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## Message from the President November 2022

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 hardiest 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 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



The wreck of the Islander, off Alexandria Bay.

## Circle Circle

## 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 <u>info@thediveclub.com</u>.
- Membership applications and renewals should be given to Bill Cadden, our Membership/Corresponding Secretary (<u>membership.thediveclub@gmail.com</u>).

\*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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 @ <u>info@thediveclub.com</u> for instructions if you need them.



# MEETING MINUTES Volume 33, Issue 11

# October 4, 2022 Recorded by Ron Prybela

#### INTRO ITEMS

- Meeting called to order at 8:03pm by president Mary Davis
- so 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
- www. 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)
- Sus 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
- so Islamorada had initial dive cancellations due to conditions
- ∀isited 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 <u>three</u> 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:

- Gottober 24, 31, and November 7
- © November 14, 21, and 28

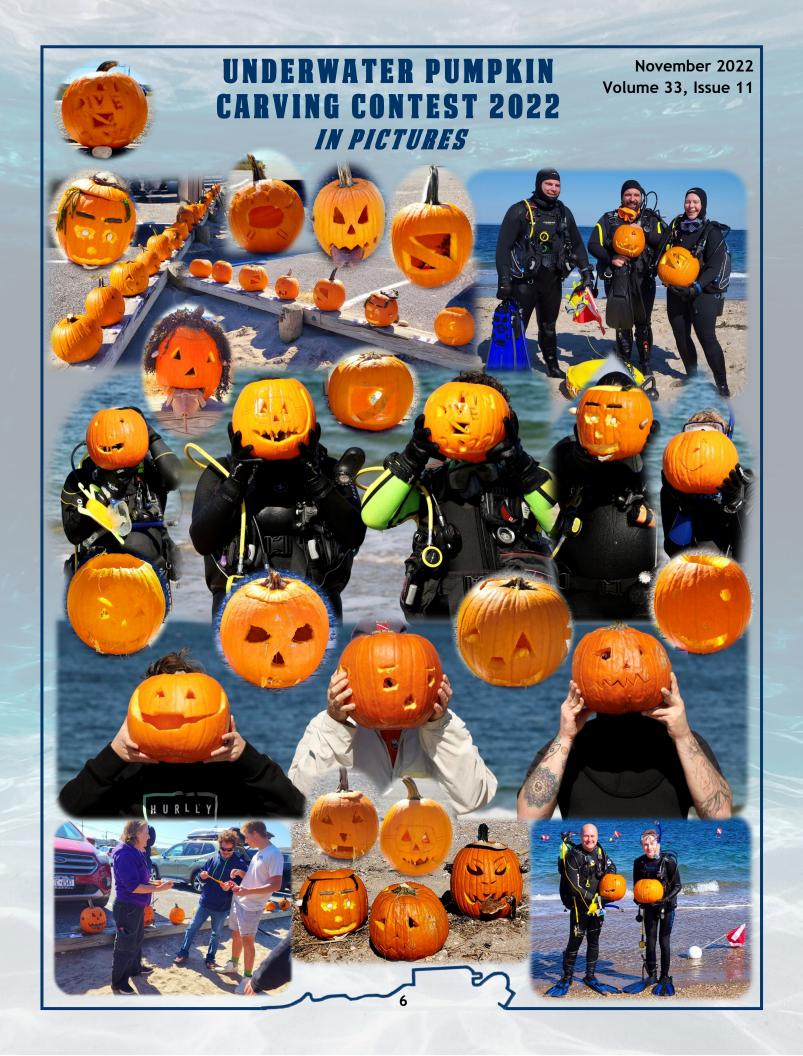
The register following the link below the Farmingdale Continuing Education site and sign up with a credit card. When the link opens to "Session Selection", select Monday evening on the left, go down the page (or to the next page) to "Monday Night Scuba". The two programs Fall programs are listed separately.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

acampscui.active.com/orgs/FarmingdaleUnionFreeSchoolDistrict22







## **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 <u>lidaonline.com</u>!



NEWS

# 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!

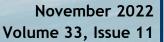
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#### NEWS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS

"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
Mary Davis 12
Eric Cregeen 12
Tim McMahon11
Chelsea Miller 10
Kevin Ryan 10
Mike Feldbaum 9
John Hochenberger 8
Joe Feldbaum 8
Victoria Ingoglia 8
Randi Hochenberger. 7
Louis Buda7
Rick Baresich 5
Vadim Paley4
Joe Lemaire3
John Berntsen 4
Chuck Ertle 4
Ciara Smith 3
Andrey Krasnov 2
Ozan Ersoz 3
Bobby Reith2
Harris Moore4
Jenny Ross 4
Megan Barrow 4
Jack Dillon 2

