

# ***DIVER DOWN NEWS***

## **A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE DIVE CLUB**

### **President's Letter — May 2025**

Happy May! The Dive Club had an excellent time at our first-ever film festival last month. Our 5 guest speakers who came all the way from Florida, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York City to join us shared excellent films and inspired us all! We had a great turnout with over 75 guests, great food and raffle prizes. I look forward to an even larger crowd next year!

It's finally starting to feel like spring and seems like we might be able to get in the water soon! Unfortunately, we have yet to have our first dive of the year due to some less than ideal weather. We are planning to dive Oak Beach on Saturday, May 3 for our first dive of the year. If you can't make it to this one, check out the schedule which has just been released for May-June. We have some exciting things coming up with camping, wreck diving, our weekend beach dives, day trips, and of course, Wednesday nights at OBI will be back at the end of the month! I am looking forward to a great dive season and hope you all are too!

~Courtney Lyons, President



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# MONTHLY MEETING

The Dive Club holds monthly meetings monthly on the first Tuesdays.  
Location: The Tap Room in Bayshore

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## TAP ROOM

44 E Main St. #46  
Bay Shore, NY 11706  
(631) 665-2000

Support our host and wait staff. Additional "Event Gratuity" on each bill.

*And don't forget cash for our 50/50 raffle!*

Arrive for dinner as early as 6:30pm. Meetings commence at 8pm.



## May 6, 2025 ~ TBD

### Upcoming meetings & speakers:

May 6: vacant  
June 3: vacant  
July 1: vacant

August 5: Bill Bleyer  
September 2: Jennifer Sellitti  
October 7: vacant

Contact Courtney (or fill out the form linked in the QR code) if you are interested in being a guest speaker on a topic of your choosing, or if you'd like to recommend someone!



### Camping Updates:

**Memorial Day Weekend:** May 23-26, 2025 at Cedar Point.  
~We have group site B reserved.

**Death by Diving Weekend:** August 15-17, 2025 at Indian Island.

Contact Bruce Russo with any questions or to sign up for camping on either Memorial Day weekend or for Death by Diving.

**June 28-29 Fort Getty Jamestown Rhode Island.** Sites are \$35 each.  
Contact Ozan with any questions or to sign up at [kozmic73@yahoo.com](mailto:kozmic73@yahoo.com)







# MEMBERSHIP

Fellow Club Members,

We are now into the 2025 Dive Season here in the Northeast. Finally, the pale of the Winter is lifting, and we are having nice and warm Days (and Nights). With the warm weather and the start of the 2025 Season, sadly quite a number of you are delinquent in either your Paperwork, Dues or, Both.

As a reminder, the Club Membership year is 01 January to 31 December. Which means, we need current Paperwork (Data Sheet & Waiver) each year as well as your Dues Payment. All are specific for the year. We look for the Data Sheet so that we have the most accurate info for you. This is for your Benefit as well as Safety. We need a current, filled out Liability Waiver in order for you to participate in Club Sponsored Activities, both Local Dives as well as Trips. Again,, for not only your Benefit and Safety, but for the Club's as well.

We offer a Discount for those who want to pay their Dues before 01 January, and the opportunity to submit your paperwork at a later date. Many of you have taken advantage of this discount, but have still to send in your Paperwork.

For those current in all respects, I and the entire Board thank you for your promptness.

For those still in arrears with your Paperwork, the 2025 Forms can be found at the end of the newsletter. Please fill them out and E-Mail them back to me at [Membership](#).

For those delinquent in both Paperwork and Dues, please fill out and submit your Paperwork soonest, and you can pay your dues via Cash/Check at the Meeting on the 6th, via Check to the P.O. Box, or via Venmo to our Treasurer.

Looking forward to a Fantastic 2025 Dive Season.

Best Regards,

Bill Cadden  
Corresponding Secretary

Fill out the application, which is available for download on the The Dive Club's webpage and at the end of this newsletter. It is preferred that you fill out the application on your computer, print to sign, and then scan and email to Bill at the below address. Read on for detailed instructions.

Please note that ALL PREVIOUS Forms are obsolete. The Form for 2025 MUST say 2025 at the top. And, again, **New Applicants** should download the form from [thediveclub.com/membership](http://thediveclub.com/membership).

