



Message from the President

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It is now October but that doesn’t mean the diving season is over. The Fall offers some of the best diving on Long Island. The water temperature loses a few degrees but it is still comfortable. The visibility improves greatly and can be 15 feet or more. It is a good time to revisit those summer dive sites where the visibility was 3-4 feet and really see what is down there.

Upon request the Beach dive schedule will continue into November. Check the schedule in this newsletter and watch for an email to see where we will be.

Our underwater pumpkin carving dive is scheduled for October 9th at Woodhull Landing. There will be a BBQ to follow. Even if you are not diving, come out for the fun and to cast your vote for the best carving.

We are planning to hold our holiday party again this year. Watch your email for the details.

Even though the weather changes, the fun will continue.

Mary Davis
President



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THE MONTHLY MEETING



The Dive Club currently holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at Lulu's Lobster Inne (formerly the Jon Thomas Inne).

91 Howells Road
Brightwaters, N.Y 11718
(631) 647-3991

Support our hosting establishment and wait staff. Arrive for dinner as early as 6pm. Meetings commence at 8pm.

The Presenter for
October 2022 is Grace Mattel
Presenting on:
**Islamorada,
The Eagle Wreck,
& The Blue Heron Bridge**



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 2022 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).



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MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2022

Recorded by Jennifer Grosso

Meeting called to order at 8:02pm

BEACH DIVES

- 🐟 OBI, Hortons Points, Beach 8th Street- Several Members
- 🐟 2 more weeks of OBI diving for the leaderboard & will continue until we lose sun
- 🐟 9/15- Ponquogue Bridge
- 🐟 Update on Secret Beach- No more ticks
- 🐟 9/17-Prybil Beach- Clean Up 9am sponsored by Scuba Network

WRECK DIVES

- 🐟 No more wreck dives scheduled for the season however, if you are interested contact Mary Davis and she will put you on a waitlist if anyone drops out.
- 🐟 Bottle Dives TBD

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

- 🐟 New Members- Bill, Jen, & Brittany
- 🐟 T-Shirts- See Courtney
- 🐟 Death by Diving Dinner- On a Sunday at 5pm- Possibly end of September, beginning of October.
- 🐟 LIDA- They advocate for divers, promote divers, stores, boats, and preserve and secure sites. January 28th is their Annual Film Festival at Hofstra
- 🐟 Beneath the Sea- March 24th-26th of 2023
- 🐟 Woman's Divers Hall of Fame is offering scholarships
- 🐟 Tiedemann's is running a Florida Cavern Trip 1/4-1/8 Includes Hotel and Entry Fees
- 🐟 50/50 Winner- Courtney Lyons

SPEAKER—JUSTIN ENZMANN- INTRO TO CAVE DIVING

- 🐟 *As reminder, club speakers receive t-shirts*
- 🐟 3 Independent lights for Cave diving. For Cavern Diving you only need 2 lights, sunlight counts as the 3rd
- 🐟 Author Sheck Exley wrote Basic Cave Diving- Came up with 5 Important Things Imperative to Cave diving. 1) Guide Lines 2) Rule of Thirds 3) Lights 4) Proper Training 5) Emergency Procedures
- 🐟 NSS- National Speleological Society for Cave Diving
- 🐟 Multiple Different Certification for Cave Diving just like in Recreational Diving
- 🐟 Places to cave dive- Ginnie Springs, Peacock Springs (No Flow Cave), Cow Springs, Little River, Madison Blue, Jug Hole
- 🐟 Meeting Ended- 9:29pm



DEATH BY DIVING DINNER

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

P.J. LOBSTER HOUSE—PORT JEFFERSON

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Eight divers completed all 8 dives:

🦎 Courtney Lyons 🦎 John Berntsen 🦎 Mary Davis 🦎
🦎 Tim McMahon 🦎 Ozan Ersoz 🦎 Victoria Ingoglia 🦎
🦎 Roy Bacchi 🦎

One diver completed 7 dives:

🦎 Megan Barrow 🦎

Totals:

- 🦎 9 dinners earned
- 🦎 36 divers participated
- 🦎 120 dives done over the weekend

Congratulations to all that in the dives and dinner!





