



# DIVER DOWN NEWS

## President's Note – October 2023

Last month in lieu of a speaker we had several Club members share their diving experiences and recommendations for safe diving practices. I am sure all who attended will agree there was valuable information shared. The safety of our members is our highest priority in this club.

We still have some exciting dives left this season with the underwater pumpkin carving dive scheduled for October 8th at Noyack Bay, meeting at 10:00AM. This is a fun event for all Club members. If you don't dive you are still needed to vote for your favorite pumpkin. If you are planning to dive and carve, be sure to review the rules in this newsletter so you are prepared. And yes, all the pumpkins must be carved underwater to be included in the judging.

There are several trips planned if you are looking to travel to dive. Some of the locations include Florida, Truk Lagoon, North Carolina and Canada right now. We will be discussing the plans at the meeting. It is always more fun to dive with buddies you know so come and hear our plans and try to join in the fun.

The Beach diving schedule continues until Nov 4th at Pirates Cove. The water is still warm enough for a 7mm wet suit. Check the schedule in this newsletter if you want to join one of the dives. As always with the Club, we will find you a buddy at the dive location if you don't have one. Just let us know when you arrive and buddy pairs will be planned. There is one more wreck dive planned Oct 29th on the Halftime. Let's all hope for good weather. The wreck diving schedule started out well but took a bad turn due to weather halfway thru. One more trip for the season would be nice.

The Death By Diving Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd 6PM at PJ Lobster House in Port Jefferson. Everyone is invited to join in congratulating the 13 lobster dinner winners. Please RSVP to me so I can make sure we have a seat for everyone planning to come.

Our Holiday party is planned for Saturday, December 2nd at Gus' house. We will be making a list of food to bring to share. Please sign up for a food choice so we don't end up with only deserts.

It would be nice to plan some rainy day and cold weather events like museum visits. All suggestions are welcome. We don't just like to dive; we also like to talk about diving so we don't always have to be underwater to have a good time.

See you at the meeting,  
*Mary Davis*  
President



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# THE MONTHLY MEETING

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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## TAP ROOM

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

Support our hosting establishment and wait staff. Please note that our hosts add an “Event Gratuity” to each bill.

Arrive for dinner as early as 6pm. Meetings commence at 8pm.

## October 2023 Dive Club Meeting Presentation

*Underwater photographer, Journalist, Film Maker, Tour Leader / Evolution Underwater Imaging & Dive Travel, Captain / Truk Odyssey*

**MICHAEL GERKEN** *presenting* “*Stuck in Truk*”



Mike Gerken, Captain of the ‘*Truk Odyssey*,’ spent 2 years during the COVID-19 pandemic on lockdown in Truk Lagoon, Micronesia. In 1944, US forces sank nearly 50 vessels of the Japanese Fleet while anchored in Truk and the wreckage of those vessels make this site one of the top scuba diving destinations in the world. Since Truk was closed to tourism during those first 2 years of the pandemic, Mike spent his time diving, shooting photos and video, and delivering vaccines to local residents. “*Stuck in Truk*” is a presentation of the amazing images he created during this unusual time - join us! *(continued on next page)*





# MEETING PRESENTATION (CON'T)

Mike left the grind of the New York City corporate world in the late 90's to travel the world while working in the diving industry in a variety of capacities. Ten years ago Mike started 'Evolution Dive Travel' using his vast experience to organize and conduct custom dive excursions around the world including Truk Lagoon, Palau, Mexico and North Carolina.



In 2003, Mike discovered his love of underwater photography and cinematography when he began working in Truk Lagoon and diving the famed Japanese WWII shipwrecks. He eventually went on to become captain of the 'Truk Odyssey' where you will presently find him part of the year tending to his guests and photographing the wrecks every chance he gets.



In 2009, Mike became captain of the dive vessel 'Midnight Express' out of Olympus Dive Center in Morehead City, NC. It was here where he discovered his passion for sharks with the prolific sand tiger being the focal point of his photography. His documentary, "Wreck Denizens of North Carolina", was completed in 2016 and is free to watch on You Tube. In 2014, Mike founded the "North Carolina Wreck•Shark Shootout"; a photo video contest where attendees come from around the world to compete for prizes and share a mutual love of photography, wrecks and sharks.