For Family Memberships, EACH PERSON IN THE FAMILY UNIT needs to fill out a Form and Sign it. Print out the form so you can sign **ALL Pages**, and **Initial the Waiver** where indicated. **PARENTS**, you must sign the Waiver for your Children under the age of 18.

No Digital Signatures please.

When you sign the Waiver, PLEASE DATE IT January 1 of the waiver year.

Scan the pages and save as a \*.pdf, using your Last Name for the File Name. Ex: Cadden.pdf .  
E-Mail it back to this E-Mail Address ([Membership.TheDiveClub@GMail.com](mailto:Membership.TheDiveClub@GMail.com))

**Individual memberships for 2025 are \$25. Family memberships are \$35.**

You can **Pay your Dues** by one of 3 easy and convenient ways:

1. Pay Cash at the meeting or if you run into an Officer (Pres, Vice-Pres, Treasurer, Corresponding Sec).
2. Pay by Check, either at a Meeting, to an Officer, or via mail to the P.O. Box.
  - \* If you use a Business Check, make sure you include a note telling us who it is for.
  - \* If your Family Unit has multiple Last Names, please let us know who is included.
3. Venmo to the Treasurer.
  - \* If you need Venmo directions, please contact the Treasurer at [info@thediveclub.com](mailto:info@thediveclub.com).
  - \* If your Family Unit has multiple Last Names, please let us know who is included.







# MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2025

*TAKEN BY NORMA LEON, RECORDING SECRETARY*

- 🐟 Previous meeting minutes approved
- 🐟 Sampler food tasting from the Tap Room available gratis tonight only.
- 🐟 Beach Diving schedule meeting was well attended and rough draft of schedule was made: April 26th was the first scheduled dive at Cedar Beach. Rest of schedule will be sent accordingly.
- 🐟 Beneath The Sea was attended, small showing very few manufacturers, mostly travel people. LIDA group was there. Oral presentations. Barely any workshops anymore.
- 🐟 Not what it used to be. Good to see some faces and good to connect with some people.
- 🐟 1st Annual Dive Club Film Festival, Saturday, April 12th, cap at 100 people. For tickets, buy on line or see Courtney. Film festival has an array of speakers including my brother John here. Includes food and raffle prizes. Hopefully we will get to see you there!
- 🐟 Wreck Diving schedule: Just got the schedule from the Half-Time and Mary is working on the dates with Danny from Good Life. We will have some dates definitely by the next meeting, likely within a week or two. Hoping for good attendance, in the past it's been sporadic. Dives in June for the Oregon and the San Diego with a boat out of Jersey, that is full.
- 🐟 Mention of Captain Frank's passing. Nice memorial in the previous newsletter.
- 🐟 Probably everyone here has dove off his boat. He was a Legend. Helped locate a lot of the Wrecks that we dive today. Fun to dive off his boat, which was sold about a year and a half ago.
- 🐟 Bill's talk about the membership: so far only 37 members are eligible to dive in the club this year. 89 people have paid there dues. Just because you paid DOES NOT mean you can dive. PLEASE send in your forms so you can. If you haven't paid your dues, please pay your dues. 130 eligible dive members last year. Will be going through the Google Groups, get rid of the people who haven't been around for 3-4 years. Will be slowly working up to 1 year ago. If you know anyone who was a recent member last year, (especially someone





# MEETING MINUTES

## CONTINUED



who may have joined late in the year), remind them that they were comped for this year if joined after October 1st and still need to get the paperwork in.

- 🐟 Death by Diving weekend at Indian Island August 15th, 16th, and 17th: tents, camper, sleep in your car, sleep under the stars. Night showers, close to everything. Has electric and water. Roster has to be in 30 days prior to dates. For both Cedar Point and Indian Island. Who's going?
- 🐟 Memorial Day weekend camping at Cedar Point Park: 10 A Saturday @ Cedar Pt and 10 A Sunday @ Noyack Bay.  
Rhode Island trip arranged by Ozan.
- 🐟 Hampton Dive Center is running a trip to Morehead City, NC on May 17th ~ 20th, not sure if any spots left, but info in the newsletter
- 🐟 Pool availability for refresher, info in the newsletter. Farmingdale \$100/Diver for 3 night sessions.
- 🐟 Good Life Divers Membership Program which grants access to the pool for SCUBA practice at \$65/month. 3 month minimum membership open times for Certified Divers, contact Good Life Divers for pool availability
- 🐟 Linda and Savi are attempting to do a Flea Market on Long Island. Looking to break even. SCUBA, Fishing, Water related activities. Anyone interested in getting a table: Let Linda Gotti or Savi know. As soon as where and when, (either end of May or June or in the Fall). How many people are interested before booking a hall. Maybe somewhere near the train station to have those from the city can come in. Open to all, newer Divers can get gear. Will keep you posted.
- 🐟 NJ Historical Divers Association is having a Heroes and Villains Shipwreck Symposium on April 26th from 8p. - 1030P in Wall, NJ. \$30/person. If get a group, drive together, post on Google Groups if interested. QR code in the newsletter, scan it to purchase tickets.
- 🐟 4 new members: Kristen, Marco, Shelley and Rick Johnson
- 🐟 Tonight is artifact night: all welcome to share them.