UNDERWATER PUMPKIN

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DIVE RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

October 9, 2022 ~ Woodhull Landing 11:00 AM

- 🧐 Only a dive knife, any size, can be used for the carving.
- 🧐 Hollow out the pumpkin ahead of time. You will not have time to gut it underwater and carve also.
- 🧐 Bring a 5-to-8-pound weight to place inside the pumpkin. They are buoyant and will float.
- 🧐 There can be no markings on the pumpkin prior to entering the water. That includes drawings and pre-carving.
- 🧐 One pumpkin per diver and one diver per pumpkin.
- 🧐 Anything found underwater can be used to embellish your pumpkin but please respect living things.
- 🧐 Each person will get one vote when the pumpkins are displayed.
- 🧐 If you don't dive you still get to vote.
- 🧐 Do your best and have fun.





SAVE THE DATES!

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UPCOMING DIVER COMMUNITY EVENTS

LIDA ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL



Saturday, January 28, 2023
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

At the Hofstra University Student Center Theater in Hempstead, NY

Additional details at lidaonline.com!



BENEATH THE SEA

Dive, Travel, and Oceans Exposition

March 25-26, 2023—All Day
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

At the Meadowlands Exposition Center
355 Plaza Dr, Seacaucus, NJ 07094

Additional details at beneaththesea.us!



LONG ISLAND DIVE COMMUNITY NEWS PRYBIL BEACH CLEAN-UP—SEPTEMBER. 17, 2022

Over 28 pounds of trash was brought up by Scuba Network of Long Island teams and Scuba Divers USA at the Prybil Beach Cleanup & Dive Against Debris 1st Annual Nicole Simmons Memorial.





WOMEN DIVERS HALL OF FAME 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING GRANTS

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APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN—THRU OCTOBER 31!

Thirty-eight scholarships and training grants are offered this year. For some of the categories, more than one scholarship/grant is being offered. A summary of the scholarship/grant categories is listed below. Full descriptions, sponsorship and amounts can be found in the press release.

Go here to download the press release:

womendivershalloffame.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/WDHOF%202023%20Scholarship%20Training%20Grant%20PR.pdf

Application instructions & info at:

wdhof.org/scholarships/sponsorship & wdhof.org/scholarships/how-to-apply

To go directly to the application link, go here:
grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=wdhf

2023 SCHOLARSHIPS (17)

- 🐬 Marine Conservation Scholarships: Graduate (4 - women only, 1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Marine Conservation Scholarships: Undergraduate (1 - women only, 1 - women or men)
- 🐬 J. Berman Memorial Grant for Sea Turtle Conservation (1 - women only)
- 🐬 Susan L. Williams Memorial Fellowships in Coral and Seagrass Rehabilitation (4 - women only)
- 🐬 Cecelia Connelly Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Underwater Archaeology (1 - women only)
- 🐬 Undergraduate Marine Research Scholarships & Internship (1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Laurel Clark Memorial Sea to Space Physiology Research Fellowships (2 - women or men)
- 🐬 Bonnie Cardone Memorial Scholarship in Journalism, Graphic Arts, Photography, or Videography (1 - women only)

2023 TRAINING GRANTS (15)

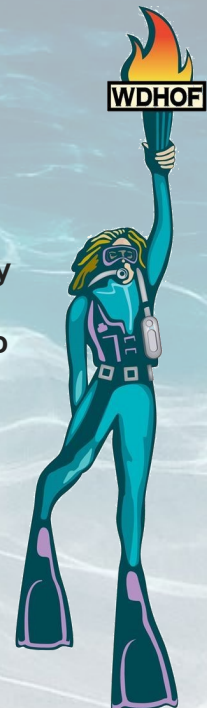
- 🐬 Basic dive training (learn to dive) (6 - women only, 1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Advanced dive training (6 - women only, 1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Basic or advanced hard hat dive training (1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Basic or advanced dive training for candidates in ROTC, JROTC, military academy, Sea Scout or Sea Cadet (1 - women or men)
- 🐬 Disabled diver (beginner or advanced) or instructor to assist disabled to dive (1 - women or men)

2023 SPECIALTY GRANTS (6)

- 🐬 Instructor advanced education (1 - women only)
- 🐬 Diver medical education or emergency medical responder (5 - women or men)

The deadline for receipt of applications is October 31, 2022,
at 5:00 pm New York time.

