

DIVER DOWN NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB

President's Letter — August 2026

Hi everyone & happy August!

It's the middle of summer and our season is in full swing. This month we have one of my favorite events of the year taking place: Death by Diving! DBD is a Dive Club tradition - 7 dives packed into one weekend full of fun. Take a look at the schedule below as some slight changes have been made.

We also had our annual Aquawoman dive last weekend celebrating PADI Women's Dive Day! Club members gathered at Ponquogue Bridge for a nice early evening dive and some sandwiches.

As you know, our Oak Beach dives are on for every Wednesday, Savie has been serving up the goods eats on the grill and the conditions have been good. OBI is a great chance to come and dive mid-week or just come hang out and enjoy some time outside. I'm so glad this tradition has carried on for so long.

In addition to our beach dives, we also have 1 more wreck dive scheduled for this season on September 5 on the Gypsy Blood. The boat leaves out of their usual Point Pleasant, NJ dock and will be heading to the Coney Island. There is just 1 spot left, so if you're itching to get out on a boat dive before the end of the season, grab it while it's still available!

We also have some interesting speakers joining us at our monthly meetings these next two months so don't miss it! Meetings are still on the first Tuesday of every month at The Tap Room in Bay Shore. Dinner starts at around 6:30, meeting starts at 8:00! Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, August 4!

~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.



AUGUST 4TH MEETING PRESENTATION

PAT ROONEY

"LOCAL WRECK DIVING"

Join us as we hear seasoned wreck diver, Pat Rooney's, experiences diving the local wrecks around our island. He'll share with us about his experiences on the Andrea Doria, the U-869 and the recovery of bottles off the Oregon. You don't have to travel around the world to experience amazing wrecks. Whether you also are a long time local wreck diver or relatively new to the sport you won't want to miss Pat's tales.

ON DECK

SEPTEMBER 1 — JAMIE ADAMS - ST. JAMES BREWERY,

"DEEP ASCENT: A HISTORICAL STORY ABOUT YEAST"

Jamie Adams is not only the founder of Saint James Brewery and a brewer, but he's also an experienced deep sea diver. This is the story of how he recovered yeast from bottles found on the wreck of The Oregon which occurred off the coast of New York in 1886 and propagated the yeast to brew Deep Ascent.





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.



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

JULY 7, 2026

RECORDED BY NORMA LEON

- 🐟 Linda Gotti went to the Scuba Show in Atlantic City and brought some goodies for people to take.
- 🐟 Last month's meeting minutes in the newsletter were approved.
- 🐟 Weekly Wednesdays Oak Beach dive start a few weeks ago. Savy has been on the grill every other Wednesday and it's been a nice turn out with good conditions and visibility. Come join us tomorrow, weather dependent. It was a warm 78°F last week, most all dove, great time. Usually there 4p - 7p. Come hang out with your fellow members even if you don't want to dive!
- 🐟 Few club members went to Rhode Island a week or two ago, Mary Davis gave a summary: It consisted of camping at Fort Getty and diving at Fort Wetherall. 10 members went. Post a bit of drizzle the first morning, the weather was perfect! If you get a chance next year, worth the trip! At Fort Wetherall there are two coves. First cove is an easy entry which is used by a lot of dive shops up there for training. Mary called it Oak Beach on steroids as it a calm cove with lots to see AND great visibility!! Chris got some nice video of 3 squid that actually hung around for five minutes. Hopefully Chris can post that. The Second cove with a treacherous rocky slope was done on the second day by some brave divers.. went down the other side and saw lobsters, ghost trout and had a lot of fun. The campsite was nice and flat and mostly the 10 members and a few others. One child had a tantrum at midnight that lasted about an hour, but Pricilla went down there and said something that soothed the kid and it finally stopped, otherwise a very enjoyable trip.
- 🐟 Mary announced that she has a list of items, (with photos), of used Scuba gear being sold at reasonable prices from a former member, Michael Mack's wife who is no longer diving. Items include wetsuits, gloves, boots, a BCD, 3 regulators, (that will need to be serviced), and tanks, (that need to be hydroed and visually inspected). Owner stated money back on the tanks if they don't pass inspection. Great opportunity if you're looking for used gear! See Mary Davis for details.
- 🐟 That weekend's dive was at Cedar Beach Mt. Sinai at the fishing pier at 9 AM. The shore/beach diving schedule is full for the rest of the summer and posted in our newsletter and on the website. The following weekend's dive on Saturday, July 18th which is PADI International Women's Dive Day a dive was planned at Old Ponquogue Bridge as a Celebratory Dive. Lunch provided following that dive, however no parking passes for that day so please make arrangements accordingly.. If you don't have a pass, you can typically drop off your gear at the gazebo then park on the North side of the bridge and get a ride back or walk it. Car pool if you can.
- 🐟 One Wreck Dive planned on September 5th to the Coney Island on the Gypsy Blood out of Pt. Pleasant, NJ. One spot left, notify Courtney if you want it!!
- 🐟 Death by Diving is planned for August 28th - 30th. The rough draft of the schedule is in the newsletter, it is subject to change. Please keep an eye out for changes as it has yet to be finalized.
- 🐟 Meeting turned over to Brenna from the Cold Spring Harbor Museum.