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# BEACH DIVING

## 2025 MAY - JUNE SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Saturday, May 3	Oak Beach	11:00 am
Saturday, May 10	Shoreham Wading River	11:00 am 11:23 am low tide
Sunday, May 18	Orchard Beach Clean Up and Clambake with City Island Oyster Reef	9:00 am
May 24-26	Memorial Day Weekend Camping at Cedar Point.	10:00 am Saturday @ Cedar Point 10:00 am Sunday @ Noyack Bay
Sunday, June 1	Ponquogue Bridge	12:30 pm 1:20 pm high tide
Saturday, June 7	Cedar Beach Mt Sinai Fishing Pier	9:00 am
Saturday, June 14	Secret Beach	11:00 am
Saturday, June 21	USS Ohio	11:00 am
Saturday, June 28	Manasquan River Railroad Bridge, NJ, Day Trip	10:00 am 10:50 am high tide







# BEACH DIVE DIRECTORY

## North Shore:

### Bayville Barge, Bayville

The site is located off the beach in front of the Wall's Wharf restaurant in Bayville. Please be advised that we are not permitted to use the restaurant lot for parking. There is a lot at the north end of Eighth Street that is open to Bayville residents, or look for street parking. The barge can be found by taking a north heading from the chain link fence outside of the restaurant.

### Cedar Beach, Mt. Sinai

The fishing pier is located at the West end of Harbor Beach Rd in Mt. Sinai. Follow this road past the basketball courts, parking lots, and marinas until you arrive at a smaller parking lot overlooking the boat channel. The dive site is underneath the fishing pier. Please be advised that parking meters are in effect in the summer season.

When conditions do not permit diving underneath the fishing pier, the beach next to the basketball court is another option, also located on Harbor Beach Road.

### Horton Point, Southold

Take Lighthouse Road in Southold north to the end. Turn left into the parking lot for the Horton Point Lighthouse. If there is a gatekeeper, let them know you are scuba diving there with The Dive Club, and parking should be free. The site is down the staircase and straight into the water.

### Pirate's Cove, Port Jefferson

The site is now called McAllister County Park. Take Anchorage Road in Port Jefferson to the end. There is a roundabout where gear can be dropped off and about 6 parking spots a small way up the road.

### Roanoke Barges, Reeves Park

Take Sound Avenue and turn onto Park Road. The site is located at the north end of Park Road in Reeves Park. A four-wheel drive vehicle and beach permit is necessary to access this site, or it will be a long walk with dive gear. A few club members have volunteered to transport gear to the site for everyone in their 4WD. Meet at the end of Park Road at the scheduled time to coordinate "travel plans."

### Rye Cliff Ferry, Sea Cliff

The site is located off Sea Cliff Beach. Navigate to The BLVD in Sea Cliff and look for street parking. The wreck is approximately 270 degrees out from the first small jetty on shore.

### Stehli Beach, Oyster Bay

Stehli Beach is located at the west end of Bayville Ave, before it turns into Bayville Road. Parking can be found in front of the bathhouse, where we will enter the water. Please be advised that this is an Oyster Bay town beach, so our diving here will be limited to early/late season only.

### Secret Beach, Greenport

The site is located on North Road in Greenport where you will see a dirt road with chain link gates on the north side, make a left down this dirt road. If you are using a GPS or maps app, Inlet Pond County Park is close by. If you see the Eastern LI Kampground, you went too far! Please be advised the dive site is located on private property. The club has received permission to dive here as long as a LIDA waiver is signed by all attending, and a divemaster is present.







