

A Word From The President

Welcome to August what a great time to dive water is warming up nicely vis has been steady.

Death By Diving was a huge success as many people made the attempt to get the free Lobster dinner. The weather cooperated nicely and traffic was light so what more could you ask for ?

I would like to thank everyone who made Death By Diving what it is ,a 'Marathon of Diving'. I can't wait to do it again next year.

Let's continue Diving and having fun!

The Wednesday night dives are going strong with a huge group every week. * Please remember to bring a flag on every dive with the exception of the bridge and even then it would be a good idea to plant one along the pipe for extra safety. *

Best wishes,

President Jerry Kinkade

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An Important Update To Membership Fees

- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been limitations on the 2020 dive season. The Dive Club will honor those fees paid during the 2020 season and apply them towards the upcoming 2021 season.
- Going forward, an individual membership will be \$25.
- A family membership will be \$35.
- Early renewal will be offered every November and December for active club members. A \$5 discount will be applied for the upcoming season so that the fee will be \$20 for an individual membership and \$30 for a family membership.
- January of a new year will revert to full membership fees.
- 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 renewal payments should be sent to Gus Bricker at : treasurer@thediveclub.com**



Minutes Of The Meeting

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As recorded by Jennifer Grosso, Recording Secretary.

Dive Club Meeting 7/6/21

Start: 8:17PM

No other dive schedules other than death by diving

Map for death by diving is up via email and Facebook

Death by diving this weekend –

2 Dives Friday you can only make 1 of 2 of them- OBI and Ponquogue Bridge

Gosmans Dock is dive site this weekend in Montauk

No more beach 8th Street for Death by Diving

-Bruce Camping go to guy. If you are going pay Bruce. Indian Island this weekend Friday-Monday. Friday 2pm check in. Monday you have to leave by noon. 3 nights are required, and you must pay for all 3 nights. \$24 a night. Group site 2. \$17 for seniors and handicap as well as green key holders. Police, Fireman, and EMT get discount as well.

-Courtney throws paper at Rick. 8:29 pm.

Wreck report- Half time was cancelled due to transmission issues. Then Ned from Sea Hawk was going to take us out but they got rained out 2 times. Original dives for that day are now rescheduled for Iberia or Lizzy D. August 1st. \$120. Pay Gus.

August 15th Half time offshore but is full.

September 12th Offshore dive. \$170.

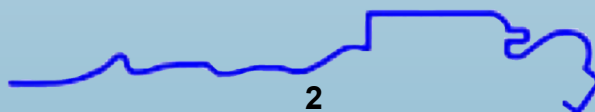
Bottle dives end of November/December.

Ken did Beach Diving Review- we did Beach 8th Street- We are putting it on hold now but will do it again. We also did Dutch Springs 16 people showed up. Schedule will be set after Death by Diving.

Barry spoke about Oak Beach Jetty- He had meeting with Town of Babylon about 2 weeks ago. Town of Babylon DEC states- "At this time the fishing Jetty is open for recreation access and no immediate plans to close it. The jetty ownership we discussed about the NY state parks own the property and the town was required to get a permit to rebuild jetty. I suggest you contact the state park headquarters George Gorman LI Regional Director for getting access to get accessibility for diving." LIDA sent a letter. It has been brought to my attention that the rift raft has been difficult to enter and exit the jetty. He is still waiting on a response.

Block Island windmill diving for photographing and for a magazine article.

New Members- Bobby, Chris, Peter, Kevin, and Chelsea.





The Monthly Meeting

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The Dive Club holds it's monthly meeting on the first **Tuesday** of each month or until further notice.

