



DIVER DOWN NEWS

Message from the President

November 2022

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We still have a few more dives to go before the end of the season. The water temperature was 61 degrees on October 30th, still warm enough for a 7mm wet suit. If you are done with LI diving until next season, you can always travel to find warmer water. There is a trip to the springs of Florida in January 2023 and all the shops have Winter trips planned. Grab a buddy and don't stop diving.

For the hardest of the club, there is a Sea Hawk bottle dive scheduled for November 27th.

Contact Captain Ned to reserve your spot. The bottle dives don't happen too often. If you haven't tried it yet, I recommend you do. There are some nice artifacts to be found.

Our meetings will continue thru the winter because the thing we like most besides diving is talking about diving. Plan to come out and socialize and help to plan the 2023 season. Winter is the time to plan the trips to North Carolina, Rhode Island and the St Lawrence River. Boats and camp sites fill up way in advance. We also pick our Death By Diving Weekend.

We are planning our Club holiday party on December 10th. Watch the club email for info.

Nominations are open for officer positions. If you would like to run for an office now is your chance to help run the club. Elections will be held at the December meeting. We will also fill committee positions in January on a volunteer basis. Everyone's input is valued.

Let's keep our club growing and diving!

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 Presenters for
November 2022 are Mary, John,
Courtney, Rick, Patrick and Tim

Presenting on:

Diving the Wrecks of the
St. Lawrence River



Photo: St. Lawrence River
Historical Foundation

The wreck of the Islander, off Alexandria Bay.

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).

**See next page for details on the Fall Renewal Discount*



IT'S RENEWAL TIME CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Yes, it is that time of year. It's Renewal Time for your Club Dues, and if you Renew before 01 January, there is a \$5.00 Dollar discount. After 01 January, the Renewal goes back up.

On October 1st, an E-Mail went out to All Club Members enrolled in the GoogleGroup, with the 2023 Renewal and Waiver forms attached. Along with that were the instructions for Renewing your Membership. Check your Spam/Junk Folder if you do not remember getting the E-Mail.

This year, the Membership Form, as well as part of the Waiver, are Fillable PDF's. What this means is that when you click on the attachment to Download it, and open it, the forms can be filled out right on your Computer, no need to print it out to fill it in. You do however need to Print them to complete the Waiver where you need to Initial each paragraph, and sign both documents.

PLEASE, when signing the Waiver, date it 01 January 2023.

After completing the Waiver, please scan it, and the Data Form, and save the scanned file with your last name as the file name. If your Printer can copy, then it should scan. If you do not have a scanner, perhaps the Local Library may be able to help you out.

Then, please E-Mail the PDF to Membership.thediveclub@gmail.com

Please Note: The Data Form as well as the Waiver have been changed for 2023. ALL PREVIOUS forms are no longer valid for 2023 and going forward, including the one currently on the Web Site.

IF, you feel you MUST handwrite the Data Form, because filling it in on the computer is asking too much, PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

Dues can be paid one of three easy and convenient ways:

- 1) Cash at the Meeting to the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the President or, the Vice President.
- 2) By Check to any of the above Officers, or mailing it to the P.O. Box.
- 3) By Venmo to the Treasurer. Contact Gus @ info@thediveclub.com for instructions if you need them.



MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2022
Recorded by Ron Prybela

INTRO ITEMS

- 🐟 Meeting called to order at 8:03pm by president Mary Davis
- 🐟 September minutes were motioned and accepted.

BEACH DIVE REPORT

- 🐟 Stehli Beach dive had perfect conditions
- 🐟 Prybil Beach had good participation in clean up
- 🐟 Fort Pond Bay was canceled due to weather
- 🐟 Pumpkin Carving dive will be on 10/9 at a new location Cedar Beach
- 🐟 Ponquogue Bridge dive will be on October 16th
- 🐟 Death by Diving dinner was not able to be attended by all winners and will schedule a second dinner

WRECK DIVE REPORT

- 🐟 No more wreck dives scheduled for the season.
- 🐟 Planning a Bottle Dive after Thanksgiving (*update: details on page 1 and wreck diving page of this newsletter*)