# BEACH DIVE

## DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

### **Shoreham Jetties, Wading River**

Take Sound Road to Creek Road and make a left. Follow Creek Road west to the end. Park on the left side of the wooden barrier in the small, square dirt lot. The right side is reserved for permit holding residents. The site is located at the end of Wading River where it empties out into the Long Island Sound. The idea here is to plan the dive with the tides so that we can enter the river from the parking lot and receive a lift with the outgoing tide. Then, execute the dive, and ride the incoming tide back in.

### **Submarine Base, New Suffolk**

The site is located at the south end of Main Street in New Suffolk and there is street parking only. Use Case's Place Restaurant for GPS directions.

### **Theodore Roosevelt Fishing Pier, Oyster Bay**

The site is located at the end of West End Ave in Bayville. For GPS directions, input Theodore Roosevelt Beach. Find the site by entering from the boat ramp and heading west until you hit the fishing pier.

### **U.S.S. Ohio, Greenport**

The entrance to the beach is at the south end of Clark Street in Greenport. Street Parking can be found on Clark Street or the adjacent 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Enter the opening to the beach from Clark Street and follow the beach along to the right. There is a large iron pipe in the sand along with some other metal pieces. Take a compass heading of 120 degrees from there to find the wreck (debris).

## **South Shore:**

### **Beach 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Far Rockaway**

The site is located at the south end of Beach 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Far Rockaway, Queens. Street parking is limited, but additional spots can be found on Beach 9<sup>th</sup> street, or near the basketball courts on Beach 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Do not park in the Rockaway Manor parking lot, as this is for nursing home residents only, but use this building as a GPS guideline if necessary.

### **HMS Culloden, Montauk**

Take Soundview Drive until it turns into a dirt road and continue for another quarter mile or so until you see another unnamed dirt road. Take this road to the end and park. Parking is on the bluff that overlooks the water, so the staircase will lead you down to the dive site. The wreck is located 330 degrees from the large boulder on the beach.

### **Noyack Bay, Noyack**

The site is located on the north side of Noyack-Long Beach Road. Proceed past Foster Memorial Beach and look for a spot to pull off on the north side of the road. The dive site is street-parking only.

### **Oak Beach, Babylon**

The old Oak Beach Inn. A large parking lot on North Oak Beach Road. After going over the Robert Moses Bridge and the small draw bridge, turn right onto Ocean Parkway West. You will have to use a turnaround to get onto Ocean Parkway East, where you will then see the parking lot on your right. For GPS directions, use Oak Beach. The dive site can be accessed from the jetty on the east side of the parking lot, where we usually meet, but others may choose to dive the fishing pier located on the west side of the same parking lot.







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# BEACH DIVE

## DIRECTORY *CONTINUED*

### **Old Ponquogue Bridge, Hampton Bays**

Proceed over the bridge on Lighthouse Road in Hampton Bays and turn left onto Dune Road. Immediately make another left and follow this road to the end. The dive site is under the Old Ponquogue Bridge. A parking permit is required, but you can also drop off your gear at the site, drive your car back over the bridge, park on the north side, and take a nice scenic walk back over.

### **Shinnecock County Park East, Southampton**

The site is located at the west end of Meadow Lane in Southampton. Turn right onto Meadow Lane from Halsey Neck Ln and follow it to the end. The site is entered from the camping parking lot just beyond the entry booth. Please be advised there is an in-season and weekend fee to park for non-residents (\$7). Also, keep in mind this is an entirely different site than Shinnecock West, with an inlet in between the two.

### **Shinnecock West, Hampton Bays**

The site is located on Road H, at the east end of Dune Road in Hampton Bays. If you are familiar with the Ponquogue Bridge, continue straight down Dune Road instead of turning left into the parking lot. The dive site is the Shinnecock inlet, where we will enter on the ocean side where the jetty is.

## **Upstate NY**

### **Minnewaska State Park Preserve, Ulster County**

Within Minnewaska State Park, navigate to the visitor's center. The parking for the dive site is down a short road to the left of this building. You will have to stop by the visitor's center with your certification card and \$25 to dive for the day. Also, admission to the park is \$8 (typical of any New York State Park) or free with an empire pass.

## **& Beyond**

### **Delaware River Water Gap, Pennsylvania**

From I-80, exit onto Rt. 611 South. Follow 611 through town of Delaware Water Gap into Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area. The parking area is at the bottom of the hill south of town on the right side. Pull off on the side of the road just before the road rounds the corner and the wall starts on the train tracks. Alternatively, there is a large parking lot on the other side of the road, but travel across the highway with dive gear at your own risk.

