



DIVER DOWN NEWS

Message from the President February 2023

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It was nice to see so many of our Club members at the Long Island Diver's Association Film Festival. The LIDA board did an amazing job on the presentations, after party and raffle prizes this year. Some of our Club members won nice prizes.

If you need some gear to complete your set up, there is a scuba flea market on March 5th in Wall Township, NJ. See the info in this newsletter if you are planning to go. There is also a return of Beneath The Sea Exposition on March 25-26 in Secaucus, NJ. There are Club members planning to go on both days to visit the many vendors. LIDA will have a booth and could use your help as a volunteer to help staff the booth and set up, clean up. There are lots of raffle prizes to win here also.

Although we are not in the local waters in February, we are busy making our schedules for the 2023 dive season. The Beach and Wreck schedules are taking shape. The Death By Diving weekend is scheduled for July 28-30, 2023. Bruce was able to secure camping for the dates of July 28-31 at the Indian Island County Park in Riverhead to coincide with the DBD weekend. Watch the newsletter and emails for the schedule so you can plan to join in the fun.

There are also trips being planned at this time. There is a trip to North Carolina in July and a trip to Canada to dive the St. Lawrence River in August. Join us at the meeting for details on both trips.

Our beach diving will officially start in April with a kick off dive but there is great visibility in March with the colder water. A 7mm wet suit is usually fine for a hardy diver once the water hits 50 degrees. The Spring time diving usually gives us 10 to 15 feet of visibility. This is worth braving the colder water.

Now is the time to do your annual service on your gear to be ready once our season starts. A regulator overhaul can take several weeks. Don't miss a dive because your gear isn't ready. Once our scheduled dives start, we don't stop diving until next December.

~Mary



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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.

February 2023 Presentation:

*You Can Keep a Good Diver Down!
Staying Deep as We Age*

*by Linda Brown, RN and long-time divers Linda Brown,
Linda Gotti, Elaine Turley and Janice Raber*

Those of us who are experiencing life at 60 years and older are well aware of the changes in our bodies and minds and how we can adjust our diving to accommodate this emerging frontier.

In this presentation, some of our older divers will share our experience with diving as we advance to ages beyond 60 years.

Linda Brown will share the knowledge she has accumulated over her long career as a Registered Nurse and her experience as a diver to highlight the health factors of aging that affect our diving and the actions we can take to continue to enjoy our diving safely.

Linda will then join Linda Gotti, Elaine Turley and Janice Raber to share their personal experience on how aging has changed their diving experience and the tools they've used to stay deep.



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 2023 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

January 3, 2023

Recorded by Grace Mattel

Meeting called to order at 8:04 PM by president Mary Davis

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- 🐟 Oak Beach - John Berntsen and Courtney Lyons
- 🐟 Beach Dives - Joey Feldbaum and Vicky Ingoglia
- 🐟 Wreck Diving - Roy Bacchi (Mary and many others will help him)
- 🐟 Website - Jim Vafeas
- 🐟 Newsletter - Randi Hochenberger

JUNE 25—GYPSY BLOOD DIVE IN NEW JERSEY

- 🐟 Please put your name on the waitlist as there are always cancellations—see the Wreck page for more info

LIDA FILM FESTIVAL

- 🐟 At 8:12, Barry spoke about the LIDA even at Hofstra on Jan 28
- 🐟 Hofstra Student Center (North side)
- 🐟 First time live in 3 years
- 🐟 \$40 on-line, \$45 at door
- 🐟 Many trips and products donated for raffle ticket winners. Difference from former years... the raffles for the Aggressor Livaboard, Maco Vincent 7 days, and Royal Fleets 7 days will now be \$40 each.
- 🐟 Leilani is looking for volunteers to help, starting at 5 pm, with the film festival. She would like 10 people in total

BEACH DIVING

- 🐟 New Year's Day Dive 2023 was held at Stelhi Beach. Good time was had by all. Some dived, some snorkeled, and others did a Polar Bear dip
- 🐟 The making of the dive schedule for next year will begin in a few weeks. Please speak to John or Courtney if you have any suggestions

BATTLESHIP FIRE POWER

- 🐟 At 8:21pm, Jim Vafaes spoke about the Battleship Fire Power escorted tour on Saturday, March 4 at 11 am, in Camden, NJ. Need 20 people.