Mike has written numerous articles that have been published in *Alert Diver*, *Scuba Diving*, *Diver*, *Wreck Diver* and *Sport Diver* magazines. In addition, he has two other documentary films to his credit, "The Wreck of the SS President Coolidge", released in 2006 and "The Wrecks of Truk Lagoon" released in 2011. Both have gone on to be collectibles for divers, history buffs and wreck diving enthusiasts. 🐟

Mike's complete portfolio, including articles and images, can be viewed on his website:

[evolutionunderwater.com](http://evolutionunderwater.com)

Facebook:

[facebook.com/  
Mike.Gerken100/](https://facebook.com/Mike.Gerken100/)

Instagram:

[instagram.com/  
mike\\_gerken\\_eui/](https://instagram.com/mike_gerken_eui/)





# CLUB MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

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Fill out the application. 2024 applications and waivers available soon! 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 for 2024 MUST say 2024 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 of the waiver year.**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:info@thediveclub.com).
- Membership applications and renewals should be given to Bill Cadden, our Membership/ Corresponding Secretary ([membership.thediveclub@gmail.com](mailto:membership.thediveclub@gmail.com) or [tjcbillsetc@yahoo.com](mailto:tjcbillsetc@yahoo.com)).





# MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2023

taken by Courtney Lyons

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- 🐟 Holiday party date will be announced soon
- 🐟 Courtney has grey t-shirts and sweatshirts available for sale

## Membership:

- 🐟 Renewals for 2024 begin October 1st. \$5 discount for renewals filed by end of year.
- 🐟 You will need to sign a new 2024 waiver for the new year even if you joined recently.

## LIDA:

- 🐟 LIDA film festival will be January 27, 2024
- 🐟 LIDA is taking presentation submissions for the film festival now.
- 🐟 See LIDA website for info ([www.lidaonline.com](http://www.lidaonline.com))

## Death-by-Diving:

- 🐟 Death by Diving hats from Bill Cadden for those who complete the challenge- congrats Kris, John, and Randi.

## State Parks:

- 🐟 State parks: membership group come together to work on making progress at getting diving access to a few local parks.

## Treasury Report: Gus

- 🐟 Collected \$4,785 for 2023 season. Expenses: \$3,294. Current balance ~\$7K.
- 🐟 Gus can give full breakdown to members interested in a copy of the balance sheet.

## Club Nominations:

- 🐟 Starting in October: nominations for elected positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary.
- 🐟 Committee positions are available for willing volunteers: Beach Diving, Oak Beach, Wreck Diving.

## Misc. Announcements:

- 🐟 Email Etiquette by John B.: be aware that emails go to the entire club on a combined chain. Please do not "reply all" if it is not a message that needs to be sent to the whole group.
- 🐟 Available Gear by Gus: used dry-suit and side-mount BCD available. Contact Gus if interested.

## Trips:

- 🐟 Florida Caverns (January 2-8, 2024) - Contact Tiedemann's Diving Center ([www.tdcscuba.com](http://www.tdcscuba.com))
- 🐟 Key Largo, FL (January 8-12, 2024) - Contact John Berntsen and Courtney Lyons
- 🐟 Truk Lagoon, Micronesia (July 13-20, 2024) - Contact Mary Davis

Meeting Topic/Presentation: Safety in Diving - Member-contributed best practices and cautionary tales

- 🐟 Meeting adjourned at 8:51PM



## NEWS & UPDATES from our Google Group: Death-by-Diving Dinner

The Death By Diving dinner will be on Sunday October 22, 2023, at 6PM. The location is PJ Lobster House (134 Main St. Port Jefferson, NY | (631) 473-1143). All Club members are invited to attend and congratulate the 13 members who have earned a free lobster dinner. Please RSVP to Mary so she can give the restaurant a head count.





