

# DIVER DOWN NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB

President's Letter – June 2026

*Hi everyone and happy June!*

*We're officially entering the summer months and it seems like spring has just sprung by us so quickly (pun intended). The club has a lot of exciting things planned for this season, so strap on your dive booties and come along!*

*We have been in our beach diving season for a little over a month now, and the best is yet to come. We have a great lineup of weekend beach dives planned, so be sure to check out the schedule on the pages to follow. We have also officially begun our Wednesday night tradition of Oak Beach evening dives. Every Wednesday starting at 4:00, you know where to find us. Every other week we will be barbecuing thanks to Linda & Savie, so feel free to bring anything you'd like to throw on the grill. Our first Wednesday BBQ will be June 3.*

*Ready to switch it up from the local beach dives? We also have some wreck dives and camping weekends planned! Spots are available on the Gypsy Blood on both June 7 to the Tolten and September 5 to the Coney Island. Spots are \$130 each and any interested members should contact me ASAP to get on. We are also continuing the tradition of a camping weekend at Fort Getty, RI June 26-28. Details have been emailed and are below. Contact Ozan for more information.*

*We also have some excellent speakers lined up for these summer meetings, starting with the Long Island Sound Partnership on Tuesday, June 2 and then the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum on Tuesday, July 7.*

*As always, I'm looking forward to another great dive season and can't wait to see what this summer has in store for the Dive Club. See you all at our meeting on Tuesday!*

*~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 2 MEETING PRESENTATION

**JIMENA PEREZ-VISCASILLAS OF THE LONG ISLAND SOUND PARTNERSHIP**  
Long Island Sound and the Great Big 40 Year Journey (So Far)

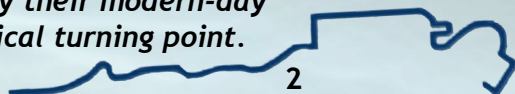
Ever wondered what exactly goes into keeping a waterbody healthy? For more than 40 years, the Long Island Sound Partnership - one of 28 national estuary programs in the US - has been working towards the conservation and restoration of Long Island Sound. In this talk, New York Sea Grant's Long Island Sound Outreach Coordinator Jimena Perez-Viscasillas will share an overview of the Long Island Sound estuary: what makes it special, the main challenges it faces, and how organizations in the region work together to conserve it.



## ON DECK - JULY 7

**COLD SPRING HARBOR WHALING MUSEUM**  
**“ANCIENT JAWS: SHARKS OF THE PREHISTORIC SEAS”**

*What's older than trees and outlasted the dinosaurs? Sharks! We'll investigate nature's evolutionary masterpieces and the bizarre “ghosts” of the fossil record, from the bus-sized Megalodon to the odd saw-toothed Helicoprion. Join us to uncover how these ancient hunters mastered the oceans through dive mass extinctions, and why their modern-day descendants are now at a critical turning point.*





# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@thediveclub.com).
  - \* If your Family Unit has multiple Last Names, please let us know who is included.





# MEETING MINUTES

MAY 5, 2026

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 🐟 April meeting minutes approved.
- 🐟 Data from minutes was lost. In lieu of remainder of minutes, below is the agenda from the May meeting.

### MAY 5 MEETING AGENDA

- 🐟 Dive report from recent beach dives: Cedar Beach , Pirates Cove , Ponquogue (Mary, Alex, Dan)
- 🐟 Wreck dives still have openings:
  - 🐟 June 7: Gypsy Blood to the IQJl□n
  - 🐟 September 5: Gypsy Blood to the Coney Island
  - 🐟 Contact Courtney to take a spot
- 🐟 Glen Whelpley will be hosting us in Shelter Island for a dive at Fresh Pond on Saturday, May 16. An email will be sent out with all the details
- 🐟 Sunday, May 17 is the annual City Island Orchard Beach clean up
- 🐟 Oak Beach will be starting Wednesday, May 27 and every other weekend Linda and Savvy will be barbecuing. All are welcome to bring something to throw on the grill
- 🐟 Some club members will be camping at Cedar Point for Memorial Day weekend. The Dive Club is welcome to join them and a dive will be scheduled there for that Saturday that will count for the leaderboard.
- 🐟 Contact Bruce Russo if you're interested in camping
- 🐟 Tonight's Speakers: club members Manny and Ann Moreno on their recent diving trip to the Galapagos Islands!

