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June Meeting

8:00 pm, Wed, June 9

Dessert and a Movie

featuring


The Blue Planet: Deep Trouble

at

Whitby Castle Restaurant
at the Rye Golf Club
330 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY

See page 7 for more details.

Sea Swells



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the anchor line

Get Out and Dive!



**President
Bob Bak**

Well, we are coming up on the halfway point of the local dive season and it has been brought to my attention that some people have not been out on their first dive. Now is a good time to use the buddy list, a resource available to all members of the club. There you can find contact information for many people with the same interest as you—diving! No longer can you say, “I have no one to dive with.” Want to go on a boat but the club’s dive dates do not jibe with your days off? Then just ask. Many of our members are on the mailing lists of their favorite boat captains. They can give you contact information for these captains and help you get added to their mailings lists. Want to go someplace exotic but are afraid of picking a dog? Ask our members! Many have traveled around the world, or may have friends who have been to the sites you’re considering.

You can always make an excuse not to dive, but is that what you really want to do? Let the grass grow another week. Soon the snow will cover it.

**Dive safe, dive often
Bob Bak**



TSSC members know how to enjoy summer, whether it's cooking up a storm on the grill (top), at Glen Island Park in 1998, or finding the best diving our region has to offer (right, Paul Dengler in the St. Lawrence River last summer). You can join your fellow club members in this fun—just check our coming events on pages 6 and 7!



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There will be a special treat this month—we'll have desserts from Plaza Sweets as we watch an unrated episode of The Blue Planet, "Deep Trouble." See page 7.
 - ▶ **Saint Lawrence Dive Weekend** **July 10-11**
Enjoy warm, clear water, lots of wrecks, and incredible scenic beauty topside—but hurry, there are only 4 slots left! Page 7.
 - ▶ **TSSC Summer Picnic** **July 17**
TSSC celebrates the summer in style with a cookout and day at the beach at Greenwich Point Park. Don't delay—you need to get your tickets by June 30! See page 6.
 - ▶ **TSSC July Meeting** **July 14**
Alex Antoniou of the Shark Research Institute will be speaking.
 - ▶ **Gloucester Dive Weekend** **July 24-25**
Scallops, wrecks, abundant marine life—Northeast diving as it should be! Call Bob Bak to sign up.

2004 Dive Schedule

Date	Day	Boat & Port	Dive Description	Class*	Cost	Contact
Jul 10	Sat	<i>Sea Hawk</i> , Freeport, LI	TBD	B/A	\$63	C. Sundahl
Jul 10 & 11		Kingston, Ontario/Clayton NY	Great Lakes Wreck Diving			
Jul 24 & 25		<i>Daybreaker</i> , Gloucester MA	Scallop and Wreck Dives	C/B/A	\$180 ^{CDN} **	G. Maccaulay
Aug 7	Sat	<i>Sea Hawk</i> , Freeport, LI	TBD	B/A	\$63	R. Bak
Aug 7	Sat	<i>Atlantis</i> , New London CT	<i>Heroine (75')</i> & <i>Onondaga (50')</i>	B/A	TBD	C. Sundahl
Aug 14 & 15		<i>Giant Stride</i> , Rye NH	Seal Dives	C/B/A	TBD	R. Bak
Aug 21	Sat	Dutch Springs, Bethlehem PA	Treasure Hunt and Barbecue	C/B/A	\$22	
Sept 12	Sun	<i>Sea Hawk</i> , Freeport, LI	TBD	B/A	\$63	C. Sundahl
Sept 19	Sun	Beach Clean up	TBD (local)	C/B/A	Free	R. D'Amico
Sept 19	Sun	<i>Atlantis</i> , New London CT	<i>Heroine (75')</i> & <i>Onondaga (50')</i>	B/A	TBD	C. Sundahl
Sept 25	Sat	Fort Wetherill, Jamestown RI	Beach Dive and Barbecue	C/B/A	Free	R. D'Amico
Oct 2-9		La Paz, Mexico†	Baja California Diving			G. Maccaulay

*TSSC's dive classification system may be found on page 3.

