

## A Word From The President

Hello fellow divers welcome to July let's hope everyone has a safe 4th of July.

This month we have Death By Diving coming up 9,10 and 11th last year we had an awesome turnout with a few new divers let's make this year even bigger. The officer's and I would like to thank Guy for his work for the club over the years and wish him well in his new adventure.

Our dive club meetings will be live from now on there will be no more Zoom we will be having our meeting at Lulu's Lobster house in Brightwaters at 91 Howells Rd this is the old Jon Thomas Inn.

Thank you

~ President Jerry Kinkade

## 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](mailto:treasurer@thediveclub.com)**

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# Minutes Of The Meeting

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As recorded by Jennifer Grosso, Recording Secretary.





# 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.

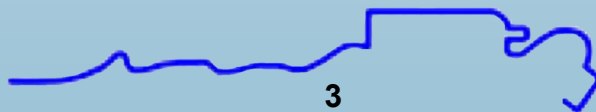


The address is:

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# Dive Schedules

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All diving excursions are contingent upon conditions prior to or at the time of the proposed dive and may be altered or cancelled accordingly. For last minute updates, contact the appropriate member for further information.

## Beach Diving

Every Wednesday evening will have a shore dive at the OBI. The meetup time is usually 5pm and we will advise if there is a change. Please monitor The Dive Club's Facebook page for up-to-the-minute information.



### The Dive Club 2021 Beach Diving Schedule

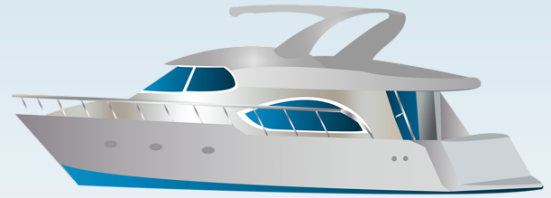
- July 9-11 **Death By Diving Weekend !!!**
- July 9 Night Dive at **either OBI** at 6pm **or Old Ponquogue Bridge** HT 8:22PM
- July 10 **Old Ponquogue Bridge** High Tide 8:44 AM
- July 10 **Montauk Jetty**, Gosman's Dock 1 PM
- July 10 **Fort Pond Bay**, Montauk 3 PM
- July 10 **Old Ponquogue Bridge** High Tide 9:03 PM
- July 11 **Secret Beach**, Greenport 8 AM
- July 11 **Submarine Base**, New Suffolk 10:30am (2 Dives)
- July 11 **BBQ AT SUBMARINE BASE AFTER DIVES!!!!**

For further information, you may contact Ken Murphy at the following:

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## **PENDING:**

**August 15th, 2021**

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

**September 12th, 2021**

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

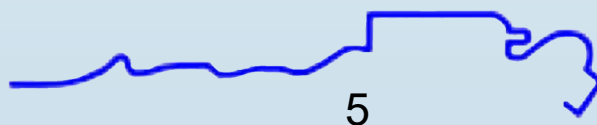
**Please reserve/pay in advance as the “Half-Time” is a “six-pack” and has limited space. Two other vessels we may be using will be the “Sea Turtle” and the “Sea Hawk” depending on the limitations posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.**



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# Dive Schedules

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# Camping Trips



This schedule will be updated as the season progresses. All camping trips will be organized by Bruce Russo unless otherwise stated.

## **July 9th- July 12th Indian Island Campground**

Group Site 2 (Riverhead NY. 631 852 3232)

For further information, you may contact Bruce Russo at the following:

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# Diver's Leaderboard

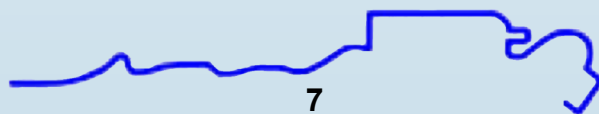
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## 2021

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

# Beach Dive Leaderboard

Mary Davis 11	Sean Curran 3	Bob Chalmers 1
Rick Baresich 8	Ron Prybella 3	Ozan Erroz 1
Ken Murphy 8	Megan Barrow 2	Jen Grosso 1
Brian Lemke 6	Eric Creegan 2	John Hochenberger 1
Vadim Paley 6	Barry Lipsky 2	Rusty Lukeman 1
Andrew Solomon 6	Corey Moran 2	Gerry Kekatos 1
Nick Sinnott 5	Jen Newins 2	Robert Manning 1
Roy Bacchi 4	Eric Oster 2	Phil O'Sullivan 1
Gerry Barsky 4	Tom Spier 2	Tom Riedman 1
Ashley DeCosta 4	Dave Thorburn 2	Danny Rivera 1
Grace Mattel 4	John Berntsen 1	Martin Ryder 1
Emily Solomon 4	Pat Byrne 1	Ryan Smith 1
Kim Valenti 4	Sal Candela 1	Bob Stamm 1
		Pete Quatrone 1
		Larry Zeidler 1
		James Zima 1



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# OBI LEADERBOARD

**Rick Baresich 5**

**John Bernsten 5**

**Ryan Smith 4**

**Mary Davis 3**

**Jen Grosso 3**

**Courtney Lyons 3**

**Ron Prybella 3**

**Megan Barrow 2**

**Roy Bacchi 2**

**Sean Curran 2**

**Chuck Ertle 2**

**Ken Murphy 2**

**Nick Sinnott 2**

**Eric Creegan 1**

**Ozan Erroz 1**

**Alex Feinstein 1**

**Jack Frost 1**

**Rusty Lukeman 1**

**Tim McMahon 1**

**Jen Newins 1**



## Wreck Dives





## Speakers :

**Megan Barrow**

**"Diving St. Thomas and Bali Indonesia".**



### COMING SOON!

- August 3rd Captain Steve Belinda speaking about the U-853
- September 7th Mike Salvarezza & Chris Weaver speak about Tubbataha in the Philippines.
- October 5th Grace Mattel speaking about her diving in Florida.





