



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SCUBA SPORTS CLUB JUNE 2005

THE ANCHOR LINE

By Gregg Macaulay

I would like to start this month's Anchor line with a heart-felt thank you from Karen & I for all your thoughts and prayers that we received last month when Karen's mother passed away. As I have said before, this is not just a dive club but a group of very close friends and we really appreciated all the support we received.

Events like this remind us of how fragile life is and why it is important to live it to the fullest. Treasure your friends, family and dive buddies. Appreciate the world around you and the unique opportunity we have as divers to visit places most people will never see. Always be ready to share these experiences with people you meet, let them know now what they are missing because nothing is worse than to regret all the things you wished you had tried or the places you wished you had visited.

I have made it a point to try and travel now as who knows what tomorrow brings. Karen and I have been on many great trips but there is still a lot of the world we would like to see. Our world is ever changing, place politically and environmentally. Places change due to wars or natural disasters and may not rebound in our life times. Respect our underwater world, as what you see today

will most likely be changed by your next visit.

I have been to dive sites that seemed pristine while there yet on a return visit, a storm or hurricane has covered corals, rolled, or shifted wrecks to an extreme that it does not even resemble the same site. I was talking with someone the other day just back from Bonaire that told me Pink Beach is gone. All that amazing pink sand has been removed by a storm. I am sure that everyone of you has stories of that great dive site that is no more. It would be an even greater shame to never have seen it. The next time someone asks you to go on a dive, stop and really think about saying no. It could be a once in a lifetime dive. You never know when that Manta ray is going to come in and want to play through out the whole dive. Or the visibility may be better than anyone ever can remember and you saw more of a wreck or found things never seen before on that wreck.

My point, through all this rambling, is not to take for granted that there is always another day, dive or trip that you can put off and do another time. Live life to its fullest today. That way you will have no regrets when its time to go to that big ocean in the sky.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July Meeting

8:00 pm, Wednesday, July 13, 2005

Jason Heller on the **Asian Tsunami** and **Wakatobi, Indonesia**

We have a very special presentation by **Jason Heller**, founder of **DivePhotoGuide.com**. Jason and his fiancé were diving in Thailand during the December tsunami and will give a short slide show of his firsthand account of the devastation in and around Phuket and Kaoh Lak, Thailand. Jason will also present images and information from one of the world's most remote and beautiful dive destinations, Wakatobi, in Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia.

A veteran in the interactive marketing industry, Jason Heller has been invited to produce and present educational seminars to the dive industry for the last four years both in the US and in Asia. Jason, who is an avid diver and underwater photographer, recently launched DivePhotoGuide.com, an online resource that matches the needs of underwater photographers and videographers of all levels with the facilities of dive operators worldwide.

August: Matt Sasso, brings over 20 years of spear fishing experience off Long Island coasts, will present ins and outs of this wonderful sport as well as dispel myths associated with it. Matt is Long Island's leading spearfishing instructor and a founder of spearfishingextreme.com

September: Glenn Butler and **Vreni Roduner**
Topic: Behind The Numbers: How Decompression Tables Are Developed

Glenn Butler, Director of the NUMC Hyperbaric Chamber Facility will be one of the featured speakers. With the benefit of more than 30 years personal and professional experience in the treatment of Decompression Sickness (DCS), no one is more expert or entertaining in educating and informing in the physics and physiology of diving, compressed gas effects and the treatment of pressure related pathology. Those who have seen Mr. Butler at various seminars, including those offered at Westchester County Medical Center and Beneath The Sea, are familiar with his expertise and the quality of his presentations. Those who have not, are in for a real treat.

Vreni learned to dive in 1974 and became the first female divemaster of The Scuba Sports Club in 1980. In 1986 she participated in Repex, a NOAA-sponsored saturation excursion program for the purpose of predicting the longterm effects of oxygen exposure. She is the recipient of BTS Medal of Excellence and their 20 Year Award for loyalty and dedicated service, as well as the TSSC Diver of the Year Award. Vreni was also a participant in the Aqua Women expeditions from 1981 to 1993 and is a member of Women Divers Hall Of Fame (WDHOF).

UPCOMING DIVES

Sat June 11 & 12—Cape Anne, MA

Sat, Sun June 25--Minnewask
State Park

Sat-Sat July 9-16--Dominica

Sat, Sun August 27 & 28--Seal
Dive Rye, NH

Sat September 3--Dutch Springs,
PA

Fri-Sun September 9-11--St
Lawrence, Canada

Sat September 24-Ft.
Wetherill, RI

Sat, Sun October 15 & 16-Seal Dive
Rye, NH

Sat, Sun November 5 & 6-Cape
Anne, MA

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SeaSwells@TheScubaSportsClub.org

Submission of paper copy should be sent to

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Clam Bake At Tino's Country Manor

Wednesday, June 8, 2005

5:30pm – 7:30pm



Garlic Bread
Cup of Chowder

Baked Clams or Clams on a Half Shell

Slaw
Corn on the Cob
Baked Potato

Lobster
Or
Shrimp Scampi
Or
Fried Shrimp

\$24.95

Reservations required
Call Lisa
914/769-7236

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Baked Clams or Clams on a Half Shell
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UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

June – Hartford, Ct canoe trip (under the city) Saturday 6/18

July – TSSC Picnic @ Todd’s Point 7/23 (a repeat of a terrific party!)

