



DIVER DOWN NEWS

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Message from the President—August 2022

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I am writing this letter before our memorable Death By Diving weekend so it can be added to the August Newsletter. Our Club has grown in size and we have more dives planned than I can remember in the past 10 years. We have been exploring new sites such as Round Valley Reservoir and Lake Minnewaska. This Island isn’t big enough for us anymore.

The weather has been in our favor with very little rain to dampen our spirits. We have an Oak Beach Wednesday dive and a weekend dive every week. If you haven’t been out to join us yet, make an effort to enjoy the warm waters. The water temperature is in the mid to high 70’s. And the visibility has been decent at about 4 ft and sometimes more. We are working on planning more wreck dives so watch the Google Groups emails for opportunities to sign on.

This weekend we will be traveling the Island to complete 8 dives between Friday night and Sunday afternoon. I am hoping for lots of company at the dives and camp site. I’m sure there will be lots of photos and stories to share after the weekend.

The diving will continue thru October so be sure to check the Beach and Wreck schedules in the Newsletter.

Let’s continue to make 2022 a great season!

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
August 2022 is Barry Lipsky

Presenting on:

Public Safety Diving



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-signup-form/
- Individual memberships for 2022 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 Kyle Patac (info@thediveclub.com).



MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 2022

Recorded by Randi Hochenberger

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MEETING START-UP BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 🐟 Meeting called to order at 7:58pm
- 🐟 Minutes from June meeting approved and last call for 50/50
- 🐟 New members filled out some applications at the meeting
 - 🐟 Norma—longtime diver, just started diving LI
 - 🐟 Jack—OW and AOW certified last year
 - 🐟 Jim—new OW
 - 🐟 Ozzie—mostly commercial diver with some recreational, originally from Santa Barbara
- 🐟 T-shirts available for \$10

BEACH REPORT

- 🐟 Shoreham nice - time it for low tide and you can ride the river in and out
 - 🐟 15 people went and it was really enjoyable
- 🐟 No more Secret Beach this season due to ticks - dives scheduled here are being moved
- 🐟 Cedar Beach dive was switched to Oak
- 🐟 5 people went out to Round Valley - the dives were nice, but it was very hot out
 - 🐟 Not a lot to see
 - 🐟 There was a rocky and narrow path from parking lot - not a great replacement for Dutch Springs
- 🐟 Dutch is currently shut down and can only dive with instructor through the shop
- 🐟 Visibility at bridge on Saturday was not good - about 3 ft, but it was a nice day with about 17 divers - everyone got parking with 3 people shuttling from the other side
- 🐟 This Saturday is Lake Minnewaska - it is about a 2 hour drive, near Poughkeepsie
 - 🐟 Non-divers can explore nearby Sands Point Preserve and it is in general a good hiking area
 - 🐟 TDC grill will be brought, but only hotdogs, so plan extra food accordingly
 - 🐟 John B. and Rick have been there before - so ask them about driving
 - 🐟 9am meeting

AQUAWOMAN DIVE

- 🐟 July 16 and moved to Ponquogue Bridge
- 🐟 Martin working on getting passes, but carpooling preferred
- 🐟 Open to all, not just women
- 🐟 Currently 20 women have expressed interested
- 🐟 Get out there early, other parking lot is still closed up and boats with trailers do come
 - 🐟 Linda will arrive around 8:30am
 - 🐟 In water at 11:15am
 - 🐟 If you do not carpool, Linda may not hand you a pass - she is saving them for carpoolers
 - 🐟 Feel free to bring canopy
 - 🐟 Can drop gear, park across, and even bike back
- 🐟 TD BBQ coming with full compliment of food - but please bring whatever you like to augment
- 🐟 Courtney handling the T-Shirts
- 🐟 This dive has been going since 1981 and used to do boats, but there are no more large boats available. Instead, a shore dive to keep the dive going and keep it enjoyable, especially with the number of divers this dive brings in

DEATH-BY-DIVING

- 🐟 1 weekend, 8 dives, camping at Indian Island
- 🐟 Martin is handling the camping - let him know if you plan on coming
- 🐟 Arrive on Friday is preferable, and you can stay late on Sunday and be out by noon on Monday
- 🐟 The groups site is just us, really nice, we will have a fire pit, the bathhouse is nice - full-service location
- 🐟 Final site is Submarine Base two dives with a BBQ - not the best dive, but also not many options



