

# DIVER DOWN NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB

President's Letter – April 2026

*Hi everyone and happy May!*

*In the last few weeks, we've kicked off our season and some brave club members have dived right in to the (chilly) waters. So far this season we've hit up Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai and Pirate's Cove in Port Jefferson. Pirate's Cove is a great off-season dive to try out, as the boat traffic and visitors to the park during the summer make diving tough. Now is still a great time of year to try out any other sites you've been eyeing up that may be inaccessible during the summer.*

*If you haven't been able to make it to any of our weekend beach dives so far- fear not! We have a great schedule planned from now through the end of August with plenty of opportunities for everyone to get in the water. In addition to our weekend dives, we will be continuing our annual tradition of Wednesday night OBI dives at Oak Beach in Babylon. These will be starting on Wednesday, May 27 at around 4:00. As always, the start time is flexible, so if you can't make it there until a little later, you can expect divers to still be there hanging out for a few hours. It's a great way to break up the week and get in the water/socialize/eat. This year, Linda and Savie have stepped up to the plate and have offered to run the barbecue at Oak Beach every other week. A schedule will be sent out with the BBQ dates in case anyone would like to bring something to throw on the grill.*

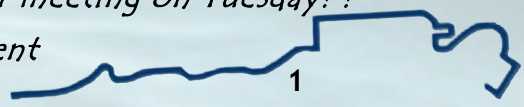
*We also have a great speaker schedule planned for this summer, starting with our very own club members Manny and Annie speaking on diving in the Galapagos Tuesday, May 5. Next month, on Tuesday, June 2, we will be exploring the Sound with the Long Island Sound Partnership! Followed by the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum on Tuesday, July 7. All in all, I'm looking forward to a great dive season this year and can't wait to see what this summer has in store for the Dive Club. See you all at our meeting on Tuesday! !*

*~Courtney Lyons, President*



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# MONTHLY MEETING

The Dive Club holds monthly meetings monthly on the first Tuesdays.  
Location: The Tap Room in Bayshore

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## TAP ROOM

44 E Main St. #46  
Bay Shore, NY 11706  
(631) 665-2000

Support our host and wait staff. Additional “Event Gratuity” on each bill.  
*And don't forget cash for our 50/50 raffle!*  
Arrive for dinner as early as 6:30pm. Meetings commence at 8pm.

*Linda Brown is also collecting wicker baskets for the animal shelter.  
If you have any to donate, please bring them to the meeting as well.*



## UPCOMING MEETING PRESENTATIONS

MAY 5:

**MANNY & ANNIE MORENO, “DIVING THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS”**

From giant tortoises on land to diving deep with sharks, rays, penguins, and iguanas—the Galapagos is rich with marine life. Explore the underwater world of the “living museum of evolution” through this presentation.

JUNE 2:

**LONG ISLAND SOUND PARTNERSHIP, “EXPLORE THE SOUND”**

**Life Under the Surface: Scientists map undersea life of the Sound**

From shallow sandy habitats to deep boulder habitats, life for Long Island Sound’s marine life is rich in diversity. Long Island Sound’s undersea Habitat Mapping Initiative, with funding that was administered through the Long Island Sound Partnership, is documenting this life in images and maps. We’ll be diving into salt marshes, tidal flats, eelgrass beds, sandy beaches, and the drifters and swimmers that occupy our Sound.

JULY 7:

**COLD SPRING HARBOR WHALING MUSEUM**

**“ANCIENT JAWS: SHARKS OF THE PREHISTORIC SEAS”**

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





# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Club Membership year is January 1 to December 31, and each year club members must fill out an application form and waiver specific to that year along with submitting annual dues. Forms must be filled out and submitted for your safety as well as the Dive Club's and are necessary to participate in our club dives and activities. These forms and timely payment of your dues keep you in good and active standing with the club.



