



DIVER DOWN NEWS

Message from the President January 2023

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Happy New Year! It is a new year for diving and we have already begun the 2023 season. The Dive Club met for a New Years Day dive at Stehli Beach in Bayville with a warm weather prediction of 55 degrees. The air was mild but there was a moderate wind that kept us chilled. The wind could not stop us. There were 8 hardy divers in the water, 3 in wet suits, 4 in dry suits and one in a wet dry suit. There was one snorkeler and 3 who took the polar plunge in their bathing suits. It was a great way to start our year.

I am expecting good things for the club this year. We have many new members that are active divers and are willing to help run the club. At our January meeting we will set up the committees to run the beach, wreck and Oak Beach diving. Everyone is welcome to help.

The cold weather and water does not mean the club is not active. This is the time we make our plans for the year. We would like to plan some trips for the club this year again. We love to dive on Long Island but it is nice to travel to experience other locations.

Our meetings will continue on the First Tuesday of each month. There is lots of diving to talk about this time of year. Plan to attend our meetings and enjoy our presentations. We are working on an exciting list of speakers.

This is the time to get your gear serviced and ready for our diving to begin in April. Watch the emails and newsletter for our opening day dive. If we can dive in January, April will be warm for us.

If anyone gets to travel, write an article for the newsletter. We would like to hear about your adventures. If you would like to make a presentation to the club let us know, we are interested.

*See You Soon,
Mary*





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.

January 2023 Presenters:

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

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

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.





IT'S RENEWAL TIME CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Fill out the application at the end of this newsletter. If you are viewing the newsletter online, the fields are fillable and you can type in them. 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 MUST say 2023 at the top.

Note, 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 **BOTH 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, 2023.

Scan the two pages and save as a *.pdf, using your Last Name for the File Name.

Ex: Mine would be 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 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).



MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2022
Recorded by Jennifer Grosso

INTRO ITEMS

- 🐟 Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM by president Mary Davis
- 🐟 November were motioned and accepted with the following corrections:
 - 🐟 2nd Place winner of the contest was Kevin Ryan not Ryan
 - 🐟 Last month's speakers were Mary, John, Courtney, Patrick and Tim

MEMBERS OF BOARD/BOARD NOTES

- 🐟 Elected Positions:
 - 🐟 President- Mary Davis
 - 🐟 Vice President- John B. (Insert his last name here I don't know how to spell it properly)
 - 🐟 Membership Secretary- Bill Cadden
 - 🐟 Corresponding Secretary- Jennifer Grosso
 - 🐟 Treasurer- Gus Bricker
- 🐟 There are 220 Members of the dive club but only 36 have filed out their waivers. Please fill out your waiver and return it to Bill Cadden. The waiver was sent out back in an email from Bill in October.
- 🐟 If you have not received emails or are having issues with the emails please speak to or contact Bill Cadden
- 🐟 Save \$5 on your membership if you renew before January

BEACH DIVING REPORT BY COURTNEY

- 🐟 There will be a dive on New Years Eve or New Years Day, keep an eye out for an email and time

BOAT DIVES 2023

- 🐟 6/25/23 Gypsie Blood will be going out of Point Pleasant, NJ to dive the Stolt Dagali. The boat is full as of now, contact Mary Davis to be on the wait list.
- 🐟 We will be planning on diving 3 dives with the Half Time this season to be announced
- 🐟 The Sea Turtle and The Sea Hawk as well as The Sidekick are all potential options for additional charters as well but nothing is booked yet.
- 🐟 Danny Rivera is no longer the wreck chair and should not be contacted for booking club dives

LIDA FILM FESTIVAL

- 🐟 Taking place Saturday 1/28 at Hofstra from 7-10pm
- 🐟 Tickets available online in advance or at the door
- 🐟 Please consider supporting LIDA by purchasing a membership, they are the reason we are allowed to dive at a lot of our spots and work hard for the diving community.
- 🐟 Leilani will be looking for volunteers to assist at the film festival and will discuss more at January's meeting.