**Diving will be \$60 Cdn per two-tank dive. Lodging is additional. See page 7.

†This is not a club-sponsored trip. Use of this information is entirely at the risk of the user. TSSC assumes no responsibility for and gives no guarantees, undertakings or warranties concerning the organizers and/or providers of the trip. TSSC shall not be liable, directly or indirectly, from any damage resulting from the use of this information.



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Submissions to Sea Swells Log may be made in electronic or paper form by the 20th of the month. Electronic submissions (email) are preferred and should be sent to

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Please call or email to confirm fax receipt. For information send email to Seaswells or call Anne at (203) 778-3584.

Recent club activities

Into the Ocean!

Fort Wetherill, Jamestown, RI
May 22, 2004

The skies were threatening but no rain fell upon our quartet of divers last month. Instead, Bill, Paul, Gerard, and I dove in a near solitude that would ordinarily be unheard of during the fourth weekend of May. In fact, the reduced crowd at Fort Wetherill, combined with the still air, helped create a visibility of approximately 15 feet, unusual for this time of year. As for water temperature, it was approximately 50 degrees.

The good visibility contributed to our enjoyment of the dive. While diving, we saw lobsters, Jonah crabs, fiddler crabs, coral, sponges, blue mussels, horseshoe crabs, feather-duster worms, cunners and some fairly large tautog. To our surprise, however, we didn't see any flounders or skates, which we traditionally see on this dive.

Following the dive, we had the customary cook-out, and by mid-afternoon we were back on the road to points west. It was a great way to begin the season, and my only regret is that more members weren't there. However, it won't be the only club trip to Fort Wetherill this season. Hopefully, we'll see you in September.

Rick D'Amico
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Memorial Day at Dike Point

New Milford, Connecticut
May 29, 2004

The Scuba Sports Club's picnic on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend at Dike Point on beautiful Candlewood Lake turned out to be a great success. Nearly thirty TSSC members and their families attended. We enjoyed a beautiful sunshiny day with a cool stiff breeze.

Even though it was cool, some of our members decided to hang out in their undergarments. A group of nine members went diving, exploring the bottom for artifacts. They found old boats, row-boats and even some old medicine bottles. The fish they saw near shore amazed them. One diver said they even saw the Great Pumpkin down there. I wonder what that could have been?

Topside we enjoyed chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, and other specialties—including those killer brownies! Even Lada pulled out his big kielbasa. Not only was there good food but also good conversation. The day started about eight in the morning and ran until about 5:30 in the evening. I would like to say "thank you" to all who attended and encourage all members to consider attending our next picnic at Todd's Point on the shore in Greenwich, Connecticut, in July. It is a nice way to spend the day and meeting new and old friends in the club!

Bob Bak

June 12-13 Gloucester Trip Cancelled

The club dives scheduled for June 12 and 13 on the *Drybreaker* have been cancelled due to a mix-up in the scheduling of the boat. There was also a shortage of people signed up for the dives. Those who are interested in going to Gloucester this month may contact me directly and I will try to put something together. Or join us for TSSC's next scheduled Gloucester trip,

coming events

Saint Lawrence Seaway Dive Weekend

July 9-11, 2004

The Scuba Sports Club will again be visiting the Saint Lawrence River this summer, this time diving July 10 and 11 with Thousand Island Pleasure Diving in Rockport, just across the Thousand Island Bridge. I have reserved 12 spots on Saturday and Sunday morning, to be filled on a first come, first served basis. Diving is \$90 for both days, with a two-tank, two-site dive each day.

Thousand Island Pleasure Diving is dedicated to providing a fun, safe, and adventurous diving experience in the Thousand Island region. All of their friendly staff are trained in the latest safety and first aid techniques. They are the leading diving charter in the region, and guarantee your satisfaction on every outing. For more information visit IslandDiver.ca or call 1-866-659-2334.

