



DIVER DOWN NEWS

Message from the President – July 2023

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We have moved to a new meeting location at the Tap Room on Main Street in Bay Shore. As with all new things it has been an adjustment. We have had 2 meetings here so far. We understand that a microphone will be needed for anyone speaking at our meetings and one will be available at future meetings. This is one of the adjustments we found we need to make. The management at the Tap Room has opened their doors to us and have been accommodating. The food is very good and the staff has worked hard to serve us. We will be giving this venue a chance for several meetings before we make any decisions about moving again. They have agreed to provide us with separate checks which is more work for the staff and as a compromise the gratuity of 20% will be added to the bill. Please check your bill carefully and there is no need to add any additional tip.

Our first meeting was one of the best attended ever with over 60 members present. Our speaker was the 2-time world record holder in deep diving, Nuno Gomes. He explained to the Club the dangers and risks associated in his level of diving. It made us all think about safety in our own diving pursuits.

Club members have been doing a lot of diving over the past month. We have a full beach diving schedule, that is adjusted as needed, so watch the emails for updates. Oak Beach is a huge success thanks to John and Courtney’s enthusiasm and grilling skills. There are 15-20 divers in the water every Wednesday afternoon. This is one of the highlights of the summer. If you have not been there yet, try to make one of these dives.

The wreck diving has been amazing this season. We have had 3 successful trips with calm seas and 15 ft visibility. There are still spots available on the schedule so sign up by contacting me to reserve yours. Once the available spots are filled, if there is interest, I will schedule more trips. Very often there are last minute spots available so if you find yourself with a day available watch the emails for last minute spots. This is a good reason to always keep your tanks filled and your gear ready for a dive.

Mary Davis
President





THE MONTHLY MEETING

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The Dive Club currently holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Tap Room in Bay Shore.

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44 E Main St. #46
Bay Shore, NY 11706
(631) 665-2000

TAP ROOM

Support our hosting establishment and wait staff. Arrive for dinner as early as 6pm. Meetings commence at 8pm.

Please note that our new hosts add an “Event Gratuity” to each bill.



Our July meeting was held on Monday, June 26 in order to not conflict with Independence Day.

Our next meeting will take place on August 1.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



Anthony Angiulo
Daniel Borrero
Daniel Borrero
Grace Mattel
James Mellett
William Rohr
Mylene Sabino
Patrick Drennan

Vincent Lange
Michael Mack
Grace Mattel
Philip Mazzells
Bill Pfeiffer
Nick Post
Vincent Radziul
Alexander Sneddon



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 or tjcbillsetc@yahoo.com).



MEETING MINUTES

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June 6, 2023
taken by Courtney Lyons

Minutes for the meeting held on June 26 will appear in the August Newsletter. As always, for updated information please refer to the club emails and social media.

- 🐟 Meeting started 8:03
- 🐟 May minutes approved
- 🐟 club member Bob Risnick is sick in hospital would like visitors at Mather hospital

Beach Report: Joey and Vicky

- 🐟 Saturday night dive at Noyack full moon beautiful dive. Everything comes out at night. Tim saw a shark.
- 🐟 This weekends dive is moving to Ponquogue Bridge. Meet at 7:15. High tide 8:57 am. No permit is needed yet.
- 🐟 Secret Beach is closed to us until further notice. Shinnecock dive on May 13 likely to change. Keep an eye on emails and Facebook.

Camping:

- 🐟 Memorial Day Weekend camping weekend and diving at Cedar Point.

Wreck Diving: Mary

- 🐟 Dive on the Panther at 55 feet was a nice day Mary saw dolphins on the surface interval and had great conditions on our first wreck dive of the season.
- 🐟 Let Mary know if you'd like to book a spot on a wreck dive- see newsletter for schedule

Oak Beach:

- 🐟 Oak Beach dives- every Wednesday starting at 4 and any time after. barbecue and dive.