# UNDERWATER PUMPKIN

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## DIVE RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

October 8, 2023 ~ Noyack Bay 10:00 AM

- 🤿 Only a dive knife, any size, can be used for the carving.
- 🤿 Hollow out the pumpkin ahead of time. You will not have time to gut it underwater and carve also.
- 🤿 Bring a 5-to-8-pound weight to place inside the pumpkin. They are buoyant and will float.
- 🤿 There can be no markings on the pumpkin prior to entering the water. That includes drawings and pre-carving.
- 🤿 One pumpkin per diver and one diver per pumpkin.
- 🤿 Anything found underwater can be used to embellish your pumpkin but please respect living things.
- 🤿 Each person will get one vote when the pumpkins are displayed.
- 🤿 If you don't dive you still get to vote.
- 🤿 Do your best and have fun.







# BEACH DIVING

## OCT.-NOV. 2023 SCHEDULE

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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.

### Sunday, October 1: Beach 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Far Rockaway

- Meet at 9 am, high tide 9:38 am



### Sunday, October 8: Noyack Bay, Noyack

- Underwater pumpkin carving contest!
- Bring your own hollowed pumpkin and a dive knife.
- Meet at 10 am

### Sunday, October 15: Stehli Beach, Bayville

- Meet at 11 am

### Saturday, October 21: Cedar Beach, Mt. Sinai

- Meet at 9 am by the basketball courts.

### Saturday, October 28: Oak Beach, Babylon

- Full moon night dive: meet at 5 pm.

### Saturday, November 4: Pirate's Cove, Port Jefferson

- Carpool if possible. Parking is extremely limited and street parking will likely land you a ticket!
- Meet at 9 am.

PICTURES FROM THE 8/12/23 SHOREHAM PLANT JETTY DIVE

*PROVIDED BY JACK FROST*







# BEACH DIVING SITE INFORMATION

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## **Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays**

Proceed over the bridge on Lighthouse Road in Hampton Bays and turn left onto Dune Road. Immediately make another left and follow this road to the end. The dive site is under the Old Ponquogue Bridge.

## **Cedar Beach, Mt. Sinai**

The fishing pier is located at the West end of Harbor Beach Rd in Mt. Sinai. Follow this road past the basketball courts, parking lots, and marinas until you arrive at a smaller parking lot. The dive site is underneath the fishing pier. When not diving underneath the fishing pier, the beach next to the basketball court is another option, also located on Harbor Beach Road.

## **Shinnecock West, Hampton Bays**

The site is located on Road H, at the east end of Dune Road in Hampton Bays. If you are familiar with the Ponquogue Bridge, continue straight down Dune Road instead of turning left into the parking lot. The dive site is the Shinnecock inlet, where we will enter on the ocean side where the jetty is.

## **U.S.S. Ohio, Greenport**

The entrance to the beach is at the south end of Clark Street in Greenport. Street Parking can be found on Clark Street or the adjacent 4th Street. Enter the opening to the beach from Clark Street and follow the beach along to the right. There is a large iron pipe in the sand along with some other metal pieces. Take a compass heading of 120 degrees from there to find the wreck.

## **Beach 8th Street, Far Rockaway**

The site is located at the south end of Beach 8th Street in Far Rockaway, Queens. Street parking is limited, but additional spots can be found on Beach 9th street, or near the basketball courts on Beach 10th Street. Use Rockaway Manor for GPS directions if necessary.

## **Noyack Bay, Noyack**

The site is located on the north side of Noyack-Long Beach Road. Proceed past Foster Memorial Beach and look for a spot to pull off on the north side of the road. The dive site is street-parking only.

## **Stehli Beach, Oyster Bay**

Stehli Beach is located at the west end of Bayville Ave before it turns into Bayville Road. Parking can be found in front of the bathhouse, where we will enter the water.

## **Oak Beach, Babylon**

The old Oak Beach Inn. A large parking lot on North Oak Beach Road. After going over the Robert Moses Bridge and the small draw bridge, turn right onto Ocean Parkway West. You will have to use a turnaround to get onto Ocean Parkway East, where you will then see the parking lot on your right. For GPS directions, use Oak Beach.

## **Pirate's Cove, Port Jefferson**

The site is now called McAllister County Park. Take Anchorage Road in Port Jefferson to the end. There is a roundabout where gear can be dropped off and about 6 parking spots a small way up the road. Please try to carpool with other divers if planning to attend a club dive here.





