



DIVER DOWN NEWS

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Message from the President—June 2022

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The Dive Club has had a busy season so far for April and May. The Beach Dive schedule is set thru July. Watch for any changes to the schedule sent by email and posted to the Facebook Group. Sometimes it is necessary to adjust the schedule.

The July 16th dive has been moved to Secret Beach to include the Aquawoman dive that is open to all club members and their families.

Thanks to Bruce and Martin camping was available for the Memorial Day weekend at Cedar Point County Park in East Hampton. I was able to dive here for the first time and it was nice to try a new site. The water was 64 degrees and there was 10 ft of visibility. On Sunday I went to Noyack Bay to dive where the visibility was about 4 ft but weather was perfect for diving. A few Club members were able to come out and dive this weekend.

The Sidekick was able to get out on May 21 for an inshore dive but the May 28th trip on the Sea Hawk was cancelled due to predicted storms. We are trying to reschedule this trip. Watch for open spots. This is how LI wreck diving goes.

Oak Beach diving began on Wednesday May 25th with 12 Club members in the water. We are meeting each Wednesday at 5PM. John and Courtney run a great BBQ. Plan to give this site a try. It is a fun evening event. Keep up the diving, the season has just begun.

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
(631) 647-3991

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

The Presenter for June 2022 is
Barry Lipsky:

“Calculating Your Surface Air Consumption
Rate and Why It is Important”

*Bring a Pen/Paper, this will be an interactive
presentation with some math*



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 are 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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May 3, 2022

Recorded by Jennifer Grosso

- 🐟 8:00 pm-Meeting start time and April minutes approved
- 🐟 T-Shirts \$10
- 🐟 New members: Steve, Jeannine, Savi, Joe & Family, Jackie (club photographer)
- 🐟 Beach Diving Report-Ken Murphy
 - 🐟 Beach 8th Street had 10 people
 - 🐟 Saturday May 7th- This weekend- Cedar Beach-Mount Sinai
 - 🐟 Mid to high 40s Water Temp
 - 🐟 Sunday May 22nd Orchard Beach Clean Up- Bronx- North East Corner of Parking Lot
 - 🐟 Saturday July 16th Secret Beach-10am Meetup Aquawoman Dive- Linda Gotti- Clean up underwater and on Beach- PADI National Woman's Dive Day **Go to LIDA website and sign waiver for Secret Beach- bring a picnic
- 🐟 Wreck Diving Report- Danny Rivera
 - 🐟 Half Time- Fuel Charge of \$3 per gallon of how many miles they use upon return, not honoring past pricing agreement—June 5 and August 7 are now cancelled for wreck dives as a result of the issue
 - 🐟 Sea Hawk- Saturday May 28th- Captain Ned still doesn't know what he is charging. \$150 or more it is TBD- Pay Cash day of.
 - 🐟 Sidekick-May 21st-increase by \$20 a trip. Inshore is \$150 Offshore- TBD- Cash day of
 - 🐟 Sidekick June 18th- can be offshore or offshore
 - 🐟 Sea Turtle- Overnight July 9th and 10th if you don't book tonight it is cancelled- Surcharge is now \$10 per person- \$1200 for the boat. Paid up front.
- 🐟 OBI Wednesday May 25th- 5pm Courtney and John will be running
 - 🐟 Reminder that leaderboards are posted in the newsletter. Oak beach leaderboard goes until 1st or 2nd week of September, but you can dive whenever, it just may not count
- 🐟 Camping Report-Bruce
 - 🐟 Memorial Day Weekend Trip- Cedar Point
 - 🐟 Death by Diving at Indian Island- Electric and Water
- 🐟 LIDA Report- Barry
 - 🐟 Monday May 9th elections
 - 🐟 Dutch Springs- Still Open for now- Tickets online- There are refunds for Air Fill cards and Season Passes
- 🐟 North Carolina-Bob & Larry
 - 🐟 Last week in June- Olympus Dive Center
- 🐟 Speaker- Randi Hochenberger Presents- Diving Cozumel & Nassau, Bermuda
 - 🐟 8:56pm-9:24pm
 - 🐟 Cozumel—Use Scuba Club, 45 minute ferry to Play del Carmen and Cancun. Close to Isla de Mujeres, famous for whale shark dives. Many reefs with swim throughs and the C-53 wreck.
 - 🐟 Nassau—Steel forest and Twin Sisters wrecks near ocean shelf (Tongue of the Ocean). Shark feeding dive.
- 🐟 9:27 ended presentation and meeting, raffle winner: Chris



2022 LEADERBOARDS

BEACH DIVING (AS OF MAY 31):

Mary Davis10	Joe Feldbaum 3	Chuck Ertle 1
Roy Bacchi5	Courtney Lyons .. 3	Jeremy Gruber .. 1
Jim Lisle.....4	Andrey Krasnov .. 2	Denis Mellett 1
John Berntsen4	Matt Gruber 2	Chelsea Miller ... 1
Mike Feldbaum ...4	Victoria Ingoglia . 2	Vadim Paley..... 1
Tim McMahon4	Doug King 2	Kevin Ryan 1
Jenny Ross4	Ryan Smith 2	Tom Spier..... 1
Rick Baresich3	Les Charles 1	Danny Rivera..... 1