ANNOUNCEMENT

OLD PONQUOGUE BRIDGE DIVING & PARKING PERMITS

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LIDA was informed earlier this year that the Town of Southampton had revised its parking permit policy for the Old Ponquogue Bridge Marine Park, limiting Marine Park diving parking permits to Suffolk County residents only.



Following this change, many divers from outside Suffolk County contacted LIDA seeking assistance in restoring their ability to obtain permits, as they had been permitted to do for many years.

In response, LIDA met with the Town of Southampton Trustees, members of the Southampton Town Board, and representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department to advocate on behalf of the diving community. During these discussions, LIDA emphasized the significant contributions made by divers from both Suffolk County and beyond in preserving the Old Ponquogue Bridge after Hurricane Sandy. Their efforts were instrumental in demonstrating the bridge's value and helping prevent its demolition.

We are pleased to announce that, earlier this week, the Town of Southampton Parks and Recreation Department informed LIDA that it will make 25 parking permits available to qualified applicants who reside outside Suffolk County. To be eligible, applicants must submit a copy of their scuba diving certification card along with their permit application.

The Town explained that the original residency restriction was implemented due to concerns about parking capacity at the Marine Park. Through LIDA's discussions with Town officials, an agreement was reached to offer these 25 non-resident permits on a one-year trial basis, after which the program will be reviewed.

How to Apply

If you reside outside Suffolk County and wish to obtain a parking permit to dive the Old Ponquogue Bridge:

- ✦ Apply through the Town of Southampton's permit application process, just as Suffolk County residents do.
- ✦ Include a copy of your current scuba diving certification card with your application.

LIDA appreciates the Town of Southampton Trustees, Town Board, and Parks and Recreation Department for working collaboratively with the diving community to reach this solution. We also thank all of the divers who shared their concerns and supported this effort.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Baynes
Ann Bivona
Olivia Boucher
August Bricker
Ryan Christie
Jennifer Curran
Mark Dubiali
Jose A Gonzalez
Gerry Kekatos
William Krasnov
James Lisle
Christopher Mazz
Robert McCarthy
Arnaud Meiraaeghe
Edward T Meyer Jr.
Kenneth Murphy
Danny Rivera
Mylene Russo
Chris Skirbe
Leslie Sosnicki
Bill Struss
Sergey Syritsyn
Carlos Taversa
Glen Whelpley
Noah Yousha





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LIDA WINTER GALA

SAVE-THE-DATE:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2027

KEYNOTE: JENNIFER SELITTI

Jennifer Sellitti is the Managing Member of Atlantic Wreck Salvage and the captain of the company's dive vessel, D/V Tenacious. She leads dive expeditions, conducts historical research on both active and prospective projects, and directs the team's public education efforts on the importance of shipwreck discovery and responsible salvage.



Jennifer has participated in the discovery of several previously undocumented shipwrecks, including the 1855 French passenger steamship SS Le Lyonnais, the WWI-era fishing trawler ST Seiner, the U-53 casualty SS West Point, and the bow of MV Stockholm, the vessel that collided with and sank Andrea Doria, among others. She organizes and leads regular expeditions to dive sites along the Eastern Seaboard and has provided surface support on international expeditions to SS Andrea Doria, Titanic's sister ship HMHS Britannic, RMS Lusitania, and other deep-water wrecks far offshore.

Her first book, *The Adriatic Affair: A Maritime Hit-and-Run Off the Coast of Nantucket* (Schiffer Publishing, March 2025), chronicles the sinking of the nineteenth-century passenger steamship Le Lyonnais. The epilogue documents D/V Tenacious's 2024 discovery and exploration of the wreck's final resting place.

For more information about Atlantic Wreck Salvage and D/V Tenacious, visit:

www.dvtenacious.com

The Long Island Divers Association Winter Gala will feature:

🍷 Food and beverages 🍷 Cash bar 🍷 Amazing raffle prizes 🍷 A unique opportunity to win a Shark Cage Dive in the aquarium's shark tank (bring your swimsuit and be ready to dive during the event!) 🍷 Full access to the aquarium exhibits and displays 🍷 Exhibits from many of our local dive stores dive boats including Ocean Pals for the children, and the Nassau County Hyperbaric facility.