*(Exception: Undergraduate Marine Research Internship
closes Jan 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm New York time.)*





2022 LEADERBOARDS

OAK BEACH (9/14/22 – FINAL):

Even though this leaderboard is closed for the year, Wednesday diving here will continue until the clocks change & we lose sun.

Courtney Lyons . 12	Larry Ziedler 4	Jim Campbell 2
Mary Davis 12	Jack Frost 3	James Campbell 2
Eric Cregeen..... 12	Nick Sinnott..... 3	Jim Lisle 2
Tim McMahon 11	Ron Prybella 3	Chris Brady 2
Chelsea Miller 10	Ryan Feldbaum 2	Norma Leon 1
Kevin Ryan 10	Eric Yousha 1	Doug King..... 1
Mike Feldbaum 9	Bill Cadden..... 2	Tatiana Vivar 1
John Hochenberger.. 8	Noah Yousha 1	Edward Meyer 1
Joe Feldbaum 8	Alex Stemger 1	Samantha Romig..... 1
Victoria Ingoglia 8	Jerry Kinkade 1	Steve Davis..... 1
Randi Hochenberger. 7	Barbara Ertle 2	Christopher Romig ... 1
Louis Buda 7	John Ertle 1	Helen Wissig 1
Rick Baresich 5	Thomas Ertle 1	Anthony Simone 1
Vadim Paley..... 4	Roy Bacchi 1	Victoria Wong..... 1
Joe Lemaire 3	Andrew Solomon 1	Daniel Wong..... 1
John Berntsen 4	Mason Wissig..... 2	James Lark 1
Chuck Ertle 4		
Ciara Smith 3		
Andrey Krasnov 2		
Ozan Ersoz 3		
Bobby Reith..... 2		
Harris Moore..... 4		
Jenny Ross 4		
Megan Barrow 4		
Jack Dillon 2		





BEACH DIVING

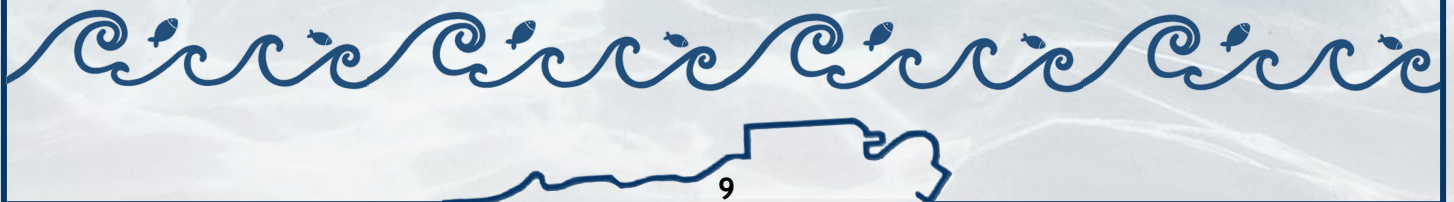
OCTOBER—NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

(All dives are subject to change due to weather and/or other conditions
—check Facebook and Google Group messages for the most up-to-date info)

- ✈ October 2: Fort Pond Bay, Montauk ~ Meet 10AM, BBQ after
 - ✈ October 9: Woodhull Landing Pumpkin Carving Dive ~ Meet at 11AM, BBQ after
 - ✈ October 16: Old Ponquogue Bridge , HT 1:26 PM ~ Meet 11:30 AM
 - ✈ October 22: Woodhull Landing Night Dive ~ Meet 5PM
 - ✈ October 29: Secret Beach ~ Meet 10 AM
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- ✈ November 6: Roanoke Barges, HT 9:26AM ~ Meet 8 AM
 - ✈ November 12: Shinnecock West Jetty, HT 9:43 AM ~ Meet 8 AM









Picture from club dive on September 25 at Stehli Beach in Bayville, NY





WRECK DIVING INFORMATION

The following equipment is **required** for all wreck dives with The Dive Club:

-  Secondary Air Source: doubles or pony bottle
-  Wreck reel
-  Lift bag OR Surface Marker Buoy
-  Cutting tool
-  Whistle or other sound device
-  Strobe

