



A Word From The President



Wow it's September already it's hard to believe the summer is over but that doesn't mean our dive season has to end this is some of the best diving days ahead with less boat traffic. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to dive over the summer with Covid's return Hopefully everyone is staying safe and healthy October is election nomination time for the dive club with elections taking place at our Dec club meeting. Thank you Barry Lipsky for all you have done for the long Island dive community
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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Dive Club Meeting 8/3/21

Dive meeting started 8:05 pm

First order approves minutes

Beach Diving- Beach 8th Street, and Ponquogue Bridge-

Andre New Member- Matthew and Jeff and Jack

Saturday morning Secret Beach 10am- Fill out waiver

Tomorrow 5pm OBI

October 3rd Pumpkin dive location TBI possibly

8:09 pm Mary yelled at everyone

Porta Potty Delivered to Secret Beach \$125

Wreck diving- 8/1- The dive Club went to the Iberia we had 2 great dives. Jen freed 2 eels and a baby lobster

8/15 and 9/12 wreck dives booked with The Dive Club

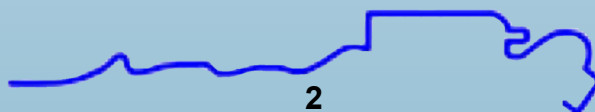
8:15pm- Barry talked about LIDA- OBI we have access now. The sign there is insignificant do not worry about it. Barry wrote a letter to Town of Babylon. It is now a now a state issue. Barry wrote the state and she met with the state, they are in favor of promoting accessibility. IF she gets approval from GOSHA first. Long Island Regional is in favor of giving us permission. Ideas for construction for OBI email Barry or go on LIDA website

-Hortons Point has now changed management- if you used to bring LIDA card you can park for free now you cannot. They are reconsidering. They wanted us to do beach clean ups every month we agreed to 1 beach clean-up but waiting approval.

-Film feasts start for February 2022.

8:20 John looked at my boobs.

Bruce- Camping trip next Memorial Day for 2022 – He also spoke of Boy Scouts of America for Discovery Scuba for youth 14-21 years old





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.

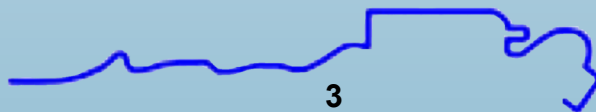


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Dive Schedules

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Beach Diving Schedule: August to October 2021

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





Are You Prepared for an SHTF Event!

Recently a friend was involved in a diving accident and became severely bent. She was diving to a relatively deep depth off a commercial dive boat. Fortunately, the crew was very experienced and well prepared. My friend was transported to a decompression chamber but unfortunately sustained injuries that will require many months of rehab. With the dwindling number of dive boats on Long Island, many divers are diving off their own or a friend's boat. Hearing about my friend made me think how many divers are prepared for an SHTF event.

Unless you are an urban prepper you are probably not familiar with the term SHTF, which stands for shit it's the fan! Diving is fun and often we don't think about what could happen. Many of us have taken rescue diver classes, but how many of us practice these skills once the course is behind us. Having been a scuba instructor for many years and having taught the rescue diver class I am aware of the limitations of the course. While the course provides some basic skills like basic first aid, rescue tows and egress, I have found that these skills are not enough when dealing with a real-life emergency. Through this article I hope to pass on some of the lessons learned during my years as an instructor, dive boat crew member and diver to help make you a little more prepared for when SHTF!

Become self-sufficient. Preventing an accident is way better than having to deal with one. Dive within your limits, but always look to upgrade your skills. Maintain your equipment your life may depend on it. Develop a solo diver mentality even if you are diving with a buddy. Being able to deal with situations that develop underwater yourself makes you a way better buddy and reduces the chances of a situation getting out of hand.

Have fun but stay aware! Diving is fun that's why we do it but make it a habit to stay aware Act don't react, sometimes early actions can prevent a real emergency. Throwing a line to a diver drifting by the boat can often prevent long surface swims when the diver can't fight the current. If you are diving off a professional dive boat being aware could mean not getting in the way of the crew. Unless there is an immediate situation that you can prevent, try and stay out of the way of the crew. You may mean well but unless specifically ask to do something most of the time it is better to let the crew handle things.