### **Manasquan River Railroad Bridge, New Jersey**

Parking is close by and free, but the lot is not very large and sometimes fills up. A 7-11 store is across the road, and the dive site is adjacent to the Point Beach Yacht Club in Point Pleasant Beach, which you can use as a GPS landmark to get directions.





# 15th Annual Orchard Beach Cleanup

Clambake!

WHAT  
A FIND!

Prizes!

May 18, 2025  
9:00am  
Boardwalk near  
section 2

Support  
Captain Mike's  
Diving and City  
Island Oyster  
Reef!



Divers are invited to help us clean up Long Island Sound at  
Orchard Beach! (Bring proof of certification)  
Beachcombers needed – Fun for the whole family!



Special thanks to:

Divers Alert Network, Gotham Divers, Island Diving, LIDA, Northeast Dive News, Oceanblue Divers, Prisne Azul, Scuba Network L.I., Scuba New York, Ski & Scuba Connecon, The Scuba Sports Club of Westchester County

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# RECOVERY HELP

## SUNDAY, MAY 3 @ BEACH 8TH ST. AT HIGH TIDE – 2:30 PM

### DIVERS AND DRONE OPERATORS NEEDED

*This young man is missing in the water near Long Beach and his family is family is asking for recovery help from anyone able. A number of divers will be at Beach 8th Street at High Tide this Sunday 2:30 pm if anyone would like to join. Please keep the family in your thoughts and see the contact information below if needed.*

We are asking for the urgent support of experienced divers and drone operators and all residents to assist in the ongoing search for our beloved son, Petros Krommidas who has been missing since the night of Wednesday April 23rd near the Allegria Hotel in Long Beach, NY.

His belongings and towel were found on the beach near the Allegria hotel.

If you are:

- ♦ A certified diver
- ♦ A drone operator with aerial imaging capabilities
- ♦ Or know someone who is



Please consider volunteering your time and equipment to help us locate our son, Petros. Your skills could make all the difference. Please focus the search on All NEIGHBORING BEACHES.

Contact us immediately if you can assist/coordinate with local search teams:

917-494-5787 | 646-996-5154 | 917-S96-840S

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for any help you can offer.

IF IT WAS THE CASE, OUR PETROS WOULD BE OUT THERE SEARCHING FOR YOU.





# LIDA FILM FESTIVAL



**LIDA Film Festival 2025**

Saturday, October 25 at 4 p.m.

**Come Join Us**

## Save the Date!

**And stay tuned for when online ticket sales become available!**

**Date:** Saturday, October 25, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Hofstra University Student Center Theater, Hempstead, NY

**Ticket Price Includes:** Films, Live DJ, Food, and Soft drinks

**Admission:** \$45 US pp (advanced purchase online), \$50 pp (at the door)

For more details, updates, and ticket sales go to:

<https://www.lidaonline.com/2025-film-festival>





# POOL TIME: FARMINGDALE

**Are you a certified scuba diver?** If you are, you will be interested in Farmingdale Aquatic Center's Monday Night Scuba program. Every diver wants to keep their Scuba skills at their very best. Living on Long Island, with the diving season as short it is, it can be difficult to keep Scuba skills sharp. Getting into a pool for practice is a great way to keep your skills up. Certified divers can get that pool time in the brand new Farmingdale Aquatic Center.

These 1 1/2 hour pool sessions are an ideal way to keep your skills up-to-date and be ready for your next Scuba diving vacation. The facility, which is brand new, has a 15 foot deep section great for practicing skills, trying out new equipment, working with your dive buddy, the lists goes on...

If you do not own all needed equipment, you can rent what you need from your local dive shop, or through special arrangements with Tiedemann's Diving Center of Levittown. Make sure all your skills are perfect by practicing in the pool. Then your dives will be more fun and safer.

**Are you a Scuba Instructor?** If you are you can use this facility to teach. The rules are simple. You need to be current with your agency. Each person in your group must be registered (you, your student(s), and any assistants you may have). Farmingdale needs to be listed as an Additional Insured on your instructor liability insurance. Contact Ed at Tiedemann's Diving Center for more details. You can even work out rental equipment for your students.