- 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 Lumbardo
- Paul Santarsiero
- Thomas Spier
- Leslie Von Pless
- Larry Zeidler
- Guy William Zummo





# IN MEMORIAM

## CAPTAIN JOHN (JACK) LACHENMEYER: A PIONEER OF SHIPWRECK DIVING

*John Lachenmeyer was not just a diver; he was a passionate explorer of the ocean's hidden stories. Renowned for his deep-sea adventures, John dedicated his life to uncovering the mysteries of shipwrecks, bringing to light the tales of those who sailed the seas long before him. His contributions to wreck diving were celebrated in numerous diving publications, where his insights and discoveries inspired countless others.*

*With an unquenchable thirst for adventure, John's dives often took him to some of the most challenging and remote wreck sites. His research and preparation set a standard for safety and responsibility in the diving community.*

*John's legacy extends beyond the depths of the ocean; he fostered camaraderie among fellow divers, often sharing his knowledge and experiences with those eager to learn. His spirit of adventure and respect for the ocean will continue to resonate in the hearts of divers and ocean enthusiasts alike.*

*As we remember John Lachenmeyer, we honor a life dedicated to the sea, one that will inspire future generations of divers to explore, respect, and protect the underwater world. John encountered many wrecks with a grapple in hand during his diving days.*

*We enjoyed being Captain John's friend; he will be missed by many.*

*A memorial visitation and religious service are scheduled for him on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Commack Abbey, Inc. located at 96 Commack Rd, Commack, NY. ([commackabbeyinc.com/service-schedule/john-j-lachenmeyer](http://commackabbeyinc.com/service-schedule/john-j-lachenmeyer))*



Silver, crystal and china recovered from the Andrea Doria. Kneeling, l. to r.: Richie Kohler, Brad Sheard, Jeff Pagano, Capt. John Lachenmeyer. Standing, l. to r.: Joe Kohnov and Patrick Rooney.  
Photo Submitted By: Patrick Rooney





# 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
- 📍 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
- 📍 Norma Leon - 2,000 miles - Tortola, Antigua, & St. Lucia
- 📍 Mary Davis & Others - 940 miles - Blue Grotto, Williston, Florida

No new submissions to the where in the world is the dive club contest this month. Submissions welcome!



## 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](mailto: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!





# DIVE CAMPING AT FORT GETTY

***CONTACT OZAN (516-567-1314) IF INTERESTED***

For more information, check out the Google Group Discussion:

<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/thediveclub/>

[CADP9Ca2ie589m3SKX4xh5GNMmE4Scbkn7zG%3DqYkSU3E2zBps5A%40mail.gmail.com](https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/thediveclub/CADP9Ca2ie589m3SKX4xh5GNMmE4Scbkn7zG%3DqYkSU3E2zBps5A%40mail.gmail.com).

This is the third Dive Club sponsored trip to this world famous Revolutionary War fort. In order to book this diving expedition, we need to know who is interested in joining us for the fun.

This trip is one of the most exhilarating dive adventures of the season, It's a chance for us to get together, share stories over a campfire and dive at a location specifically catered to shore diving.

*The trip is planned for June 26th Friday, to June 28th Sunday.*

Please let us know if you are able to make it so that camp sites can be booked. As we did last year, the club will be booking sites and collecting a fee from each camper. The camping cost is \$80 per site, and the club will provide food and drinks for barbecuing.

I have also included a list for camping that you can use as a guide as well as an itinerary below.



## FRIDAY 26th

12:00 Noon Set up tents  
2:00 Dive  
7:00 Dinner

## SATURDAY 27TH

8-9:00AM Breakfast  
10:00-11:00 Dive  
12:00-1:00 Lunch  
2:00 -4:00 Dive  
6:00 Dinner  
10:00 PM Night Dive

## SUNDAY 28TH

8:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast  
10:00 Pack up  
11:00 Dive  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch  
3:00 Dive  
4:00 --- Go Home





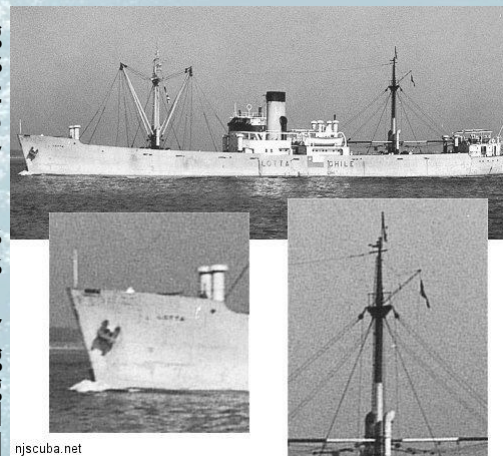
# WRECK DIVING

## \$130 ON THE GYPSY BLOOD (NJ)

Let Courtney know ASAP if you'd like a spot.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 TO THE TOLTEN ~ DEPTH: 95 FT

As with many wrecks like this, most of the remaining structure is found at the bow and stern, while in-between is mostly a flattened-out. The broken bow rises at least 20 ft off the bottom, and in the stern area, there are several large enclosed spaces that may be entered. The wreck lies roughly east-west and is contiguous, which simplifies navigation.



