



DIVER DOWN NEWS

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Message from the President May 2023

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The club is back to what we do best: DIVING!

The Beach schedule has begun with a dive at Mt. Sinai on April 22. Unfortunately the April 30th dive was cancelled due to rain.

Keep a watch on the Google Groups emails for changes to the schedules. There are sometimes adjustments and cancellations required.

The Wreck dives are filling up nicely. There are still spots open on some of the dives at this time. Check the schedule and let me know if you want a spot.

There are several nice trips planned from Canada to North Carolina. Traveling with a group to dive adds lots of fun. Try to join us on one of these diving trips.

The Club still be camping at the Cedar Point Park in the Hamptons on Memorial Day weekend. Try to joins us to camp or just come out for the day to dive. Details will be discussed at the May meeting. See you there to share in the karaoke fun .

See you soon,

Mary Davis

*President of
the Dive Club*



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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.



May 2, 2023
Karaoke Night!!!



On Deck: June 6 - Nuno Gomes on Deep Diving Records



CLUB MEMBERSHIP 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).



MEETING MINUTES

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OPENING ITEMS

- 🐟 Meeting started 8:00PM and minutes from March approved.
- 🐟 Donation table - bring things you're willing to give away to other members gear books, etc.
- 🐟 Membership Renewals - get your paperwork in to Bill Cadden the form is in the newsletter it can be downloaded, filled out, and emailed back to Bill. Dues are \$25
- 🐟 New members: Christine from Port Diver recently certified will be joining us. Andrey's son Will is joining us this year diving for about a year now certified from Port Diver. Yosef second year of diving found the club online. Tracy, his wife.

STATE PARKS SCUBA PERMITS

- 🐟 Janice Raber our member previously put a lot of work into getting access to these parks. Let's work on getting Jamesport and Sunken Meadow back on the list of parks to dive. Need volunteers to form a subcommittee for the parks. Jen & Bill, John & Courtney working with Janice.

BENEATH THE SEA RECAP

- 🐟 Smaller than previous years a nice time to be back after a few years off. Barry Lipsky honored at dinner event, LIDA had a table with info about the Dive Club.

CAMPING

- 🐟 Cedar Point Memorial Weekend group site secured Fri-Mon thank you Bruce Russo. Talk to Bruce if you would like to come and dive- no permit needed. Close to Noyack and Fort Pond Bay. Come for the day and dive: 1 dive per day counted for leaderboard:

BEACH DIVING

- 🐟 Joey and Vicky planned beach diving schedule. Joey created Google calendar with the schedule. It is also in the newsletter and will be on the website with times. First beach dive will be Saturday April 22 at Cedar Beach fishing pier in Mt Sinai. Town of Brookhaven residents can get parking permit for the year.

WRECK DIVING

- 🐟 1 spot open on Gypsy Blood dive June 25 contact Courtney if interested. \$110
- 🐟 Contact Mary for a spot on any of the wreck dives listed in newsletter

OAK BEACH DIVING

- 🐟 Courtney & John running Oak Beach dives on Wednesday nights starting May 24 every week for a dive and barbecue meeting at 5 pm

DIVE TRIPS

- 🐟 Morehead City, NC: Linda Gotti/Steve Burton. July 10 -14 – 12 people booked (as of March 7)
 - 🐟 with Olympus Dive Group (252-726-5432, mention Linda Gotti as the organizer). Book ASAP.
 - 🐟 Shared bunkhouse available for lodging.
 - 🐟 Can leave gear at shop—is locked and secured. And can leave it on boat for the next day.
 - 🐟 Contact Linda if interested.
- 🐟 Hatteras, NC in July: Elaine Turley running a trip to Hatteras NC from her house
 - 🐟 August 5-12 for \$1050 for the week.
 - 🐟 Contact her if interested in seeing some of the wrecks discussed in tonight's presentation. eturleyesq@gmail.com
- 🐟 St Lawrence River, Canada: Jim Vafeas through Tiedemann's Dive Shop. August 11 -14
 - 🐟 \$695 includes 4 days of accommodations, Nitrox, breakfast and Lunch.
 - 🐟 Recreational diving—\$40 on-line, \$45 at door
 - 🐟 Boat and shore diving from Canada side.

OTHER

- 🐟 May meeting Karaoke
- 🐟 June meeting Nuno Gomes speaking about deep diving records
- 🐟 Thank you Elaine Turley for the donation of the new projector and screen to the club!
- 🐟 Courtney taking over as recording secretary.
- 🐟 Elaine introducing Marc: identifying and photographing wrecks in North Carolina
- 🐟 9:50 presentation over
- 🐟 50/50 winner Joyce



WRECK DIVING 2023 SCHEDULE

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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.

 May 28	<i>Halftime</i>	<i>Panther</i>	55ft	Full*
 June 17	<i>Sea Hawk</i>	<i>TBD</i>	80-130 ft	4 spots
 June 25	<i>Gypsy Blood</i>	<i>Stolt Dagali</i>	130ft	Full*
 July 2	<i>Halftime</i>	<i>Oregon</i>	130ft	6 spots
 July 15	<i>Sea Hawk</i>	<i>TBD</i>	80-130ft	4 spots
 August 26	<i>Sea Hawk</i>	<i>TBD</i>	80-130ft	4 spots
 September 3	<i>Halftime</i>	<i>12 Mile Reef</i>	120ft	6 spots

Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Mary Davis at painlessm@msn.com or 516-987-8308.

