

# Sea Swells LOG



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The Scuba  
Sports Club

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## the anchor line



**President  
Soliman  
Shenouda**

### A Year Reviewed

This is the time of year when we review what our administration has achieved and failed to deliver for TSSC. In January 2003, as club president, I proposed very ambitious goals. Here is what we accomplished.

1. We established a vision and policy for TSSC to direct the board's efforts toward our long-term goals. The details of this vision were published in the February *Sea Swells Log*.
2. The club meeting was relocated in April 2003 to the Whitby Castle at the Rye Golf Club.
3. Our monthly meetings featured a selection of famous speakers such as Mike Emmerman, Glenn Butler, Bill Hamilton, and Dr. Eric Larson. Speaker selection and confirmation were completed early in 2003.
4. We offered a variety of dive activities to match our divers' diverse tastes. This year TSSC offered
  - A dive trip to La Paz, Mexico, organized by Gregg Macaulay
  - A dive trip on the *Caribbean Explorer*, led by Jim McNeill & Michael Prange
  - Two shore dives at Fort Wetherill in Rhode Island, led by Rick D'Amico
  - An Easter egg dive at Dutch Springs quarry, led by Gregg MacCaulay
  - Three New Jersey shipwreck dives on the dive boat *Sea Hawk*
  - Two local Long Island Sound dives on Captain Lada Simek's boat
  - Three Cape Ann weekend trips for scallop and wreck diving, led by Bob Bak
  - One weekend trip to New Hampshire for seal watching, led by Bob Bak
  - A week-long trip to dive North Carolina's shipwrecks, led by Dick Smith
  - A long weekend of diving the St. Lawrence Seaway, led by Gregg Macaulay
  - A Caribbean trip to Salt Cay, led by Lada and Judy Simek
5. Social activities this year included the TSSC open house dinner, a winery tour, a canoe trip on the Delaware River, and the upcoming holiday party.
6. Our newsletter was well-edited by Anne Judge, supported by contributions from many of the directors.
7. An online calendar was set up to inform members of TSSC activities and who is participating in them.
8. A "Member of the Month" presentation by the director at large at general meetings was re-introduced.
9. Membership increased by roughly 10%.

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*It's your club—vote! A ballot for the election of 2004 officers and directors is included with this newsletter. Send it to Bob Bak, or respond to the electronic ballot that will be sent to the TSSC email list. Family memberships are entitled to two votes.*

## calendar highlights

- ◆ **TSSC November Meeting** Nov 12  
*Michael Emmerman talks on *The Rules of Diving: What to Believe, What Not to Believe*. See page 6.*
- ◆ **Holiday Party** ..... Dec 13  
*Celebrate the holidays with your friends and dive buddies! In the clubhouse at the Turners' condominium complex with potluck goodies. Full details on page 7.*

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## TSSC Directors' Meeting Highlights

October 1, 2003

**2003 Holiday Party:** Location will be Sy & Judie Turner's condominium clubhouse in Hartsdale, New York on December 13. Members will bring food that does not require heating. Liquor will be BYO. The facility has the equipment for music such as a tape and CD player and speakers. Rick D'Amico will give out dubious achievement awards and create a "Waterlog" newsletter. The committee will decide whether a clean-up person will be hired or members will clean up. Paper goods, non-alcoholic beverages and entertainment will be provided.

**Diver of the Year:** The directors reviewed the criteria for choosing the club's diver of the year (DOY): a diver who supports safe diving, contributes service to the club and the community, and is a member in good standing. The decision was made that present officers and directors and past DOYs who remain club members in good standing will all be eligible to vote on this year's DOY; however, they must be present at the December directors' meeting to vote.

**Elections:** Bob Bak discussed the upcoming elections. E-mail ballots will be sent to all members possible. Elected positions are vice president, secretary, membership director, planning director, program director, social director, and director at large. Bob Bak will post the positions with a description of each position on a poster board at the next TSSC meeting for all members to view. It was noted that the 2003 Board accomplished many things for the club and did a great job!

**BTS:** TSSC graciously declined a room at BTS 2004. The paperwork for our booth registration was submitted. More weekend volunteers are needed. Bob Bak was nominated to be a BTS Trustee.

## Nominate Your Favorite Diver of the Year

Every year at this time we reflect upon those who have distinguished themselves within the Scuba Sports Club and the diving community through their outstanding efforts on behalf of these communities. And each year we honor one of these people with an award: **TSSC's Diver of the Year**.