Have the right equipment and know how to use it! If you are diving off your own boat, make sure you have the proper safety equipment and know how to use it. Do you have oxygen on the boat? Do you have a throw line or ring? Do you have the proper communication equipment? Do you know how to call in an emergency? Do you have a well-stocked first aid kit? These are some of the questions you should be asking your self before you head out to dive. Many years ago, a friend and I went to visit a friend in Florida. While we were there, we decided to do a night dive with a local dive charter boat. We all splashed in leaving the captain and crew on the boat. I was buddied up with a relatively new diver, so we were one of the first back on the boat. We geared down and proceed to wait for the other divers to return.





Are You Prepared for an SHTF Event!

A couple of divers surfaced down current about 20 feet from the boat and signaled that they couldn't swim against the current. At this time the mate began pacing back and forth in a panic stating that the captain decided to go diving and she didn't know what to do. She didn't want to leave the boat to swim after the divers, so I volunteered to swim out and help the divers back. I grabbed my mask and fins and asked if she had a line I could swim out. She handed me a line and I began to swim. By this point the divers drifted about 100 feet from the boat, so swim I did. Suddenly, I feel a thump, I looked back and saw this big red ball about 25 feet behind me. I was no longer attached to the boat and by the time I got to the two divers we could barely see the diver boat. There I was five miles off the coast of Fort Lauderdale in the middle of the night drifting out to sea. Fortunately, no one panicked, and we were picked up about 3 hours later. Moral of the story make sure the dive boat has the right safety equipment and if you are diving off your own boat make you sure you have the right equipment.

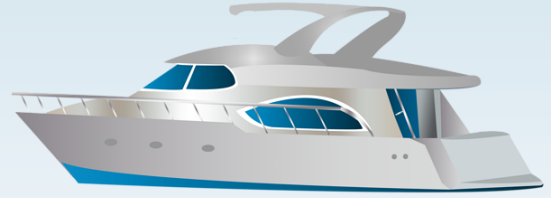
Practice may not make perfect, but it'll help! This in my opinion is probably the single most important thing you can do to prepare for an emergency. Practice rescues off your boat. Occasionally, practice swimming out to a diver and assisting them back to the boat. Practice different scenarios unconscious diver, panicked diver and in my opinion the most difficult, practice getting an unconscious diver back on the boat. When I was running dive charters back in the late 80's early 90's I was also training divemaster's. During surface intervals we would practice rescues and one of the lessons we learned was that it is much harder than you think to get an unconscious diver back on the boat. We found out that one person alone could not get the diver back on the boat. We had to have three people, one on each side and one underneath the diver to get them up on the boat. Keep in mind that this was a boat with a professional dive ladder. Look at you boat, and dive ladder, would you be able to egress your 250-pound buddy out of the water? Developing a plan and the best method beforehand may save a life.

I hope this article helps you prepare for an emergency, and I hope you never have to experience one.

Gus Bricker

Retired OWSI





PENDING:

August 15th, 2021

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

September 12th, 2021

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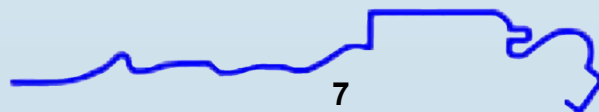
Please reserve/pay in advance as the “Half-Time” is a “six-pack” and has limited space. Two other vessels we may be using will be the “Sea Turtle” and the “Sea Hawk” depending on the limitations posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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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 8/29

Rick Baresich 18	Tim Dawideit 3	Pat Byrne 1
Mary Davis 17	Ron Prybella 3	Bob Chalmers 1
Ken Murphy 13	Megan Barrow 3	Ozan Erroz 1
Vadim Paley 13	Eric Creegan 3	Jen Grosso 1
Nick Sinnott 11	Andre Krasnov 3	John Hochenberger 1
Brian Lemke 10	Barry Lipsky 3	Gerry Kekatos 1
Andrew Solomon 10	Tim McMahon 3	Robert Manning 1
Gerry Barsky 6	Tom Riedman 3	Phil O'Sullivan 1
Ryan Smith 6	Larry Zeidler 3	Danny Rivera 1
Kim Valenti 6	Sal Candela 2	Martin Ryder 1
Roy Bacchi 5	Dan Hillyard 2	Bob Stamm
Rusty Lukeman 5	Casey Hillyard 2	Pete Quatralo 1
Ashley DeCosta 4	Corey Moran 2	James Zima 1
Grace Mattel 4	Jen Newins 2	Alexi Stenger 1
Emily Solomon 4	Eric Oster 2	Jack Frost 1
Sean Curran 3	Tom Spier 2	Chelsea Miller 1
Patrick Drennan 3	Dave Thorburn 2	Robert Rosenberg 1
	John Berntsen 1	

