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DIVER DOWN NEWS

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President's Note – September 2024

This has been a summer of travel for me and many club members. I was able to dive in Bermuda, Truk Lagoon, and Canada all in one summer. Club members traveled to North Carolina and Rhode Island as well as many other destinations with family. We would all like to hear about your diving adventures. If you have some images to share, please show them to your fellow divers at one of our meetings. I am planning to show my Truk Lagoon photos at our October meeting. I am looking forward to telling everyone about my amazing adventure.

There is still much more local diving to do. Our season extends thru October and longer if the weather remains warm enough. Even though the air turns colder, the water stays warm into December allowing dives to be comfortable in wet suits. Don't put your gear away yet. Check the beach diving schedule and plan to make a few more dives. Don't forget our annual underwater pumpkin diving extravaganza. We will be at Cedar Beach on October 13th for this event meeting at 9AM. The rules are in the newsletter so you can start planning your design.

There is one more wreck dive on the schedule for September 8th on the Halftime to the Oregon. One spot is open at the time of my writing this. Don't pass up this opportunity. Wreck dives will not return until May 2025.

Watch your email for information on our annual holiday party. I heard there may be a Halloween Party this year. Plans are not final yet but keep an eye out for information.

Renewals will start in October for 2025. Renew early to get the reduced rate. Bill will have more information and 2025 applications ready in October.

Nominations for officer positions open on October as well. The positions open are President, Vice President, Treasure, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Newsletter Editor. All current members are eligible for nomination. If you have the desire to play an active role in the club, consider running for an office.

Don't forget that our September meeting is moved to September 10th same time, same place; 6:30PM for dinner, 8PM meeting time, The Tap Room Main Street Bay Shore.

I will see you at the next meeting if I don't see you underwater first .

Mary Davis
Club 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.

Note: The September 2024 Meeting is moved to Sept. 10 due to restaurant closure on Sept. 3

EST ★ 2011

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.

And don't forget cash for our 50/50 raffle!





MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2024

taken by Courtney Lyons

- 🐟 Our annual death by diving event was last weekend. We had 18 total divers participate and 3 divers completed 7/7 dives to win the lobster dinner. Lots of fun was had! Congrats to Ron, Jerry, and Alyssa!
- 🐟 Beach 8th street this past weekend was the club dive it was a nice 4 feet of visibility and 70°
- 🐟 The beach schedule is up to date and we are adding this weekend at Noyack July 11 at 11 am.
- 🐟 Glen has been asking to put Shelter Island on our dive schedule. He is inviting us to dive a lake and come to his house after. We are tentatively planning for Sept. 15. Stay tuned for details.
- 🐟 Wreck diving schedule- 1 more spot left on 8/25 on the Sidekick. \$160 inshore.
- 🐟 9/8 on the Halftime to the Oregon- 2 spots left. Contact Mary to join either wreck dive.
- 🐟 Oak Beach report- OBI has been “the usual” with some tropicals starting to arrive. The water is warm and we are there every Wednesday at 4 pm. Mary and some others recently returned from diving in Micronesia and Guam. They had an amazing time on a liveaboard diving wartime wrecks. They will share photos and stories at a future meeting.
- 🐟 Tiedemanns dive center led by Jim Vafaes are heading to Canada next weekend to dive the St. Lawrence wrecks.
- 🐟 Rhode Island August 24-25. Contact Ozan for more information.
- 🐟 Tiedemann’s Florida trip to the springs is in January more details to follow. Contact the dive shop for more info.
- 🐟 Welcome Chris Ogden 8:25 pm.



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).



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WRECK DIVING 2024 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DIVE BOAT</u>	<u>WRECK</u>	<u>SPOTS</u>	<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>COST</u>
September 8	Halftime	Oregon	1 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 August 25th)

Mary Davis	6	Ryan Smith.....	2
Ryan Christie	6	Alex Bases.....	2
Jim Vafeas	4	Barry Lipski	2
Danny Rivera	4	Jim Lisle.....	2
John Hochenberger ...	4	Andre Krasnov.....	2
Sal Candela	4	Phil O'Sullivan	2
Andrew Solomon	2	Alexy Stenger	2

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.



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BEACH DIVING

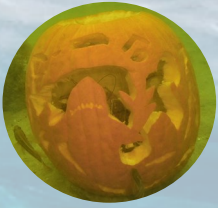
LEADERBOARDS (12/31/23-8/24/24)

BEACH DIVING

Mary Davis..... 12	Ken Murphy..... 4	Joe Lemaire 1
Alyssa Armour 8	Bob Auteri 1	Danna Davis 1
Alex Einbinder 7	Chris Weaver 1	Steven Davis 1
Nick Lappano 6	Priscilla Seigh 1	Rob Vasiluth 1
Norma Leon..... 6	Louis Buda 1	Daniel Fleischman ... 1
Dan Corcoran 5	Ryan Smith 1	Jim Lisle 4
Kevin Ryan 4	Martin Ryder 2	John Pfisterer 2
Chelsea Miller 4	Glen Whelpley 3	Ryan Christie 1
Rick Baresich 3	Danny Rivera 1	Vadim Paley..... 2
Kris Kulikauskas..... 4	Kathryn Brusewitz .. 1	Tim McMahon 3
Jack Frost 2	Andre Krasnov 2	Nick Sinnott..... 3
Ozon Ersoz 2	Harris Moore 1	Eric Cregeen 1
Willian Iaconnetti.... 2	Alex Bases 1	Ron Prybella 2
Tom Reidman..... 3	Leslie Von Pless 1	Joey Feldbaum 1
Jenny Ross 4	Jim Vafeas 1	Linda Gotti 1
Barry Lipsky 2	Kim Valenti 1	Will 1
	Mike Feldbaum 2	

OAK BEACH WEDNESDAYS

Norma Leon 14	Ron Prybella 4	Andrey Krasnov 1
Eric Cregreen..... 12	Louis Buda..... 2	Harris Moore..... 1
Nick Lappano..... 9	Dan Corcoran 2	Daniel Duran..... 1
Kevin Ryan..... 6	Ronald Broom..... 2	Marc Broom 1
Vadim Paley 7	Jimm Gary..... 2	Jen Lander..... 1
Michael Feldbaum... 7	Chuck Ertle..... 2	James Campbell 1
Kris Kulikauskas 5	Babs Ertle..... 2	Jim Campbell..... 1
Chelsea Miller 5	Courtney Lyons..... 1	Jack Frost..... 2
Joe Feldbaum 6	John Berntsen 1	Peter Wicik 1
Joe Lemaire 4	Rick Baresich 1	Barry Lipsky 1
Tim McMahon 4	Jeannine Jennette . 1	Kayla Areukle 1
Alyssa Armour..... 3	William Iaconetti.... 1	John Hochenberger . 1
Megan Barrow 3		Randi Hochenberger 1
Alex Einbinder 4		



UNDERWATER PUMPKIN

DIVE RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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October 13, 2024

Cedar Beach, Mount Sinai at 9:00AM

- 🧐 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.





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BEACH DIVING RUNNING 2024 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Karissa Bordes
Mark Broome
James Campbell
Juliana Chung
Ryan Davis
Shannon Davis
Zane Davis
Richard DeFilippo
Chuck Ertle
Jacki Feldbaum
Jeanine Furco
Victoria Ingoglia
Barry Lipsky

Kenny Mascak
Chelsea Miller
Harris Moore
Cory Moran
Ann Moreno
John Palumbo
John Pfisterer
Rick Picone
Bobby Reith
Ciara Smith
Mia Venezia
Katie Waskzkiewicz
Kathy Zummo



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 ☐ J/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 _____

