



A Word From The President

Welcome to May the water is starting to warm up hopefully everyone has had a chance to get their gear serviced at one of our local dive shops. The Dive Club schedule is posted in several locations for any one who wishes to dive remember that law requires a dive flag at all times with the exception of the bridge. the camping schedule is also posted for memorial day weekend and death By Diving weekend.

President

Jerry Kinkade

If anyone has any articles or points of interest they would like published in the newsletter, please submit them to the editor@thediveclub.com.



Thank you and be well,

Jerry Kinkade

President

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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 Vice President Mary Davis



The Dive Club Minutes of Meeting April 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:05PM by President Jerry Kinkade

The minutes from last meeting were accepted as is.

The group discussed the improvements to the Newsletter and that Anita is doing a great job.

Camping will be Memorial Day weekend May28-June 1 at Cedar Point Camp ground. This has been arranged by Bruce Russo. There will be diving available at the camp ground. Club dives will be counted for anyone diving with the group from the camp ground. Divers may drive to other dive sites from the grounds. It is 40 minutes to Montauk. The camp grounds are located on the north side of the south fork in the area of Shelter Island.

Beach Diving Report: The kick off dive is on April 18th at Woodhull Landing in Miller Place. The parking lot gate will be opened at 11AM. There will be a bathroom available on site. The Club will have the grill for a BBQ.

The Beach Diving Schedule for April thru Mid-July is in the Newsletter.

The Wreck Report was reviewed. Spots are filling up. The May 30th dive is full. There is always a wait list for each dive and spots open up often. The schedule is in the Newsletter.

The Sea Hawk will be running on Saturdays as an open boat with limited divers on board. Contact the Sea Hawk directly to book a spot. If there is a group of divers interested we can book the boat.

Barry Lipsky gave a LIDA update about Oak Beach. He has been in contact with the Town of Babylon and they are receptive to divers having access. There is construction in progress now but they anticipate diving returning when the construction is over. Thank you, Barry.

There was a question about the entry point being blocked by large rocks now. Barry will check it out when he gets a chance.





The Monthly Meeting

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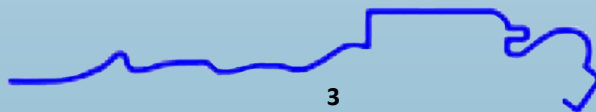
The Dive Club holds it's monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month or until further notice. Starting on **May 6th**, our meetings will be held at **Flanagans Pub in Ronkonkoma, NY.**

Flanagans Pub



The address is:

451 Hawkins Ave, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779





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

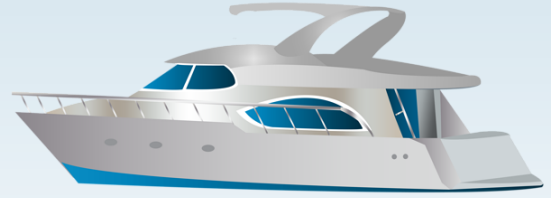
Every Wednesday evening will have a shore dive at the OBI. The meetup time is usually 5pm and we will advise if there is a change. Please monitor The Dive Club's Facebook page for up-to-the-minute information.



The Dive Club 2021 Beach Diving Schedule

- May 8 **Secret Beach**, Greenport 10 AM
- May 16 **Old Ponquogue Bridge**, Hampton Bays 9:30 AM meeting time
- May 23 **Orchard Beach Clean Up, City Island (See Flyer)**
- June 5 **Beach 8th St**, Far Rockaway High Tide 5:30 PM
- June 13 **Noyack Bay**, Noyack 10 AM
- June 19 **Old Ponquogue Bridge**, Hampton Bays High Tide 3:50PM
- June 26-27 **Dutch Springs Weekend** Camping available on site for \$15 pp.
- July 9-11 **Death By Diving Weekend !!!**
- July 9 Night Dive at **either Beach 8th St** HT 8:21 PM
or Old Ponquogue Bridge HT 8:22PM
- July 10 **Old Ponquogue Bridge** High Tide 8:44 AM
- July 10 **Fort Pond Bay**, Montauk 1 PM
- July 10 **Montauk Jetty**, Gosman's Dock 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 10:30 AM 2 dives here

For further information, you may contact Ken Murphy at the following:
1 (516) 521-1115
or beachdiving@thediveclub.com



May 30th, 2021
Shinnecock Reef - Tentative

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.



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

May 28 to June 1 Dive Club camping weekend Cedar Point Campground Site B

Diving available at Cedar Point and areas close by.

All club dives Must originate from the campground to count towards leader board for this weekend. One dive per day of camping will be counted.

