

DIVER DOWN NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB

President's Letter — October 2026

Hi everyone! Welcome to fall!

We, unfortunately, did not have a great start to September as 3/3 of our scheduled weekend beach dives were cancelled due to weather : (But, we're still hanging in and hoping to end this dive season on a high note and squeeze in a few more dives.

As the water cools down and summer dwindles, we are getting ready for one of my favorite dives of the year: our annual underwater pumpkin carving contest! We'll be meeting this Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai. Bring your own pumpkin and dive knife get ready to carve! Afterwards, we'll crown a winner.

Once again, we received some new submissions to the Where in the World is The Dive Club Contest! Keep on sending in your photos of you with your Dive Club swag on to be added to the contest. Don't worry if you didn't travel as far as someone else- other prizes will be awarded, too!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at the Tap Room in Bay Shore. Please note, the date has changed from our normal schedule and was pushed back a week - so no meeting on October 6.

~Courtney Lyons, President



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MONTHLY MEETING

The Dive Club generally 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.

Note: October meeting moved to October 13.
Presentation: To Be Announced (Check GoogleGroup Email)



LONG ISLAND DIVE CLUB

DEATH BY DIVING

Annual Celebration Dinner

Celebrate our divers and this year's dive leaders!

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
6:00 PM

KUMO SUSHI
(formerly Sake Asian)
All-you-can-eat dinner
76 Route 109
West Babylon, NY 11704

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Even if you didn't participate in this year's diving challenge.

Please RSVP to Courtney as soon as possible.



Rediscover Your Passion.
Support Our Community!

LONG ISLAND DIVERS
ASSOCIATION INC.

Divers Do It Better!

WINTER GALA

FEBRUARY 6, 2027 AT 6PM

Long Island
Aquarium
431 East Main Street
Riverhead, NY 11901

A Private Evening
Experience at the Aquarium
with Breathtaking Exhibits

FEATURING

- Amazing Raffle Prizes
- Food and Beverages
- Cash Bar
- Keynote Speaker
Jennifer Sellitti

EXHIBITORS INCLUDING

- Dive Shops
- Boats
- Ocean Pals for Kids
- Authors
- Nassau Hyperbaric Facility



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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

-  Minutes from last meeting approved.
-  This past weekend was our annual Death by Diving weekend. Look forward to that all year! All had a great time although it was a little later than usually held, not as hot as in July!
-  Can anyone give a recap or a memorable moment? Good times had by all!
-  Ozan commented about the difficulty of the stairs @ Horton Point. Challenging but a nice North Shore dive! Norma did it, she psyched herself up and was able to do the stairs @ Horton's Point! Woo Hoo! Congratulations to everyone who completed the challenge! That was 6 out of 7 dives! We have a few of our winners tonight! Mary, Dan, Chris, Norma and Ozan. Jerry is the only one who is not here. So Congratulations to everyone! As always we will be planning the Death by Diving dinner with the input of all the winners in the fall, as soon as the season slows down. As always, everyone is welcome to attend even if you didn't complete the challenge or win the dinner.
-  A couple of new submissions to our Where in the world is the Dive Club contest!
-  John Lyles going over 5,000 miles to Crete in Greece and Nick Lappano went over to Alexandria Bay., close trip but a good one!
-  Our beach diving schedule finished with Death by Diving, but we will continue diving for another month or two. New updated schedule will be shared in the News Letter coming soon! The only dive left is October 3rd our annual Pumpkin carving contest and underwater Pumpkin dive @ Cedar Beach

Patrick Byrnes
Bill Cadden
Dawn Dawson
Joey Feldbaum
Ryan Feldbaum
Linda Gotti
Jennifer Grosso
Louis Guardino
Ellen Hirsch
John R.
Hochenberger
Aaron Kruse
Gintare (Amber)
Kulikauskas
Kris Kulikauskas
Pierre-Ytues Le Coq
Luke Mastrandera
Ssaverio Pispisaa
Jason Portnoy
Janice Raber
Brett Raso
Martin Shaiman
Terry Snyder
Marc Zysman





MEETING MINUTES

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basketball courts @ 10AM, breakfast to follow. You guys bring your own hollowed out pumpkins ahead of time, a dive weight to hold it down , a Dive knife, you know the drill! Some will judge and pick a winner! We do have a reigning champion. Tough competition, bring your best.

🐟 Always a fun time! Anyone have a site that they are interested in diving as this is a good time of year, less crowds, different restrictions, etc. than the summer. Tell Mary and Davis.

🐟 Glen Whepley if you participated in the Fresh Pond dive a few months ago, participants will be receiving their hats at the next meeting and a little prize for you guys. Does want to schedule another Fresh Pond dive in October. But will wait and see as there was a recent Algae Bloom. Will have lunch @ Glen's house and have a great time!

🐟 Mary Davis wanted to add discussion about upcoming trips.

🐟 Jim Voorhees wanted Canada trip mentioned 12 went to the St Lawrence River in August, Rockville area and had a great time. Theresa boat was not crowded at all, 12 is the limit Planning for next year with the same limit. Let Mary or Jim know if they want to go to get on the list as fills up quickly.

🐟 Tim McMahon and Mary are putting together the Truk trip for June 12-19th on the Odessey, they are heading out a week earlier and going to Hawaii then onto Truk, 4 spots open, the boat holds 16. The fee for the Odessey is \$4,000 and the airfare is \$3200. Additional expenses like in Hawaii and diving the Arizona. Looking for better prices on the flights. If anyone is interested, we have to give the 4 spots back 9/12 to the Odessey to book, if they can't then we can have them again. Rather have people that we know on the trip. Anyone wants to go, trip of a lifetime. Went in 2024, we had such a good time we are going back. Several are older and figure they wanted to do it again before they got much older. If something thinking about, definitely try to join us.