BENEATH THE SEA

- 🐟 March 25-26, Beneath the Sea, Meadowlands Exhibition Center, exit 17 off NJ turnpike.
- 🐟 LIDA will have a booth and is looking for volunteers

OCEAN WRECK DIVER'S FLEA MARKET

- 🐟 At 8:27pm, Scuba Flea Market, March 5th, NJ. This is the day after Jim V. trip. Dive club members will have a table to sell. There will be gear and many tanks for sale

HOLIDAY PARTY

- 🐟 Thank you Gus for Christmas Party!!!!!!

SPEAKERS THIS MONTH

- 🐟 At 8:30 pm, Barry, Gus, John and Billy presented their episode of Exhibition Unknown with Josh Gates. You can find it on the Discovery Channel. It is sequence 10

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 🐟 February: Elaine and topic is Older Women in Diving
- 🐟 March: Bill Meyer. The topic will be Long Island and the Sea. He will be selling his book, Shipwrecks of Long Island. See John B if you would like to purchase one

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 🐟 There are Super Bowl boxes for sale for \$10 each. See Courtney if interested
- 🐟 Raffles: Drawn at 9:10pm. 50-50 Winner: Louis and 2 runner ups

- 🐟 Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm



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WRECK DIVING 2023 SCHEDULE

 May 28	<i>Halftime</i>	<i>Panther</i>	<i>110 ft</i>	<i>6 spots</i>
 June 17	<i>Sea Hawk</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>80-130 ft</i>	<i>4 spots</i>
 June 25	<i>Gypsy Blood</i>	<i>Stolt Dagali</i>	<i>130 ft</i>	<i>Full</i>
 July 2	<i>Halftime</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>6 spots</i>
 July 15	<i>Sea Hawk</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>80-130 ft</i>	<i>4 spots</i>
 August 26	<i>Sea Hawk</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>80-130 ft</i>	<i>4 spots</i>
 September 3	<i>Halftime</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>6 spots</i>

Contact Mary Davis at 516 987-8308 to reserve a spot.

All payments due in advance. Payment must be made to secure spot.

*All spots are final. If you can't make it you can replace yourself with a qualified diver.
We will try to help with a replacement if needed from a wait list.*

If you are currently signed up for the June 25 wreck dive on the Gypsy Blood, the cost is due in full now to hold your spot. If you are still interested, Venmo payment can be sent to Courtney or cash brought to the meeting on Tuesday for the total: \$110.

If you are no longer able to make it and would like to give up your spot please also let Courtney know. There is currently nobody on the waitlist, so please send a message if you would like to be added. It is highly likely a spot will open up before then!

Also, reminder an advanced open water certification is needed for this dive.



TIEDEMANN'S DIVING CENTER FLORIDA TRIP 2023

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BY MARY DAVIS



Tiedemann's Diving Center made their annual trip to Florida this year on January 4-8, 2023. Twenty-nine divers joined the adventure. A few made the 16-hour drive to Gainesville but most of us flew down to Jacksonville or Orlando. We joined up with our car pools and all met at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel in Gainesville on Wednesday. We checked out our gear and made plans to leave the hotel early in the morning to travel to Blue Grotto in Williston. We spent the whole day diving and enjoying the company of the resident turtle, Virgil. Virgil has a friend now, a second soft shelled turtle that followed Virgil everywhere she went.



Our group enjoyed a traditional dinner at Cracker Barrel on Thursday night. Friday morning we set out early again for Devil's Den also in Williston. It is like no other place on Earth. Devil's Den is a sink hole with clear spring water inside. Divers enter through a hole to a staircase to get to the water. Underwater there are many crevices to swim through while you circle around inside the sink hole. We stay here into the night for a night dive



with the overhead lights out. All the divers get together to coordinate a total lights out to experience diving in complete darkness.



