

DIVER DOWN NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB

President's Note — March 2025

It's almost time to start diving again! In less than a month we'll be having our kickoff dive to start our season. Join us on April 26th to start the season off strong at Cedar Beach in Mt Sinai- more details to follow. We had a nice turnout at our beach dive committee Zoom meeting and we were able to plan the weekend dive schedule for April through June. Stay tuned for the official schedule with dates and times.

What better way to kick off our dive season than to join us at our upcoming Film Festival?! In just less than 2 weeks The Dive Club is hosting our first ever film festival for the local diving community to come together for a night out and we would love to see you all there. We will have a great lineup of presenters for the evening, a buffet dinner & dessert, open bar all night (drinks included in the price of your ticket), and some awesome raffle prizes from brands like ScubaPro, Deep 6, Shearwater, DAN, and more! Tickets are on sale now and more details can be found in the flyer within.

Safe diving!

Courtney Lyons



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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.

April 1, 2025 ~ Artifact Night

All are welcome to "show and tell" any artifacts found while diving.

*In ocean depths, where wrecks reside,
Scuba divers seek artifacts, far and wide.
Lost treasures hidden, beneath the sea,
Unveiling history's whispers, in jubilee!*

Calling all underwater explorers and adventurers! We invite you to share your discoveries from beneath the waves. If you have come across any fascinating underwater artifacts during your diving escapades, we would love to hear your stories and see the treasures you've uncovered. Whether it's ancient relics, pieces of a shipwreck, or mysterious objects.



Share your
underwater
artifacts with
us at our
upcoming
meeting!





MEMBERSHIP

Fill out the application, which is available for download on the The Dive Club's webpage and at the end of this newsletter. It is preferred that you fill out the application on your computer, print to sign, and then scan and email to Bill at the below address. Read on for detailed instructions.

Please note that ALL PREVIOUS Forms are obsolete. The Form for 2025 MUST say 2025 at the top. And, again, **New Applicants** should download the form from thediveclub.com.

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 .

E-Mail it back to this E-Mail Address (Membership.TheDiveclub@GMail.com)

Pay your Dues

You can do this by one of 3 easy and convenient ways:

1. Pay Cash at the meeting or if you run into an Officer (Pres, Vice-Pres, Treasurer, Corresponding Sec).
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.
 - * 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.



MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

- If you have not renewed your membership, please do so asap including filling out the updated club waiver. Form/waiver available here: thediveclub.com/membership.
- Individual memberships for 2025 are \$25. Family memberships are \$35.
- T-shirts are available for purchase for a charge of \$10.
- Membership payments should be given to Gus Bricker, who can be reached at info@thediveclub.com.
- Membership applications and renewals should be given to Bill Cadden, our Membership/ Corresponding Secretary (membership.thediveclub@gmail.com).





MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2025

TAKEN BY NORMA LEON, RECORDING SECRETARY

- 🐟 Minutes from last meeting approved.
- 🐟 Upcoming Events:
 - 🐟 Sunday, March 9th in Brick NJ: Ocean Wreck Divers SCUBA Flea Market
 - 🐟 Saturday and Sunday, March 29 -30 @ the Meadowlands in NJ: Beneath the Sea.
 - 🐟 Saturday, April 12th, East Islip: 1st Annual Dive Club Film Festival:
 - 🐟 Tickets on sale Now: purchased on line, tonight via cash or Venmo. Tickets include Dinner, Open Bar, raffle prizes from sponsors, and a 50/50 raffle.
 - 🐟 Sponsors: Shearwater, Scuba Pro, Deep Six, SDI/TDI, Orca Torch, IkeLite, Zookeeper, GUE, etc.
 - 🐟 Talented Filmmakers and Presenters include:
 - 🐟 Rick Simon = Commercial Diver that Discovered a Ship Wreck in the Long Island Sound will be sharing a film on that.
 - 🐟 Jen Sellitti = Operator of the DV Tenacious from NJ who's team does the Ship Wreck Discovery and Research Expeditions. Will be presenting her team's Discovery of the Le Lyonnais, (French Steam ship that sunk after a collision with an American sailing vessel).
 - 🐟 Nuno Gomes = Previous Record Holder for the Deepest Sea and Deepest Cave Dive. Presenting a film called "Deep Ambition" about a woman's attempt of breaking the world's record of the deepest SCUBA dive.
 - 🐟 Our very own John Bricker= presenting a film on the sinking of the USS San Diego which holds a ton of history.
 - 🐟 Amy Gianotti = From Cave Country, Florida she is an Environmental Scientist, Diver and Director of School Yard Films (a company that produces educational films). She shares the film: "Clear Water, Clean Water" featuring Tech Diver Jill Heinrich and a team of explorers as they travel through the Florida Aquifer.
 - 🐟 Any questions regarding the Film Festival ask Courtney Lyons.
- 🐟 **Beach Diving Committee Meeting** in 2 weeks on Zoom all welcome to discuss our Diving calendar: April, May and June, when to start and what sites. Link in email if want to be added please see Courtney after the meeting to be added.
- 🐟 **Orchard Beach Clean up**, Sunday May 19th by Captain Mike.
- 🐟 **Bruce: camping** for Death By Diving at Indian Island working on it, has encountered some issues & waiting to hear back on dates. Also planning Memorial Day camping @ Cedar Point campground. Dives counting toward leaderboard. See Bruce if interested.
- 🐟 Last call for 50/50 and winner announced.
- 🐟 Skiing at Bel Air Mountain in March : Tuesday's and Thursday's \$10 lift ticket, \$19 ski rental, \$10 ski lesson. See Bruce.
- 🐟 Chris K. has a voucher for Buy 1 get 1 at Sea Saba in the Dutch Caribbean that includes 5 days of 2 tank diving. Voucher expires in December. See Courtney if interested.
- 🐟 Introducing **Emma Hahn** tonight's speaker: Program Coordinator for the NY State Marine Rescue Center in Riverhead.



THE DIVE CLUB FILM FESTIVAL



Featuring...



Richard Simon

"The Discovery of
the Defender in the
Long Island Sound"



Jennifer Sellitti

"Everything is Possible:
the 2024 Le Lyonnais
Discovery"



Nuno Gomes

"Deep Ambition"
Karen's World
Record Deep Dive



John Bricker

"The Sinking of the
U.S.S. San Diego
when the Great War
Came to America"



Amy Giannotti

"Clear Water, Clean
Water? Exploring the
Floridian Aquifer"

APRIL 12, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

65 Champlin Avenue East Islip, NY 11730

\$75 Admission – Tickets available online

Come join us for an evening filled with underwater adventures and cinematic wonders! The first ever Dive Club Film Festival showcases the beauty of ocean and cave depths through a selection of captivating films from renowned industry professionals that will leave you in awe. Grab your friends and family and immerse yourself in the magic of diving from world-record-breaking dives to adrenaline-filled discovery expeditions.

Dinner

Open Bar

Music

Raffle Prizes



WWW.TinyURL.com/TDCFilmFest

FILM FESTIVAL RAFFLE PRIZES!



The Dive Club is excited to share these raffle prizes with you all at our upcoming film festival!

These are some—yes, just SOME—of the goodies up for grabs.

Thank you so much to our generous sponsors for making this possible! 🙏



SOME OF OUR SPONSORS:



FESTIVAL SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

JENNIFER SELLITTI

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE: THE 2024 LE LYONNAIS DISCOVERY



Atlantic Wreck Salvage, owner and operator of D/V Tenacious, lead the discovery of the 1856 transatlantic passenger steamship Le Lyonnais. The liner collided with the American sailing vessel Adriatic off the Coast of Nantucket on November 2, 1856. One-hundred-and-fourteen of Le Lyonnais' 132 passengers and crew died in the disaster.

Le Lyonnais was one of six ships built by Laird for Franco-Americaine to be used in transatlantic passenger and mail service. Le Lyonnais was built during a time when ships were making the transition from sail to steam. She was equipped with sails and a horizontal steam engine and is an early example of a passenger liner with two mid-Nineteenth century innovations: a screw propeller and an iron hull.