🐟 Ozan wanted to send a farewell as he's moving to San Diego. Thanks to all for being a good friend!! Courtney stated to come visit us when in town.

🐟 Speaker for the evening introduced.



LONG ISLAND DIVE CLUB

Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest

Dive into some festive fall fun!



THE RULES

- BYOP — bring your own pumpkin.
- Hollow out your pumpkin ahead of time.
- Bring a dive knife — no special pumpkin carving tools.
- You may sketch a design on a dive slate, but no writing, drawing, or marking on your pumpkin ahead of time.
- Maximum dive time: 45 minutes.
- Use things you find underwater in your design — no living things, please.
- Bring an extra weight — your pumpkin will want to float!
- Have fun!



Saturday, October 3, 2026
10:00 AM



Cedar Beach • Mt. Sinai
Meet near the basketball courts.

VOTE, CELEBRATE & ENJOY!

After the dive, we'll vote on our favorite pumpkin and crown a winner!

The club will provide light breakfast bites.
Feel free to bring something to share!





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):

- 1. Alex Einbinder - 10,105 miles - Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia
- 2. Barry & Marueen Lipsky - 9,317 miles - Raja Ampat, Indonesia
- 3. Jake Griffin - 8,800 miles - New Zealand
- 4. Jim Lisle - 5,008 miles - Chania (Island of Crete), Greece
- 5. Eric Creegan - 5,000 miles - Waikiki, Oahu and Kona, Hawaii
- 6. **NEW!! Elias Apergis - 4,900 miles - Athens, Greece**
- 7. Mary Davis & Members via Tiedemann’s - 2,000 miles - Bonaire
- 8. Norma Leon - 2,000 miles - Tortola, Antigua, & St. Lucia
- 9. Mary Davis & Others - 940 miles - Blue Grotto, Williston, Florida
- 10. Nick Lappano - 285 miles - Alexandra Bay, NY



Elias in Greece



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BEACH DIVING

2026 JUNE-AUGUST SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Saturday, October 3 Pumpkin Dive	Cedar Beach Basketball Courts	10:00 am Breakfast to follow
Saturday, October 10	Noyack Bay	11:00 am
Saturday, October 17	Ponquogue Bridge	12:33pm HT Meet at 11:30AM
Sunday, October 25	Stehli Beach	10:00 am
Save-the-Date — New Year's Dive		
Friday, January 1	Cedar Beach	10:00 am Breakfast to follow





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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.

HELP PROMOTE THIS EVENT: SEE PAGE 14





LEADERBOARDS

BEACH DIVING AS OF 9/29/26

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive #</u>
Dan Corcoran	13	Ozan Ersoz	2	Eric Cregeen	1
Mary Davis.....	10	Priscilla Bedoya ...	2	Marc Zysman	1
Alex Einbinder.....	5	Alyssa Armour	2	Rick Baresich.....	1
Chris Antonison ...	5	Nick Lappano	2	Jacob Bigelow	1
Jake Griffin	3	Jackie Feldbaum ..	2	John Pfisterer	1
Ron Prybella	3	Jack Frost	2	Elias Apergis.....	1
Nick Sinnott.....	3	Jeff Cardillo.....	2	Linda Gotti	1
Mike Feldbaum	3	Sean Betts	1	Peter Storm	1
Will Iaconetti	2	Raymond Bauer....	1	Victor Storm.....	1

OAK AS OF 9/29/26

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive #</u>
Rick Baresich.....	13	Mary Davis	2	Jim Lisle	1
Nick Lappano.....	7	Will Iaconetti	2	Joey Feldbaum	1
Courtney Lyons ...	5	Francis Hervais....	2	Keilah Hervais	1
Eric Cregeen	5	Mike Feldbaum	2	Chris Reigel	1
Norma Leon	3	Bob Stamm	1	Tim Earley.....	1
James Comilang ..	2	Alex Einbinder	1	Mariuss Pankau	1
Dan Fleischman... 2		Ron Prybella	1	Jake Griffin	1

DEATH-BY-DIVING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive #</u>
Dan Corcoran	7	Jeff Cardillo	1
Mary Davis	7	Peter Storm.....	1
Chris Antonison....	7	Victor Storm	1
Ozan Ersoz	7	Marjie Von Donk ..	1
Jerry Kinkade	7	Elliot Bertoni	1
Norma Leon	6	Ken Murphy.....	1
Alex Einbinder	3	James Comilang ..	1
Alyssa Armour.....	2	Dan Fleischman ...	1
Nick Sinnott	1	Mariusy Pankau ...	1
Nick Lappano	1		

WRECK

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive #</u>
Elliot Bertoni.....	4
Marjie Van Donk ...	4
Tracy Cloherty	2
Mary Davis	2
Elias Apergis.....	2
Robert Mccarthy...1	
Kris Kulikauskas ...	1
Keith Ferenz	1
Steve Pedi	1



BEACH DIVING 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 DIVING 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 DIVING 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.

LIDA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Are you a SCUBA Diver, free diver, marine enthusiast, conservation advocate or just simply someone who is looking to apply your skills to help our association reach a larger audience? Are you a student looking for some valuable intern experience?

LIDA is seeking a motivated individual willing to donate some free time to LIDA by heading up a social media marketing campaign for our upcoming annual winter Gala. As a volunteer, you will curate, create and distribute marketing material over a variety of social media channels in an effort to garner a larger audience for our February 6th event over Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and any other social media platform you know.

You will gain valuable experience in the area of social media marketing while helping LIDA and the local diving community. As part of the team running this event, you will be given complementary access to the annual LIDA Winter Gala as a token of our appreciation.

Please contact us at contact@lidaonline.com if you are interested. We'd love to hear from you!





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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



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**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 _____