TSSC's diver of the year will be honored at our holiday party and at the awards ceremony during the Beneath the Sea show in March. An award will be presented and the person will be written up in Beneath the Sea's program book.

So once again, we ask our members to select nominees for this prestigious award. The criteria for nomination are that the diver must

- support safe diving with the club,
- provide service to the club, and
- provide some form of service to the community.

Both the nominee and the member making the nomination must be members in good standing. Nominations must be made in writing and provide examples of how the diver meets each of the above criteria.

Each TSSC officer and director and every former TSSC diver of the year who is still a club member will receive a copy of the written nominations. The selection will be made by those present at the December directors' meeting. Voting will be by sealed ballot, and decisions will be based upon the letters of nomination and the voters' own personal knowledge.

All written nominations must be received no later than November 30, 2003. Please mail nominations to [soliman\\_s@msn.com](mailto:soliman_s@msn.com) or

Soliman Shenouda  
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You can read about TSSC's divers of the year since 1981 at [BeneathTheSea.org/TSSC/diverofYear.html](http://BeneathTheSea.org/TSSC/diverofYear.html).

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10. General meeting attendance increased by roughly 40%.
11. TSSC still actively provides Beneath the Sea with valuable volunteers. TSSC maintains a booth at the BTS show, and this year participated in the safety seminar co-organized by BTS and Westchester Medical Center.
12. The club initiated a strong public relations program led by Judy Klotz-Simek, with news releases about the club meetings supplied to many local TV and radio stations and local publications.
13. More than 600 attractive color flyers announcing club meetings and speakers, designed by Vadim Ternovski, were sent to divers in the Westchester area.
14. An "ABCD" award was established to honor any director(s) who worked hard for TSSC, above and beyond the call of duty.
15. We located the documents describing our status as a not-for-profit organization. Thanks to Greg Stasiuk for his well-organized files!
16. I introduced some basic marketing and group dynamics concepts to the directors.

**Where did we fall short?**

The club did not deliver a rescue course or the beach cleanup. The club did not adopt fully electronic newsletter distribution as a cost-saving measure. The Halloween party was canceled and we could not find volunteers to manage the internal marketing of TSSC events. The internal photo contest was canceled and we had one general meeting with a no-show speaker.

Now as the term of this board of directors under my presidency will be ending with January 2004, I feel very proud that we had fulfilled as many goals as we have and I trust that the next board of directors will follow suit, and never lose sight of the TSSC vision.

Many thanks to the board of directors for their dedication serving our club.

**The Off-Season**

Well, for those of us without drysuits, our local diving season will pretty much be over by the time this article appears. Let's look at things to take care of in the off-season.

- 1) It is best to store a cylinder with \_\_\_\_\_ psi during the off-season.
  - a) 2000 to 3000
  - b) 1000 to 2000
  - c) 100 to 300
  - d) 500 to 1500
- 2) Cylinders should be stored
  - a) in an upright position.
  - b) horizontally.
  - c) securely.
  - d) a and c.
- 3) Dive equipment is best stored in an area that is
  - a) cool, dark, and dry.
  - b) cold, sunlit and dry.
  - c) hot, sunlit and humid.
  - d) warm, dark and damp.
- 4) A diver can prepare for the following year's diving by
  - a) taking an advanced diving course.
  - b) reviewing diving textbooks.
  - c) exercising and swimming to stay fit.
  - d) all of the above.

**Rick D'Amico**  
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**Answers to Quiz**

1) c. Although a cylinder shouldn't be drained, keeping pressure low will reduce corrosion on the inside of the tank.

2) d. A cylinder should be stored vertically because it is thickest along the bottom, so any condensation that does occur in the tank will occur where it will affect it least. Of course, a tank should always be stored in a secure manner.

3) a. Heat, sunlight and moisture are all damaging to equipment.

4) d.