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BEACH SCHEDULE

- 🐟 August, September, October schedule coming out soon - pay attention to the Newsletter, but please note that that does not always contain the most up-to-date info
- 🐟 New members give emails to Bill - we use Google Groups in addition to Facebook
- 🐟 We do not post the schedule on Facebook because it is for dues paying members

WRECK REPORT

- 🐟 Larry and Grace made it out last month, only official dive of the season - most have been blown out and there have not been many
- 🐟 July 16 only upcoming Club Dive on the Seahawk, but that is also Aquawoman dive day
- 🐟 We have only the Halftime, Seahawk, and Sidekick
- 🐟 Halftime is going out on July 24, but this was a private charter
- 🐟 If you can get 6 people together, talk to captains about charters, does not have to be a club dive
- 🐟 Seahawk can sometimes take you out with a buddy

OAK BEACH

- 🐟 Turnout has been good, record of 17 people in the water last week
- 🐟 Lots of new divers
- 🐟 We were rained out two weeks ago
- 🐟 Jackie is our new photography and has been posting pics to our social media
- 🐟 July 6 is high tide, so is promising

Rhode Island

- 🐟 Club divers do this regularly, about once a year
- 🐟 Jamestown - island off of Newport with nice camping and coves for diving
- 🐟 Due to storms, the visibility was not great
- 🐟 Weekend started on Friday, but some additional people came on Saturday
- 🐟 Was not the most successful dive trip, but the camping was fun and overall a really good time
- 🐟 Stay tuned for next year's opportunity

North Carolina

- 🐟 Larry and Bob, but not Grace (she was sick) went
- 🐟 Very good diving, exceeding for Larry what he expected
- 🐟 It was high 70s low 80s with smooth seas, with a 74-80 degree waters
- 🐟 Were told that visibility was lower than usual, but still around 30ft
- 🐟 Best visibility of the trip was about 60ft and can see the hull of the boat 100ft above you
- 🐟 Usually if you plan 5 days of diving, you get 3, but this time they were 5 out of 5 - no blow outs
- 🐟 We are going to try and get a club dive for this next summer - money collected 6 months out - to be ready to pay in winter the trip will fill up quickly
- 🐟 Can dive Nitrox, and their was a fuel surcharge of \$20 per day (long 3 hours out and back in)

TDC MEMBERS ON TV!

- 🐟 Gus, Barry, (and John) were featured on an Episode of Expedition Unknown on Discovery
- 🐟 [Season 10, Episode 6: Bootleggers Millions](#)
- 🐟 Barry assisted show host, Josh Gates, with a blackwater dive in a canal in Oakdale looking for the lost treasure chest of infamous Prohibition bootlegger, Dutch Schultz

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 🐟 August: Barry Lipsky on surface water rescue, dive rescue, ice rescue, and dive ice rescue
- 🐟 October: Grace on her Florida trip
- 🐟 September, November, December: TBD

ARTIFACT NIGHT

- 🐟 Mary, Linda, Janice, Randi, and Mike all shared finds from expensive jewelry, to unique bottles, parts of ships, ammo (now rendered inert), and a large bottle of vodka (with booze in tact).
- 🐟 Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm



DEATH BY DIVING WEEKEND

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- ✈ 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: Submarine Base, New Suffolk Meeting at 11:00AM (2 Dives)



2022 LEADERBOARDS

BEACH DIVING (AS OF JULY 28):

Mary Davis 17	Larry Zeidler 2	Chuck Ertle 1
Mike Feldbaum..... 9	Eric Cregeen 2	Harris Moore 1
Courtney Lyons 9	Doug King 2	Jeremy Gruber..... 1
John Berntsen..... 8	Chelsea Miller..... 2	Danny Rivera 1
Jim Lisle 8	Kevin Ryan..... 2	Steve Maggio 1
Joe Feldbaum..... 8	Tom Spier 2	Ann Bivona 1
Victoria Ingoglia 7	Dawn Dawson 2	Freddie Bonaire..... 1
Rick Baresich..... 7	Sam Feldbaum 2	Janet McLoughlin... 1
Tim McMahon 7	Ryan Feldbaum 2	Kim Valenti 1
Roy Bacchi..... 5	Rusty Lukeman..... 2	Jeremy Gruber..... 1
Vadim Paley 5	Tom Reidman..... 2	Jack Frost 1
Jenny Ross..... 4	Ozan Ersoz..... 2	Denis Mellett 1
Les Charles 4	Linda Gotti 2	Julie Cohen..... 1
Andrey Krasnov 4	Alicia Sirois..... 2	Henry Serra..... 1
Nick Sinnott 3	Elaine Turley 2	Liam Dawson 1
Ryan Smith 3	Ron Prybella..... 1	Barry Lipsky 1
Matt Gruber 3	Ryan Christie..... 1	Bill Cadden 1
Megan Barrow..... 2	Dave Thorburn 1	Ken Murphy..... 1
Alicia Sirois..... 2	Danny Rivera 1	Kim Dunham..... 1
Jeanine Furco..... 2	James Zima 1	Will Krasnov 1
Andrew Solomon.... 2	Denis Mellett..... 1	Alex Stemger..... 1
Jim Vafeas 2		