## TDC APPLICATION INFO & INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

For Family Memberships, EACH PERSON IN THE FAMILY UNIT needs to fill out a Form and Sign it. Print out the form so you can sign **ALL Pages**, and **Initial the Waiver** where indicated. **PARENTS**, you must sign the Waiver for your Children under the age of 18. **No Digital Signatures please.**

### **When you sign the Waiver, PLEASE DATE IT January 1 of the waiver year.**

Scan the pages and save as a \*.pdf, using your Last Name for the File Name (ex: Cadden.pdf), and email it to Corresponding Secretary, Bill Cadden at [Membership.TheDiveclub@GMail.com](mailto:Membership.TheDiveclub@GMail.com)

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

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

1. Pay Cash at the meeting or if you run into an Officer (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Corresponding Secretary).
2. Pay by Check, either at a Meeting, to an Officer, or via mail to the P.O. Box.
  - \* If you use a Business Check, make sure you include a note telling us who it is for.
  - \* If your Family Unit has multiple Last Names, please let us know who is included.
3. Venmo to the Treasurer, Gus Bricker.
  - \* If you need Venmo directions, please contact the Treasurer at [info@thediveclub.com](mailto:info@thediveclub.com).
  - \* If your Family Unit has multiple Last Names, please let us know who is included.





# MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2026












*RECORDED BY NORMA LEON*

- 🐟 Minutes approved.*
- 🐟 Tonight is Artifact night: Share artifact, interesting info, a story, etc.*
- 🐟 Beach diving schedule has been created! We had a lovely Zoom meeting a couple of weeks ago with a nice number of people joining in to create it. Thanks to everyone who came out to help get that set up. Planned all the way until mid or late August until Death-by-Diving. Sent out in the newsletter, Will soon be on the website.*
  - 🐟 First dive is next Saturday, April 18th at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai on the Basketball Courts side. Dip your toes in, bring your dry suit, anything you got! Definitely going to be chilly. You want to just dust off your gear and get in the water, it's a good time to do so! Hopefully we have some decent weather!*
  - 🐟 On Saturday, May 2nd we have a dive confirmation for Bayville Barge. Courtney able to get parking passes for the playground next door. If you've been there before people usually park at the Wahls Warf restaurant, but the restaurant doesn't like divers parking there, but was able to get passes with the village because they own the playground and parking lot. Will be sending out information on that with the name and address of the playground. Great to get access to that site again! The Bayville sub and the barge are right next to each other. The sub is more east from where the parking is.. Either one, it is a nice beach dive and she can't wait to do it again!*
  - 🐟 Saturday May 16th is the Shelter Island Fresh Pond Dive in Shelter Island hosted by Glenn Whepley who will be updating people hopefully next month.*
  - 🐟 Sunday, May 17th is the Orchard Beach Oyster Reef dive that we usually participate in. Good packed diving weekend!*
  - 🐟 The Rhode Island camping weekend is scheduled for June the 26th-28th, hosted by Ozan. Great turn out last year! Anyone planning on going talk to Ozan and hopefully we can coordinate BBQ & drinks, breaking, lunch, etc. The club will book some sites. Will start Getting organized around May, Open now, and see what's available. It's tent camping, and 2 tents to a site. If you have no tent, let Ozan know, spare tents are available.*
- 🐟 Wreck Diving: Two wreck dives planned so far, hoping to add more, but not so successful yet.*
  - 🐟 Elias who is in charge of the Wreck diving committee has been reaching the boat captains but unfortunately no one is really running charters or not running charters for us to book. 2 dives scheduled on the Gypsy Blood who are nice and accommodating. Boat is a great time out of Pt Pleasant, NJ.*





## MINUTES (CONT'D)

-  **Sunday, June 7th: The Wreck of the Tolten (5 spots)**
-  **Saturday, September 5th: the Wreck of the Coney Island (5 spots)**
-  **If anyone interested in either of the above dives, let Courtney know. Spots fill up quickly once on Facebook and email.**
-  **Where in the world is the Dive Club contest: people have sent pictures of themselves in their dive club swag on a dive boat wherever you go, take of picture of you with it on your dive trip with location, send it to Courtney to determine the miles traveled & it will be looked at at the end of the year and some prizes will be given for distance and different things. Even if you think you're not going as far as the other people already have, still send in the pictures and you will be in the running for some fun prizes and everything. Take a look at the newsletter for some pictures of people on their trips. Haven't decided what the actual prizes are, but probably multiple prizes for farthest, maybe overall, another for participating, number of planes taken, maybe.**
-  **Bill Cadden has the membership directory roughed out, but still has to add the stragglers from tonight. It will only contain members in good standing: meaning paid up your dues and with all your paperwork done. Names, email addresses and telephone numbers only. 95-100 members. please get in all your dues and paperwork In ASAP.**
-  **CAMPING:**
  -  **Death By Diving weekend at Indian Island in Riverhead for the last weekend in August. Death by Diving schedule also tentatively planned during the last Zoom meeting, which is in the newsletter. May change as it gets closer, but we did get a good Bridge tide that weekend so we were able to do a morning and night dive. 7 dives: One on Friday night, 4 on Saturday and Two on Sunday..Make an effort to come out, even if you can't make all the dives, at the last one we always get a nice lunch, heroes, sandwiches, pizza, whatever we decide on. It's a good time. We need to know ahead of time about the camping for spots and pay ahead of time.**
  -  **Memorial Day weekend is booked for Cedar Point, interested let the Bruce or Courtney know as well. Pay ahead of time for spots..**
-  **13 people going to Bonaire, planning a trip every year in May. Maybe next year in Grand Cayman.**
-  **Savy and Linda handling the BBQ every other Wednesday at Oak Beach. We are asking everyone to bring their own plate, silverware and cup to minimize waste. Norma will be handing attendance every Wednesday starting the Wednesday after Memorial Day.**
-  **50/50 Raffle**