# BEACH LEADERBOARDS

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(AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2023)

## SHORE

Courtney Lyons .....	14	William Iaconetti.....	2
Tim McMahon .....	12	Alexey Stenger .....	1
Mary Davis.....	11	Alyssa Armour .....	1
Chelsea Miller.....	9	Barry Lipsky .....	1
John Berntsen .....	9	Ben Chung.....	1
Kevin Ryan .....	9	Bill Cadden.....	1
Rick Baresich.....	8	Bill Struss .....	1
Joe Feldbaum .....	7	Bill Turley.....	1
Kris Kulikauskas .....	7	Bob Stamm .....	1
Nick Sinnott .....	7	Christine Lupo.....	1
Joe Lemaire .....	6	Chuck Ertle .....	1
Ken Murphy.....	6	Collins .....	1
Vadim Paley .....	6	Dave Thorburn.....	1
Mike Feldbaum .....	5	Doug King .....	1
Nick Lappano.....	5	Doug Purver .....	1
Norma Leon.....	5	Ed Meyer, Jr. ....	1
Amber Kulikauskas .....	4	Elaine Turley .....	1
Jim Lisle.....	4	Eric Yousha .....	1
Kim Dunham .....	4	Francis Hervias.....	1
Leslie Von Pless.....	4	Gavin Fontana .....	1
Linda Gotti .....	4	Grace Mattel .....	1
Vicky Ingoglia .....	4	Jackie Feldbaum .....	1
Andrew Solomon .....	3	James Campbell .....	1
Jack Frost .....	3	Jason Portnoy .....	1
Julie Cohen .....	3	Jen Gienau.....	1
Megan Barrow .....	3	Jim Campbell .....	1
Tom Riedmann.....	3	Jim Vafaes .....	1
Andrey Krasnov .....	2	John Pfisterer.....	1
Chris Romig.....	2	Madeleine Guilmain.....	1
Dan Corcoran.....	2	Melissa Furco .....	1
Danny Rivera .....	2	Noah Yousha .....	1
Di Moore .....	2	Ozan Ersoz .....	1
Eric Cregreen .....	2	Pat Fontana .....	1
Glen Whelpley .....	2	Philip Hollnsteiner.....	1
Harris Moore .....	2	Priscilla Seigh .....	1
Jeanine Furco.....	2	Ryan Christie .....	1
Jeff Cardillo.....	2	Ryan Feldbaum .....	1
Jennifer Lander .....	2	Sam Feldbaum .....	1
Jenny Ross .....	2	Steven Davis .....	1
John Hochenberger.....	2	Alex .....	1
Nick Brigante.....	2	Zarina Ross .....	1
Ron Prybella .....	2	Rick Magale .....	1
Ryan Smith .....	2	Saverio Pisipa .....	1
Sam Romig.....	2		



# BEACH LEADERBOARDS

(FINALIZED AS OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2023)

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## OAK BEACH

Tim McMahon .....	14	Vicky Ingoglia .....	2
Chelsea Miller .....	14	Alex Bases .....	1
Kevin Ryan.....	14	Eric Yousha.....	1
John Hochenberger .	11	Gavin Fontana .....	1
Courtney Lyons ....	10	Jackie Feldbaum....	1
Louis Buda .....	10	Jenny Ross .....	2
Nick Lappano .....	9	Larry Moskowitz ....	1
Randi Hochenberger .	8	Linda Gotti .....	1
Vadim Paley .....	8	Mark Zyzman .....	1
Norma Leon.....	7	Nick Sinnott.....	1
Alyssa Armour .....	7	Noah Yousha.....	1
Eric Cregreen .....	6	Chuck Ertle.....	1
Kris Kulikauskas ...	7	Alex Einbinder.....	1
Megan Barrow .....	6		
John Berntsen.....	5		
Ron Prybella.....	5		
Mary Davis .....	4		
William Iaconetti ..	4		
Jack Frost .....	4		
James Campbell....	3		
Jim Campbell.....	3		
Joe Lemaire .....	3		
Michael Stacy .....	3		
Mike Feldbaum .....	3		
Nicole Alimario ....	3		
Amber Kulikauskas.	3		
Andrey Krasnov ....	2		
Jennifer Lander....	2		
Joe Feldbaum .....	2		













# WRECK DIVING 2023 SCHEDULE

The following equipment is ***required*** for all wreck dives with The Dive Club:  
Divers should be comfortable with the use of this gear.