(East Hampton NY. 631 852 7620)

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

Beach Dives

Mary Davis 3

Ron Prybella 2

Rick Baresich 2

Ken Murphy 2

Roy Bacchi 1

John Berntsen 1



Sal Candela 1

Corey Moran 1

Tom Spier 1

Larry Zeidler 1

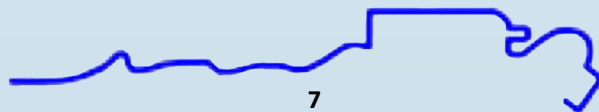
Jen Grosso 1

Sean Curran



Wreck Dives

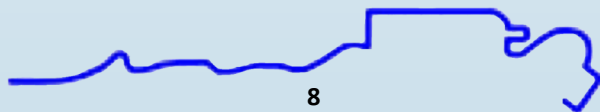
Wednesday Night OBI Dives



Speaker :

Mary Davis

Diving The Springs of Northern Florida



Beach Diving Report April 2021

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The Dive Club beach diving season began on April 18, 2021 at Woodhull Landing in Miller Place. There were 10 club divers in the 49-degree water. The divers were Roy Bacchi, Rick Baresich, John Berntsen, Sal Candela, Mary Davis, Corey Moran, Ken Murphy, Ron Prybella, Tom Spier and Larry Zeidler. Bob Rusnack was there to open the gate for us and Nick Sinnot manned the grill for the hungry, cold divers. Shore support was on hand with Rusty Lukeman and Courtney Lyons. Thanks for tackling the stairs to bring us the extra weights. Leilani Elias stopped by to say “hi” with Zima.

It was a nice kick off dive with sunny 62-degree weather and no wind or current to challenge us. We had a mix of dry and wetsuit divers fine tuning their equipment for more dives to come. The vis was a clear 15 ft. The seaweed is growing and there are signs of life returning.



Fort Pond Bay was the site for the second club dive of the season on April 24, 2021. The water is still cold at 49-degrees and the visibility is good at 10 feet. Three club members met at 10 AM in Montauk for the dive, Rick Baresich, Mary Davis and Ken Murphy. We geared up and hit the water for a nice 30-minute dive around the fishing pier. Lots of things were found on this dive; 3 phones, a plate, a knife and a penny. The treasure is there for all to find.

We decided to skip the second dive that day at the Montauk jetty because we were cold. We went for lunch instead at everybody’s favorite, Pizza Village. It is a good thing we called the dive because it was a very low tide which did not make for good conditions. It is a little cold still but definitely divisible in a 7mm wet suit. Let’s all get out there and dive.



By Anita Eve Perez

Dolphin Fun Fact



Dolphins sleep only with one half of the brain at a time, and just one eye closed. This unusual form of sleep is called “uni-hemispheric slow-wave sleep.” Also known as deep sleep, slow-wave sleep is a type of sleep thought to help the brain consolidate new memories and recover from its daily activities.

There are three main reasons why dolphins sleep in this way. First, dolphins would likely drown if they didn't keep half of their brain active, because they constantly need to surface for oxygen. Second, they are able to look out for danger while they rest.

Third, this type of sleep allows a dolphin to keep up with certain physiological processes, such as the muscle movement, that helps the warm-blooded mammal maintain the body heat it needs to survive in the frigid ocean.



Know Your Fellow Diver

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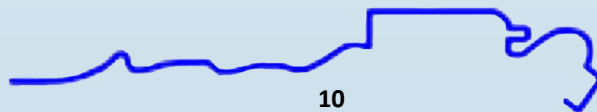
As members are added and information is gathered, it will be shared in these segments.

New Members



Birthday Wishes **May**

Richard	Baresich	John	Stolz
Mary	Davis	Steve	Trapp
Ryan	Gallagher	Dawn	Valenti
Joseph	Lemaire	Alexander	Valdes
Janine	Schwedes		
Michael	Toomey		
Steve	Trapp		
Emly	Waters		
Daniel	Zummo		
Jeffrey	Cardillo		
Doreen	Doherty		
Aaron	Laskowski		
Michael	Mooney		
Sandra	Sarro		
Anthony	Spinelli		
Joseph	Spinelli		



A Profile In Diving

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This month, our featured diver is: **PLEASE SHARE YOUR STORIES!!**

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?

I love hearing about other's experiences as well as learning about new dive sites. I'm counting on each and every one of you to please take a few minutes of your time and reminisce. Sit back and doodle some information about yourself. It would be so greatly appreciated not only by myself but by many fellow members I'm sure!

Anita-Eve





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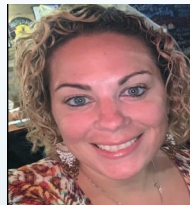
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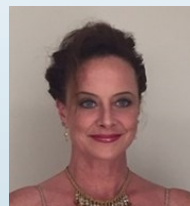


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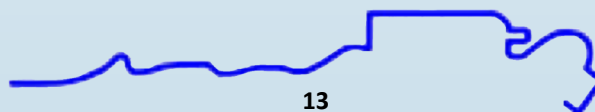
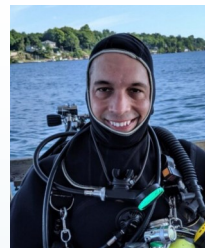
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Editor's Notes

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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 during these winter months 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.

Editor At Large,

Anita Eve Perez

