



DIVER DOWN NEWS

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President's Note – August 2024



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July was a busy and exciting month for The Dive Club. There was a boat full of club members diving with Olympus Dive Center in Morehead City, North Carolina. I look forward to hearing about their adventures. Five club members were lucky enough to travel half way around the world to dive the wrecks of Truk Lagoon in Micronesia. We will share our amazing adventure with the club at a future meeting. The diving in Truk Lagoon was even more amazing than described. It was a long trip there and back, but it was well worth it. We were even able to fit in 2 dives on Guam on our way there.

The annual Death By Diving challenge has been completed this month also. The results are in this newsletter and I am looking forward to celebrating with the 3 club members who completed the challenge at the dinner that will be scheduled soon.

There is still a lot more diving to do and August will see club members traveling to Canada to dive the wrecks of the St. Lawrence River and Rhode Island to camp at Fort Getty and dive at Fort Wetherall. The Wednesday evening Oak Beach diving will continue into September, meeting at 4PM until dark. The Beaching diving schedule has planned dives each weekend and there are spots available on the August 25th wreck dive on the Sidekick dive boat. Join your fellow club members on the many planned dives. Don't let the summer pass you by.

We are always anxious to hear from our club members who have been on a diving trip. If you have traveled and want to share your adventure, let us know and you will be added to the speaker schedule. We all need to work together to make this club great. Every effort is appreciated.

Sea-cerely!

Mary Davis
Club President





CLUB MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

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Fill out the application. 2024 applications and waivers attached to the end of this newsletter! 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)

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 2024 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).



WRECK DIVING 2024 SCHEDULE

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DIVE BOAT</u>	<u>WRECK</u>	<u>SPOTS</u>	<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>COST</u>
August 25	Sidekick	Shinnecock Reef	5 left	80 ft	\$150pp
September 8	Halftime	Oregon	2 left	130ft	\$217pp

🧠 Additional dives will be added if the schedule fills. 🧠

**Waitlist available for full excursions.*

Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Mary Davis
at 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 waitlist.*

LEADERBOARD (as of June 25th)

Mary Davis	6	Sal Candela	4
Ryan Christie	6	Andrew Solomon.....	2
Jim Vafeas	4	Ryan Smith.....	2
Danny Rivera	4	Alex Bases.....	2
John Hochenberger...	4		

The following equipment is **required** for all wreck dives with The Dive Club:

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



DEATH-BY-DIVING

FRI-SAT, JULY 26-28

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
July 26	6:00PM	OBI East Jetty, Oak Beach
July 27	9:00 AM	Secret Beach, Greenport
	12:00 PM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays (HT 1:31PM)
	3:30 PM	Fort Pond Bay, Montauk
	8:00 PM	Noyack Bay, Noyack (NIGHT DIVE)
July 28	9:00 AM	U.S.S. Ohio, Greenport
	11:30 AM	Submarine Base, New Suffolk (LUNCHEON to follow dive)

All 7 dives must be completed to earn the dinner. A dive must be at least 15 minutes to qualify.

All divers must have a buddy and each team must have a dive flag.

There will be a group camp site at Indian Island County Park in Riverhead available that is central to the dive sites. This is open to the club to make the challenge easier.

RESULTS:

3 DINNERS EARNED/18 DIVERS/49 TOTAL DIVES DONE

7 Dives (Free Dinner) : 3 divers

Alyssa Armour

Ron Prybella

Club Member

6 Dives : 1 diver

Mary Davis

4 Dives : 1 diver

Norma Leon

3 Dives : 1 divers

Marc Zysman

2 Dives : 3 divers

Linda Gotti

Steve Maggio

Vadim Paley

1 Dive : 9 divers

Alicia Sirois

Tim McMahon

Courtney Lyons

Frank Lombardo

Robert Vasiluth

Megan Barrow

Ryan Christie

Alex Einbinder



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BEACH DIVING

LEADERBOARDS (12/31/23-7/21/24)

BEACH DIVING

Mary Davis..... 10	Willian Iaconetti ... 2	Alex Bases..... 1
Alex Einbinder 7	Barry Lipsky 2	Leslie Von Pless 1
Dan Corcoran 5	Martin Ryder 2	Jim Vafeas 1
Alyssa Armour 5	Andre Krasnov 2	Kim Valenti..... 1
Nick Lappano 4	Norma Leon 2	Mike Feldbaum 1
Jenny Ross 3	John Pfisterer 2	Joe Lemaire 1
Kevin Ryan 3	Ron Prybella..... 2	Danna Davis 1
Jim Lisle 3	Nick Sinnott 2	Steven Davis 1
Chelsea Miller 3	Bob Auteri 1	Rob Vasiluth 1
Rick Baresich 3	Chris Weaver 1	Daniel Fleischman ... 1
Kris Kulikauskas..... 3	Priscilla Seigh 1	Ryan Christie 1
Tom Reidman..... 3	Louis Buda 1	Vadin Paley 1
Ken Murphy 3	Ryan Smith 1	Tim McMahon 1
Glen Whelpley..... 3	Danny Rivera 1	Eric Cregeen 1
Jack Frost 2	Kathryn Brusewitz .. 1	
Ozon Ersoz 2	Harris Moore 1	