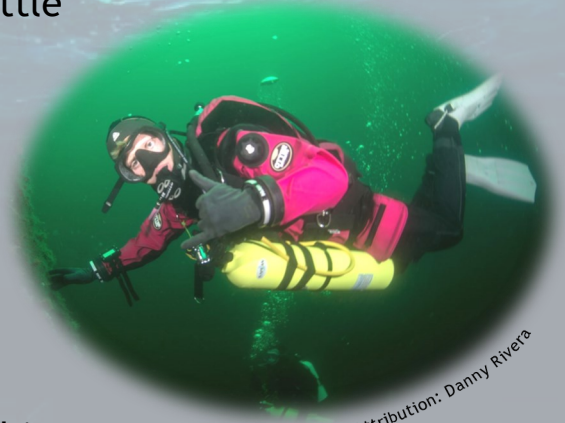


Photo Attribution: Danny Rivera

Divers should be comfortable with the use of this gear.

To book a spot on the Sidekick Dive Boat, each diver must have certification for the planned depth of the wreck. **Deep Diving certification is required for wrecks over 100ft.**

To book a spot on the Sea Hawk or Sea Turtle, AOW certification is required. Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Danny Rivera at sidekickdiveboat@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE

 October 1 - Sea Hawk - Site TBA, preferably offshore

Currently waitlist only. More charters TBA. Check Google Groups and Facebook.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY WISHES



Patrick Byrnes
 Bill Cadden
 Joey Feldbaum
 Jennifer Grosso
 Louis Guardino
 Ellen Hirsch
 John Hochenberger
 Aaron Kruse

Luke Mastrandera
 Ssaverio Pispisaa
 Jason Portnoy
 Janice Raber
 Brett Raso
 Martin Shaiman
 Terry Snyder
 Mark Zysman



DIVER PROFILES

Be featured in a future newsletter and help our dive community to become more familiar. Send the following information about yourself to editor@thediveclub.com

Name:

The nickname divers know you by:

Years diving:

Certification level:

Additional skills and certifications you have earned along the way:

How many dives do you have under your belt?

What is your favorite type of diving?

Have you traveled to far-off destinations?

Where was your favorite dive destination?

What was your best dive experience?

What was your worst dive experience?

What was your scariest dive experience?

Have you had any funny experiences while diving?

Have you had any close encounters with aquatic life while diving?

What (besides your love of diving) can you share with the divers that will be reading your profile?



GOT NEWS OR STORIES?

Just because it is the height of winter, doesn't mean our diving is dormant. This is an excellent time to brush up on skills, service equipment, take classes, and make diving plans.

To keep the momentum going, let's share highlights of our adventures in diving. Consider writing an article for the newsletter (pictures also welcome!). If not a personal story or experience, diver-related news or educational articles are also welcome. All submissions are appreciated and will be credited accordingly. Send to editor@thediveclub.com.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**President:
Mary Davis**



**Vice President:
John Berntsen**



**Treasurer:
Gus Bricker**



**Corresponding Secretary:
Bill Cadden**



**Recording Secretary:
Jennifer Grosso**



**Newsletter Editor:
Randi Hochenberger**



COMMITTEE CHAIRS



**Wreck Diving:
Danny Rivera/Frank Cara**



**Beach Diving:
Ken Murphy/Tim McMahon**



**Oak Beach-Tee Shirts:
Courtney Lyons**



**Camping Trips:
Bruce Russo**



**Website Management:
Jim Vafeas**



**Social Media Chairperson:
Jerry Kinkade**

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone (home/cell): _____
 Email: _____

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 decompression dive Yes/No

What are your diving interests? (Circle all that apply):

- Wreck Diving Beach Diving U/W Photography Deep Diving Spear Fishing Night Diving
 Artifact Collecting 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? (days, nights, weekends) _____

Are you a member of Divers Alert Network (D.A.N.)? Yes/No

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

Membership Level: New/Renewal, please circle
 Single Membership: \$25.00. Full club membership
 Family Membership: \$35.00. Full Club membership for the person signing up,
 plus spouse and all children under the age of 15 years old.

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: _____

Signature of Club officer: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____



LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK

THIS IS A RELEASE OF YOUR RIGHTS TO SUE

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 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.

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

