Saturday, May 2	Bayville Barg (Tentative)	10:00 am
Saturday, May 9	Shinnecock Inlet West Jetty (Back-up: Ponquogue Bridge)	HT 1:24 pm Meet at 12:30
Saturday, May 16	Shelter Island Fresh Pond	Details to follow
Sunday, May 17	City Island Oyster Reef Orchard Beach Clean-Up	9:00 am
Saturday, June 6	Secret Beach	11:00 am
Saturday, June 13	Oak Beach West Jetty (Old meeting site) 	HT 9:30 am Arrive at 8:45



BEACH DIVING

2026 APRIL-AUGUST SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Saturday, June 20	Ponquogue Bridge	HT 1:40 pm Arrive at 12:00 pm
June 26- 28	Rhode Island Camping Trip	Details to follow
Monday, July 6	Noyack Beach Night Dive	8:00 pm
Sunday, July 12	Cedar Beach Fishing Pier	HT 9:58 am Arrive by 9:00 am
Saturday, July 18	PADI International Women's Dive Day/Aquawomen Ponquogue Bridge	HT 12:28 pm Lunch to Follow Arrive early
Sunday, July 26	Secret Beach	11:00 am
Sunday, August 2	Beach 8th Street	HT 10:55 am Meet at 9:30
Saturday, August 8	Culloden Montauk 	10:00 am



BEACH DIVING

2026 APRIL-AUGUST SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sunday, August 16	Oak Beach Fishing Pier	11:00 am
Sunday, August 23	Ponquogue Bridge Evening Dive	HT 5:47 pm Meet at 4:30 pm
Death by Diving Camping Weekend		
Friday, August 28	1. Ponquogue Night Dive	1. HT 9:21 pm
Saturday, August 29	1. Secret Beach 2. USS Ohio 3. Indian Island Campsite 4. Cedar Beach Night Dive	1. 9:00 am 2. 12:00 pm 3. 3:00 pm 4. 8:30 pm
Sunday, August 30	1. Ponquogue Bridge 2. Noyack Bay	1. HT 10:18 2. 1:00 pm Lunch to follow
Save-the-Date — Annual Pumpkin Dive		
Saturday, October 3	Cedar Beach Basketball Courts	10:00 am Breakfast to follow

WRECK DIVING SCHEDULE (SO FAR):

Sunday, June 7:

Gypsy Blood out of Point Pleasant, NJ to the Tolten (5 spots)

Saturday, September 5:

Gypsy Blood out of Point Pleasant, NJ to the Coney Island (5 Spots)





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.





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.





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.



LIKE TO DIVE THE PONQUOGUE BRIDGE?

- Suffolk County residents can get the Marine Park permit for \$135 a year (\$125 Early Bird rate).
- The Marine Park Permit as well as other Southampton Beach permits are available to qualified individuals with documentation at www.southamptontownny.gov/BEACHPERMITS (or scan the QR).
- In-Person Sales Begin April 1, 2026.
- Supporting documentation must be submitted each year. Once your permit is approved, your credit card will be charged.
- Please allow 10-14 days for delivery via USPS mail.





SCUBA FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 – MARLTON, NJ

Looking for some inexpensive used Gear? Maybe something for those dives you do infrequently but enjoy and have to rent gear for? Maybe augment your Equipment inventory without breaking the bank?

Have some slightly used Gear you don't use anymore because you have grown out of it? Maybe you bought it for type of diving you don't do anymore?

Have a youth that needs gear, but will grow out of it before it wears out, and buying new is not a feasible option?

Here is the chance.

**SCUBA COMMUNITY
FLEA MARKET**

— NOW INDOORS AT —
THE BLUE BARN
MARLTON, NJ

SUNDAY, 4/26

NEW HOURS: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION!

VENDORS WANTED!
Reserve Your Table Today!

RAIN OR SHINE • MORE SPACE • BIGGER EVENT!

JOIN US INSIDE & SELL YOUR SCUBA GEAR!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Ron Broome
- Sean Curran
- Jeremy Davila
- Jack Dillon
- Frank Dorsey
- Patrick Fontana
- Matthew Gruber
- Benjamin King
- John Lituma
- Christine Lupo
- Lenny Mastrandera
- Donald Meyers
- Giselle Mioczkowski
- Manny Moreno
- Jack Ozer
- Samantha Romig
- Jenny Ross
- Andrew Solomon
- Michael Stacy
- Dave Thorburn
- Elaine Turley
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2026 LEADERSHIP



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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 _____