Saturday, we went to Ginnie Springs for our final day of diving in the crystal-clear water. There are caverns and cave entrances to explore. The open water students finished their certification dives at Devil's Den and are able to gain experience as newly certified divers. A highlight of our day here is the river run drifting down the Santa Fe River from the Devil's Eye, Ear area back to the Ballroom cavern area of Ginnie Springs. This year the river was clear enough to make the 1/4 mile drift under water where we saw an alligator gar and several turtles.





We had a final group dinner at Rock and Roll Sushi and left the hotel at 5:30AM for Crystal River the next morning. Here we took a boat to the King Springs area to snorkel with the Manatees. They were very

interactive this year, giving lots of hugs. After changing out of our wet suits, it was time to head back to the airports for our flights home. The trip is only five days but it is full of adventure. If this sounds like fun, plan to join us next January 2024 for the annual trip. 🐟



A DIVE REMEMBERED

BY JACK FROST

Note: This story was written before I started numbering them. So I'll just call this "Story 1.1".

In "71" you got certified as a "Qualified Diver". There was no "AOW" or "Specialty" courses. You learned different types of diving skills by joining up with people who were already doing them. You learned the theory, practicalities, and folklore that made up deeper diving practice of that time. This is how I got involved with deco wreck, deco cave, and night ice diving. There was always a sense of cautiously "pushing the envelope".

I got my wreck diving education on the "Sea Hunter" (the boat replaced by the "Sea Hawk"). Co Captained by John Lackenmeyer and Sal Arena it had a reputation for hearty divers and crew who were determined to get to their wreck. Everyone dove on the trips, including the crew and Captains. You never knew what conditions you would encounter either on the surface or below. At its worst, we dove in eight foot seas from this 36 foot

boat. On other days, the seas were so calm, dust was suspended on the glassy surface.

At 4 a.m. May 21, 1977, I boarded the "Sea Hunter" for the 4:30 a.m. departure to the wreck of the "Mohawk" on the edge of the "Mudhole" off New York harbor.

Ten miles out we grappled into the wreck and as we geared up we noticed a ship headed out from the direction of N.Y.C. It appeared to be sailing directly for us. As she came closer we realized this was going to be a near miss at best. The Captain tried to hail the ship on radio, some of the divers yelled and waved their arms to get the attention of an unseen crew. I suited up faster thinking I would be better off with my gear on if we were hit. We looked up at the side of this ship as she glided alongside us (not an exaggeration) before it made a wide turn and headed back to N.Y.C.

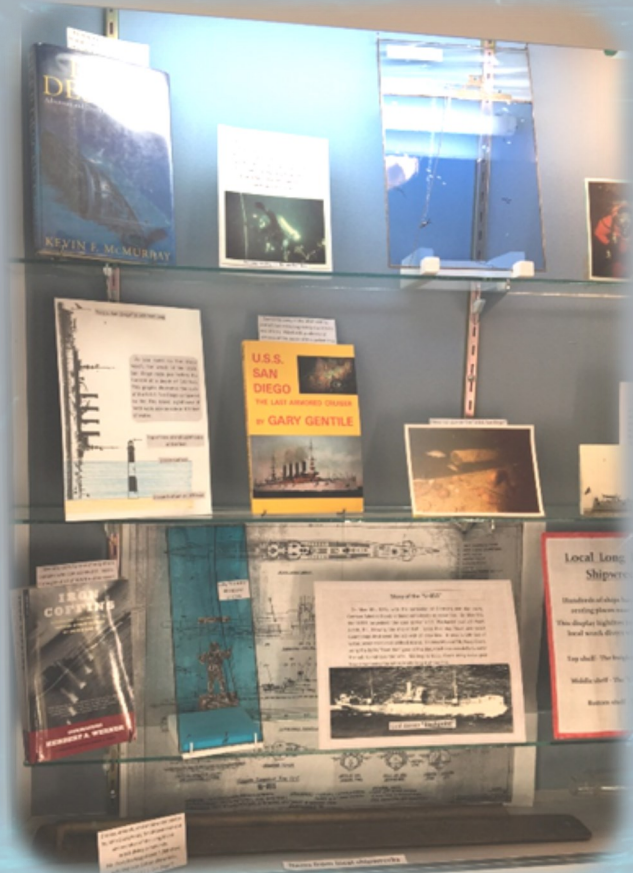
With the excitement over, my buddy and I rolled over the side and pulled