Trips:

- 🐟 Contact Linda Gotti to join North Carolina trip
- 🐟 Contact Joe Lemaire to join Rhode Island trip
- 🐟 Contact Jim Vafaes to join Canada/Thousand Islands trip
- 🐟 Contact Mary Davis to join Truk Lagoon trip 2024

Misc:

- 🐟 Looking for a 21 or older female diver to join Bruce's boy scouts trip
- 🐟 Danny on the sidekick has charters this weekend friday saturday sunday contact goodlifedivers@gmail.com if interested

Speaker/Topic:

- 🐟 Nuno Gomes multiple world record holder in deep diving.
- 🐟 Read his book "Beyond the Blue"



WRECK DIVING 2023 SCHEDULE

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.



Photo Attribution: Danny Rivera

🧰 July 15	Sea Hawk	TBD—offshore	80-130ft	2 spots
🧰 August 26	Sea Hawk	TBD—offshore	80-130ft	Full
🧰 September 3	Halftime	12 Mile Reef	120ft	4 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.



WRECK DIVING REPORT JUNE 2023

By Mary Davis

The wreck diving season is going well with 3 trips logged already. See the June newsletter for a report of our trip to the Panther on the Halftime on May 28th.

On June 17th, 4 club members boarded the Sea Hawk for a 6:30AM sail time. Our destination was the wreck known as the Eureka. The wreck sits in 110ft of water, 16 miles south of Jones Inlet. The wreck is most likely not the actual Eureka, that was a tug, but this is what it is known as today. When we were 90 min offshore, the captain felt it was too rough to be safe and the winds were building. We headed inshore to dive the Iberia. The Iberia was a 255ft long steamer and was hit by the Umbria luxury liner in 1888 and sank the next day. It is in 60 ft of water 3 miles out. We had 15 ft of visibility and the water was 56 degrees. I think I have seen more of the Iberia than ever. A nice day of diving was enjoyed by all aboard. The crew fired up the grill back at the dock and we stayed to chat and enjoy a BBQ.



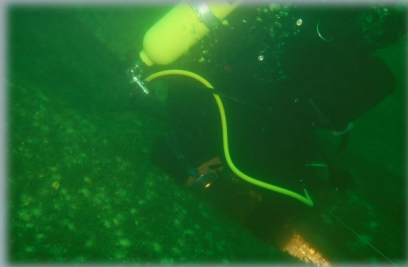
On June 25th, 16 divers made the drive to Point Pleasant, NJ for the long-awaited trip on the Gypsy Blood. This trip was set up by John and Courtney in March. It was worth the wait. The early morning drive was 2 hours with no traffic. We arrived at the dock at 6:15AM for a 7AM sail time. The boat was spacious with plenty of room for the 16 divers. We set out for the Stolt Dagali but were beat to the wreck by another dive boat. Other wrecks were discussed but due to depth it was decided to dive the Mohawk in 80 ft of water. The Mohawk was a cruise ship that sank in 1935 after a collision with the freighter, Talisman. The wreck was blasted and wire dragged and is a debris field of wreckage across the bottom. It is home to many lobsters and 2 were brought up by lucky divers.





WRECK DIVING REPORT JUNE 2023

We enjoyed a sunny sky and calm seas for our 2 dives. The crew was a great help getting in and out of the water. After a nice day of diving with 15 ft visibility and 64-degree water, we had a 3 ½ hour drive home in the usual NY traffic. Everyone who made the trip agreed the drive was worth it to dive on the Gypsy Blood. We hope to plan more trips on this boat.



WRECK LEADERBOARD

Mary Davis	6	James Lark	2
Andrew Solomon ...	6	Jack Dillon	2
Alicia Sirois	4	Ken Murphy	2
Tim McMahon	2	Andrew Lauckhardt .	2
Jim Vafaes	2	Larry Moskowitz	2
Ron Prybella.....	2	Eric Cregreen	2
Ben Chung	2	Dene Ulmschneider...	2
Jim Lisle	2	Shelby Ulmschneider .	2
Ryan Smith	2	Sammy Lamer	2
Nick Sinnott	2	Christian Muniz	2
Megan Barrow	2		



BEACH DIVING UPDATED 2023 SCHEDULE

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Beach Diving Committee: Joe Feldbaum & Victoria Ingoglia

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.