I have also reserved 6 rooms at Caiger's Resort where we are receiving a 10% discount. These are poolside rooms for \$84 US per room (\$42 per person) per

night. If you would like to upgrade your room please contact Caiger's Resort directly and reference my name for the reservation so we do not double book.

Guests at Caiger's Resort will enjoy spacious accommodations with heart-warming hospitality and homestyle meals. Rooms have two double beds (or two queens in some rooms), refrigerators and coffee makers.

Many rooms are located directly on the Saint Lawrence River allowing one to experience the beauty the river has to offer. Family suites (with up to five beds) and Jacuzzi/hot tub rooms with king size beds are also available. The resort offers a licensed riverfront patio, dining room, outdoor pool, game room, shuffleboard, horseshoes, and an outdoor playground. They also rent paddleboats, sailboats, bikes, and a great selection of power-

boats. For more information call 1-613-659-2266 or visit ganaanoque.com/caigers.

To reserve your space or if you have questions, email GMaccaulay@juno.com or call (203) 912-5371 or (203) 746-4983.

Gregg Maccaulay
Trip Coordinator

ROOM TYPES & RATES

	High Season June 25- Sept 7	Low Season May, June, Sept., Oct.
Waterfront	\$148	\$117
Poolside Ground Floor	130	100
Poolside, Second Floor	120	92
Honeymoon (jacuzzi & fireplace)	180	156
One Bedroom Suite	195	170
Boats & Motors	from \$85 per day	
Pontoon Boats	\$195 per day	
Meal Plan (breakfast & dinner; all you can eat)	add \$35 per person per day	
<i>Children's Rates Available</i>		

(In Canadian Funds; double occupancy)

June Meeting

8:00 pm, Wed, June 9

Whitby Castle Restaurant at the Rye Golf Club

Dessert and a Movie

featuring

The Blue Planet: Deep Trouble

We'll have divine desserts plus coffee, tea, and popcorn as we watch the unaired *Blue Planet* documentary "Deep Trouble." Read about it at http://bbc.co.uk/nature/programmes/tv/blueplanet/deep_trouble.shtml

July Meeting

8:00 pm, Wed, July 14

Whitby Castle Restaurant at the Rye Golf Club

Alex Antoniou of the Shark Research Institute

Find out about this organization at http://sharks.org/main_menu.html.

Directions to Whitby Castle

at the Rye Golf Club
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(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 1-95. Stay left for I-95 North. Follow as above.

Combating the Dog Days of Summer

**TSSC Summer Picnic
12–5 PM, Saturday, July 17, 2004
Greenwich Point Park, Greenwich CT**

Are you dreading those hot, humid July days? Would you rather spend your day lying on the beach, playing volleyball with your friends, picnicking in the shade? TSSC is offering the perfect excuse to escape from it all and do just this.

Come join us on July 17 at Tod's Point (Greenwich Point Park) for a day of sun, swimming (sorry, no diving), volleyball, baseball, barbecue and friends.

In keeping with a long-standing tradition of summer fun, TSSC will be holding its summer family and friends picnic in Greenwich at Tod's Point clam bake area, beginning at 12 noon and ending at 6 PM. The picnic is BYOB (as in **bring your own** barbecue food and **brigs**, baseball, beach chair and volleyball). However, the price of \$10 includes access to the entire park, swimming in Long Island Sound, unlimited soda, grills, picnic tables and most importantly a wonderful day with family and friends.

Worried about admission? Tickets *must* be purchased ahead of time, and will be for sale at the TSSC general meeting on June 9th for \$10. Or you may purchase them any time before June 30th by mailing a check, payable to The Scuba Sports Club, to Bob Bak, 14 Couch Road, Patterson, NY 12563. If you have questions, contact Pat Forgacs at greenemaid@snet.net or (203) 743-2282.

Worried about losing your ticket? You should be! Without one you will *not* be admitted into the park

Worried about a large family? Children under 5 are admitted free.

Worried about too much sun? Pavilions are there for shade (and bring sun block lotion).