**The sessions take place on Monday evenings, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.** To participate you must have a nationally recognized scuba certification. The level of certification must be Open Water Diver or higher. Use of any highly specialized equipment, (like a dry suits, full face masks, rebreathers), requires certification in that area. If you are a student you must be with your instructor at all times in the water. Anyone under the age of 18 year must have a parent with them in the pool area.

**Has it been some time since you have been diving?** We can make arrangements for a Scuba Update on your first pool session. Then you have two more sessions to practice.

**The cost is \$100 per diver for the three-night session.** Each of the sessions includes three pool sessions. The number of participants is very limited. Make Monday Night Scuba a great way for you to enjoy your Scuba Diving year round.

**Signing up could not be simpler.** Contact Ed Tiedemann (516-796-6560) at Tiedemann's Diving Center and he can sign you up in person at the shop or over the phone.

If you want to contact Farmingdale directly 516-434-5316. Take note - if you sign up via the Farmingdale website there is a \$7 registration fee for each person signing up. 🐟

**The next set of sessions are: June 2, June 9, & June 16**

# POOL TIME: LINDENHURST

We have a Good Life Divers Membership program which grants access to the pool for SCUBA practice.

**For \$65 per month\* we have open pool times for certified divers to come practice in the pool.**

Access is available either via appointment or during open pool times. Rentals available if you need gear to use.

*\*3 month minimum membership required.*

(631) 991-3420  
(516) 554-2993 Cell  
[goodlifedivers@gmail.com](mailto:goodlifedivers@gmail.com)





# LIFE-SAVING DONOR REQUEST

## ATTENTION! KIDNEY DONOR NEEDED

If you've been to Hampton Dive Center, you've probably been met with the friendly face of Al Calise, a retired NYPD detective with a passion for SCUBA. Al has long been a valued member of our community, from instructing new divers to servicing dive gear. **He is currently in dire need of Kidney donation.** If you or someone you know is interested in aiding our good friend Al, please contact

RN Ashley Cirrone  
631 - 444 - 6944  
Living Donor Coordinator  
Stony Brook Kidney Center  
**Regarding Albert Calise**



## MAY BIRTHDAYS



Nick Abbott  
Richard Baresich  
Alexander Bases  
Jeffrey Cardillo  
Mary Davis  
Barbrina Ertle  
Ryan Gallagher  
Zarina Kindo  
Andrey Krasnov  
Joseph Lemaire  
Rick Magale

Michael Mooney  
John Norgard  
Thomas Riedman  
Christopher Romig  
Janine Schwedes  
Anthony Simone  
Andrew Smith  
Michael Toomey  
Steve Trapp  
Emilly Waters  
Robert Williams  
Romualdo Zavala  
Daniel Guy Zummo





# TDC LEADERSHIP



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**Oak Beach:**  
John Bernsten &  
Eric Cregren



**Camping Trips:**  
Bruce Russo



**T-Shirts & Swag:**  
[Vacant]



**Website:**  
Jim Vafeas



**Social Media:**  
Jerry Kinkade



**Newsletter:**  
Randi  
Hochenberger





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THE DIVE CLUB – PO Box 96, West Islip, NY 11795

**APPLICATION DATA SHEET**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Certification:  Certifying Agency:  Date of Certification:

Student ☐ Yes ☐ No Years Diving:  Approx. Number of Dives made:  Deepest Dive to date:

Have you ever made a planned decompression dive? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What are your diving interests? ☐ Wreck Diving ☐ Shore Diving ☐ U/W Photography ☐ Deep Diving  
(Check all that apply) ☐ Spear Fishing ☐ Night Diving ☐ Artifact Collecting ☐ Travel/Vacation  
☐ Environmental Issues

Are you First Aid/CPR certified? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you interested in furthering your present level of certification? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What are you looking for in a dive club?

Would you be interested in participating in club committees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

When are you available for club dives/activities? (Check all that apply): ☐ days ☐ nights ☐ weekends

Do you have Dive Accident Insurance (DAN or other)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a member of any other dive clubs? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, which ones?

**Membership Type:** Please check ☐ New ☐ Renewal

☐ Single Membership: \$25.00. Full club membership

☐ Family Membership: \$35.00. Full Club membership for the person signing up, plus Partner and all children 26 years old and under.

