



DIVER DOWN NEWS

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The beginning of Spring is in sight, the weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer. Our return to diving is getting closer. Some hardy dry suit divers are making plans to dive in late March.

The Dive Club 2022 season kickoff dive is scheduled for Sunday April 10th at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai. 9AM meeting time. The water will be cold but hopefully the air will be warm. All club members are invited to join the fun with a BBQ planned after the dive.

Ten Club members took advantage of the downtime to learn or renew their CPR skills. Thank you, Barry Lipsky, for arranging the course with instructor Andy Becher who ran a great hands-on course. These Club members are ready to keep their buddies safe.

The leadership is currently working to plan our 2022 season with beach dives, wreck dives, Oak Beach diving and camping. Watch the newsletter for the schedules and sign-up information.



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“Let’s Go Diving”

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 Lule's Lobster Inne (formerly the Jon Thomas Inne).

91 Howells Road
Brightwaters, N.Y 11718
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Support our hosting establishment and wait staff. Arrive for dinner as early as 6pm. Meetings commence at 8pm.

**The Presenter for March 2022 is
John Bricker**

April - Sally Wahrmann, Topic TBA

May - Randi Hochenberger "Adventures in Cozumel, Mexico and Nassau, Bahamas"



MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

- If you have not renewed your membership, please do so asap including filling out the updated club waiver.
- Individual memberships for 2022 are \$25.
- Family membership for 2022 be \$35.
- T-shirts will no longer be supplied as part of a paid membership. They will, however, be available for purchase for a charge of \$10.
- Membership payments should be given to Gus Bricker, who can be reached at treasurer@thediveclub.com.
- Membership applications and renewals should be given to Kyle Patac (correspondingsecretary@thediveclub.com). Applications available at end of this newsletter.































MEETING MINUTES

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February 1, 2022







Recorded by Roy Bacchi

-  Dive Meeting Start Time: (Unknown Roy forgot to put the time)
-  This month the diving community lost 4 people including Di Dieter. Please keep Di's family in your thoughts.
-  LIDA film festival is this week February 5th. The film festival is taking place via a Zoom presentation for \$15 per person. No need for masks or travel, tickets can be purchased on the LIDA website.
-  Barry needs support from the diving community for LIDA. The artificial reef project is still in the works. Consider becoming a member of LIDA and support the diving community.
-  LIDA waiver needed to dive at Secret Beach (info and waiver available here: lidaonline.com/secretbeach.php).
-  LIDA membership required for free parking at the Horton's Point Lighthouse (get membership here: lidaonline.com/membership.php).
-  Next week Barry is hosting the CPR/AED course here at Lulu's Lobster House on Tuesday February 8th from 6-10pm. The cost is \$60. The class can take 12 but 10 spots are full leaving 2 spots still available. Arrive early for dinner and socializing. You do not need to be a Dive Club member to attend this training.
-  2022 Membership for the Dive Club is still open. If you are not paid up please make sure to pay your dues. Kyle Patac is taking application and payments.
-  Beach Report: Ken will provide in the future, nothing to report right now.
-  Now is a great time to get your gear serviced. Support your local dive shops and take your gear in the get checked.
-  Tom's River Flea Market which was scheduled for March 6th 9am-1pm has since been cancelled.
-  Science of Diving class was recommended.
-  Barry offered to teach a SAC rate class to help people understand and improve their down time. Mary added that it's a relatively straightforward calculation.
-  Wreck Dive Report: Danny Rivera is chair of wreck diving committee
 -  June 5th & August 7th on the Halftime for offshore location \$175
 -  The Seahawk and Sea Turtle will begin their season in May
 -  The Sea Turtle does shark diving during the weekdays. You do not want to sign up for the shark dive during shark week in August as there are shark fishing tournaments going on.
 -  There are only 4 dive boats left in NY. For other boats you would have to go to NJ.
 -  If you want to book any dives on the wrecks speak to Danny.
 -  Plan on weekend traffic heading out east to the boats or any eastern dive spots.
-  Death by Diving: planned for August more information to come
-  Camping Report: Bruce has Indian Island blocked from July 29th to August 1st. There will be a bon fire at night. Reservation is from Friday night for 3 nights.
-  8:30pm – February Presentation: Mary Davis Presents Round Valley, NJ
-  Dutch Springs is officially sold. There will be no bath house, no food, and no air fill station. You must have a Dive Master present who has Insurance and Liability coverage. Atlantis is the closet dive shop which has 121 parking spots.
-  Ed Tiedemann is now teaching in Long Island.
-  Rhode Island has a 200 acre Reservoir and it is \$10 a car to get in. There is no fee to scuba but you need to check in and have a buddy. The depth can be 185ft. Visibility is 30 feet and there is plenty of fish to see. Water temperature is very similar to Dutch. You have to be careful of motor boats and you need to have a dive flag.
-  Trying to get Dan Berg and Sally Wahrmann to do a presentation.
-  9:01pm meeting adjourned.



WRECK DIVING INFORMATION

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, Halftime or Sea Turtle, AOW certification is required.



Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Danny Rivera at sidekickdiveboat@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE




MAY:

-  May 21st - Sidekick Dive boat - Inshore reef 5 spots
-  May 28th - Seahawk - Site TBA, preferably offshore - 4 spots (more may open up)


JUNE:

-  June 5th - Halftime - Offshore \$170 per diver - 5 spots left
-  June 18th - sidekick - Offshore - 5 spots

JULY:

-  July 2nd - Sidekick - Offshore - 5 spots
-  July 9-10 - Sea Turtle overnight trip
-  July 16th - Seahawk - Site TBA, preferably offshore - 4 spots (more may open up)

AUGUST:

-  Aug 7th - Halftime - Offshore - 5 spots left.

More charters TBA



BEACH DIVING SCHEDULE

Season Kick Off Dive:

April 10th at Cedar Beach, Mt Sinai @ 9AM

Death By Diving Weekend:

July 29-31, 2022

Schedule TBA

Camping at Indian Island for the weekend



OCEAN WRECK DIVERS FLEA MARKET

ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 6, 2022

CANCELLED



MARCH BIRTHDAY WISHES



Megan Barrow
 Linda Brown
 Sarah Farhat
 Nick Sinnott
 Randy Weidner
 Matthew Cady
 Leilani Elias

Kenneth Kegney
 Dan Lane
 Danielle Porqueddu
 Maureen Porqueddu
 Anna Stassinaris
 Bennett Stolz



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 editor@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 editor@thediveclub.com.



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APPLICATION

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone (home/cell): _____
 Email: _____

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 decompression dive Yes/No

What are your diving interests? (Circle all that apply):

- Wreck Diving Beach Diving U/W Photography Deep Diving Spear Fishing Night Diving
 Artifact Collecting 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? (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 Level: New/Renewal, please circle
 Single Membership: \$25.00. Full club membership
 Family Membership: \$35.00. Full Club membership for the person signing up, plus spouse and all children under the age of 15 years old.

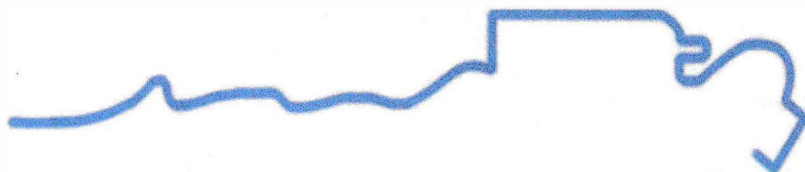
Disclaimer:

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 of Club officer: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____



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 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 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 I am equipped to make this dive safely.

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

