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DIVER DOWN NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB

President's Letter - November 2026

Hi everyone! Happy November!

It's hard to believe we're already heading into the last couple of months of the year! With the temperatures dropping and the days getting shorter, our dive season is slowly coming to an end.

As we start wrapping up another dive season, I want to thank everyone who joined us for our beach dives, club meetings, and events throughout the year. Even though Mother Nature didn't always cooperate with our dive plans, we still managed to make some great memories and have plenty of fun along the way!

We're also getting closer to wrapping up our Where in the World is The Dive Club? contest! If you haven't submitted your photos yet, there's still time! Whether you've been halfway around the world or just a few counties over, we love seeing where our Dive Club swag ends up!

With the holidays right around the corner, I'm looking forward to finishing out the year with some more fun club gatherings. Our holiday party date is TBA, and we have our annual Death by Diving Dinner celebration on Wednesday November 11. Don't forget to RSVP to the dinner if you plan to attend.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting, Tuesday, November 3, and wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

~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

EST 2011
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.

Next meeting, Tuesday, November 3
Presentation: To Be Announced (Check GoogleGroup Email)





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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-Presisdent, 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.

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MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2026

RECORDED BY NORMA LEON

- ✓ Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes was approved.
- ✓ Beach Diving Report: The season is dwindling to an end. Unfortunately, terrible weekend weather conditions led to many cancellations in September. The annual Pumpkin Carving Dive was held October 3 in Noyack Bay. The location changed after Dan alerted us that Cedar Beach was closed because of damage caused by the nor'easter. Three pumpkins were carved, with four or five divers in the water. Although turnout was smaller than usual, everyone still had a good time. It was a beautiful, sunny day, with visibility of about 10 feet.
- ✓ There were still a few chances to add to the leaderboard: Ponquogue Bridge on October 17 and Stehli Beach in Bayville on October 25, with possibly more dives to follow, weather permitting. Linda Brown asked whether an annual beach cleanup was planned. Courtney said none was scheduled, but members can always bring a catch bag and collect debris on their own as they see fit.
- ✓ The Oak Beach leaderboard is finalized; diving wrapped up the previous Wednesday. The season brought a mixed bag of dives, some great and some less so, but always a good time. Congratulations to leaderboard winner Rick Barisch!Rick was busy elsewhere when the announcement was made, but Vice President John alerted him so he could receive a proper round of applause. Congratulations to everyone on the leaderboard; it is always fun to track our dives and see how we did.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Mary Artale

Christopher Brady

Frank Cara

Brian Chebuske

John Cholewa

Tracy Cloherty

John Frost Jr.

Jerry Kinkade

Julia Mathieson Lisa

Mellett Shannon

Mellett Christopher

Newins Jeric Sabino

Emily Solomon

Robert Stamm

Thomas Weismantel

Helen Wissing



MEETING MINUTES

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RECORDED BY NORMA LEON

- ✓ The Death by Diving Celebration Dinner is set for Wednesday, November 11, at 6:00 PM at Kumo Sushi in West Babylon. The all-you-can-eat restaurant offers sushi, Chinese food, and cooked options. Everyone is welcome, even those who did not participate in Death by Diving. RSVP to Courtney so she can give the restaurant an accurate count.

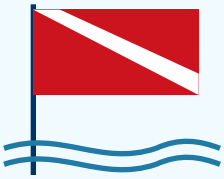
- ✓ Upcoming speakers are needed; none are currently scheduled. Send recommendations to Courtney. Members interested in presenting about a fun trip or another topic that sparks their interest are encouraged to speak with her.

- ✓ The first dive of the 2027 season is planned for New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, at Cedar Beach at 10:00 AM, with breakfast to follow. In recent years, some participants have opted for a cold plunge instead.

- ✓ Linda Gotti shared news about an upcoming trip to Roatán, Honduras, from the 15th through the 22nd (month to be confirmed), with 16 people going. The group will stay at CoCo View Resort. One room for two people remains available, along with one space for a woman sharing a room. Call or text Linda if interested. A decision is needed by December, with full payment due February 1, 2027.

- ✓ We celebrated and thanked Savy and Linda Gotti for their continued dedication to the club, as well as their birthdays!

- ✓ Bill Cadden announced that membership renewal opened October 1 and dues are payable now. He will send out the data form and waivers soon and is looking into electronic signatures to make the process easier. Waivers will be due by New Year's Eve, in time for the New Year's Day dive. Dues remain $20 for an individual before January 1 and $30 for a family.



SAVE THE DATE

NEW YEAR'S DAY DIVE

Friday, January 1, 2027 • 10:00 AM

Cedar Beach • Breakfast to follow

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE DIVE CLUB?

PACK YOUR SWAG. TAKE A PHOTO. SHARE THE ADVENTURE.