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our way down the grapple line to the wreck 100 feet below. Underwater conditions for this dive were not going to be good as the water was brown with lots of particulate matter. Once at the wreck, I attached a line that we would pay out as our lifeline back to



the grapple. Visibility was so bad that even with our lights we could see only one to four feet. The particulate matter made it like diving in a brown snowstorm. We started moving forward along the sand line of the

wreck. The wreck and bottom were covered with two inches of this brown, flakey snow. We found we needed to keep moving forward, if we stopped would be enveloped in the billowing cloud of ooze that followed us. Strangest yet was that every five feet or so our lights would illuminate a plastic tampon applicator nestled in the "snow". Worst of all was that we could not tell if we had entered the wreck as there was no light from above. That made this dive unsafe and we called it. We reeled ourselves back to the grapple, checked the time (this was BCE diving - Before Computer Era) and started our ascent eleven minutes into the dive.

Back on board all of the events were pieced together for us. The Captain found out that the near miss was a sludge barge full of human waste. They emptied their contents by opening bomb bay doors while making a wide turn just over the ten mile dumping limit from the city. The forward motion of the ship flushed out their contents and they sailed back to N.Y.C. for another shipload. I'm sure the sludge barge never knew our 36 foot cabin cruiser was even there.

At the time, marine biologists documented a mound of human waste on the ocean floor and termed the area a "Dead Zone" as nothing lived there, not even snails. Eventually, the dumping zone was extended to 100 miles from N.Y.C. harbor and then was banned altogether. Years later, lobster returned to the wreck but divers would not take them and they reported clouds of muck when digging for artifacts. 🐟





SEASMART OCEAN CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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There is more info about the scholarship and the program it is for here and below.

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/hoboken/articles/hoboken-based-seasmart-diversity-scholarship-now-open>

While any student or adult is welcome to participate in our summer programs, each year SeaSmart provides one of 12 participant spots for our student week to a scholar - a minority female high school student to address the underrepresentation of these demographics in marine science and SCUBA. This summer's scholarship opportunity for SeaSmart's ocean conservation, marine science and SCUBA program is in Roatan, a bay island off Honduras. The application is now open- until March when we select the recipient. Below is the info we share with potential applicants. It's an incredible opportunity for students to work alongside scientists and conservationists on local marine conservation issues. They can also get SCUBA certified during the week. I personally attend the week along with other SeaSmart program leaders.

SeaSmart is very committed to our scholars. We have helped our past alum scholars connect with mentors, with other great organizations, and have provided assistance with scholarship and college applications. For example, we helped last summer's scholar, who is especially focused on marine science for her future pursuits, to obtain a full fellowship for a month-long program to Mozambique this summer!

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URGENT ALERT FROM DEMA CONCERNING DIVE OPERATORS & THEIR EMPLOYEES

URGENT ALERT—NEW LAW THREATENS DIVE OPERATORS & THEIR EMPLOYEES

Please Call Your US Senators & Members of Congress Today

In December, DEMA asked the dive community to reach out to Congress in an urgent attempt to repeal a brand-new liability requirement imposed on small vessel operators, which is already causing the cost of passenger vessel liability insurance to substantially increase, and threatening to put many operators throughout the industry out of business.

The liability requirement was included in the recently passed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Lawmakers had been led to believe that Section 11503 of the NDAA was simply a “fix for the families who lost loved ones” in the tragic Conception Dive Boat fire of 2019. But the new law goes far beyond one tragedy – it lines the pockets of trial lawyers and does nothing to make sure dive boats are operating safely. Already, the cost of passenger vessel liability insurance has started increasing substantially, threatening the business of many dive operators.