**Area Dive Shops**

*This list is provided as a convenience. TSSC does not endorse any dive shop.*

**Aqua Visions Scuba Ltd.**  
 126 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck NY  
 (914) 381-1884  
 AquaVisions.biz  
 info@aquavisions.biz

**Captain Mike's Dive Center**  
 530 City Island Ave, Bronx NY  
 (718) 885-1588  
 CaptainMikesDiving.com

**Cougar Sports**  
 917 Saw Mill River Rd, Ardsley NY  
 (914) 693-8877

**The Dive Shop**  
 265 Federal Rd, Brookfield CT  
 (203) 740-9166  
 TheDiveShopOnline.com  
 Sherri@TheDiveShopOnline.com

**Marsh Scuba Supply**  
 91 Lauer Rd, Poughkeepsie NY  
 (845) 452-8994  
 MarshScuba.com  
 Marsh\_Scuba@worldnet.att.net

**Orbit Marine Sports Center**  
 3273 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport CT  
 (800) 395-3483  
 OrbitMarine.com  
 OrbitDive@aol.com

**Pan Aqua Diving**  
 460 West 43rd St, New York NY  
 (800) 434-0884  
 PanAqua.com  
 NYstore@PanAqua.com

**Pan Aqua Diving**  
 461 Federal Rd, Brookfield CT  
 (888) 388-3483  
 PanAqua.com  
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**Rex Dive Center**  
 144 Water St, Norwalk CT  
 (888) 260-DIVE (3483)  
 RexDiveCenter.com  
 DiveShop@RexDiveCenter.com

**Scuba New York**  
 2037 Central Park Ave, Yonkers NY  
 (914) 779-2966  
 ScubaNewYork.com  
 Info@ScubaNewYork.com

**Westchester Dive Center**  
 500 North Main St, Portchester NY  
 (914) 937-2685  
 WestchesterDiveCenter.com

## Diving the Saint Lawrence Seaway

19–21 September 2003

As the remnants of Hurricane Isabelle passed to the west, we headed north towards Brockville, Ontario. Since we did not plan to dive on Friday we enjoyed our trip, making a side trip to Howe Caverns. We found them to be worth seeing but not as impressive as the Pennsylvania systems.

Some of TSSC's intrepid group did plan to dive on Friday, and got in one dive on the *Henry C. Daryaw*, a 219-foot freighter that lies upside down in 90 feet of water. The current can be strong on this wreck, but there are areas amidship where you can get out of the current. There is a line along one side that allows you to pull yourself along. Once around the bow it's a nice drift back to the stern mooring line.

On Saturday morning a mob of TSSC divers drove upriver to Rockport to meet the boat for dives on the *Kingshorn* and the *Keystorm*. The *Keystorm* lies in U.S. waters and is one of the best dives in the area. Its location meant that after our first dive on the *Kingshorn* we had to proceed to US customs before diving the *Keystorm*. After finally getting everyone back on the boat we headed back upriver for the dive. The *Keystorm* is a 256-foot freighter that lies on her starboard side with her bow at 20 feet and her stern at 155 feet. This makes for a nice multi-level dive. The *Keystorm* is a busy wreck site and we had to wait awhile before rafting up



to do the dive. With the clear 70-degree water and plenty of things to see, this was a great dive. On our way back to Brockville, we had plenty of time for a long surface interval that included a barbecue lunch on the boat.

Once back at the dock, we again cleared Canadian customs and exchanged tanks. We also picked up a few members of our group who had decided to skip the morning dives. Then we headed in the opposite direction, down the river to two more wrecks. The first was the *Robert Gaskin*, a double-masted, iron-rigged wooden barge. She is 113 feet long and sits upright at 65 to 70 feet. This wreck has lots of easy penetrations through the deck and had a very mild current.

Our last dive of the day was on the *Lillie Parsons*. This is a double-masted

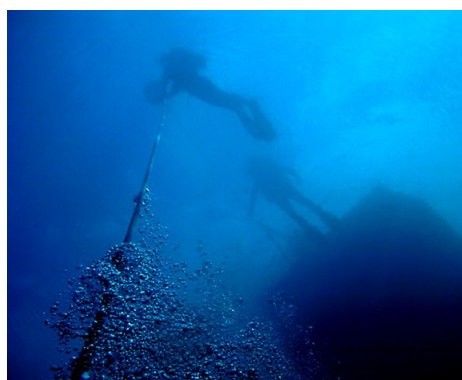
schooner built in 1868 which sank in a squall on the west side of Sparrow Island. She sits in 70 feet of water and is perfect for drift diving. The dive boat dropped us slightly up-current in the shallows. After pulling ourselves around the wreck a couple times, checking out the artifacts displayed near the stern, we finished the dive with a swift drift along the island. The stopping point has two down lines that run from the surface to the bottom along the wall to allow safety stops. We finished the day with a slow ride back to the docks.