BENEATH THE SEA

- 🐟 3/25-3/26 Saturday and Sunday only this year in Secaucus, NJ
- 🐟 John B. is looking into possibly getting a Coach Bus to take us down as well as Martin offered to take some people down in his RV

OCEAN WRECK DIVER'S FLEA MARKET

- 🐟 Sunday 3/5 from 8am-1pm at Infoage Museum, Wall Township, NJ

HOLIDAY PARTY

- 🐟 This Saturday at Gus' house on Maple Avenue in Bay Shore 6pm-10pm
- 🐟 You can park on Maple Court but not on Maple Avenue. There is some parking at the house but it is limited.

SPEAKERS THIS MONTH

- 🐟 Catalina Islands, CA by Grace, Larry, and Bob

LEADERSHIP BOARD WINNERS

- 🐟 \$50 gift card and a certificate
- 🐟 OBI- Courtney, Eric and Mary were Winners
- 🐟 Wreck Diving- Went to Roy
- 🐟 Beach Diving- Went to Mary

NEXT MONTH SPEAKERS

- 🐟 Barry, Gus, John Bricker, & Billy will discuss their experience on The Discovery Channels Expedition Unknown

- 🐟 Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm



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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.

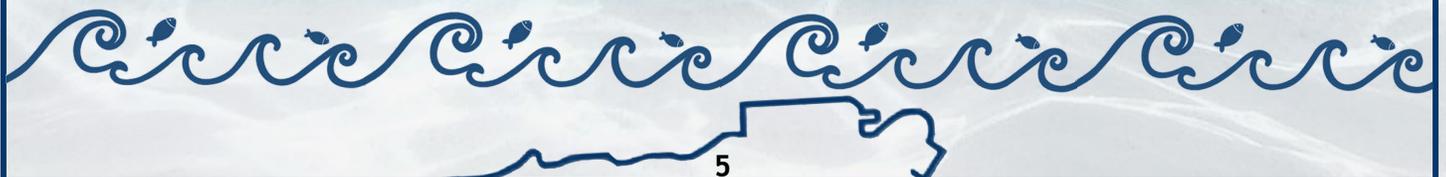
There is always the opportunity to win one of our highly sought-after raffle prizes. This is a great way to connect with friends, meet new divers and begin to plan new diving adventures in the year to come.

 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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**OCEAN WRECK DIVERS
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES OUR 34th ANNUAL
SCUBA SUPER MARKET!**

Sunday, March 5, 2023 from 9:00AM until 1:00 PM



**JOIN US AT THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST
SCUBA FLEA MARKET IN NEW JERSEY!**

NEW AND USED GEAR AND OTHER DIVE-RELATED ITEMS!!!

Food, Raffles and Door Prizes. Indoor Market.

Admission is \$5.00 at the door

Children under 12 yrs. old Free with Paid Adult!

Note: (deleted requirement for facemasks)

Call 732-255-9304 to reserve a table or link to

http://www.oceanwreckdivers.com/links/2023_Scuba_Reservation.pdf



For more information, see our website at www.oceanwreckdivers.com and click on the Flea Market Link.

**Location: Infoage
Museum
2201 Marconi Road
Wall Township, NJ 07719**

Near exits 100 and 98 of the Garden State Parkway

While at the museum you can visit the New Jersey Historical diver's Association free displays on boats, shipwrecks, and scuba.



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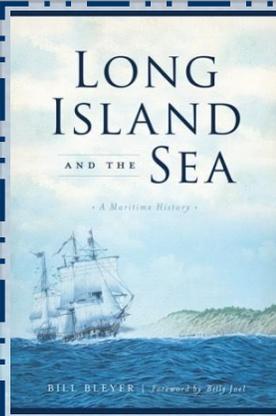
UPCOMING DIVER COMMUNITY EVENTS



**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!**



Sneak Peak of March Meeting and Associated Book

Speaking at our March 7th meeting we have Bill Bleyer, local historian and author of titles such as *Long Island and the Sea: A Maritime History*. If you would like to purchase the book, it is on sale through the club for \$24. Please contact Courtney Lyons if you are interested in the book.



**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**



- Bob Auteri
- Dennis Boucher
- Stephen Burton
- Julie Terri Cohen
- Michael Feldbaum
- Carl Brett Friedman
- Brian Lemke
- Courtney Lyons

- Matt Maarschhauser
- Denis Mellett
- Philip O'Sullivan
- Ron Prybella
- Kristen Lee Ruggiero
- John Schwedes
- Katy Schwedes
- Alicia Sirois



DIVER PROFILES

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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:



Beach Diving:



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