Our 2026 travel contest is going strong! Wear or display your Dive Club gear on a dive trip, send in a photo, and see where you land. Near or far, we want to see where our members go!

YOUR NEXT TRIP COULD BE A WINNER

1 PACK & POSE

Bring club swag on any 2026 dive trip. Take a photo wearing or displaying it at each destination.

2 SEND IT IN

Collect your photos and submit them for the contest.

3 TRACK THE MILES

At year's end, Courtney will review submissions and calculate each member's miles.

4 GO FOR THE PRIZE

The farthest traveler wins a prize next year!Need swag? Contact Courtney for club-logo gear.

57,585 MILES SO FAR!

Entries ranked by mileage • New entries in red

- 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
- NEW!! Mary Davis - 7,800 miles - Fiji
- Jim Lisle - 5,008 miles - Chania (Island of Crete), Greece
- Eric Creegan - 5,000 miles - Waikiki, Oahu and Kona, Hawaii
- Elias Apergis - 4,900 miles - Athens, Greece
- Mary Davis & Members via Tiedemann's - 2,000 miles - Bonaire
- Norma Leon - 2,000 miles - Tortola, Antigua, & St. Lucia
- NEW!! Nick Lappano - 1,100 miles - Bahamas
- Mary Davis & Others - 940 miles - Blue Grotto, Williston, Florida
- NEW!! Mary Davis and Tiedemann's Dive Center - 330 miles - Brockville, Canada
- Nick Lappano - 285 miles - Alexandra Bay, NY

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE DIVE CLUB?

NEW DESTINATIONS • FAMILIAR FACES • CLUB PRIDE



Nick Lappano • Bahamas

NEW!! 1,100 miles



Mary Davis • Fiji

NEW!! 7,800 miles



Mary Davis and Tiedemann's Dive Center

NEW!! 330 miles • Brickville, Canada

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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

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LEADERBOARDS

EVERY DIVE COUNTS • CELEBRATING OUR 2026 DIVERS

BEACH DIVING

NAME	DIVES
Dan Corcoran	**15**
Mary Davis	12
Alex Einbinder	5
Chris Antonison	5
Jake Griffin	5
Ron Prybella	3
Nick Sinnott	3
Mike Feldbaum	3
Sergio Toolasprashad	3
Will Iaconetti	2
Ozan Ersoz	2
Priscilla Bedoya	2
Alyssa Armour	2
Nick Lappano	2
Jackie Feldbaum	2
Jack Frost	2
Jeff Cardillo	2
Sean Betts	1
Raymond Bauer	1
Eric Cregeen	1
Marc Zysman	1
Rick Baresich	1
Jacob Bigelow	1
John Pfisterer	1
Elias Apergis	1
Linda Gotti	1
Peter Storm	1
Victor Storm	1
Courtney Lyons	1

OAK BEACH

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



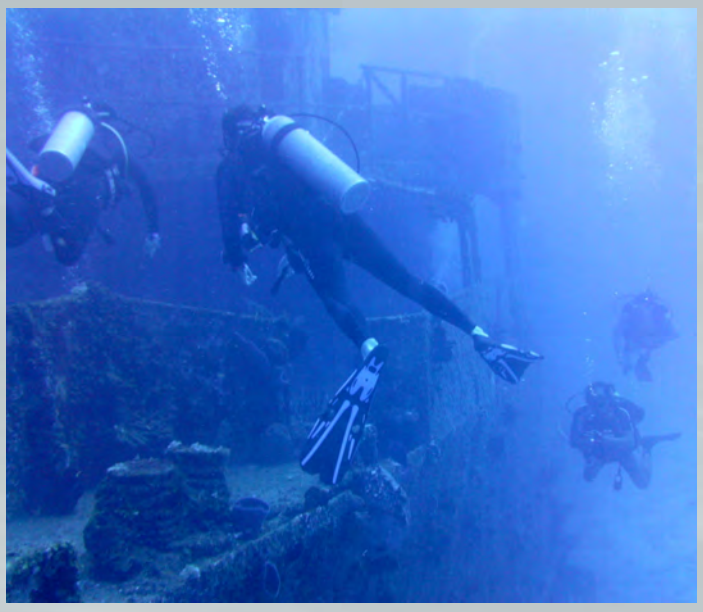
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LEADERBOARDS

EVERY DIVE COUNTS • CELEBRATING OUR 2026 DIVERS

WRECK DIVING

NAME	DIVES
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



DEATH BY DIVING

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

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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 is 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



Beach Diving:
Courtney Lyons &
Committee



Oak Beach:
Savie Pispisa and
Linda Gotti



Camping Trips:
Bruce Russo



T-Shirts & Swag:
Courtney Lyons



Website:
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Social Media:
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Newsletter:
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APPLICATION DATA SHEET

Name:_____ Age:_____ Date of Birth:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: Name:_____ Telephone:_____Relationship:_____

Level of Certification: Certifying Agency: Date of Certification:

Student ☐ Yes ☐ No Years Diving: Approx. Number of Dives made: Deepest Dive to date:

Have you ever made a planned decompression dive? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What are your diving interests? ☐ Wreck Diving ☐ Shore Diving ☐U/W Photography ☐ Deep Diving
(Check all that apply) ☐ Spear Fishing ☐ Night Diving ☐ Artifact Collecting ☐ Travel/Vacation
☐ Environmental Issues

Are you First Aid/CPR certified? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you interested in furthering your present level of certification? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What are you looking for in a dive club?

