



DIVER DOWN NEWS

Message from the President December 2022

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For most of us, our Northeast diving season is at its end for 2022. That means the bottle diving on the Sea Hawk has begun. Six club members had a successful bottle dive on November 27th with lots of bottles found. They are still there for the taking. The bottle dives will continue on Sundays until a deep freeze sets in. Claim your spot and find some treasure.

The club had a very successful 2022 season. We have had the best turn out at our beach dives that I have ever seen and Oak Beach Wednesdays have become a weekly summer event for many. We have many new members who have joined and experienced our local diving. I am very proud of our club. We are a real “diving” club. Thank you to everyone who helped make this 2022 season great.

I am looking forward to an even better 2023 season. Anyone with ideas or the desire to volunteer, let me know. We value everyone’s input in our club. In January we will appoint committee members to keep the club moving forward.

We may take a break from diving for a few months in the cold weather, but we never stop talking about diving. We have our December meeting on the 6th and the Club Holiday party on December 10th. I will see you there.

*Your President,
Mary Davis*





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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.

December 2022 Presenters:

Grace Mattel, Larry Zeidler, & Bob Stamm
Diving the Catalina Islands: Photos and Discussion of an Exciting Adventure

On Deck for January 2023 (see page 10 of newsletter for more info):

Barry Lipsky, Gus Bricker, John Bricker, and Billy Gambrell

Discovery Channel - Expedition Unknown Experience. Our local celebrity divers will show their episode and discuss their experience filming the show.

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

November 1, 2022
Recorded by Jennifer Grosso

INTRO ITEMS

- 🐟 Meeting called to order at 7:57pm by president Mary Davis
- 🐟 October minutes were motioned and accepted.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS—CLUB VOTE

- 🐟 President | Vice President | Treasurer | Corresponding Secretary | Membership Secretary

APPOINTED POSITIONS—NO VOTE, VOLUNTEER

- 🐟 *Will discuss these positions and ask for volunteers at December meeting*
- 🐟 Dive-related: Beach Diving | Oak Beach Diving | Wreck Diving | Camping
- 🐟 Administrative: Social Media | Newsletter | Webpage | T-Shirts

BEACH REPORT

- 🐟 This Sunday Mt. Sinai Jetty show up 8:30am for 9:25 am High Tide
- 🐟 Pumpkin Carving Dive-24 Divers Showed, 20 Pumpkins Carved. Cub Scouts chose the winner.
 - 🐟 1st Place: Mary | 2nd Place: Ryan | 3rd Place: Ron P.
- 🐟 The Club also dove: The Bridge & Secret Beach
- 🐟 Roanoke Barge Dive: Delayed to next year when we can do permit (permit parking Only - December 22nd Permits Stop. Park at Reeves Beach or on Beach if you have 4x4 pass)
- 🐟 Bottle Dive November 27th, Contact Captain Ned Directly

HOLIDAY PARTY

- 🐟 December 10 at Gus's. Bring Ugly Sweaters! Details with parking info and RSVP on page 10.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🐟 LIDA Film Festival: Jan 28th at 7pm at Hofstra, buy tickets at lidaonline.com. Details on page 5.
- 🐟 Beneath the Sea: 3/25-3/26 – Sat & Sun only. NJ Meadowlands Arena. Details on page 6.

TRIPS

- 🐟 Florida with Ed Tiedemann: January 4-8, 2023 (Wed-Sun). \$695pp, includes most fees, but not airfare. Details at tdcscuba.com/central-florida.
- 🐟 Canada and Thousand Islands in 2023 with Jim Vefas/Ed Tiedemann. Friday-Monday. Shore dive Friday, 2 Wrecks Saturday, 2 Sunday and Optional 2 on Monday. Details at tdcscuba.com/1000islands. Most amenities included. Deposits begin January 2.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 🐟 Lessons to Share: add your name and phone number to all your gear.
- 🐟 Jack Frost- Wreck Diving display in Nesconset Library
- 🐟 Death-by-Diving Certs: Mary, Tim, Jerry, John, Courtney, Roy, Victoria, Ozanersoz & Megan
- 🐟 2 Tanks for Sale by John B. Steel 100s: Contact him for details