August – Canoe trip on the Delaware River, Saturday 8/6. Beach Cleanup w/Wyland (date and location to be announced)

September – Regatta/B-B-Q Saturday 9/3. Beach Cleanup 9/24. White Water Rafting. (Dates to be announced)

October – Social before the meeting 10/12. Bike trip Saturday 10/8

November – Brunch location to be announced Sunday 11/13.

December – Wine Tour (dates to be announced). Dec Social/Holiday Party Saturday 12/10

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

Captain Saam’s Scuba School
863 East Main Street, Stamford, CT
(203) 327-2822
capt-saam.com
captsaam@optonline.net

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

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

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
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PanAqua.com
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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

DIVERS ANONYMOUS

On April 25 I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of Divers Anonymous in Clifton, NJ. When the normal club business portion of the meeting had concluded **Tom Gormley**, president of the club, introduced Guest Speaker **Gary Gentile**.

There aren’t many members of the diving community who aren’t familiar with this high profile personality but for those that aren’t here’s a short bio taken in part from his website: Gary Gentile is an: author, lecturer, photographer, explorer and deep sea wreck diver. He has over 170 decompression dives on the *Andrea Doria* alone and was the first scuba diver to enter the First Class Dining Room recovering many examples of the elegant china.

Gary was instrumental in the early 1990’s in merging mixed-gas diving technology with wreck diving. He dove to a depth of 380 feet on the German battleship Ostfriesland and then in 1994 participated in a mixed-gas diving expedition to the Lusitania.

Gary specializes in wreck diving and ship wreck research, concentrating his efforts on wrecks along the eastern seaboard which brings us to tonight’s presentation of U-Boats! The presentation consisted of slides that Gary had taken on various U-boats including the U-869 & U-352 in addition to archival slides when these ships were originally commissioned.

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There were slides of the artifacts that divers were able to recover from these submarines. More pictures indicated various components from torpedo loading tubes, other mechanical components and of course the inevitable human remains. Gary's knowledge of the U-boat types that were developed and improved during the course of the war made his presentation that much more entertaining as well as educational.

Divers Anonymous normally holds its monthly meetings on the last Monday of the month at Mario's Restaurant in Clifton, NJ. Check out their website at www.diversanonymous.com for more details. Kevin McMurray will be the guest speaker on May 23 presenting The Empress of Ireland. For those that haven't seen this presentation its well worth the short trip from Westchester. It was only a 45 minute ride from Tarrytown to spend an evening with a nice bunch of people to talk and learn about diving !

Don, VP

SPECIAL NEWS

Walk The Walk

On Sunday morning May 15th, we gathered at the Westchester Medical Center for the first annual Walk the Walk to benefit the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. I don't know the total count on the number of participants that were there but you can bet it was in the thousands. One team had registered 161 people to help raise money through sponsorships for the hospital.

It was fun watching as Q104.3 New York's Classic Rock Station was setting up their sound system in anticipation of Disc Jockey **Maria Milito's** arrival. Maria is on the air weekdays from 9am till 2pm right after the **Jim Kerr** morning show and drew quite a crowd.

Thanks to Pat we all had team T-Shirts with Beneath The Sea on the back as we did the 5k walk through the hospital grounds. Even the Man in Black, **Ed Smith**, was wearing a white t-shirt ! Of course Zig & I did a leisurely stroll while Marilyn and Joann raced back to get more Dunkin Donuts & coffee.

Ocean Pals had a booth and as the kids passed through they were able to color fish and placing them on the wall (aquarium) with the donations for the fish going to the hospital.

Thanks to all the BTS and TSSC members that showed up. The Children's Hospital is an integral part of our respective organizations and our commitment to this world class facility continues to grow.

For those that didn't show up, it was fun and you missed a good time. Hope you can be with us next year !

Don, VP

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18 Underground Canoe Trip

Two miles and two hours down the Park River, which flows beneath the City of Hartford. Huck Finn Adventures provides guides, boats, headlamps etc. We will go in two groups of about twelve, leaving at 10 AM and 2 PM. At this point the morning group is filled. This is a river, NOT a sanitary sewer. You will see "The Pit"- a 150 foot deep sinkhole and experience an echo of amazing duration. Cost is about \$45.

See: www.huckfinnadventures.com

August 6 Canoe the Delaware River

This is a repeat of the 2003 trip, ten miles from Pond Eddy to Matamoras. This portion of the river is somewhat brisk, the water very clean. Snorkelers will have 10 foot vis and the rapids will be moderately challenging. We plan to leave at 9:30 and should arrive by 4 PM. The last time, 44 of us had a blast and lots of laughs. Cost is about \$33 See: www.kittatinny.com

August 20 Small craft regatta

This is for those who own or can get their hands on a small boat- canoe, kayak, rowboat or inflatable. We will leave the Croton on Hudson RR station parking lot and proceed up the Croton River, about one mile. The scenery is wonderful and we may have a picnic on the beach. You can swim, snorkel or even dive. Due to tide requirements we must leave at 10:30 AM.

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Our Next Meeting Will be on
Wednesday, June 8th at:
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