Worried about beach safety? Greenwich Point has life-guards on its beach.

Worried about not knowing anyone? This is the time to make new friends and find new dive buddies.

Worried about getting there? Directions may be found on this page, or on the club web site.

Worried about getting lost even with directions? You can call Bob Bak on his cell phone at (845) 721-2605.

Worried about dogs? No worries. No pets are allowed in the park.

Curious about the park and Greenwich in general? You can read about this park and its history in a file available on the club web site; just go to BeneathTheSea.org/TSSC/files/GreenwichPoint.pdf. The general Greenwich website is GreenwichCT.org.

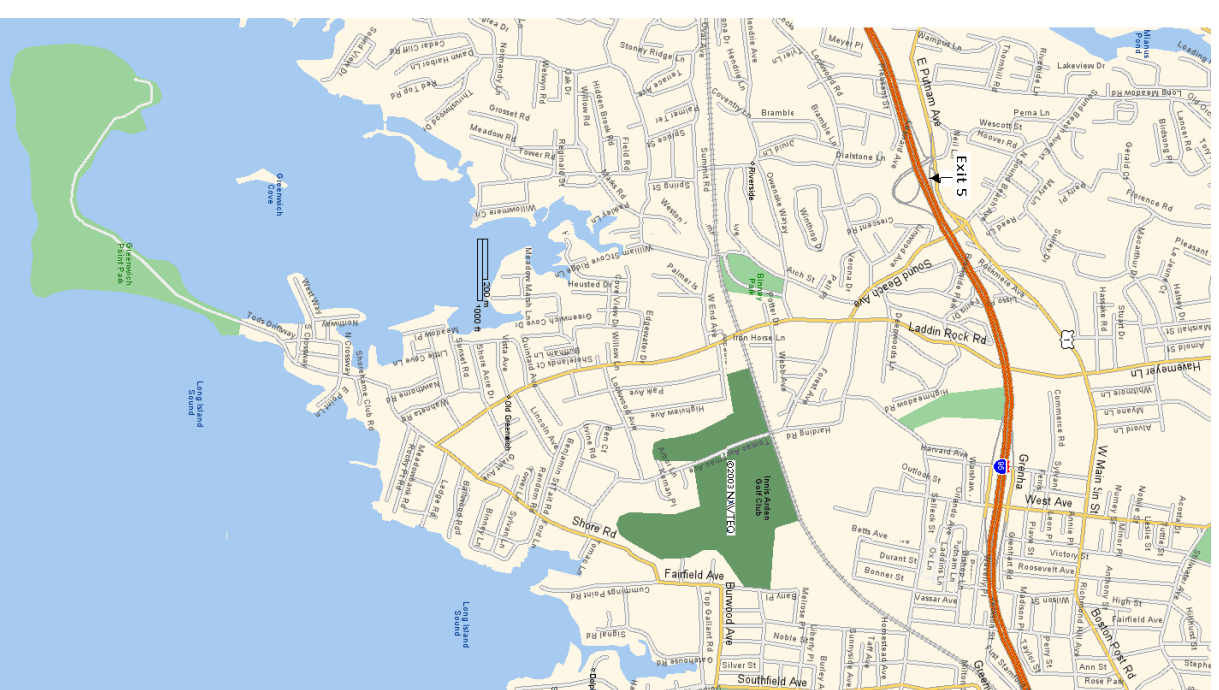
Worried about what you will miss? Then purchase a ticket, and find out for yourself!

We're all looking forward to seeing you at 12 noon on

Saturday, July 17th—but if you unfortunately have other plans, keep your eye on the newsletter for other upcoming events!

If you wish to arrive early to enjoy the park and get the most for your admission fee, some club members will be arriving as early as 10 AM. The park's hours are 8 AM to sunset.

Directions: From U.S. 1 heading towards Stamford, turn right at Sound Beach Avenue. Go under the I-95 bridge, keep right at the rotary, and go straight through the downtown Old Greenwich shopping district (on Sound Beach) until you reach the next rotary. Turn right onto Shore Road. Stay on Shore Road until you get to Greenwich Point Park.