Franco-Americaine launched Le Lyonnais in January of 1856 and put her into service carrying cabin-class clientele and cargo between New York and Le Havre, France. On November 2, 1856, during her first return voyage to Le Havre from the Americas, she collided with the Maine-built barque Adriatic, which was en route from Belfast, Maine to Savannah, Georgia. Adriatic left Le Lyonnais with a small hole in her hull that eventually overwhelmed the vessel. Adriatic was injured in the collision but remained afloat. She assumed Le Lyonnais was uninjured because the steamship continued her course. Adriatic sailed to Gloucester, Massachusetts for repairs. Le Lyonnais sank days later.

Captain Joe Mazraani and Jennifer Sellitti of D/V Tenacious reignited the search to in 2016 and spent eight years working to locate Le Lyonnais' final resting place. The team side-scanned potential targets in 2022 and 2023 and, after reviewing the data, narrowed the search down to a series of potential candidates. They returned to the search area on August 20-25, 2024, to dive the targets, one of which they identified as Le Lyonnais.



FESTIVAL SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

NUNO GOMES

DEEP AMBITION: KAREN'S WORLD RECORD DEEP DIVE



Deep Ambition is a gripping short film produced by Nuno Gomes, previous world record holder for both cave and sea deep dives, and Shareen Anderson, that chronicles Karen van den Oever's daring attempt to break the women's world record for the deepest scuba dive.

The film captures her intense preparation, mental fortitude, and the risks involved as she descends into the abyss, aiming to reach 250 meters (820 feet). As the dive intensifies, the film delves into the physical and emotional challenges Karen faces, portraying the delicate balance between ambition and the dangerous realities of extreme deep-sea exploration.

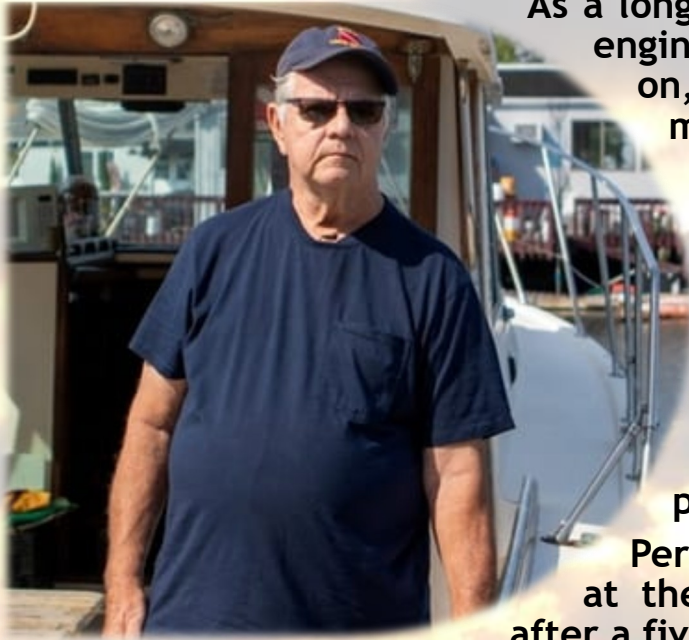
Through stunning visuals and a taut narrative, Deep Ambition not only highlights the limits of human endurance but also the drive to push beyond them in the pursuit of breaking records.





IN MEMORY OF FRANK PERSICO

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As a longtime dive boat captain, instructor and engine mechanic his fellow owners relied on, Frank Persico was a decades-long mainstay of the Long Island diving community.

He was best known for running the Sea Hawk out of Freeport with partner John Lachenmeyer for 29 years — four years longer than any other dive boat on Long Island, according to Stephen Bielenda, the former Eastern Dive Boat Association president.

Persico, 82, of Little Neck, died March 13 at the Little Neck Care Center in Queens after a five-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

"Captain Frank was a true dive boat captain pioneer," said Barry Lipsky, president of the Long Island Divers Association. "He knew every shipwreck off the South Shore of Long Island. Many of those shipwrecks were first discovered by Captain Frank. His knowledge and experience of the Atlantic Ocean, scuba diving, dive boats and the repairs of boat engines of any kind opened the world of diving on Long Island for thousands of scuba divers for over six decades."

Persico was born in Astoria, Queens, and his family moved to Little Neck about 1949, his son, Robert Persico, of Little Neck, said. He attended St. Anastasia school in adjacent Douglaston and then was a member of the first graduating class at Martin Van Buren High School in Queens Village in 1961.