OAK BEACH WEDNESDAYS

Norma Leon 9	Alex Einbinder..... 3	William Iaconetti 1
Eric Cregreen 8	Joe Feldbaum 3	Chuck Ertle 1
Kevin Ryan..... 6	Louis Buda..... 2	Babs Ertle 1
Kris Kulikauskas 5	Dan Corcoran 2	Andrey Krasnov 1
Chelsea Miller 5	Ronald Broom..... 2	Harris Moore..... 1
Nick Lappano..... 5	Ron Prybella 2	Daniel Duran..... 1
Vadim Paley 5	Jimm Gary..... 2	Marc Broom 1
Joe Lemaire 4	Courtney Lyons..... 1	Jen Lander..... 1
Tim McMahon..... 4	John Berntsen 1	James Campbell 1
Michael Feldbaum... 4	Rick Baresich 1	Jim Campbell..... 1
Alyssa Armour..... 3	Jeannine Jennette . 1	John Hochenberger .. 1
Megan Barrow 3		Randi Hochenberger . 1



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BEACH DIVING RUNNING 2024 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
August 4	7:00AM	Beach 8th Street, Far Rockaway (HT 8:49AM)
August 10	TBD	TBD
August 18	5:00PM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays (HT 6:46PM) NIGHT DIVE
August 24	10:00AM	OBI Fishing Pier, Oak Beach
September 8	10:00 AM	Shinnecock Jetty West (HT 11:35AM)
September 15	TBD	TBD
September 21	9:00AM	Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays (HT 10:54AM)
September 29	9:30AM	Stehli Beach, Bayville
October 5	TBD	TBD
October 13	9:00AM	Cedar Beach PUMPKIN CARVING DIVE
October 20		<i>Rain date for Pumpkin Carving Dive</i>
October 27	TBD	TBD

All dive locations and times are subject to change.

Please check with the Google Group for any changes and updates and the most current news and information.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Suzanne Baynes
Ann Bivona
Olivia Boucher
August Bricker
Ryan Christie
Jennifer Curran
Mark Dubiali
Jose A. Gonzalez
Gerry Kekatos
William Krasnov
James Lisle
Christopher Mazz

Robert McCarthy
Arnaud Meiraaeghe
Edward T. Meyer Jr.
Kenneth Murphy
Danny Rivera
Mylene Russo
Chris Skirbe
Leslie Sosnicki
Bill Struss
Sergey Syritsyn
Carlos Taversa
Glen Whelpley
Noah Yousha



TDC LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President:
Mary Davis



Vice President:
John Berntsen



Treasurer:
Gus Bricker



Recording Secretary:
Courtney Lyons



Corresponding Secretary:
Bill Cadden

COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Wreck Diving:
Mary Davis &
Savi Presperia



Beach Diving:
[Vacant]



Oak Beach:
Tim McMahon



Camping Trips:
Bruce Russo



T-Shirts & Swag:
Courtney Lyons



Website:
Jim Vafeas



Social Media:
Jerry Kinkade



Newsletter:
Randi
Hochenberger

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THE DIVE CLUB – PO Box 96, West Islip, NY 11795

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

Do you have Dive Accident Insurance (DAN or other)? ☐ 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 26 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 an important legal document. You may wish to consult an attorney prior to signing it.

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 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.
- I acknowledge that The Dive Club does not provide buddies, gear, transportation, training, or professional advice pertaining to the sport of scuba diving. However, the dive sponsors will do their best to help club members find what they need for a dive by setting up email groups to allow individual club members to coordinate rides, buddies, and rental gear, if necessary.
- The Dive Club does not vet divers or make any determination about whether any diver is qualified to do any given dive. This decision is entirely up to the individual diver, as well as any external dive operator, such as a dive boat captain or resort operator. It is important to evaluate your current experience when making the decision to dive. If you only have experience diving in warm waters with optimal visibility, you should consider the additional challenges associated with northeast diving before making your decision. I expressly assume the risk of any injury or illness for **each and every** dive that I determine to make and hold harmless for the same the above listed companies and individuals.



- I acknowledge that for planned boat charters, the minimum certification and equipment requirements listed in our newsletter are the requirements of the boat captains. Please contact them directly if you have any questions about the suitability of a dive for you.
- I understand that DAN (Divers Alert Network) Insurance or other similar diving accident insurance policies are available to me if I choose to acquire this. I acknowledge that it is my own responsibility to educate myself on the available policies and choose the one, if any, that is appropriate for me. I understand that without this, I will be responsible for any medical bills or damages to my equipment that I incur.
- I recognize that I may receive false or misleading information from one or more club members or non-members pertaining to the relative difficulty of a dive or my ability to safely participate in or perform a dive. Additionally, I acknowledge that one or more club members or non-members may negligently approve of my dive plan, including preparation or intended dive plan, the condition of my equipment, my ability to use my equipment, or proper use of equipment. I understand and agree that **I am responsible for determining whether I am capable of executing** a dive safely, whether I have sufficient information regarding my own physical abilities and the intended dive to base this decision, as well as whether my equipment is in proper working condition and is sufficient for the intended dive. I release The Dive Club and all co-signers who by signing this waiver similarly release me from negligent acts or omissions of this nature.

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



Membership Directory Data Sheet

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

I wish to have the above information published in the 2024 Membership Directory to be distributed to the Membership.

Signature of Member _____

Date _____