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Dredging and a Cable

Recently the US Environmental Protection Agency, in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers, released a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for designation of two sites in central and western Long Island Sound as dredged material disposal areas. The short of it is that the FEIS recommends these sites for dredged material disposal. However, this is not carte blanche to allow dredged material to be placed at the sites. Every project that calls for using these disposal areas must meet requirements to assure that severely contaminated sediments are not placed in these areas. Users must comply with the provisions of the Clean Water Act and the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972.

Recently, public meetings were held regarding the FEIS. Representatives of government, civic, and environmental organizations and trade groups, as well as citizens, spoke. At the meeting on Long Island, which I attended, speakers from New York appeared to be all but unanimously opposed to the findings of the FEIS, while Connecticut presenters were solidly in favor. Of course, Connecticut has a greater need for harbor dredging, for which these disposal sites would be used, so this is somewhat understandable.

Now, here's the rub (and an editorial). Last year, a 330-megawatt electrical cable (the Cross-Sound Cable), carrying hydroelectric power from Canada, was installed. It traversed Long Island Sound from New Haven to Shoreham. During its installation, contractors encountered a rock ledge along a small portion of New Haven Harbor, and thus a short length of the cable was placed at a depth not deep enough to comply with the conditions of the cable company's permit with Connecticut. However, it was determined that the cable could still be operated safely and without environmental effects. Still, the cable was not allowed to become operational—until after the August 14th blackout last year, when U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Spencer Abraham intervened and said that the cable operation was necessary to stabilize the Northeast's power grid. DOE recently rescinded its order and

ordered the cable shut down as of May 9th. Connecticut's Attorney General Richard Blumenthal continues to spearhead the opposition to the operation of the cable, citing environmental protection in Long Island Sound. He has been against the cable from the start. He sued to stop its construction, fought to shut it down after the blackout, and is now pushing to keep it that way. Mr. Blumenthal persists despite his receiving a letter in 2002 from Arthur J. Rocque, Jr., Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, about the cable and harbor dredging in which Mr. Rocque indicated that "from an environmental perspective, this cable project pales in comparison to even maintenance dredging of the federal navigation channel in New Haven Harbor." Given Mr. Blumenthal's lack of opposition to dredging and the approval of the dredged material disposal sites, it appears as though consistency in environmental matters is in the eye of the beholder.

It should also be pointed out that the Cross Sound Cable has benefited Connecticut residents as well. The cable transmits energy in both directions, and on numerous occasions during its operation, power flowing into Connecticut from the cable has stabilized voltage in Connecticut. In fact, during this time, approximately 80% of the incidents that could have caused local electrical blackouts occurred in Connecticut, and in a number of those cases, the cable was of assistance in preventing outages from taking place. Also of note was that there have been no negative environmental effects detected during its operation; given the scrutiny that the cable has been under, it is most likely that there are none.

Yet Mr. Blumenthal continues to passionately oppose this cable, positioning himself like someone trying to prevent Charles Manson from clubbing baby seals. He has come up with a lot of adjectives, but is short on particulars as to why the cable is harmful to the environment and why it shouldn't be operated. The fact is that Long Island has obtained a source of clean hydroelectric power from Canada rather than having to build power plants that gener-

ate air pollution. As a result, Long Island Sound, which Mr. Blumenthal purports to be protecting, is cleaner, because the rain that falls in its watershed is less contaminated than if Long Island-based power plants were used to generate the electricity that is being delivered instead by cable. Perhaps, rather than obstruct, Mr. Blumenthal should observe and take notes.

**Rick D'Amico
Environmental/Legislative Director**

TSSC's Dive Classification System

Every dive on TSSC's schedule (see the back page of this newsletter) has a "class" assigned to it. This class is an indication of the expected difficulty of this dive. Below are the descriptions of the three dive classes.

But remember, any dive can be more difficult than expected, depending on the conditions at the time of the dive! These classifications are only to be used as a guide when choosing which dives you will sign up for.