-  Secondary Air Source:  
~ doubles or pony bottle
-  Wreck reel
-  Lift bag OR Surface Marker Buoy
-  Cutting tool
-  Whistle or other sound device
-  Strobe

To book a spot on the Sidekick Dive Boat, each diver must have certification for the planned depth of the wreck. **Deep Diving certification is required for wrecks over 100ft.** To book a spot on the Sea Hawk or Sea Turtle, AOW certification is required.

## WRECK LEADERBOARD

Mary Davis .....	6	Ryan Smith .....	2
Andrew Solomon.....	6	Tim McMahon .....	2
Ron Prybella .....	3	Ben Chung .....	2
Alicia Sirois.....	3	Eric Yousha .....	2
Christian Muniz.....	2	Nick Sinnott .....	2
Jim Lisle .....	2	Noah Yousha.....	2
Jim Vafeas .....	2	Megan Barrow .....	2
James Lark.....	2	Barry Lipsky.....	2
Andrew Lockheart.....	2	Ken Murphy.....	2
Jack Dillon .....	2	Eric Creegan .....	2
Dene Ulmschneider .....	2	Larry Moskowitz .....	1

Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Mary Davis  
at [painlessm@msn.com](mailto:painlessm@msn.com) or 516-987-8308.

*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.*



# MONDAY NIGHT SCUBA TRAINING POOL AVAILABLE FARMINGDALE AQUATIC CENTER

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**Are you a certified scuba diver?** If you are, you will be interested in Farmingdale Aquatic Center's Monday Night Scuba program. Every diver wants to keep their Scuba skills at their very best. Living on Long Island, with the diving season as short it is, it can be difficult to keep Scuba skills sharp. Getting into a pool for practice is a great way to keep you skills up. Certified divers can get that pool time in the brand new Farmingdale Aquatic Center.

These 1 1/2 hour pool sessions are an ideal way to keep your skills up-to-date and be ready for your next Scuba diving vacation. The facility, which is brand new, has a 15 foot deep section great for practicing skills, trying out new equipment, working with your dive buddy, the lists goes on...

If you do not own all needed equipment, you can rent what you need from your local dive shop, or through special arrangements with Tiedemann's Diving Center of Levittown. Make sure all your skills are perfect by practicing in the pool. Then your dives will be more fun and safer.

**Are you a Scuba Instructor?** If you are you can use this facility to teach. The rules are simple. You need to be current with your agency. Each person in your group must be registered (you, your student(s), and any assistants you may have). Farmingdale needs to be listed as an Additional Insured on your instructor liability insurance. Contact Ed at Tiedemann's Diving Center for more details. You can even work out rental equipment for your students.

The sessions take place on Monday evenings, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. To participate you must have a nationally recognized scuba certification. The level of certification must be Open Water Diver or higher. Use of any highly specialized equipment, (like a dry suits, full face masks, rebreathers), requires certification in that area. If you are a student you must be with your instructor at all times in the water. Anyone under the age of 18 year must have a parent with them in the pool area.

**Has it been some time since you have been diving?** We can make arrangements for a Scuba Update on your first pool session. Then you have two more sessions to practice.

The cost is \$100 per diver for the three-night session. This makes it very affordable. Each of the sessions includes three pool sessions. Four separate sessions will be offer in the Fall and Winter 2023/24. Current dates are below. The number of participants is very limited. Make Monday Night Scuba a great way for you to enjoy your Scuba Diving year round.

Signing up could not be simpler. Contact Ed Tiedemann at Tiedemann's Diving Center (56 Gardeners Ave. Levittown - 516-796-6560 - [www.TDCScuba.com](http://www.TDCScuba.com)) and he can sign you up in person at the shop or over the phone.