2022 LEADERBOARDS

OAK BEACH (AS OF JULY 28):

Courtney Lyons..... 8	Chuck Ertle 3	Jim Lisle 1
Mary Davis 7	Ciara Smith 3	Alex Stemger..... 1
John Hochenberger.. 7	Andrey Krasnov..... 2	Jerry Kinkade 1
Chelsea Miller 7	Megan Barrow 2	Barbara Ertle 1
Kevin Ryan 7	Ozan Ersoz 2	John Ertle 1
Tim McMahon..... 6	Harris Moore 2	Thomas Ertle..... 1
Joe Feldbaum 5	Chris Brady..... 2	Roy Bacchi..... 1
Randi Hochenberger. 5	Rick Baresich 2	Andrew Solomon 1
Mike Feldbaum 5	Nick Sinnott..... 2	James Lark 1
Louis Buda 5	Jack Frost 2	Ron Prybella..... 1
Eric Cregeen..... 5	Larry Ziedler..... 2	Jim Campbell 1
Victoria Ingoglia..... 4	Ryan Feldbaum..... 2	James Campbell..... 1
Vadim Paley..... 3	Bill Cadden..... 2	Jack Dillon 1
Joe Lemaire 3	Eric Yousha 1	Norma Leon 1
John Berntsen 3	Noah Yousha 1	



WRECK DIVING:

Roy Bacchi..... 4	Grace Mattel 1
Danny Rivera..... 4	Larry Ziedler..... 1
Frank Cara 2	





BEACH DIVING

AUGUST–OCTOBER SCHEDULE

(All dives are subject to change due to weather)

- ✈ August 6: Oak Beach Pier ~ Meet at 10 AM
- ✈ August 14: Old Ponquogue Bridge, HT 10:49AM ~ Meet 9AM
- ✈ August 21: Bayville Barge ~ Meet 8AM (carpool if possible)
- ✈ August 28: Beach 8th St., HT 9:31AM ~ Meet 8 AM (drop gear, park at Beach 9th St.)

- ✈ September 3: Horton's Point ~ Meet 10 AM
- ✈ September 11: Old Ponquogue Bridge, HT 9:36 AM ~ Meet 7:30 AM
- ✈ September 17: Glen Cove Clean Up with LIND for Scuba Network
- ✈ September 25: Stehli Beach ~ Meet 9 AM

- ✈ October 1: Fort Pond Bay, Montauk ~ Meet 10AM
- ✈ October 9: Woodhull Landing Pumpkin Carving Dive ~ Meet at 11AM, BBQ after
- ✈ October 16: Old Ponquogue Bridge, HT 1:26 PM ~ Meet 11:30 AM
- ✈ October 22: Woodhull Landing Night Dive ~ Meet 5PM
- ✈ October 29: Secret Beach ~ Meet 10 AM (Hopefully will be tick-free)







Watch for changes to the schedule noted by email and Facebook post.





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 or Sea Turtle, AOW certification is required. Wreck dives can be booked by contacting Danny Rivera at sidekickdiveboat@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE

 August 27 - Sea Hawk - Site TBA, preferably offshore

 October 1 - Sea Hawk - Site TBA, preferably offshore

Currently waitlist only. More charters TBA. Check Google Groups and Facebook.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES



August Bricker
Mark Dubiali
Gerry Kekatos
Christopher Mazz
Robert McCarthy
Jennifer Newins
Ray Perez
Danny Rivera

Mylene Russo
Chris Skirbe
Ann Bivona
Ryan Christie
Aimee Corwin
Mike Gress
Tess Latuso
Bob Rusnak
Nicholas Sarro



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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.