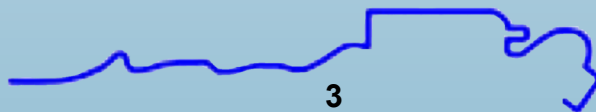


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Dive Schedules

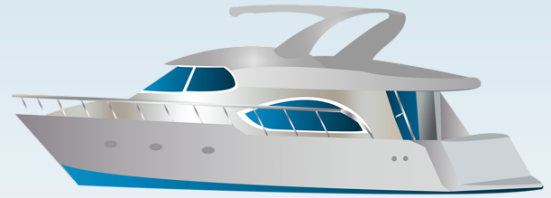
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Beach Diving Schedule: August to October 2021

- July 31: Old Ponquogue Bridge High Tide 2:09PM Meet at 12:30 PM
- August 7: Secret Beach Meet at 10:00 AM LIDA waiver must be signed for the season
- August 15: Bayville Barge Meet at 8:00 AM
- August 21: Old Ponquogue Bridge Night Dive High Tide 7:54 PM Meet at 6:30 PM
- August 28-29: Dutch Springs Weekend 3 dives Saturday with night dive, 2 dives Sunday
- September 11: Prybil Beach Meet at 1:00 PM
- September 19: Fort Pond Bay Meet at 10:00 AM
- September 25: Beach 8th Street High Tide 11:21 AM Meet at 9:00 AM
- October 3: **Pumpkin Carving** Dive Location to be Announced





PENDING:

August 15th, 2021

Offshore - The U.S.S. San Diego or the Oregon - Tentative

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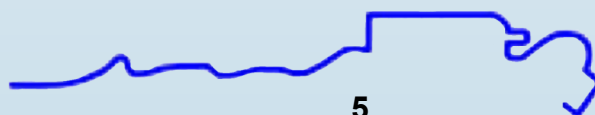
Please reserve/pay in advance as the “Half-Time” is a “six-pack” and has limited space. Two other vessels we may be using will be the “Sea Turtle” and the “Sea Hawk” depending on the limitations posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.



For further information, you may contact Gus Bricker at the following:

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Diver's Leaderboard

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Each category will be populated and updated as the 2021 dive season progresses.

Beach Dive Leaderboard

Updated July 30, 2021

Rick Baresich 8	Sean Curran 2
Ryan Smith 6	Chuck Ertle 2
John Bernsten 5	Eric Creegan 1
Mary Davis 5	Ozan Erroz 1
Jen Grosso 4	Alex Feinstein 1
Courtney Lyons 4	Jack Frost 1
Ken Murphy 4	Rusty Lukeman 1
Ron Prybella 4	Jen Newins 1
Tim McMahon 3	Jerry Kinkade 1
Roy Bacchi 3	Andre Krasnov 1
Nick Sinnott 3	Larry Zeidler 1
Megan Barrow 2	



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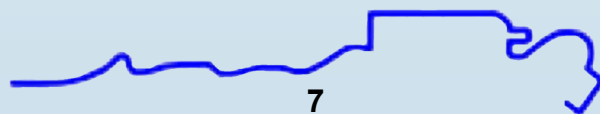
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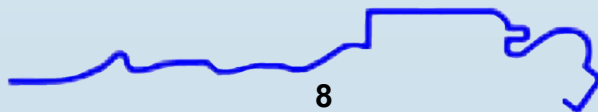


Wreck Dives



Speakers :

- Steve Belinda has been rescheduled for the November meeting.
- August 3rd Sally Wahrman - Diving During Covid with a Touch of an African Safari
- September 7th Mike Salvarezza & Chris Weaver speak about Tubbataha in the Philippines.
- October 5th Grace Mattel speaking about her diving in Florida.





Diving Cape Hatteras in 90 and 91

By Jack Frost

Every dive trip is an adventure. Here are some recollections from diving Cape Hatteras at the southern end of the N.C. barrier beach.

My family rented a house on the northern end of the barrier islands in 1990. I drove south to Kitty Hawk to book with the PADI shop to dive the nearby German sub. This sub is not as good a dive as the U-352 off Beaufort, N.C. (and not anywhere near as good as the U-853 off Block Island which I had been on and in twice). Also, at Kitty Hawk the Labrador Current pushes back and forth with the blue, warm, clear Gulf Stream waters and the temperature change can be 10 degrees day by day. The shop was concerned that I had only "Qualified Diver" certification (all that was available or needed when certified in 71) even though I showed them my log book with a hundred or so Northeast wreck dives. They said I could only do a 10 minute dive with them on the sub "Due to insurance concerns" which was their way of saying "Go away". So I did.