OTHER BUSINESS

- 🐟 New Member: Mike
- 🐟 LIDA Film Festival Jan 28th
- 🐟 Beneath the Seas appears to be only Saturday and Sunday March 25th and 26th
- 🐟 Women's Hall of Fame Scholarships need to be submitted by Oct 31st
- 🐟 Bill spoke on membership annual renewal process
- 🐟 Gus is preparing to plan a holiday party the beginning of December (*update: as per the November president's message on page 1, save the date of December 10, details to follow*)
- 🐟 Gus asked if anyone wanted to set up a TicTok account for the club
- 🐟 Gus also suggested promoting the club with LIDA at the Film Festival and producing a flyer for the club
- 🐟 50/50 Winner: Roy Bacci

SPEAKER: GRACE MATTEL—FLORIDA TRIP

- 🐟 *As reminder, club speakers receive t-shirts*
- 🐟 Islamorada had initial dive cancellations due to conditions
- 🐟 Visited the History of Diving Museum
- 🐟 Dive had numerous encounters with coral and fish
- 🐟 Dove the Eagle Wreck in Islamorada and descended 95' with good visibility
- 🐟 Dove Blue Heron Bridge in West Palm Beach Florida with excellent array of fish on the pilings
- 🐟 Meeting Adjourned: at 9:05pm



MONDAY NIGHT SCUBA TRAINING POOL AVAILABLE FARMINGDALE AQUATIC CENTER

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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.

The sessions will take place on Monday evenings, from 8 PM to 9:30 PM. Participants will be given extra time for set up starting at 7:30 PM. You must have a nationally recognized scuba certification and have had recent diving experience. This can be provided by a Diver's Logbook. 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.

The cost is \$100 per session. Each session includes *three* pool sessions. Three separate sessions will be offer in the Fall and Spring. Current dates can be found on the Tiedemann's Diving Center's website - www.TDCScuba.com. The number of participants is limited. You can sign up for one set of sessions or all three. Make Monday Night Scuba a great way for you to enjoy your Scuba Diving year round.

The two upcoming sessions are:

📅 ~~October 24, 31, and November 7~~

📅 November 14, 21, and 28

The register following the link below the Farmingdale Continuing Education site and sign up with a credit card. When the link opens to "Session Selection", select Monday evening on the left, go down the page (or to the next page) to "Monday Night Scuba". The two programs Fall programs are listed separately. Select Out of District (unless you live in Farmingdale).

Select Add to Cart. Your shopping cart will be in the upper right hand corner. Then enter in all the needed information and check out. It is that simple.

To register with the Farmingdale Continuing Education follow this link or scan the QR Code:

📅 campscui.active.com/orgs/FarmingdaleUnionFreeSchoolDistrict22



UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST 2022 *IN PICTURES*

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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!



NEWS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS

🐙 Jack Frost: Hi club members! As a way to give back to the "Diving Community", I'm doing a display presentation for the month of November at the Nesconset Library. The display will be in the entryway (6 by 3 foot) wall case. The goal is to let patrons be aware of the Long Island wreck diving community via highlighting three wrecks - S.S. Arundo, U.S.S. San Diego, and the U-853 with my U/W pictures, above water pictures, artifacts, and some info on the wrecks. This as a way to focus on the local wreck diving community. The Nesconset library is on Terry Rd. a mile west of Lake Ronkonkoma.

🐙 Linda Brown: is collecting winter clothes and boots to send to Ukraine. If you have anything to donate, bring it to the meeting on Tuesday, Nov 1st.