Would you be interested in participating in club committees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

When are you available for club dives/activities? (Check all that apply): ☐ days ☐ nights ☐ weekends

Do you have Dive Accident Insurance (DAN or other)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a member of any other dive clubs? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, which ones?

Membership Type: Please check ☐ New ☐ Renewal

☐ Single Membership: $25.00. Full club membership

☐ Family Membership: $35.00. Full Club membership for the person signing up, plus Partner and all children 26 years old and under.

Disclaimer:

I understand that if accepted for membership in The Dive Club, I will be bound by the by-laws of The Dive Club and will be required to sign a waiver of liability and pay the applicable admission fee.

Signature of applicant: _____Date: _____

Approved by:
Signature/Title of Club officer: _____ Date: _____



LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK

This is an important legal document. You may wish to consult an attorney prior to signing it.
This release may be used against you in a court of law if you sue any released person or party.

Please read carefully, **fill in all blanks and initial each paragraph before signing**. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

I, _____, hereby affirm that I have been advised and thoroughly informed through my open water training of the inherent risks of skin and scuba diving.

- Further, I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks; decompression sickness, embolism, or other hyperbaric injuries can occur that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that any trips of any kind (diving or non-diving), whether sponsored or not, by The Dive Club may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such diving activities in spite of the absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site(s).
- I understand and agree that neither The Dive Club or any of their respective board members, officers, agents or assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties"), may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death, or other damages to me or my family, heirs, or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in any Dive Club activity, or as a result of negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.
- In Consideration of being allowed to become a member of The Dive Club I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with diving or non-diving activity from any harm, injury or damage that may befall on me, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen.
- I further save and hold harmless said Dive Club and Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in Club events including both claims arising during said event or after said event.
- I Further understand that skin diving and scuba diving are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during any diving activity, and that if I am injured as a result of a heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, etc., that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the above listed individuals or companies responsible for the same.
- I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian.
- I acknowledge scuba diving is an activity that is done with a buddy. I will not make a solo dive during a Dive Club event unless I am certified to do so by an accredited training agency and I am equipped to make this dive safely.
- I understand that the terms herein are contractual and are not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document of my own free act.
- I acknowledge that The Dive Club does not provide buddies, gear, transportation, training, or professional advice pertaining to the sport of scuba diving. However, the dive sponsors will do their best to help club members find what they need for a dive by setting up email groups to allow individual club members to coordinate rides, buddies, and rental gear, if necessary.
- The Dive Club does not vet divers or make any determination about whether any diver is qualified to do any given dive. This decision is entirely up to the individual diver, as well as any external dive operator, such as a dive boat captain or resort operator. It is important to evaluate your current experience when making the decision to dive. If you only have experience diving in warm waters with optimal visibility, you should consider the additional challenges associated with northeast diving before making your decision. I expressly assume the risk of any injury or illness for **each and every** dive that I determine to make and hold harmless for the same the above listed companies and individuals.



- I acknowledge that for planned boat charters, the minimum certification and equipment requirements listed in our newsletter are the requirements of the boat captains. Please contact them directly if you have any questions about the suitability of a dive for you.
- I understand that DAN (Divers Alert Network) Insurance or other similar diving accident insurance policies are available to me if I choose to acquire this. I acknowledge that it is my own responsibility to educate myself on the available policies and choose the one, if any, that is appropriate for me. I understand that without this, I will be responsible for any medical bills or damages to my equipment that I incur.
- I recognize that I may receive false or misleading information from one or more club members or non-members pertaining to the relative difficulty of a dive or my ability to safely participate in or perform a dive. Additionally, I acknowledge that one or more club members or non-members may negligently approve of my dive plan, including preparation or intended dive plan, the condition of my equipment, my ability to use my equipment, or proper use of equipment. I understand and agree that **I am responsible for determining whether I am capable of executing** a dive safely, whether I have sufficient information regarding my own physical abilities and the intended dive to base this decision, as well as whether my equipment is in proper working condition and is sufficient for the intended dive. I release The Dive Club and all co-signers who by signing this waiver similarly release me from negligent acts or omissions of this nature.
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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 RESPONSIBLITY 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 _____