Back at the house I thumbed through the phone book (a thick book with hundreds of thousands of tiny phone numbers) and found an operator in Hatteras named Captain Art Kirchner. Called him up and spoke about the Captains. I dove with off N.Y. and that was all he needed to know. Next day I pull up in front of Capt. Art's boat (the Margie II) to see him hosing himself down wearing an orange bathing suit with a tear in the back that left nothing to imagination. Introduced myself as he said he was taking a "Hatteras shower". Turns out, Capt. Art was somewhat of a Hatteras legend for what I would consider all commendable reasons (or at least forgivable by most).

On the way out to the first wreck, the boat stopped and everyone was looking off to one side. There was a water spout and Capt. Art wanted to see which way it was going. Also on the way out, I was subjected to an unsolicited, impassioned monolog by a "southern boy" (I was the only Yankee on the boat) about how "The North only won the war because it had the manufacturing". I think I replied that I had heard about the Civil War. I get buddied up with a guy who is using a computer. I'm using the Navy Tables. We had the same profile but while I was required to hang for a while, my buddy did a short safety stop and boarded the boat before me. So who was safer when each of us climbed the ladder?



Next year on Capt. Art's boat some divers were using "power heads" (explosive shells on spear tips) to take fish. I think I was diving alone. I hear (and feel) a horrendous bang like someone hitting my tank with a sledge hammer. Look to my right and see a fish a few feet from my hip with a hole blown in it. Later check my spg and see 1500 lbs. Good. Check it again 5 minutes later and see 1500 lbs. That's odd, depth is 90 feet, pressure should have dropped. Check it again in a minute and still reading 1500 lbs. Ok, somethings not right. Dove for a while longer checking the gauge and it wasn't moving. Figured the shock from the power head caused a malfunction. Ended the dive. Retired the gauges and it hung from a basement rafter until two years ago when I unscrewed the plastic face just to see what the mechanism looks like. Found that the card was tilted causing the needle to stick at 1500 lbs. (for 29 years!) A quick fix and it works fine comparing it to another spg at various pressures. But really can't be trusted due to possible other injuries it may have sustained from the shock wave.

That's it. Just some recollections.



As members are added and information is gathered, it will be shared in these segments.

New Members



WELCOME!!

Ken Ryan, Chelsea Miller, Ryan Smith,
Andre Krasnov, Chris Newins & Bobby Reith!!



Birthday Wishes August

August	Bricker
Mark	Dubiali
Gerry	Kekatos
Christopher	Mazz
Robert	McCarthy
Jennifer	Newins
Raphael (Ray)	Perez
Danny	Rivera
Mylene	Russo
Chris	Skirbe
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Mike	Gress
Tess	Latuso
Bob	Rusnak
Nicholas	Sarro





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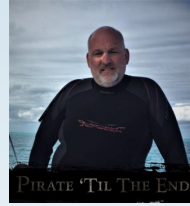
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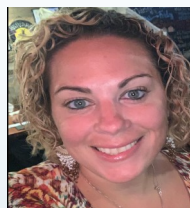
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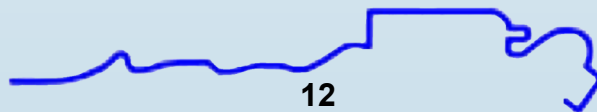
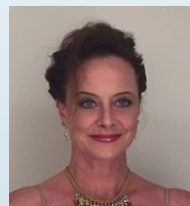


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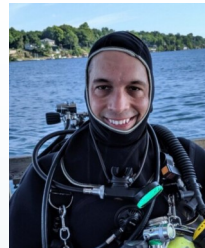
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We want you to share your story!

Tell us about your best dives to date or about a great diving story by writing an article for the newsletter and sharing it with your fellow divers!

Whatever excites you about diving, spend a little time writing an article for Diver Down News!

A paragraph or an essay, it doesn't matter.

Have an incredible photo you took on a dive trip or locally?

Share it with everyone!

All submissions are welcome, appreciated and will be credited accordingly.

Thank you!

Anita-Eve