# NEW CONTEST

## *WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE DIVE CLUB?*

### Dive Club Travel Contest/Challenge Instructions

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

*Participate and showcase your travels while representing our dive club!*

### Submissions so far (in order of mileage):

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

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



## NEW FOR NEWSLETTER!!

### *WORDS FROM A DIVER COLUMN*

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

We want to hear from you!

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



# ORCHARD BEACH CLEAN-UP

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - 9AM-2PM



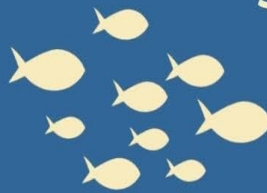
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# Orchard Beach Cleanup & Clambake

Sunday, May 17th 9:00am - 2:00pm

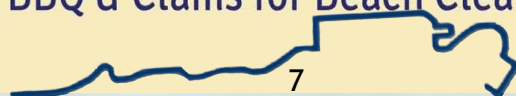
Divers & Beachcombers Wanted! Family Friendly!



Sign Up Here!



**9:00am** Scuba Divers Arrive  
**10:00am - 12:00pm** Beach Cleanup Land & Sea  
**12:00 - 2:00pm** Free BBQ & Clams for Beach Cleaners



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Nick Abbott
- Richard Baresich
- Alexander Bases
- Jeffrey Cardillo
- Mary Davis
- Barbrina Ertle
- Ryan Gallagher
- Zarina Kindo
- Andrey Krasnov
- Joseph Lemaire
- Rick Magale
- Michael Mooney
- John Norgard
- Thomas Riedman
- Christopher Romig
- Janine Schwedes
- Anthony Simone
- Andrew Smith
- Michael Toomey
- Steve Trapp
- Emily Waters
- Robert Williams
- Romualdo Zavala
- Daniel Guy Zummo



# BEACH DIVING

## LEADERBOARD AS OF 5/3/26

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dive Count</u>
Mary Davis .....	3
Dan Corcoran .....	3
Alex Einbinder .....	2
Jake Griffin .....	1
Sean Betts .....	1



## 2026 MAY-AUGUST SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Saturday, May 9	Shinnecock Inlet West Jetty (Back-up: Ponquogue Bridge)	HT 1:24 pm Meet at 12:30
Saturday, May 16	Shelter Island Fresh Pond	Details to follow
Sunday, May 17	City Island Oyster Reef Orchard Beach Clean-Up	9:00 am
Saturday, June 6	Secret Beach	11:00 am
Saturday, June 13	Oak Beach West Jetty (Old meeting site)	HT 9:30 am Arrive at 8:45





# BEACH DIVING

## 2026 APRIL-AUGUST SCHEDULE

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



# BEACH DIVING

## 2026 APRIL-AUGUST SCHEDULE

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

### WRECK DIVING SCHEDULE (SO FAR):

Sunday, June 7:

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

Saturday, September 5:

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





# BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY

## North Shore:

### Bayville Barge, Bayville

The site is located off the beach in front of the Wall's Wharf restaurant in Bayville. Please be advised that we are not permitted to use the restaurant lot for parking. There is a lot at the north end of Eighth Street that is open to Bayville residents, or look for street parking. The barge can be found by taking a north heading from the chain link fence outside of the restaurant.



### Cedar Beach, Mt. Sinai

The fishing pier is located at the West end of Harbor Beach Rd in Mt. Sinai. Follow this road past the basketball courts, parking lots, and marinas until you arrive at a smaller parking lot overlooking the boat channel. The dive site is underneath the fishing pier. Please be advised that parking meters are in effect in the summer season.