WRECK DIVING:

Roy Bacchi2
Danny Rivera2
Grace Mattel1
Larry Ziedler.....1





BEACH DIVING

JUNE-JULY SCHEDULE

(All dives are subject to change due to weather)

- ✈ Every Wednesday afternoon at Oak Beach with Club BBQ
- ✈ Saturday, June 11: Secret Beach Meeting at 10:00AM
- ✈ Saturday, June 18: Cedar Beach Meeting at 9:00AM
- ✈ Saturday, June 25: Round Valley Day Trip Meeting there at 8:00AM
- ✈ Sunday, July 3: Secret Beach Meeting at 9:00AM
- ✈ Saturday, July 9: Lake Minnewaska Day Trip Meeting there at 9:00AM
- ✈ Saturday, July 16: Secret Beach at 10:00AM—Dive with the Aquawomen
- ✈ Saturday, July 23: Noyack Bay Meeting at 10:00AM

DEATH BY DIVING WEEKEND—JULY 29-31, 2022:

- ✈ Camping at Indian Island Site 4*
- ✈ July 29: Meet at camp ground to sign in and set up camp. Opens at 3PM
- ✈ July 29: Old Ponquogue Bridge Meeting at 8:30PM, HT 9:42PM
- ✈ July 30: Old Ponquogue Bridge Meeting at 8:30AM, HT 10:15AM
- ✈ July 30: Noyack Bay Meeting at 1:00PM
- ✈ July 30: Fort Pond Bay Meeting at 4:00PM
- ✈ July 30: Old Ponquogue Bridge Meeting at 8:30PM, HT 10:18PM
- ✈ July 31: USS Ohio, Greenport, NY Meeting at 9:00AM
- ✈ July 31: Secret Beach Meeting at 11:00AM — 2 DIVES and BBQ







*Bring your scuba gear - some of the dives will be counted to the leader board but must generate from the campsite. Please sign up early to reserve your spot.



WRECK DIVING INFORMATION

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


SCHEDULE

MAY:

 June 18th - Sidekick - Offshore

JULY:

 July 2nd - Sidekick - Offshore

 July 9-10 - Sea Turtle overnight trip

 July 16th - Seahawk - Site TBA, preferably offshore

More charters TBA. Check with Wreck Chair for Available Spots.

JUNE BIRTHDAY WISHES



Roy Bacchi
 Steve Borgess
 Salvatore Candela
 June Dawson
 Nicholas Lumbaro
 Paul Santarsiero

Guy Zummo
 William Carver Jr.
 Timothy Dawideit
 Mike Grimes
 John Roche
 Roy Weydig



IMPORTANT *NOTICE:*

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For those who purchased the State Parks Permit for Diving in the 4 State Parks, the restrictions for accessing the Diving at Democrat Point began on Memorial Day Weekend. Summer hours started that Saturday morning at 7:00am for 4x4 access to Democrat Point. Democrat point has limited access hours during the summer season.

For Democrat Point: you must be on line to get onto the beach before 7:00am. Then the gate reopens for entering at 5:00pm. You can leave at any time but re-entry is not allowed between the 7am to 5pm time slot. There are no exceptions.

The time restrictions will run until the Tuesday after Labor day. Rangers will be checking for the required 4x4 equipment.

All vehicles must be equipped with:

- ⦿ a shovel
- ⦿ rope or tow chain
- ⦿ jack and jack board
- ⦿ approved tires and spare
- ⦿ tire gauge capable of registering a minimum of 5 PSI.

Tires shall not exceed either 33” in diameter or 12.5” in width as measured at the widest point.

While there is a compressor station at the exit, it is a good idea to have in your tool kit a Tire Inflator Chuck that plugs into the BC Whip for re-inflating your tires.

For those Members still interested in obtaining a Regional Dive Permit, they are on sale all year. Details can be found at Regional SCUBA-Diving (valid "c" card required) and Metal Detecting are available for purchase, online only, by visiting the New York State Parks Reserve America (newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com), or by calling the Reserve America Call Center at 1-800-456-2267 (Hours: Monday - Friday 8AM to 8PM; Saturday and Sunday 9AM to 3PM).



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.

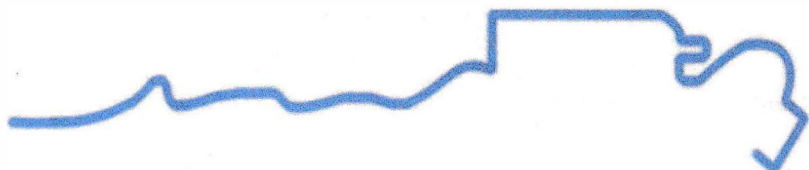
Disclaimer:

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