MEMBERSHIP

- 🐟 New Member: Doug from Port Diver.
- 🐟 Fees: New Membership is \$25 and Family is \$35.
- 🐟 \$20 Renewal before end of year. October 1st Application went out via Google Group Emails

SPEAKER: MARY DAVIS, JOHN B., COURTNEY, AND TIM DIVES

- 🐟 Diving The Saint Lawrence River
- 🐟 The Islander - 125ft long Sidewall Steamer on NY Side
- 🐟 Keystorm - 250ft long
- 🐟 America - Steel Drill Barge in 75ft water
- 🐟 A.E. Vickery - in 125ft Water, sunk in 1889
- 🐟 Maggie L.- 90ft Long, sunk in 1927
- 🐟 Bonnie Castle Scuba Park at the Bonnie Castle Resort

NEXT MONTH SPEAKERS:

Grace, Larry, and Bob on
Diving Catena Island, California

- 🐟 50/50 Winner: Megan
- 🐟 Bottle Winner: Tim
- 🐟 Meeting Adjourned: at 9:19pm



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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

Tickets now on sale at lidaonline.com!

This highly anticipated event is the highlight of the diving season, as we bring together photographers and cinematographers to present a glimpse into our amazing underwater world. Our presentations feature images from around the world as well as our own backyard.

Each year, the film festival sells out, as divers from all around the area come together for a night of entertainment and enjoyment. Join us as we both look back on the dive season just behind us and look forward to future adventures. We welcome family and friends, divers, and non-divers for an evening not to be missed.

For one low price of admission attendees can enjoy 2-hours of presentations from some of the best underwater photographers and film makers in the world, followed by an amazing after-party complete with food and refreshments.

There is always the opportunity to win one of our highly sought-after raffle prizes. This is a great way to connect with friends, meet new divers and begin to plan new diving adventures in the year to come.

 **Long Island Diving Association**



The Long Island Diver's Association is a not-for-profit regional organization dedicated to the promotion of local diving, the representation of divers interests throughout the diving and general community, and the protection of divers rights through outreach to our local and regional government officials.

Member dues, donations and the proceeds from its annual Film Festival fundraiser fund LIDA. LIDA is staffed completely by volunteer members. For more information, visit lidaonline.com





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**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!](http://beneaththesea.us)



*The New Jersey Historical Divers Association, Inc.
is proud to promote the*



OCEAN WRECK DIVERS FLEA MARKET

MARCH 5, 2023 ~ 8:00AM-1:00PM

*The flea market will be held at InfoAge
2201 Marconi Rd, Wall, NJ just steps away
from the New Jersey Shipwreck Museum*

FOOD ~ RAFFLES ~ DOOR PRIZES

ADMISSION IS \$5.00 AT THE DOOR.

CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD FREE WITH A PAID ADULT

*Buy New and used gear. Learn about the history of diving and
equipment. Discover and learn about various causes to help
protect the oceans and marine life.*

More information at

oceanwreckdivers.com/fleamarket.html

and

oceanwreckdivers.com/fleamarketFAQ.html



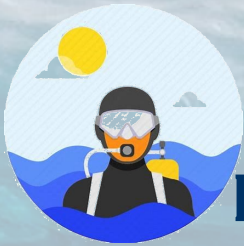
2022 LEADERBOARDS

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 (*FINAL-11/13/22*)