When conditions do not permit diving underneath the fishing pier, the beach next to the basketball court is another option, also located on Harbor Beach Road.

### Horton Point, Southold

Take Lighthouse Road in Southold north to the end. Turn left into the parking lot for the Horton Point Lighthouse. If there is a gatekeeper, let them know you are scuba diving there with The Dive Club, and parking should be free. The site is down the staircase and straight into the water.

### Pirate's Cove, Port Jefferson

The site is now called McAllister County Park. Take Anchorage Road in Port Jefferson to the end. There is a roundabout where gear can be dropped off and about 6 parking spots a small way up the road.

### Roanoke Barges, Reeves Park

Take Sound Avenue and turn onto Park Road. The site is located at the north end of Park Road in Reeves Park. A four-wheel drive vehicle and beach permit is necessary to access this site, or it will be a long walk with dive gear. A few club members have volunteered to transport gear to the site for everyone in their 4WD. Meet at the end of Park Road at the scheduled time to coordinate "travel plans."

### Rye Cliff Ferry, Sea Cliff

The site is located off Sea Cliff Beach. Navigate to The BLVD in Sea Cliff and look for street parking. The wreck is approximately 270 degrees out from the first small jetty on shore.





# BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

## **Stehli Beach, Oyster Bay**

Stehli Beach is located at the west end of Bayville Ave, before it turns into Bayville Road. Parking can be found in front of the bathhouse, where we will enter the water. Please be advised that this is an Oyster Bay town beach, so our diving here will be limited to early/late season only.

## **Secret Beach, Greenport**

The site is located on North Road in Greenport where you will see a dirt road with chain link gates on the north side, make a left down this dirt road. If you are using a GPS or maps app, Inlet Pond County Park is close by. If you see the Eastern LI Kampground, you went too far!

Please be advised the dive site is located on private property. The club has received permission to dive here as long as a LIDA waiver is signed by all attending, and a divemaster is present.

## **Shoreham Jetties, Wading River**

Take Sound Road to Creek Road and make a left. Follow Creek Road west to the end. Park on the left side of the wooden barrier in the small, square dirt lot. The right side is reserved for permit holding residents. The site is located at the end of Wading River where it empties out into the Long Island Sound. The idea here is to plan the dive with the tides so that we can enter the river from the parking lot and receive a lift with the outgoing tide. Then, execute the dive, and ride the incoming tide back in.

## **Submarine Base, New Suffolk**

The site is located at the south end of Main Street in New Suffolk and there is street parking only. Use Case's Place Restaurant for GPS directions.

## **Theodore Roosevelt Fishing Pier, Oyster Bay**

The site is located at the end of West End Ave in Bayville. For GPS directions, input Theodore Roosevelt Beach. Find the site by entering from the boat ramp and heading west until you hit the fishing pier.

## **U.S.S. Ohio, Greenport**

The entrance to the beach is at the south end of Clark Street in Greenport. Street Parking can be found on Clark Street or the adjacent 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Enter the opening to the beach from Clark Street and follow the beach along to the right. There is a large iron pipe in the sand along with some other metal pieces. Take a compass heading of 120 degrees from there to find the wreck (debris).





# BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

## South Shore:

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

The site is located at the south end of Beach 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Far Rockaway, Queens. Street parking is limited, but additional spots can be found on Beach 9<sup>th</sup> street, or near the basketball courts on Beach 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Do not park in the Rockaway Manor parking lot, as this is for nursing home residents only, but use this building as a GPS guideline if necessary.



### HMS Culloden, Montauk

Take Soundview Drive until it turns into a dirt road and continue for another quarter mile or so until you see another unnamed dirt road. Take this road to the end and park. Parking is on the bluff that overlooks the water, so the staircase will lead you down to the dive site. The wreck is located 330 degrees from the large boulder on the beach.

### Noyack Bay, Noyack

The site is located on the north side of Noyack-Long Beach Road. Proceed past Foster Memorial Beach and look for a spot to pull off on the north side of the road. The dive site is street-parking only.

### Oak Beach, Babylon

The old Oak Beach Inn. A large parking lot on North Oak Beach Road. After going over the Robert Moses Bridge and the small draw bridge, turn right onto Ocean Parkway West. You will have to use a turnaround to get onto Ocean Parkway East, where you will then see the parking lot on your right. For GPS directions, use Oak Beach. The dive site can be accessed from the jetty on the east side of the parking lot, where we usually meet, but others may choose to dive the fishing pier located on the west side of the same parking lot.

### Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays

Proceed over the bridge on Lighthouse Road in Hampton Bays and turn left onto Dune Road. Immediately make another left and follow this road to the end. The dive site is under the Old Ponquogue Bridge. A parking permit is required, but you can also drop off your gear at the site, drive your car back over the bridge, park on the north side, and take a nice scenic walk back over.

### Shinnecock County Park East, Southampton

The site is located at the west end of Meadow Lane in Southampton. Turn right onto Meadow Lane from Halsey Neck Ln and follow it to the end. The site is entered from the camping parking lot just beyond the entry booth. Please be advised there is an in-season and weekend fee to park for non-residents (\$7). Also, keep in mind this is an entirely different site than Shinnecock West, with an inlet in between the two.





# BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

## Shinnecock West, Hampton Bays

The site is located on Road H, at the east end of Dune Road in Hampton Bays. If you are familiar with the Ponquogue Bridge, continue straight down Dune Road instead of turning left into the parking lot. The dive site is the Shinnecock inlet, where we will enter on the ocean side where the jetty is.

## Upstate NY

### Minnewaska State Park Preserve, Ulster County

Within Minnewaska State Park, navigate to the visitor's center. The parking for the dive site is down a short road to the left of this building. You will have to stop by the visitor's center with your certification card and \$25 to dive for the day. Also, admission to the park is \$8 (typical of any New York State Park) or free with an empire pass.

## & Beyond

### Delaware River Water Gap, Pennsylvania

From I-80, exit onto Rt. 611 South. Follow 611 through town of Delaware Water Gap into Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area. The parking area is at the bottom of the hill south of town on the right side. Pull off on the side of the road just before the road rounds the corner and the wall starts on the train tracks. Alternatively, there is a large parking lot on the other side of the road, but travel across the highway with dive gear at your own risk.

### Manasquan River Railroad Bridge, New Jersey

Parking is close by and free, but the lot is not very large and sometimes fills up. A 7-11 store is across the road, and the dive site is adjacent to the Point Beach Yacht Club in Point Pleasant Beach, which you can use as a GPS landmark to get directions.



## LIKE TO DIVE THE PONQUOGUE BRIDGE?

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





# 2026 LEADERSHIP



**President:**  
Courtney Lyons



**Vice President:**  
John Berntsen



**Treasurer:**  
Gus Bricker



**Recording Secretary:**  
Norma Leon



**Corresponding Secretary:**  
Bill Cadden



**Wreck Diving:**  
*Elias Apergis*



**Beach Diving:**  
Courtney Lyons &  
Committee



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



**Camping Trips:**  
Bruce Russo



**T-Shirts & Swag:**  
Courtney Lyons



**Website:**  
Jim Vafeas



**Social Media:**  
Jerry Kinkade



**Newsletter:**  
Randi  
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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

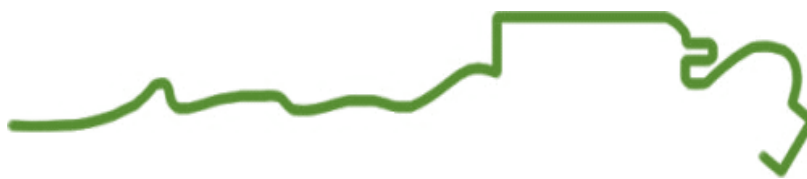
Family Membership: \$35.00. Full Club membership for the person signing up, plus Partner and all children 26 years old and under.

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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## LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK

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This is an important legal document. You may wish to consult an attorney prior to signing it.

This release may be used against you in a court of law if you sue any released person or party.

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

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

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



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

IT IS THE INTENTION OF \_\_\_\_\_ BY THIS INSTRUMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE THE DIVE CLUB, AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES AS DEFINED ABOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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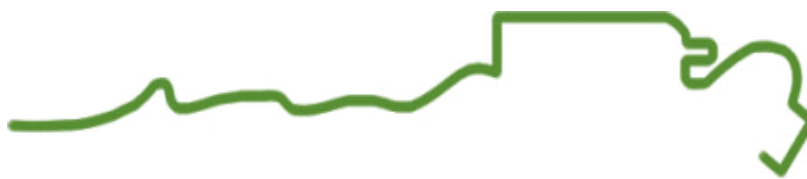
Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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Reviewed by Club Officer

Date



### Membership Directory Data Sheet

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to have the above information published in the 2025 Membership Directory to be distributed to the Membership.

Signature of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