Sunday morning we loaded up at the Abucs scuba docks and headed out for our two morning dives. The first was on the *Muscallonge* which was another freighter sitting in 90 feet of water. The wreck did not have much current on her and had a nice profile as she lies on her side with a wheelhouse still attached. There are usually more fish on this wreck than most of the others we dove. Our last dive was on the *Daryaw*, the same wreck that some of our group had dived on Friday. It's a nice wreck to finish the weekend on and close to the docks.

The weather throughout the weekend was nice and almost everyone enjoyed the experience. I plan to return next year, probably in August, spending more time and checking out new sites. I plan to dive a few days on the US side, visit and dive Kingston near Lake Ontario, and also dive again near Brockville. Next year we will use dive operations with faster boats and stay in hotels or B&Bs. This will not raise the cost much.

For all of you who joined me, thanks for making this a great outing! Divers and nondivers alike had a great time and have already asked when we are going back next year.

**Gregg Macaulay**



*Clear water and plentiful wrecks rewarded TSSC's divers north of the border.*

*Photos by Zeke Petryszyn*



## Saint Lawrence Scenery

I hadn't been out of this country in a few years—not since 9/11, but not because of 9/11. It is because I have been enjoying what our own beautiful country has to offer. Having said that, I forget how beautiful Canada is until I go there! Canada, from sea to shining sea, is litter free and majestic. It has a real “comfortable feel” to it. There are a lot of jokes about Canadians and Canada, but they are very friendly and hospitable. They are also ahead of us in some areas (at least everywhere but Quebec).

When we first entered Canada, just southwest of Brockville, Ontario, we crossed over a most impressive bridge. It went up, and up, and up some more, until we could see both east and west for miles and miles. Below us were stretched out the Thousand Islands. We passed right over quite a few of them. The sight made me glad that we had chosen this trip, not just for the diving, but for the area we would be relaxing in. As we passed over these islands, even though the foliage had not yet turned, there were many hints of it; golds and reds peeked out all around us. As we passed over the crest of the bridge and descended to the Canadian side, dusk started to fall, and customs awaited us.

Coming from such a cosmopolitan area, we take for granted the hustle and bustle of a 24-hour world. We had just passed into the “roll up the sidewalks early” zone. We could see more stars than I have seen in many years. Once we got settled into our room, we stepped out into the patio outside the room and gazed out over the St. Lawrence River. We could see all the way over to the US side, and

overlooked the marina from which we would be leaving this weekend. While southeast of us many in the states were battling a hurricane, here it was quiet, breezeless, and cool. I was truly in another country. It was so peaceful! Ahhhhhh!

The following morning started out calm, but by 11 am the wind from the hurricane started blowing. A visit to town showed a rich pride in the community. Around every turn was a nice place to visit—clean streets, monuments, gardens, and a busy economy. A quick stop for lunch at the local Subway seemed just like home, except they were much friendlier. Friday night most of us met at Bud's on the Bay. This place was easy to find as it had a large dive flag painted on its back wall. The food was good and reasonably priced. Canada has long since gotten rid of the \$1 paper bill, replacing them with loonies and toonies. The \$1 coin, which features the national bird, is a “loony,” and a \$2 coin is a “toony.”

Here's a word to the wise: don't wait too long to go out for dinner! Remember what I said about rolling up the sidewalks early? On Saturday evening, it took seven phone calls to find a restaurant open at 9 pm. When I found it and made reservations for 17, the owner of the River Walk Mill took the call and made us welcome. When we got there we were about the only people there, so I guess you could say that it was only the tourists who didn't know about the “eat early” thing. We had a great dinner, and the few staff that were there took great care of us. Desserts had things like “chocolate” and “sex in a pan” in their names. You just can't go wrong here, eh Bob? I passed around the last of my two-year-old Jack Daniels cherries, sharing them with the owner and the waitress. It was a good meal, and very inexpensive.