There is still hope for a repeal. A brand-new Congress has been seated. We need your help to educate them about the ramifications of this new law and persuade them to repeal it. If we come together as an industry, we CAN minimize business losses and prevent layoffs.



Why Does It Matter?

The liability requirement will have a cost impact on YOUR business. Either directly (because you operate a small passenger vessel for diving) or indirectly (because you contract with a dive vessel for travel or instruction)—YOUR BUSINESS COSTS WILL INCREASE.

Dive vessel operators: Dive vessel operators around the country started reporting exponential increases in their premiums in December 2022 as insurers cited this new law.

Businesses that contract with dive vessel operators: With unfathomable increases in insurance premiums, dive vessel operators will have no choice but to increase their rates with YOU.

What Can You Do?

We ask that you reach out to your two US Senators and US House Representative and educate them about the true impact of the law on both your business and the industry as a whole. Below is a sample script to help guide you in your conversation with lawmakers. DEMA has also attached background information to help you better understand what is happening and why.

Please Contact your US House Representative and Senators by calling the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121

The outline below provides the simple steps to follow:

1. Call the US Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121, give the operator your state or zip code, and ask them to connect you. They can help you identify your Senators & US Representative.
2. If you are able to connect with someone on the phone, suggested talking points are below. If needed, you may also leave a voicemail.

Hello, my name is _____ from _____ (city / state). May I speak to the staffer who handles Coast Guard issues?

I'm calling today because buried in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act that passed in December is a new liability requirement that is devastating MY small business (or the small business I patron). Section 11503 was touted as a "fix for the families who lost loved ones" in the tragic Conception Dive Boat fire of 2019. But the provision goes far beyond this one tragedy.

Section 11503 IMPACTS ALL SMALL VESSEL operators. It DOES NOTHING to improve safety standards. It just requires an increase liability insurance in case of a lawsuit AFTER an accident.

Note: If you have a personal story about the costs you are facing, please share it – e.g., we know of a dive boat operator facing \$160K insurance increase for a \$2.2M operation.

This is just a payday for the plaintiffs' lawyers at the expense of small business operations and their employees. I am asking you and your boss to Please REPEAL Section 11503 of the 2023 NDAA IMMEDIATELY.

At a time when there are increased costs because of inflation – we need Congress to repeal this ill-conceived requirement. Without a repeal, such businesses may not be able to operate – or be forced to lay off employees, which makes no one safer!

3. You can also click [here](#) and enter your zip code if you would like to email your US Representative. US Senators are listed [here](#) by state.

Additional information and background on the new law can be found [here](#). →

DEMA, the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association, is an international, non-profit trade association with the mission of bringing businesses together to grow the diving industry worldwide. DEMA owns and produces **DEMA Show**, an annual trade-only event for businesses in the scuba diving, action watersports, and adventure/dive travel industries.

Funds raised through membership revenue, DEMA Show, and sponsorships support programs that directly benefit the recreational diving industry. DEMA Show 2023 will take place November 14-17 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA. For more information on DEMA and affiliated programs, visit [DEMA.org](#) or contact (858) 616-6408. Stay updated by following "DEMAOrg" on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).





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UPCOMING DIVER COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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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**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!**



The Dive Club is selling raffle tickets for a Super Bowl 50/50. Each box is \$10 and there are 100 boxes total. Once all the boxes are filled, numbers 0-9 will be randomly placed on each side along with each team name. The winner will be determined based on the last digits of the final score of the Super Bowl game. The winner will receive \$500 and \$500 will be donated to The Dive Club. To purchase a box, message Courtney with your phone number and send a Venmo payment to @courtney_20. See Boxes will also be available at the February meeting. (Local LI members only, please. This will be a cash prize.)

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**



James Campbell

Edward Chasan

Danna Prather Davis

Steven Davis

Victoria Juong

Richard (Rusty) Lukeman

Timothy McMahon

Vadim Paley

Anita Eve Perez



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.



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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