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(c) Rich Galiano 2008

Much of the wreckage is overgrown with a luxurious layer of hydroids, anemones, and other marine life. Lobstering seems to be better along the south edge, in and around the fallen masts and hull plates, and the Tolten is a regular producer in this regard. Conditions this far offshore are often excellent.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 TO THE CONEY ISLAND ~ DEPTH: 125 FT, STARTS AT 80 FT

The Coney Island was the first vessel sunk on the Shark River Reef.

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As of 2007, the wreck is falling apart nicely. At the stern, the top of the superstructure is at 90 ft. The main deck is lower at about 110 ft, and the sand in the washout around the hull is at 125 ft. Amidships, the large kingpost has fallen aft onto the deck, making hide-holes for fish and lobsters.



(c) Herb Segars

If you wanted to, you could do a quick tour of the whole length of this wreck in one dive. Most of the superstructure and hull are easily penetrated through large openings, and viz this far offshore tends to be pretty good.

This wreck tends to be visited less often than the two stars of the Shark River Artificial Reef, the Algol and the Stolt. As a consequence, lobster hunting on the Coney Island can be very good

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

- 🧰 Lift bag or surface marker and a strobe light.
- 🧰 Up line that can be secured at depth and long enough to reach the surface.
- 🧰 While wreck reels and dive lights are not required they are HIGHLY recommended.
- 🧰 **DIVERS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY A 4-6' SAFETY SAUSAGE/SMB IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.**





# BEACH DIVING

## LEADERBOARD AS OF 5/26/26

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive Count</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive Count</u>
Mary Davis.....	5	Alyssa Armour .....	1
Dan Corcoran .....	5	Ron Prybella .....	1
Alex Einbinder.....	3	Chris Antonison .....	1
Jake Griffin .....	2	Nick Lappano .....	1
Sean Betts .....	1	Will Iaconetti .....	1

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## 2026 JUNE-AUGUST SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
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
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





# BEACH DIVING

## 2026 JUNE-AUGUST SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
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
Sunday, August 16	Oak Beach Fishing Pier	11:00 am
Sunday, August 23	Ponquogue Bridge Evening Dive	HT 5:47 dpm Meet at 4:30 pm
<b>Death by Diving Camping Weekend</b>		
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
<b>Save-the-Date — Annual Pumpkin Dive</b>		
Saturday, October 3	Cedar Beach Basketball Courts	10:00 am Breakfast to follow



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Far Rockaway

The site is located at the south end of Beach 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Far Rockaway, Queens. Street parking is limited, but additional spots can be found on Beach 9<sup>th</sup> street, or near the basketball courts on Beach 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

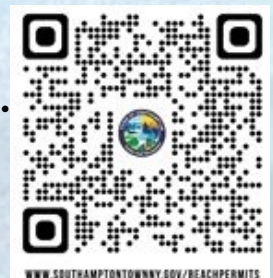
### Manasquan River Railroad Bridge, New Jersey

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.
- The Marine Park Permit as well as other Southampton Beach permits are available to qualified individuals with documentation at [www.southamptontownny.gov/BEACHPERMITS](http://www.southamptontownny.gov/BEACHPERMITS) (or scan the QR).
- 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.





# 2026 LEADERSHIP



**President:**  
Courtney Lyons



**Vice President:**  
John Berntsen



**Treasurer:**  
Gus Bricker



**Recording Secretary:**  
Norma Leon



**Corresponding Secretary:**  
Bill Cadden



**Wreck Diving:**  
*Elias Apergis*



**Beach Diving:**  
Courtney Lyons &  
Committee



**Oak Beach:**  
Savie Pispisa and  
Linda Gotti



**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  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.

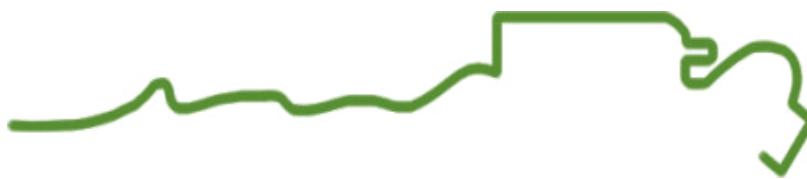
Disclaimer:

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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## LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK

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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.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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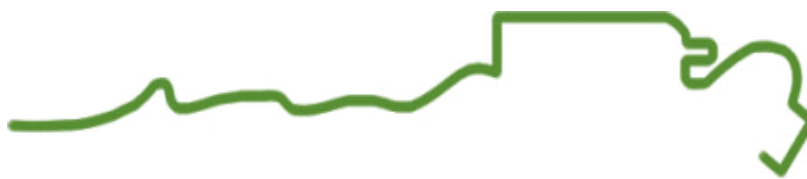
Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