After the Sunday “morning” dives—they ran well into the afternoon—we headed up to Ottawa. For such a seemingly remote area by New York standards, the highways are designed to handle some serious traffic. It took

just over an hour to drive to Ottawa, the capital. We took the scenic route, which took longer, and also ended up being the long way to where we were headed, but now we know our way around pretty well. When we got downtown there was some weekend traffic, and many stores were getting ready to close. We found an open restaurant, the Elephant and Castle, right by the Parliament Building. We enjoyed the most wonderful soups and appetizers suggested by our waitress. And the desserts were incredible! Fortified from the cold, we wondered around a bit more, and found a tabletop raised map of the city. It was cast in metal, and had all the street names shown. It was like taking a virtual tour of the area. By this time, most of the shops and restaurants were closing down, or were already closed. Again, the sidewalks were rolled up right before our eyes!

It was a bit overcast for the drive home the next day. We made a few stops at some tourist areas and of course at the duty-free shop at the border. In Brockville we found some playing cards, each depicting a local business or area attraction, and some local crafts and ornament. Before we hit the duty-free, we found some pot-holders from Canada and the ever-popular key chains. At our final stop (you know, the duty-free) we found some cute Canadian toys, chocolates and t-shirts.

Going through customs into the US as citizens took about 3 minutes, even with cars ahead of us. What a change from going into Canada as a US citizen! That had taken us about 25 minutes. But as we left Canada, we went up and up over the bridge, over the Thousand Islands, that we had not had time to visit at all. Goodbye to Canada and Brockville for now! But we will return, and we will allow more time to see more of this beautiful area called Canada.

**Pat Forgacs**

*Editor's note: I need to learn Pat's secret—we had to wait 30 minutes in line at US Customs on our return!—AJ*



*Pat Forgacs stands with (L to R) Anne Judge, Michael Prange, Izzy Tahil, and Vadim Ternovski on the Abucs Scuba dock*

*Photo by Zeke Petryszyn*

Cape Ann • October 25–26, 2003

And Then There Were None...

...left on the bottom of Eagle Banks. That was after we finished scalloping there on October 25–26.

Six dry-sorta-suited divers headed out on a beautiful cold 20-something-degree Saturday morning. We first converged on Cape Ann Camp Site at about 11 am to prep for the dive—preparation mainly composed of chocolate chip cookies and stories loaded with a high proportion of B.S. Then it was off to our boat.

Under the skillful eye of Captain Fran, we cruised south toward Danvers. Once on site we descended to 50 to 65 feet, where we were on our own. Fran dropped us on a scallop bed that had recently been dredged, so there were only a few large scallops among the ridges. Soon pelican buoys followed by divers came to the surface. No killer saber-tooth sharks this time! We took a slow ride to the safety of an island cove, where large shells soon evidenced the fruits of our labor.

Then we were off to Eagle Bank, where the sea offered us bags overflowing with succulent scallops to the point where our arms hurt from dragging them across the bottom. Success! We headed back to the dock through rough seas as dusk fell. Our day ended at the nearby divers' sanctuary, where warming drinks and plentiful papaya were the only interruptions to our tales of the day.

The next day was about 20 degrees warmer, but overcast. A 40-minute boat ride took us to the northeast shore of Cape Ann, off Back Beach to a pinnacle that rises from 70 feet. Some explored the rocks while others headed for the sand in search of more scallops. The dive was nice but short due to our lack of air and time. The sea yielded a few more creatures but not the bounty of the day before. While Bob Davenport and I flashed back upon our lives while being carried off to sea by the tide, our four

comrades played around with the anchor for an eternity, snagging rocks and lobster lines. They picked us up as we waved to the nearby Newfoundland fishing fleet.

The next dive was in Folly Cove. This was a beautiful dive—what a spot! Dave Lindsey and I wandered through the rocks, over thousands of sea stars, past a large yellow sculpin, past urchins, anemones, lobster, blackfish, sand dollars, rock formations, blocks of granite, and beds of sand. It was a long shallow relaxing dive in clear water—a spot worth coming back to.

On the ride back through the Annisquam River we saw a half-dozen harbor seals and a TSSC hat fish, which we coaxed on board. The views of the riverfront homes on the rocky shore were a great way to end a perfect day. The year is still not over yet.

Bob Bak

coming events

November Meeting

8:00 pm, Wed, November 12 • Whitby Castle at the Rye Golf Club

Michael Emmerman

on

The "Rules" of Diving—  
What to Believe, What Not to Believe

Join us promptly at 8:30 to hear Mike Emmerman discuss the current state of knowledge within the dive community about issues such as decompression illness and dive safety protocols.

You may be surprised to learn how much of what we believe to be "proven guidelines" for diving protocols are really based on consensus opinion rather than scientific proof.