**Disclaimer:**

I understand that if accepted for membership in The Dive Club, I will be bound by the by-laws of The Dive Club and will be required to sign a waiver of liability and pay the applicable admission fee.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by:

Signature/Title of Club officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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## LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK

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This is an important legal document. You may wish to consult an attorney prior to signing it.

This release may be used against you in a court of law if you sue any released person or party.

Please read carefully, **fill in all blanks and initial each paragraph before signing**. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm that I have been advised and thoroughly informed through my open water training of the inherent risks of skin and scuba diving.

- Further, I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks; decompression sickness, embolism, or other hyperbaric injuries can occur that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that any trips of any kind (diving or non-diving), whether sponsored or not, by The Dive Club may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such diving activities in spite of the absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site(s).
- I understand and agree that neither The Dive Club or any of their respective board members, officers, agents or assigns (hereinafter referred to as “Released Parties”), may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death, or other damages to me or my family, heirs, or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in any Dive Club activity, or as a result of negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.
- In Consideration of being allowed to become a member of The Dive Club I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with diving or non-diving activity from any harm, injury or damage that may befall on me, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen.
- I further save and hold harmless said Dive Club and Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in Club events including both claims arising during said event or after said event.
- I Further understand that skin diving and scuba diving are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during any diving activity, and that if I am injured as a result of a heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, etc., that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the above listed individuals or companies responsible for the same.
- I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian.
- I acknowledge scuba diving is an activity that is done with a buddy. I will not make a solo dive during a Dive Club event unless I am certified to do so by an accredited training agency and I am equipped to make this dive safely.
- I understand that the terms herein are contractual and are not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document of my own free act.
- I acknowledge that The Dive Club does not provide buddies, gear, transportation, training, or professional advice pertaining to the sport of scuba diving. However, the dive sponsors will do their best to help club members find what they need for a dive by setting up email groups to allow individual club members to coordinate rides, buddies, and rental gear, if necessary.
- The Dive Club does not vet divers or make any determination about whether any diver is qualified to do any given dive. This decision is entirely up to the individual diver, as well as any external dive operator, such as a dive boat captain or resort operator. It is important to evaluate your current experience when making the decision to dive. If you only have experience diving in warm waters with optimal visibility, you should consider the additional challenges associated with northeast diving before making your decision. I expressly assume the risk of any injury or illness for **each and every** dive that I determine to make and hold harmless for the same the above listed companies and individuals.





- I acknowledge that for planned boat charters, the minimum certification and equipment requirements listed in our newsletter are the requirements of the boat captains. Please contact them directly if you have any questions about the suitability of a dive for you.
- I understand that DAN (Divers Alert Network) Insurance or other similar diving accident insurance policies are available to me if I choose to acquire this. I acknowledge that it is my own responsibility to educate myself on the available policies and choose the one, if any, that is appropriate for me. I understand that without this, I will be responsible for any medical bills or damages to my equipment that I incur.
- I recognize that I may receive false or misleading information from one or more club members or non-members pertaining to the relative difficulty of a dive or my ability to safely participate in or perform a dive. Additionally, I acknowledge that one or more club members or non-members may negligently approve of my dive plan, including preparation or intended dive plan, the condition of my equipment, my ability to use my equipment, or proper use of equipment. I understand and agree that **I am responsible for determining whether I am capable of executing** a dive safely, whether I have sufficient information regarding my own physical abilities and the intended dive to base this decision, as well as whether my equipment is in proper working condition and is sufficient for the intended dive. I release The Dive Club and all co-signers who by signing this waiver similarly release me from negligent acts or omissions of this nature.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF \_\_\_\_\_ BY THIS INSTRUMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE THE DIVE CLUB, AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES AS DEFINED ABOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

Signature of Applicant

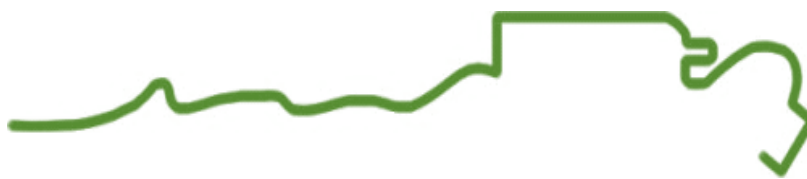
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Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Reviewed by Club Officer

Date





### Membership Directory Data Sheet

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to have the above information published in the 2025 Membership Directory to be distributed to the Membership.

Signature of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