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OBI LEADERBOARD

Updated 8/25 2021

Rick Baresich 12

Mary Davis 8

Tim McMahon 8

Ken Murphy 7

John Bernsten 7

Courtney Lyons 7

Ryan Smith 6

Jen Grosso 5

Ron Prybella 5

Roy Bacchi 4

Nick Sinnott 4

Megan Barrow 3

Sean Curran 3

Chuck Ertle 3

Chelsea Miller 2

Kevin Ryan 2

Jack Frost 2

Andre Krasnov 2

Larry Zeidler 2

Jen Newins 2

Eric Creegan 1

Ozan Erroz 1

Paul Fauok 1

Alex Feinstein 1

Rusty Lukeman 1

Jerry Kinkade 1



Wreck Dives



Mary Davis 4

Andrew Solomon 4

Rick Baresich 2

John Berntsen 2

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Jen Grosso 2

Sal Candella 1

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Tim McMahon 2

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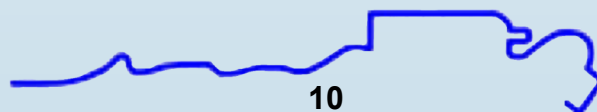
Bob Stamm 2

Gus Bricker 1



Speakers :

- September 7th Mike Salvarezza & Chris Weaver speak about Tubbataha in the Philippines.
- October 5th Grace Mattel speaking about her diving in Florida.
- Steve Belinda has been rescheduled for the November meeting.





The Dive Club at Dutch Springs

By Mary Davis

We have all heard by now that the Dutch Springs property has been sold. At the end of the dive season in November, Dutch Springs will close down and the land will be used for warehouses. On August 28th and 29th, The Dive Club met for the last club weekend ever at Dutch Springs.

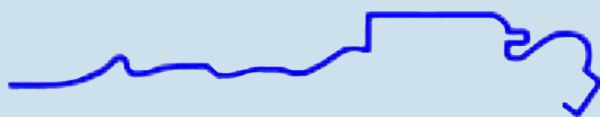
There were 16 club members in attendance adding 57 dives to the leaderboard. Some arrived on Friday to spend the whole weekend camping. Some were completing their nitrox and night diving certifications. Everyone was there to have a good time diving.

There were new buddy teams established and old friends reuniting thru diving. At Dutch Springs there are so many attractions to explore underwater, it takes many trips to see them all. There are shipwrecks, airplanes, a tanker truck and a fire truck. They extend from the cul-de-sac in the east to the 100ft deep hole in the west. Rain or shine, the diving at Dutch Springs is always interesting. And if you are there on Saturday night, the night dive is always an adventure.

Sadly, our days diving here are numbered. Dutch Springs will be open every day thru September and weekends only in October and November. After that it will be gone forever. We will find new dive sites but none will ever replace what was created at Dutch Springs. If you haven't had a chance to dive here, find a buddy and make the trip. You never know what you are missing until you try-it. If you find you don't like it, fear not, in 2 months it will be gone forever.

Good bye Dutch Springs. I have loved every moment I have spent on your grounds. I'm glad I got to know you well.





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

New Members



WELCOME!!

NEW MEMBERS!!



Birthday Wishes September

Ryan	Davis
Shannon	Davis
Charles "Chuck"	Ertle
Kenny	Mascak
John	Palumbo
Rick	Picone
Katie	Waskzkiewicz
Kathy	Zummo
Bryan	Adams
Dana	Derchin
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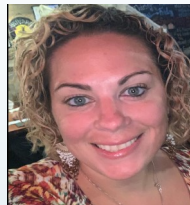
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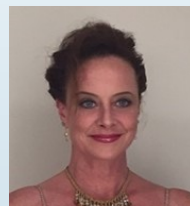


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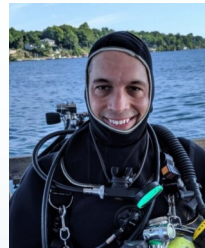
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We want you to share your story!

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