Michael Emmerman is the director of the Special Operations Support Group, a not-for-profit organization providing research and operational support to law enforcement and pub-

lic safety agencies. Mike is a board-certified forensic examiner, and a diplomat of the American College of Forensic Examiners. He is also an honorary deputy chief of the New York City Police Department (NYPD) assigned to the NYPD Medical Division, and an advisor to the NYPD Scuba Team. He also serves as president of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society Northeast Chapter. Mike has been diving for more than 40 years, and is an instructor or instructor-trainer with several training agencies. Most of all, Mike loves to dive!

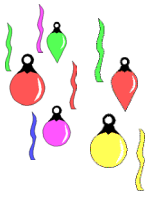
Directions to Whitby Castle

at the Rye Golf Club  
330 Boston Post Road, Rye NY  
(914) 777-2053

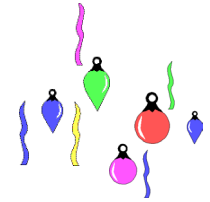
**From I-287:** Get off at exit 11. Stay in the right lane and at the end of the ramp turn right onto Route 1 south (Boston Post Road). Stay on Route 1 for approximately 2.7 miles, going through 8 sets of lights. The Rye Golf Club and Whitby Castle are on your left. Turn into the Golf Club driveway and Whitby Castle is straight ahead.

**From I-95:** Get off at exit 19, Rye/Playland. Immediately take the first exit to the right, signed Rye/Mamaroneck/Harrison. At the first stop sign go left toward Rye/Mamaroneck. At the next stop turn right on North Street, following signs for Mamaroneck and Route 1 south. After .3 mile you will merge onto Route 1. Follow it for .7 mile. Turn left into the entrance of the Rye Golf Club. Whitby Castle is straight ahead.

**From the Hutchinson River Parkway:** Take exit 23 onto Mamaroneck Avenue in the direction of Mamaroneck. Just after the slow-down lights (approx. 1 mile), go straight onto the on ramp for Route I-95. Stay left for I-95 North. Follow as above.



## Celebrate the Holidays with TSSC



7:00-11:30 pm, Saturday, December 13  
200 High Point Drive, Hartsdale, NY

It's that time of year when we deck the halls with boughs of seaweed—uh, holly! This year's festivities have moved west from their recent location, to the clubhouse of Sy and Jodie Turner's condo in Hartsdale. We have had many great parties there in the past and plan to make this one even better!

Using a tried-and-true format from that long-ago 20th century, we are asking everyone to bring a dish of food to share. A nominal charge of \$15 per person will provide this great venue; plastic "silverware," napkins,

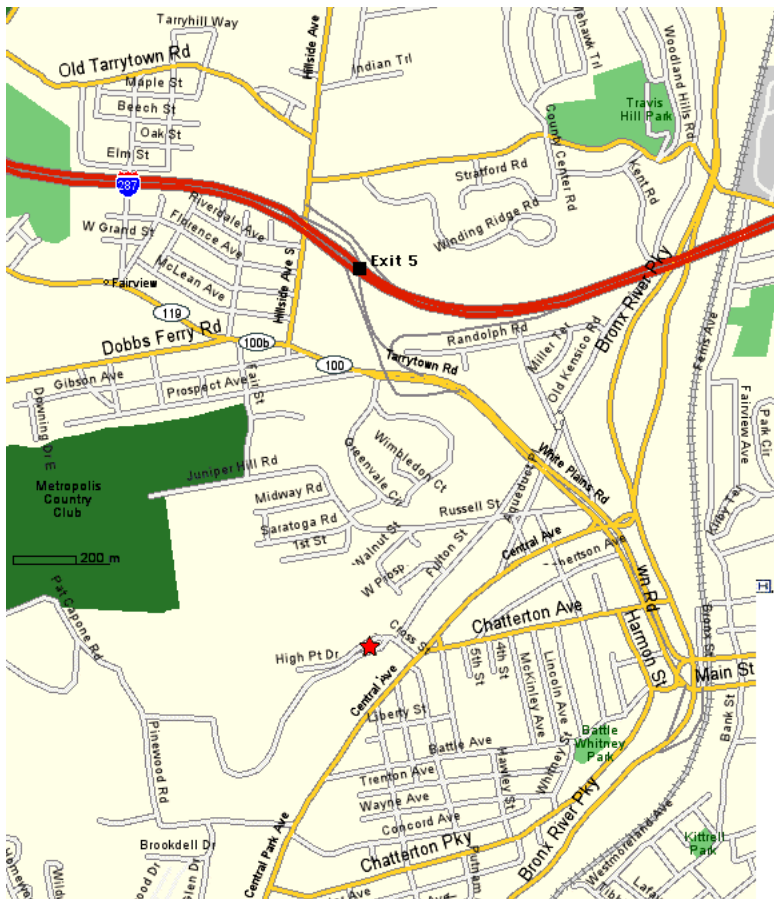
and plates; soda, coffee, and tea; and best of all, good company & a great time!