Wednesday, Oak Beach Dive and BBQ has commenced for the season. Meet as early as 4:00PM

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
 - ✦ Cedar Beach
 - ✦ New Suffolk Submarine Base
- ✦ Sunday, July 30
 - ✦ OPB
 - ✦ 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

September 2023 (con't):

- ✦ 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





BEACH LEADERBOARDS

(AS OF JUNE 26)

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SHORE

Mary Davis	4	William Iaconetti ...	1
Joe Lemaire	4	Ron Prybella	1
Courtney Lyons	3	Mike Feldbaum	1
Tim McMahon	3	Ben Chung	1
Joe Feldbaum	3	Doug King	1
Kevin Ryan	3	Rick Baresich	1
Chelsea Miller	3	Eric Yousha	1
Vadim Paley	3	Noah Yousha	1
John Berntsen	2	Steven Davis	1
John Hochenberger	2	Ed Meyer, Jr.	1
Danny Rivera	2	Grace Mattel	1
Vicky Ingoglia	2	Ryan Smith	1
Jim Lisle	2	Chuck Ertle	1
Andrew Solomon ...	2	Gavin	1
Philip Hollnsteiner	1	Ryan Feldbaum	1
Jim Vafaes	1		

OAK BEACH

Tim McMahon	5	Ron Prybella	1
Kevin Ryan	4	Philip Hollnsteiner .	1
Chelsea Miller	4	Nick Sinnott	1
William Iaconetti ..	3	Mike Feldbaum	1
Louis Buda	3	Mary Davis	1
John Hochenberger	3	John Berntsen	1
Randi Hochenberger	2	Joe Feldbaum	1
Megan Barrow	2	Jenny Ross	1
Courtney Lyons	2	Jack Frost	1
Vicky Ingoglia	1	Gavin	1
Vadim Paley	1	Eric Cregreen	1
Saverio Pispisa	1	Alex	1



NJHDA SHIPWRECK MUSEUM UPDATE

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NJHDA is very proud to announce that we have finished improving the appearance of our Monomoy Pulling Boat. The process took several years and was made possible by a generous \$1,125.00 grant from the Sand Pipers Chapter of the [Questers](#), an international organization of women dedicated to preserving history.

The Monomoy was donated to us by the [Cape May Maritime Museum](#), and was in pretty bad shape when we received it. Some years ago, we fabricated a rolling stand on which the Monomoy could rest. After it was completed, we sought funding to complete the boat's improvement.

Those that participated in the Monomoy project were Dan Lieb, Neil Norrell, Howard Rothweiler, Terry Lieb, Joe Fiorentino, John Besse, Harry Roecker, Frank Macalik and Mike Lavitt.

Below, you can see the Monomoy in pretty bad shape on the inside. We had to remove the floorboards, vacuum out the hull and refasten hull frames.



Howard using a product to fill in voids; John caulking the hull.



Harry and Howard sanding the hull.



The Monomoy hull primed and ready for topcoat.

The outside of the hull was sanded down, screws tightened or replaced, filled in and primed.

New Jersey Historical Divers Association, Inc.



NJHDA SHIPWRECK MUSEUM UPDATE (CON'T)

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Monomoy Pulling Boat, finished, on its stand, and ready for display!



Dan re-attaching loose pieces inside the boat; Terry painting the hull's interior.



Frames required added support; floorboards required repairs and priming.



The floorboards reworked, reassembled and installed (viewed from the stern).

Please visit our website to view the status of all our projects. Go to: www.njhda.org





SAVE THE DATE

LIDA FILM FESTIVAL 2024

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 Long Island Diving Association



The Long Island Diver's Association (LIDA) Film Festival has become an annual tradition for New York area divers seeking to break the winter doldrums and to begin looking forward to new dive adventures.

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.

The LIDA Film Festival will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 7 p.m.

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.

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.



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 info@thediveclub.com.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**President:
Mary Davis**



**Vice President:
John Berntsen**



**Treasurer:
Gus Bricker**



**Corresponding Secretary:
Bill Cadden**



**Recording Secretary:
Courtney Lyons**



**Newsletter Editor:
Randi Hochenberger**



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COMMITTEE CHAIRS



**Wreck Diving:
Mary Davis**



**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