If you want to contact Farmingdale directly, the number is 516-434-5316. Take note that if you sign up via the Farmingdale website ([campscui.active.com/orgs/FarmingdaleUnionFreeSchoolDistrict22](http://campscui.active.com/orgs/FarmingdaleUnionFreeSchoolDistrict22) or the QR code to the right) there is a \$6 fee for each person signing up. 🐟



**The upcoming sessions are:**

📅 October 2, 16, and 23

📅 November 20, 27, and December 4

📅 October 30, November 6, and 13

📅 January 22, 29, and February 5, 2024





# WOMEN DIVERS HALL OF FAME 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING GRANTS

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**APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN—THRU NOVEMBER 15, 2023!**  
**Applications are NOW open!**

Twenty nine scholarships and training grants are offered this year. For some of the categories, more than one scholarship/grant is being offered. A summary of the scholarship/grant categories and award amounts is listed below. Full descriptions and sponsorship information may be found in the press release.

Press Release:  
<https://bit.ly/46qmjEw>



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Application instructions & info at:  
[wdhof.org/scholarships/sponsorship](http://wdhof.org/scholarships/sponsorship)  
[wdhof.org/scholarships/how-to-apply](http://wdhof.org/scholarships/how-to-apply)

To go directly to the application link, go here:  
[grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=wdhf](http://grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=wdhf)

## 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven categories of scholarships are offered this year in marine conservation (basic or applied research), marine biology, underwater archaeology, seagrass and coral restoration/conservation, sea turtle conservation, extreme environment physiology, and journalism/ graphic arts/ photography/ videography. They are intended to support independent research, field work, and conservation/ restoration activities, as specified in the descriptions.

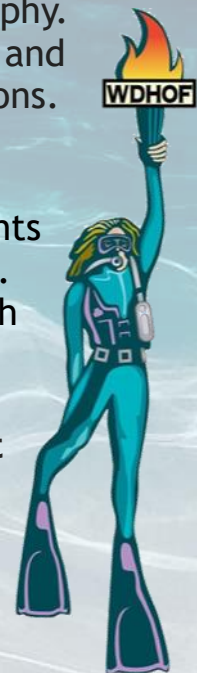
## 2023 TRAINING GRANTS

Ten categories of training grants are offered this year. Training grants provide funding for diving and diving-related underwater training. WDHOFF and our sponsors offer several dive training grants for both beginners to learn and for certified divers to advance their skills.

The deadline for receipt of applications is November 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm New York time.

*(Exception: Undergraduate Marine Research Internship closes Jan 15, 2024 at 5:00 pm New York time.)*

[www.wdhof.org](http://www.wdhof.org)



**WOMEN DIVERS  
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# CALL FOR SPEAKERS

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## PRESENT YOUR DIVING ADVENTURES!

 Long Island Diving Association









The Long Island Diver's Association Annual Film Festival will be held on Saturday evening, January 27, 2024 @ 7 pm.

We are very excited to be hosting the film festival once again at Hofstra University.

You are invited to submit up to three proposals for possible inclusion in this year's Film Festival. Please review the following guidelines before entering your submission.

Presentations should be focused on one of the following categories:

-  Long Island SCUBA Diving
-  Exotic Dive Destinations
-  Expeditions and Adventure Diving
-  Shipwrecks and Underwater History
-  Local Marine Life
-  Underwater Environmental and Conservation Issues



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Speaker  
Application Form

We are most in need of LOCAL material from LOCAL divers.

If you dive in the areas around Long Island, and have interesting images or video of our local waters, consider putting a presentation together and submitting!

Please review and follow all submission requirements before submitting your [Application Form](#) (click to download, visit [www.lidaonline.com](http://www.lidaonline.com) for more information).

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Patrick Byrnes  
 Bill Cadden  
 Dawn Dawson  
 Joey Feldbaum  
 Ryan Feldbaum  
 Linda Gotti  
 Jennifer Grosso  
 Louis Guardino  
 Ellen Hirsch  
 John R. Hochenberger  
 Aaron Kruse

Gintare (Amber) Kulikauskas  
 Kris Kulikauskas  
 Pierre-Ytues Le Coq  
 Luke Mastrandera  
 Ssaverio Pispisaa  
 Jason Portnoy  
 Janice Raber  
 Brett Raso  
 Martin Shaiman  
 Terry Snyder  
 Marc Zysman





# 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@thediveclub.com).



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