In the interests of everyone's enjoyment, the organizing committee is making a few requests. Please do not bring food that needs to be cooked or reheated at the party, as the committee does not wish to spend the evening in the kitchen. Also, please let me know what you will be bringing. Much as we all love lasagna, 20 different varieties and nothing else can get a little monotonous. We need appetizers, entrees, and desserts. The

old standards are great but so are exciting, off-the-wall creations. It's your choice. You can sign up by responding to the invite you will be receiving in your email box, emailing TSSC@BeneathTheSea.org, or calling me at (718) 884-4611.

The revels begin at 7 and officially last until 11:30. After that you're welcome to stay and automatically become part of the cleanup committee. We have to be out around midnight and leave the clubhouse clean.

*Judy Klotz-Simek*



### Directions to TSSC's Holiday Party

**Club House at High Point, Hartsdale, NY**  
(914) 946-1062 • (917) 612-8421

**From the east (I-95, I-684, or the Hutchinson River Parkway):** Get on I-287 westbound. Get off at Exit 5. Turn left at the stop sign onto Hillside Avenue and go to the traffic light. Turn left onto Rte. 119/Tarrytown Road. At the 3rd traffic light turn right onto Central Avenue, by the City Limits Diner. *From this point follow the directions from Central Avenue, below.*

**From the west (Thruway, Sprain Brook Parkway or Saw Mill River Parkway):** Get on I-287 eastbound. Get off at exit 5. At the traffic light turn right onto Rte. 119/Tarrytown Road. At the 3rd traffic light turn right onto Central Avenue, by the City Limits Diner. *Follow the directions from Central Avenue, below.*

**From Central Avenue:** Take Central Avenue 3 traffic lights to Cross Street. Turn right. Cross Street will start to curve to the left. Before it becomes Fieldstone Drive, bear right. You will see a red sign—"High Point at Hartsdale." Go up the hill to the white complex. At the guardhouse bear to the right, for visitors. Tell the gatehouse guard you are there for the Turners' party in the Club House.

There is parking in front of and behind all buildings, except in numbered spots. The Club House is between buildings 200 and 400, overlooking the pool.





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## November Meeting

8:00 pm, Wed, November 12

**Michael Emmerman**

*on*

**The "Rules" of Diving—**

**What to Believe,**

**What Not to Believe**

*at*

**Whitby Castle Restaurant**

**at the Rye Golf Club**

**330 Boston Post Road**

**Rye, NY**

See page 6 for more details.

*See What The Scuba Sports Club Has to Offer...*

### **Have you dived the *Max* lately?**

This is a note of thanks to club member **Lada Simek** for the many great diving experiences he has offered fellow club members aboard his dive boat *Max*.

Lada is a man of many talents, like his ability to find wrecks both virgin and old favorites. Divers aboard his boat have been known to come up with old bottles, wreck artifacts, and lobsters when legal. On a dive trip with Lada and his wife Judy there is always an expectation of adventure when he opens up his charts. An instructor as well as a captain, he matches his destinations to the divers' level of experience, from beginners to old salts.

There's a lot to be said for diving on

Lada's boat. Departure times are never early in the morning, so there are no early-morning wake-up calls. Seasickness is never a problem, because of the general calmness of the sound and because he doesn't dive when it's rough. At lunchtime we have enjoyed pulling up to waterfront restaurants with beautiful views; for those who like to experiment we have visited Thai, Portuguese, and Chinese restaurants. Often we prefer just to relax with a bag lunch aboard the boat. And did I mention bottle-collecting dives with bottom times of an hour or more?

If you haven't dived the *Max* you are missing out on a great adventure!

**Camille Platzek**