**Contact Courtney Lyons for information about the waitlist and any openings for this dive.*

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.



BEACH DIVING 2023 SCHEDULE

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Beach Diving Committee: Joe Feldbaum & Victoria Ingolia

Please be advised that all dives are subject to a location change or cancellation. Any updates in the schedule will be sent to Facebook and E-mail as they come up.

April 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, April 22
 - ✦ Cedar Beach
- ✦ Sunday, April 30
 - ✦ Stehli Beach

May 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, May 6
 - ✦ Secret Beach
- ✦ Saturday, May 13
 - ✦ Shinnecock East County Park
- ✦ Sunday, May 21
 - ✦ Beach 8th Street
 - ✦ Orchard Beach Clean-up*
- ✦ Wednesday, May 24
 - ✦ Oak Beach dives begin

June 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, June 3
 - ✦ Noyack Bay (full moon night dive)
- ✦ Sunday, June 11
 - ✦ HMS Culloden (Montauk day trip)
- ✦ Saturday, June 17
 - ✦ Lake Minnewaska (Day trip)
- ✦ Sunday, June 25
 - ✦ Gypsy Blood charter
 - ✦ Oak Beach (alternative)

July 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, July 1
 - ✦ Roanoke Barges

- ✦ Monday, July 3
 - ✦ Cedar Beach (full moon night dive)
- ✦ Sunday, July 9
 - ✦ Shoreham Jetties
- ✦ Saturday, July 15
 - ✦ Ponquogue Bridge
- ✦ Sunday, July 23
 - ✦ Beach 8th Street

Death by Diving & Camping:

- ✦ Friday, July 28
 - ✦ Oak Beach 6pm
- ✦ Saturday, July 29
 - ✦ Secret Beach
 - ✦ Horton's Point
 - ✦ OPB
 - ✦ Cedar Beach
- ✦ Sunday, July 30
 - ✦ New Suffolk Submarine Base
 - ✦ Noyack Bay (2 dives, BBQ)

August 2023:

- ✦ Sunday, August 6
 - ✦ Rye Cliff Ferry
- ✦ Saturday, August 12
 - ✦ Shoreham Jetties
- ✦ Saturday, August 19
 - ✦ Beach 8th Street
- ✦ Sunday, August 27
 - ✦ Delaware Water Gap (Day trip)

September 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, September 2
 - ✦ Oak Beach (Labor Day weekend BBQ)
- ✦ Sunday, September 10
 - ✦ Ponquogue Bridge
- ✦ Saturday, September 16
 - ✦ U.S.S. Ohio
- ✦ Saturday, September 23
 - ✦ Shinnecock Inlet (weather permitting; backup: Ponquogue Bridge)
- ✦ Saturday, September 30
 - ✦ Theodore Roosevelt Pier

October 2023:

- ✦ Sunday, October 8
 - ✦ Noyack Bay (Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest)
- ✦ Sunday, October 15
 - ✦ Bayville Barge
- ✦ Saturday, October 21
 - ✦ Cedar Beach
- ✦ Saturday, September 28
 - ✦ Ponquogue Bridge

November 2023:

- ✦ Saturday, November 4
 - ✦ Pirate's Cove

*See page 9 of this newsletter



13th ANNUAL

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Orchard Beach Clean-up & Clambake

May 21, 2023
9:00 am
at the boardwalk
near section 2

For more information, call
718-885-1588 or email
mike@captainmikesdiving.com

Join us or donate
to help restore
oyster reefs around
City Island!



Divers are invited to help us clean up Long Island Sound and assist with an underwater survey for the City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR). Bring proof of certification. We need beachcombers too, so bring the whole family! All participants are invited to a clambake immediately afterward, and prizes will be awarded for most trash collected. All donations benefit City Island Oyster Reef, a 501(c)(3) organization. Learn more about CIOR at cioysterreef.org or email info@cioysterreef.org.



Thanks to Aquatic Voyagers, Beneath The Sea, Captain Mike's Diving Services, Divers Alert Network, Gotham Divers, Island Diving, LIDA, Northeast Dive News, Oceanblue Divers, Pristine Azul, Scuba Network L.I., Scuba New York, Sea Gypsies, Ski & Scuba Connection, The Scuba Sports Club of Westchester County, and many other fine organizations for your support!



SAVE THE DATES & BOOK TODAY

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TIEDEMANN'S 1,000 ISLAND TRIP

**BEACH DIVING 2023
LEADERBOARD**

Courtney Lyons
John Berntsen
Rick Baresick
Eric Yoshua
Noah Yoshua
Steven Davis
Joe Lemaire
Jim Lisle
Joe Feldbaum



**MAY
BIRTHDAYS**



Richard Baresich
Mary Davis
Ryan Gallagher
Joseph Lemaire
Janine Schwedes
Michael Toomey
Steve Trapp
Emly Waters
Daniel Zummo
Jeffrey Cardillo

Doreen Doherty
Aaron Laskowski
Michael Mooney
Sandra Sarro
Anthony Spinelli
Joseph Spinelli
John Stolz
Steve Trapp
Dawn Valenti
Alexander Valdes



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 info@thediveclub.com.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



President:
Mary Davis



Vice President:
John Berntsen



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Gus Bricker



Corresponding Secretary:
Bill Cadden



Recording Secretary:
Courtney Lyons



Newsletter Editor:
Randi Hochenberger



COMMITTEE CHAIRS



**Wreck Diving:
Roy Bacchi**



**Beach Diving:
Joey Feldbaum and Vicky Ingoglia**



**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