Larry Ziedler4	Jim Campbell
Jack Frost3	James Campbell
Nick Sinnott3	Jim Lisle
Ron Prybella3	Chris Brady
Ryan Feldbaum2	Norma Leon
Eric Yousha1	Doug King
Bill Cadden2	Tatiana Vivar
Noah Yousha1	Edward Meyer
Alex Stemger1	Samantha Romig
Jerry Kinkade1	Steve Davis
Barbara Ertle2	Christopher Romig
John Ertle1	Helen Wissig
Thomas Ertle1	Anthony Simone
Roy Bacchi1	Victoria Wong
Andrew Solomon 1	Daniel Wong
Mason Wissig2	James Lark





## 2022 LEADERBOARDS

## BEACH DIVING (AS OF 10/23/22)

Mary Davis24Zarina Kindo2Steve Maggio1Mike Feldbaum17Mike Toomey2Ann Bivona1John Berntsen15Alicia Sirois2Freddie Bonaire1Courtney Lyons14Andrew Solomon2Janet McLoughlin1Tim McMahon13Jim Vafeas2Kim Valenti1Jim Lisle13Larry Zeidler2Jeremy Gruber1Joey Feldbaum13Doug King2Julie Cohen1Victoria Ingoglia12Dawn Dawson2Liam Dawson1Rick Baresich11Ryan Feldbaum2Barry Lipsky1Vadim Paley8Rusty Lukeman2Kim Dunham1
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Kevin Ryan 8 Alicia Sirois 2 Alex Stemger 1
Roy Bacchi
Jenny Ross
Tom Spier 6 Ken Murphy 2 Bill Struss
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
Matt Gruber 4 Dana Pranther 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
Megan Barrow 3 Leslie Von Pless 2 Kyle Patac
Jackie Feldbaum 3 Ryan Christie 1 Bobby Reith 1
Sam Feldbaum 3 Danny Rivera Ed Chasen
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
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 Dillon2
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, DEEPLOU (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.

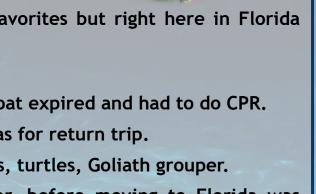
Can't say any one dive was the best.

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.

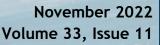


Con Con Con WISHES

Frank Cara **Tracy Cloherty** John Frost Jr. Jerry Kinkade

Mary Artale

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



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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?

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## 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 <a href="mailto:editor@thediveclub.com">editor@thediveclub.com</a>.



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



President: Mary Davis



Vice President: John Berntsen



Treasurer: Gus Bricker



Corresponding Secretary:
Bill Cadden

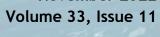


Recording Secretary: Jennifer Grosso



Newsletter Editor: Randi Hochenberger

# COMMITTEE CHAIRS Volume 33, Issue 11





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	e (home/cell):
Email:				
Level of Certification:		fying Agency:		Date of Certification:
Student Yes/No Y	'ears Diving:	Approx. Nur	mber of Dives m	ade: Deepest Dive to date:
Have you ever made a d	ecompression dive	e Yes/No		
What are your diving int	erests? (Circle all t	that apply):		
Wreck Diving	Beach Diving U/V	V Photography	/ Deep Diving	Spear Fishing Night Diving
	Artifact (	Collecting	Environmental Is	ssues
Are you First Aid/CPR ce	rtified? Yes/No			
Are you interested in fur	thering your prese	ent level of cer	rtification? Yes/I	No
What are you looking fo	r in a dive club?			
Would you be interested	d in participating in	n club commit	tees? Yes/No	
When are you available	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 an	y other dive clubs	? Yes/No If so,	which ones?	
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Family Membership: \$35.00. Full Club membership for the person signing up, plus spouse and all childern under the age of 15 years old.				
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#### LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK

THIS IS A RELEASE OF  This release may be used against you in a court	
Please read carefully, fill in all blanks and initial each paragra	ph before signing. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
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DIVE CLUB, AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES AS DEFINED AS WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE O ACTIVE.	BOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBLITY MAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH HOWEVER CAUSED,
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