Mary Davis 27	Zarina Kindo 2	Harris Moore 1
Mike Feldbaum 20	Mike Toomey 2	Jeremy Gruber 1
John Berntsen 16	Alicia Sirois 2	Steve Maggio 1
Courtney Lyons 15	Andrew Solomon 2	Ann Bivona 1
Joey Feldbaum 15	Jim Vafeas 2	Freddie Bonaire 1
Tim McMahon 14	Larry Zeidler 2	Janet McLoughlin 1
Jim Lisle 14	Doug King 2	Kim Valenti 1
Victoria Ingoglia 12	Dawn Dawson 2	Jeremy Gruber 1
Rick Baresich 11	Ryan Feldbaum 2	Julie Cohen 1
Chelsea Miller 10	Jason Portnoy 2	Liam Dawson 1
Kevin Ryan 10	Alicia Sirois 2	Barry Lipsky 1
Vadim Paley 8	Elaine Turley 2	Kim Dunham 1
Roy Bacchi 7	Dave Thorburn 2	Will Krasnov 1
Jenny Ross 7	Ken Murphy 2	Alex Stemger 1
Tom Spier 7	Denis Mellett 2	Al Marvelli 1
Eric Cregeen 7	Virginia Gilliland 2	Jerry Kinkade 1
Nick Sinnott 6	Grace Mattel 2	Bill Struss 1
Les Charles 5	Pat Fontana 2	Jen Gienau 1
Tom Reidman 5	Gavin Fontana 2	Norma Leon 1
Ozan Ersoz 5	Dana Pranthier Davis 2	Phil O'Sullivan 1
Matt Gruber 4	Steve Davis 2	Edward Meyer 1
Andrey Krasnov 4	John Norgard 2	Krista Ruggiero 1
Ron Prybella 4	Henry Serra 2	Bob Auteri 1
Jeanine Furco 4	James Campbell 2	Ed Seckeler 1
Linda Gotti 4	Jim Campbell 2	Alexandra Rosales 1
Ryan Smith 4	Leslie Von Pless 2	Kyle Patac 1
Megan Barrow 4	Eric Yousha 2	Bobby Reith 1
Glen Whelpley 4	Noah Yousha 2	Ed Chasen 1
Jack Frost 4	John Hochenberger 2	Rick Magale 1
Jackie Feldbaum 3	Ryan Christie 1	Joe Lemaire 1
Sam Feldbaum 3	Danny Rivera 1	Tatianna Vivar 1
Bill Cadden 3	James Zima 1	Ed Tiedemann 1
Rusty Lukeman 3	Chuck Ertle 1	Larry Moskowitz 1

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SEASON!



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

No club charters are scheduled at this time.

Check Google Groups and Facebook for updates.

WRECK DIVING LEADERBOARD (*FINAL 2022*):

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





MISCELLANEOUS

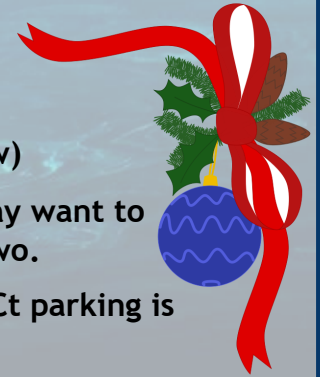
THE DIVE CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

When: December 10th from 6-10 pm

Where: Gus Bricker's House (see email or contact via below)

The club will provide food and soft drinks. Just bring any alcohol you may want to drink! It would be great if some people could bring a dessert or two.

Parking is not allowed on street but a block before the house Maple Ct parking is allowed. There will be some parking at the house.



Please RSVP by Tuesday Dec 6th either to augustbricker@gmail.com or text 631-387-3855.

SNEAK PEAK OF JANUARY'S PRESENTATION

Come watch as our own Dive Club members Gus Bricker, John Bricker, Billy Gambrill, and Barry Lipsky go on an underwater adventure with The Discovery Channel's Expedition Unknown starring the host of the show, Josh Gates.

The dive team embarked on a muddy underwater adventure in Long Island's very own Connetquot River as they helped Josh Gates search for the treasure of Dutch Schultz believed to be thrown into the river just prior to Dutch Schultz's death in 1935.

Bootlegging, Mobsters, and Prohibition - as well as the setting of one of the largest mansions on the South Shore of Long Island all factor into this episode.



Barry Lipsky as well as Gus Bricker will be on hand to share with you how they got TV star Josh gates into and out of the water safely all while maneuvering some of the worst dive visibility ever.

Join us at The Dive Club meeting on January 3, 2023 at 8:00 PM for a special presentation about this local adventure.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



John Barrett
Allison Boucher
Louis J. Buda IV
Corrine Burton
James Cumilang
Randi Hochenberger

Christopher Mitchell
Bruce Russo
Franzelyn Russo
Randi Scheufeld
Daniel Schwedes
Marie Sirois
Mason Wissing



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

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 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 Beach 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

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 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 18 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: _____

Signature/Title of Club officer: _____ Date: _____



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 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 an 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.

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