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		





2022 LEADERBOARDS

BEACH DIVING (AS OF 10/23/22)

Mary Davis 24	Zarina Kindo 2	Steve Maggio 1
Mike Feldbaum 17	Mike Toomey 2	Ann Bivona 1
John Berntsen 15	Alicia Sirois 2	Freddie Bonaire 1
Courtney Lyons 14	Andrew Solomon 2	Janet McLoughlin 1
Tim McMahan 13	Jim Vafeas 2	Kim Valenti 1
Jim Lisle 13	Larry Zeidler 2	Jeremy Gruber 1
Joey Feldbaum 13	Doug King 2	Julie Cohen 1
Victoria Ingoglia 12	Dawn Dawson 2	Liam Dawson 1
Rick Baresich 11	Ryan Feldbaum 2	Barry Lipsky 1
Vadim Paley 8	Rusty Lukeman 2	Kim Dunham 1
Chelsea Miller 8	Jason Portnoy 2	Will Krasnov 1
Kevin Ryan 8	Alicia Sirois 2	Alex Stemger 1
Roy Bacchi 7	Elaine Turley 2	Al Marvelli 1
Jenny Ross 7	Dave Thorburn 2	Jerry Kinkade 1
Tom Spier 6	Ken Murphy 2	Bill Struss 1
Eric Cregeen 6	Denis Mellett 2	Jen Gienau 1
Nick Sinnott 6	Virginia Gilliland 2	Norma Leon 1
Les Charles 5	Grace Mattel 2	Phil O'Sullivan 1
Tom Reidman 5	Pat Fontana 2	Edward Meyer 1
Ozan Ersoz 5	Gavin Fontana 2	Eric Yousha 1
Matt Gruber 4	Dana Pranthier Davis 2	Noah Yousha 1
Andrey Krasnov 4	Steve Davis 2	Kristen Ruggiero 1
Ron Prybella 4	John Norgard 2	John Hochenberger 1
Jeanine Furco 4	Henry Serra 2	Bob Auteri 1
Linda Gotti 4	James Campbell 2	Ed Seckeler 1
Ryan Smith 3	Jim Campbell 2	Alexandra Rosales 1
Megan Barrow 3	Leslie Von Pless 2	Kyle Patac 1
Jackie Feldbaum 3	Ryan Christie 1	Bobby Reith 1
Sam Feldbaum 3	Danny Rivera 1	Ed Chasen 1
Bill Cadden 3	James Zima 1	Rick Magale 1
Glen Whelpley 3	Chuck Ertle 1	Joe Lemaire 1
Jack Frost 3	Harris Moore 1	Tatianna Vivar 1
	Jeremy Gruber 1	

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*

- ✈ **November 6:** Roanoke Barges, HT 9:26AM ~ Meet 8 AM
- ✈ **November 12:** Shinnecock West Jetty, HT 9:43 AM ~ Meet 8 AM



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

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

 Bottle dive planned on the Sea Hawk for November 27th
~ Contact Capt. Ned at 516 426-3463 for a spot ~
Currently waitlist only. More charters TBA. Check Google Groups and Facebook.

WRECK DIVING LEADERBOARD:

Roy Bacchi.....	4	Jack Dillon.....	2
Danny Rivera.....	4	Grace Mattel	1
Frank Cara	2	Larry Ziedler	1
Louise Buda	2		





DIVER PROFILES

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

LOU GUARDINO

Hi, DEEPOU (or Big Lou) here.

Only been diving since 1994.

Attained divemaster and advanced trimix.

Have about 2,465 dives so far.

Favorite types of dives: drift dive, wreck dives (before I moved to Florida).

Have traveled as far away as Chuuk (aka: Truk) as north as Iceland and as south as Belize.

Cozumel, & Grand Cayman are among my favorites but right here in Florida where I now live is at the top of my list.

Can't say any one dive was the best.

Worst experience was when a Diver on the boat expired and had to do CPR.

Scariest trip: to the U-boat with 8-10 foot seas for return trip.

In Florida, have had close contact with sharks, turtles, Goliath grouper.

Although not currently dues paying member, before moving to Florida was active member of The Dive Club for close to 20 years. If it were not for The Club, I would never have achieved the experience that I have.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES



Mary Artale
Frank Cara
Tracy Cloherty
John Frost Jr.
Jerry Kinkade

Lisa Mellett
Shannon Mellett
Jeric Sabino
Robert Stamm
Thomas Weismantel
Helen Wissing



DIVER PROFILES

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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**



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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