Location: Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead, New York.

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2027

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.





CONTEST

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE DIVE CLUB?

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The “Where in the World Is the Dive Club?” contest is ongoing and we have received some awesome submissions. To participate, all you need to do is take a photo of yourself wearing your Dive Club t-shirt or sweatshirt while you’re on a dive trip. We’ll track how far you’ve traveled, feature the photos in the newsletter, and award prizes at the end of the year based on distance traveled. Even if your trip isn’t as far as some of the others, please keep sending them in, it’s been a lot of fun seeing where everyone ends up.

Dive Club Travel Contest/Challenge Instructions

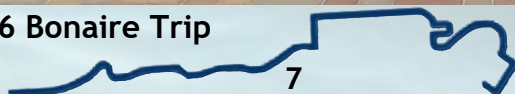
1. Pack Your Dive Club Swag: Bring a piece of your dive club swag with you on any 2026 dive trips.
2. Take a Selfie: Snap a selfie of you wearing or displaying your swag at each destination.
3. Share Your Photos: Once you have your selfies, collect them for submission.
4. Tracking Miles: At the end of 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.

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
- 🔴 **NEW!!** Mary Davis & Members via Tiedemann’s - 2,000 miles - Bonaire
- 🤿 Norma Leon - 2,000 miles - Tortola, Antigua, & St. Lucia
- 🤿 Mary Davis & Others - 940 miles - Blue Grotto, Williston, Florida



Photo: Tiedemann’s 2026 Bonaire Trip





WRECK DIVING

\$130 ON THE GYPSY BLOOD (NJ)

Let Courtney know ASAP if you'd like a spot. **ONLY 1 SPOT LEFT!!!!**

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.

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 hidey-holes for fish and lobsters.

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



WRECK LEADERBOARD

AS OF 8/1/26

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive Count</u>
Elliot Bertoni.....	2
Marjie Van Donk.....	2
Tracy Cloherty.....	2
Mary Davis.....	1
Elias Apergis	1

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

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



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BEACH DIVING

BEACH LEADERBOARD AS OF 8/1/26

Name Dive Count

Dan Corcoran	10
Mary Davis.....	8
Alex Einbinder	4
Jake Griffin	3
Ron Prybella	3
Nick Sinnott.....	3
Chris Antonison	3
Will Iaconetti	2
Ozan Ersoz	2
Priscilla Bedoya	2
Alyssa Armour	2
Nick Lappano	2

Name Dive Count

Mike Feldbaum	2
Jackie Feldbaum.....	2
Sean Betts.....	1
Raymond Bauer	1
Eric Cregeen.....	1
Jack Frost.....	1
Marc Zysman.....	1
Rick Baresich	1
Jacob Bigelow	1
John Pfisterer	1
Elias Apergis	1
Linda Gotti	1

OBI LEADERBOARD AS OF 8/1/26

Name Dive Count

Rick Baresich	8
Nick Lappano	4
Courtney Lyons.....	3
Eric Cregeen	3
James Comilang	2
Dan Fleischman	2

Name Dive Count

Mary Davis.....	2
Will Iaconetti	1
Bob Stamm	1
Alex Einbinder.....	1
Ron Prybella	1
Jim Lisle	1

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the article about one of our members, Robert Vasiluth, in a recent issue of Marine Technology magazine:

<https://magazines.marinelink.com/nwm/MarineTechnology/202605/#page/24>





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BEACH DIVING

2026 AUGUST SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
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
Death by Diving Camping Weekend (updated for August issue)		
Friday, August 28	1. Ponquogue Night Dive	1. HT 8:50 pm
Saturday, August 29	1. USS Ohio 2. Horton's Point 3. Indian Island Campsite 4. Cedar Beach Night Dive	1. 10:00 am 2. 12:00 pm 3. 3:00 pm 4. 8:00 pm
Sunday, August 30	1. Ponquogue Bridge 2. Noyack Bay	1. HT 9:53 am 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





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.





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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.

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 (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.
- See page 5 of this newsletter for information on limited non-resident permits.





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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 ☐ NoAre you interested in furthering your present level of certification? ☐ Yes ☐ NoWhat are you looking for in a dive club? Would you be interested in participating in club committees? ☐ Yes ☐ NoWhen are you available for club dives/activities? (Check all that apply): ☐ days ☐ nights ☐ weekendsDo you have Dive Accident Insurance (DAN or other)? ☐ Yes ☐ NoAre 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 _____