A: Be prepared for an advanced dive to depths of 130 feet. These are usually wreck dives in difficult conditions, including cold water, low visibility, significant currents, and wave heights over 3 feet. The diver should be self-sufficient and very experienced in these adverse conditions.

B: Be prepared for an open-water intermediate dive to depths of under 80 feet. Cold water and low visibility are to be expected. Currents and wave heights should be moderate. The diver should dive at least once per month and be mentally and physically at ease in the water.

C: Expect a shallow dive in a relatively protected area, but be prepared for cold water and low visibility. Some current and moderate wave heights are possible. Appropriate for beginning open-water divers, divers new to Northeast diving, and divers who love lots of relaxed bottom time.

All divers must come equipped with the appropriate equipment, in proper working order, as required by certifying agency as minimum equipment.

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Saint Kitts — The Unspoiled Jewel Island of the Caribbean

by Nikki Shelton

Although only recently discovered as one of the Caribbean's most alluring holiday destinations, Saint Kitts has a long, colorful history. The Carib Indians called the island Liannuga, meaning fertile land, and when Christopher Columbus arrived in 1493 he was so enamored that he named it after himself and his patron saint—Saint Christopher.

When England's Sir Thomas Warner landed 130 years later he adopted the shortened version of Saint Kitts, which has struck ever since. It was the "mother colony," serving as a strategic base for settling other islands as Antigua, Martinique, and Anguilla.

More than 400 undiscovered wrecks surround the island, as do pristine coral reefs and a myriad of colorful marine life. The majestic underwater world around Saint Kitts has yet to be truly explored.

Here are descriptions of just a few of the many dive sites around Saint Kitts that offer great opportunities for both experienced and novice divers.

Black Coral Rock begins at 40 feet and descends to a maximum of 100 feet. This is a superb dive where colonies of black coral flourish. Highly prized by jewelry makers, the black coral is rare in the Caribbean.

Booby Island abounds in marine life and is conspicuously situated in the channel between Saint Kitts and Nevis (St. Kitt's sister island). It offers a variety of interesting dives at varying depths.

The Devil's Caves are a series of coral grottos lying in 40 feet of water off the eastern coast of Nevis. Just a short distance from open water, divers can navigate through colorful passages filled with hard and soft coral sponges, squirrel fish, and lobster.

Coconut Tree Reef is one of the largest reefs in the area, beginning at a depth of 40 feet and plunging to nearly 200 feet. With its vast expanse and

tremendous range of depth, it is a good site for new and experienced divers.

Grid Iron is an undersea shelf that rises to within 25 feet of the surface and contains an expansive area of reefs covered with a wide variety of marine life including schools of colorful angelfish.

Monkey Shoals, located off the western coast of Saint Kitts' southern peninsula, it is a flat reef of soft and hard coral at an average depth of 50 feet and is home to lobsters, rays, lizard fish, and occasionally nurse sharks.

The wreck of the MV Talata lies in just 60 feet of water. The hull of the vessel has become home to a thriving population of fish including spectacular rays!

Sandy Point Bay is an extensive reef formation located within a marine sanctuary starting at 50 feet and descending to 100 feet. It offers a variety of beautiful sights and a broad range of marine life.

The wreck of the Brassball, lying just 25 feet below the surface, makes for another great shallow-water wreck dive. It's an excellent site for photography.

Between your exciting diving sojourns, don't forget to enjoy the many on-land attractions. These include the Brimstone Hill Fortress, the largest engineering project undertaken in the Caribbean and a UNESCO World Heritage Site; the beautiful Romney Manor, part of Wingfield Estate, once owned by the grandfather of Thomas Jefferson; the fabulous Saint Kitts Scenic Railway where you enjoy luxurious comfort while being entertained by musicians, complimentary specialty drinks, and a colorful narrative history of the entire Caribbean; and the night spots

featuring sounds of soca, calypso and reggae. On Friday and Saturday nights the island is truly alive with the sounds of music galore!