Persico enlisted in the Navy the next year and served for four years on amphibious landing ships and minesweepers while based at Little Creek, Virginia. The Navy sent him to its school for engine mechanics, which would set him up for his future career. He also learned to dive in his spare time.

While on leave, he would return to Long Island. On one trip he visited a bar in Rockaway Beach and met Julia Casserly. They were married in 1967.

Soon after leaving the Navy, he got a job with Detroit Diesel distributor Henry Knese in College Point, Queens, and worked there for 29 years. When the company folded in 1994, Persico formed a business, Offshore Diesel Services, with his son, who continues to run the Little Neck company.



"He was a high-end diesel mechanic," said Bielenda, former owner of the dive boat Wahoo.

After leaving the Navy, Persico also pursued his interest in diving. He was certified to dive by a local pioneer in the industry, Al Boehm, who operated one of the first dive boats that ran out of Brooklyn, the Terry Bobby. "Because he was a mechanic, Al ended up taking him under his wing," his son said. "Al Boehm pushed him to become a captain, so he became a captain." Persico got a Coast Guard captain's license to operate vessels up to 100 tons weight.

Eventually, Boehm became the head instructor at Central Skin Divers in Bellmore, which owned a dive boat named Honest Archie berthed in Freeport. Persico and Boehm ran it as co-captains while Persico also became an instructor in the 1970s.

When Central Skin Divers sold its boat, Persico met Lachenmeyer when they were both diving off a boat called the Carol Lynn in Freeport. Lachenmeyer and Persico saw a boat that had been overhauled by Henriques Yachts in New Jersey. "Frank and I decided it might be nice to form a partnership and get our own similar Henriques dive vessel, Sea Hawk, which was built and delivered in 1985," Lachenmeyer said.


The co-owners were a study in contrasts. Persico could be gruff and mercurial, although unfailingly helpful, while Lachenmeyer was laid back and unfazed.

"It was just his nature," his son said. "He was basically no-nonsense. He was hard on some people but he had his reasons for doing things, and he was usually right."

"We had an ideal working relationship from the very beginning of our many years together," Lachenmeyer said.

"After more than 20 years of great dive trips together," he said, Lachenmeyer sold his portion of the dive business to another diver, Captain Ned Witkin, who remained with Persico. The boat was sold last year to the owner of the Captain Lou fleet in Freeport.

In addition to his wife and son, he is survived by his daughter, Christina, of Park Slope, Brooklyn, and her two children, Annabel and Will.

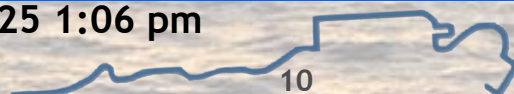
The family is planning a memorial service in the spring and working to honor Persico's wish that his ashes be spread over the wreck of the USS San Diego off Fire Island. 

By Bill Bleyer

Special to Newsday:

www.newsday.com/long-island/obituaries/frank-persico-obituary-et1f3e6c

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NJHDA SYMPOSIUM

*The New Jersey Historical Divers Association, Inc. presents its twenty first
New Jersey Shipwreck Symposium*

“Heroes and Villains”

SATURDAY, April 26, 2025 ~ 8PM-10:30PM

Hosted by Mike Lavitt, Chairman, New Jersey Council of Divers and Clubs



**At the InfoAge Science and
History Museums
2201 Marconi Rd, Wall, NJ**

- ◆ **Refreshments** ◆
- ◆ **Silent Auction** ◆
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Presentations

The Coast Guard Beach Cart Project
Dan Lieb, NJHDA President

Jazz Age Tragedy: The Death of the SS Vestris
Jeffrey Brown, historian; educator

The Adriatic Affair: A Maritime Hit-and-Run off the Coast of Nantucket
Jennifer Sellitti, diver; author; historian
(Jenn's book, "[The Adriatic Affair](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1527000000)" is available at Amazon.com)



DIVE TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA



MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

May 17 - 20, 2025

Join Hampton Dive Center for an exhilarating wreck diving trip with Olympus Dive Center in Morehead City, NC this May.

Time is running out! Call or email us today to reserve your spot:

631.727.7578.
scuba@hamptondive.com

Advanced Diver?
Love wrecks?