## The Dive Club at Dutch Springs

**June 26-27, 2021**

The Dive Club headed to Dutch Springs in Bethlehem, PA for a weekend of camping and diving. The weather was warm and sunny. The water was a comfortable 70 degrees on the surface and 60 degrees at 40 ft.

With 20-foot visibility, the 16 club members enjoyed diving on the sunken attractions.

There are multiple shipwrecks, a fire truck, a challenger airplane and even a Sikorsky helicopter.

The divers were able to complete 2-day dives and a night dive on Saturday and 8 club members stayed overnight to make 2 more dives on Sunday.

- ◆ Dutch Springs is only 2 ½ hours from Nassau County.
- ◆ Admission is \$54 for the day.
- ◆ There is a water park and climbing attraction for non-diving family members.
- ◆ The air fill station and food stand are on site.
- ◆ With camping available on Friday and Saturday night this is a great weekend dive destination.





# Dutch Springs

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**“There are Divers and there are people who go Diving.”**

**“Keeping the passion for diving alive.”**

My first memory of scuba dive was when I was about ten years old. My father and I were walking in Bay Shore along main street when I spotted a dive shop. I do not remember the name, but I do remember the coral encrusted artifacts and big dive knife in the window. I begged my father to go in and look around. We talked to the shop attendant about scuba diving and how to learn to dive.

Obviously, I was too young to learn, so my father bought me the training manual and said I could practice the skills in our pool and once old enough I could take the course. The book was “The New Science of Skin and Scuba.” I quickly read the book and began practicing with my skills with a mask, fins and snorkel, which to say the least were not professional grade. Being ten I quickly lost interest in snorkeling around my pool and moved on to other things. It turns out that dive shop was a famous commercial training center known the world over.

Fast forward a few years, I am 21 years old and newly married with a 6-month-old daughter. My brother and sister-in law decided to take scuba lessons at a shop in Bay Shore called Diver’s Way.

I decided to join them. When my father found out, he decided to send my young brother John with me.

He said this way you will always have a dive buddy, and this turned out to be true. The course was over, and I was a newly certified diver now I needed to go diving. My brother and I tried several dive sites, Cedar Beach Mt Sini, The Bridge, Sore Thumb Fire Island, we started to become frustrated, so I decided to take an advance diver course, and that is when I became a diver and not just someone who goes diving.

During my 21 years of teaching scuba, it always amazed me how many people would take the course, get certified and never go diving. Some people would dive a couple of times then fade away finding other interests. I have often wondered what keeps people diving and how I became addicted to the underwater world. I am going to try convey some of the things that kept me diving and hopefully it will help you keep the passion for diving alive.

## **Have a mission!**

I remember when I owned my dive shop, I realized I needed to get people out diving. During my research over the years, I found out that the navy used to test dummy torpedoes in an area of the Peconic bay and had lost a few during the process. So, I organized a search for the missing torpedoes. I think I had about fifty divers searching for the torpedoes. Of course, I already knew where one was since I searched the area prior to the event. Everyone was excited and had a great time and went on to do many dives with us.

## **Bottle diving**

Bottle diving is always a fun activity. You can dive off the beach and find many old bottles. The fun is not only finding them, but cleaning and researching the origin and history of the bottles.



## **Go to dive shows and seminars!**

Dive shows like Beneath the Sea or the Boston Sea Rovers is a great way to learn about new dive destinations and equipment. The seminars can be informative and often inspire people to get out diving. Also, this is a great way to make connection in the dive community.

By Far the best reason to keep diving is the social aspect of diving.

Probably the number one indicator whether someone is going to continue to dive, is whether they

develop connections in the dive community. Most of the fun of diving is sharing the experience with

your friends. I have met many of my closest friends because of diving. Many of which go back to that

very first advanced diver course. So, join a club, take a class and get out diving.

I am sure there are many more ways to keep the passion for diving alive. It's like a marriage, you have

to work at it, some dives are good, and some dives are not so good, but when you have that spectacular dive, it makes you want to keep diving looking for the next great experience.

So, get out and dive!

## **Become an underwater photographer!**



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

## New Members

### WEL-



Alex Feinstein , Ed Rodriques  
Ryan Smith, Eric Oster & James Zima!

## Birthday Wishes June



Anthony Angiulo

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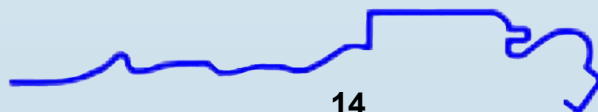
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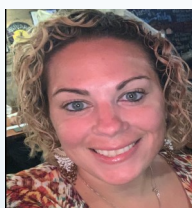
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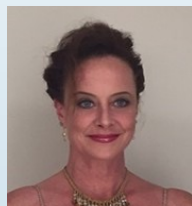


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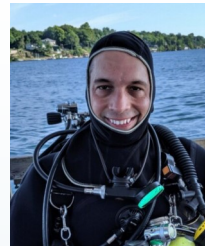
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# Editor's Notes

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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**