For all the many activities and sights Saint Kitts offers, and its great diving, the highlight of any visit will be the wonderful friendliness and graciousness of the smiling natives.

The choice of accommodations seems endless, ranging from beach hotels to plantations inns, each unique but all with the signature Kittitian hospitality. One ideal spot is the Bird Rock Beach Hotel. Every room and studio is fully equipped. Suites are also available. It offers two restaurants and bars, a freshwater swimming pool with swim-up bar, and its own secluded beach, and a full service scuba shop, "Dive Saint Kitts," on the hotel property. Find out more at BirdRockBeach.com or call 800-621-1270.

Saint Kitts is easy to get to. American Airlines has scheduled non-stop service to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and American Eagle flies the short hop from there to Saint Kitts.



Nikki Shelton with the managers of the dive shop at the Bird Rock Beach Hotel

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Who Is She?

by Bob Bak

The first time we met was on early on a Saturday morning, the 11th of June 1994. I had just driven thru the Gunks to a beautiful place called Lake Minnewaska State Park. I was the first one there. A short while later my instructor Bruce and a few others arrived. Among them was a petite groggy-eyed woman in a PADI jacket with the label "instructor." Bruce introduced her, saying "this is Carolyn and she will be one of your instructors today. She just got off work and don't try talking to her for about an hour." During that weekend at Minnewaska and Jamestown, Rhode Island, I started to realize just how good an instructor she was. Carolyn has a style of teaching unique to her. She would ask soft-spoken questions that made you think and challenged you, giving you just enough rope and then pulling it back so you would not hang yourself. When fluffed off by anyone, a gleam came to her eye and what shortly followed was a short well-thought-out reply that reminded you never to open your mouth without thinking again. Her confidence was contagious. Her knowledge of diving was vast. Her enthusiasm was second to none. Every dive with her was a new adventure even if you have been there a hundred times before.

Through the years I dove with her, from advanced certification through medic first aid, divemaster, ice, enriched air classes, and finally as an assistant instructor. For many years I watched and learned as I divemastered for her and the other instructors. I have seen her take students and turn them into divers—not just certificate holders, but

people who truly love the sport and who have become competent divers. We have dived together in the muck of Mount Tom, the rich New England waters of Gloucester, beneath the frigid icy waters of Lake Winnepesaukee, through dense populations of sharks off the coast of North Carolina, through the Japanese ghost wrecks in the beautiful waters of Micronesia.

Carolyn was an RN whose daily job was saving the lives of our children, babies in critical care. I think this is one reason why she enjoyed diving and her friends so much. She knew how precious life is. She had a great sense of humor with her friends. I have seen her ask friends if they needed help getting in as she put out a hand on their backs and pushed them in. And many have become bungee cord divers due to her helping hand. Without a doubt Carolyn is the best woman diver I have come to know in my ten years of diving. Without a doubt Carolyn is one of the best divers I know.

Who is this woman? She is a mother, she is an RN, she is a skier, she is a master scuba diver trainer, she is a teacher. Her name is Carolyn Gagnon. You might ask why am I writing about her. You see, my instructor, my dive buddy, my friend passed away this week after a short battle with cancer. She has touched the lives of so many in our small community of divers. She instilled in me the passion of diving.

"Every dive holds something new and there is no such thing as a bad day of diving."

I will miss you dearly my friend. Safe journey.

BOATS FOR SALE

- 14-foot fiberglass 1986 Aquasport, swivel tiller chair and removable bass chair. Solid boat. \$950.
 - 12-foot Achilles inflatable, 1985, wood floor boards, one hole self-patched and may need work but a steal at \$475 (over \$2300 new!).
 - 15-hp Evinrude outboard, 1985, bad rings on one piston. \$300.
- If interested call Greg Stasiuk at (914) 42-8760

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Area Dive Shops

This list is provided as a convenience. ISSC 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
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Marsh Scuba Supply

91 Lauer Rd, Poughkeepsie NY
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