This one's for you. This trip offers world class wreck diving - no passport required.

4 days of 2 tank early AM offshore wreck diving with Olympus Dive Center

[Click here](#) to find all the details on Hampton Dive Center's Website.



POOL TIME: FARMINGDALE

Are you a certified scuba diver? If you are, you will be interested in Farmingdale Aquatic Center's Monday Night Scuba program. Every diver wants to keep their Scuba skills at their very best. Living on Long Island, with the diving season as short it is, it can be difficult to keep Scuba skills sharp. Getting into a pool for practice is a great way to keep you skills up. Certified divers can get that pool time in the brand new Farmingdale Aquatic Center.

These 1 1/2 hour pool sessions are an ideal way to keep your skills up-to-date and be ready for your next Scuba diving vacation. The facility, which is brand new, has a 15 foot deep section great for practicing skills, trying out new equipment, working with your dive buddy, the lists goes on...

If you do not own all needed equipment, you can rent what you need from your local dive shop, or through special arrangements with Tiedemann's Diving Center of Levittown. Make sure all your skills are perfect by practicing in the pool. Then your dives will be more fun and safer.

Are you a Scuba Instructor? If you are you can use this facility to teach. The rules are simple. You need to be current with your agency. Each person in your group must be registered (you, your student(s), and any assistants you may have). Farmingdale needs to be listed as an Additional Insured on your instructor liability insurance. Contact Ed at Tiedemann's Diving Center for more details. You can even work out rental equipment for your students.

The sessions take place on Monday evenings, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. To participate you must have a nationally recognized scuba certification. The level of certification must be Open Water Diver or higher. Use of any highly specialized equipment, (like a dry suits, full face masks, rebreathers), requires certification in that area. If you are a student you must be with your instructor at all times in the water. Anyone under the age of 18 year must have a parent with them in the pool area.

Has it been some time since you have been diving? We can make arrangements for a Scuba Update on your first pool session. Then you have two more sessions to practice.

The cost is \$100 per diver for the three-night session. Each of the sessions includes three pool sessions. The number of participants is very limited. Make Monday Night Scuba a great way for you to enjoy your Scuba Diving year round.

Signing up could not be simpler. Contact Ed Tiedemann (516-796-6560) at Tiedemann's Diving Center and he can sign you up in person at the shop or over the phone.

If you want to contact Farmingdale directly 516-434-5316. Take note - if you sign up via the Farmingdale website there is a \$7 registration fee for each person signing up. 🐟

The upcoming sessions are:

🐟 **March 17, March 24, & April 7**

🐟 **April 28, May 5, & May 12**

🐟 **June 2, June 9, & June 16**



POOL TIME: LINDENHURST & GOOD LIFE DIVERS MEMBERSHIP



We have a Good Life Divers Membership program which grants access to the pool for SCUBA practice.

For \$65 per month* we have open pool times for certified divers to come practice in the pool.

Access is available either via appointment or during open pool times. Rentals available if you need gear to use.

***3 month minimum membership required.**

(631) 991-3420

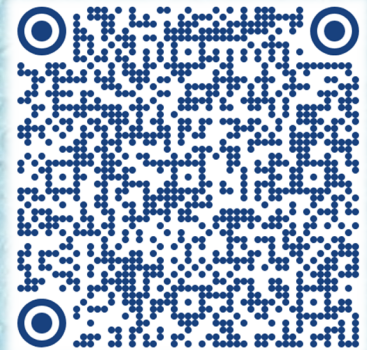
(516) 554-2993 Cell

goodlifedivers@gmail.com

BE A GUEST SPEAKER AT MEETINGS!

Each month we welcome a guest speaker at our meetings to share their experiences on topics related to scuba diving, maritime history, travel, oceanic sciences, and more.

If you or someone you know might like to present at one of our upcoming meetings, fill out the [Google Form](#) by scanning the QR code!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Ron Broome
Sean Curran
Jeremy Davila
Jack Dillon
Frank Dorsey
Patrick Fontana
Matthew Gruber
Benjamin King
John Lituma
Christine Lupo
Lenny Mastrandera

Donald Meyers
Giselle Mioczkowski
Manny Moreno
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THE DIVE CLUB – PO Box 96, West Islip, NY 11795

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.

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 _____

