

# Sea Swells LOG



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SCUBA SPORTS CLUB ♦ FEBRUARY 2006

## THE ANCHOR LINE

At our last Director's Meeting we had the luxury of reviewing our 2006 club budget and discussing how and where club funds could be appropriately spent (or saved) giving us the biggest bang for our buck.

Obviously, a major area of concern is in what direction is the club moving, if it's moving at all? From what I've been told at one time there was a lot of local diving. Now I've only been around for a few years but I haven't seen much of that. This begs the question – why?

From all accounts I'm told there's a lot of good diving in the Northeast. People I've met from other clubs in the tri-state area are active every weekend diving locally but not our club. Why?

I'm raising these questions in an effort to determine what needs to be done to get club members back in the water. We can be a locally active dive club if that ac-

tivity is supported by the membership. However, maybe we're headed in the direction of a socially-minded group that enjoys diving on a more recreational or vacation basis. Maybe we just like diving in warmer water with less aggravating conditions on a more leisurely basis. Maybe we're just getting older.

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### ***TSSC Fab Feb Brunch***

***Pete's Saloon***

***Elmsford, NY***

**Sunday February 26, 2006**

**12:00pm – 2:30pm**

Assorted pastries, breads, and muffins

Carved & breakfast meats

Eggs/frittata

Potatoes

Juice & Beverages

Champaign toast

(Cash bar)

\$23.95 +tax & tip

RSVP – 2/20/06

Pat Forgacs @ 203/743-2282

**\*\* This is at Pete's Saloon \*\***

**\*\* Newly renovated \*\***

**\*\* Need I say more! \*\***

### **Anchor Line Continued**

Actually, we're quite fortunate to have developed a love for a sport that allows us any latitude we'd like. We can be aggressive and dive the deep cold waters of the North Atlantic or more conservatively work our way down the eastern seaboard in search of more temperate climates.

One thing I can practically guarantee is that if we don't start generating some interest our sport and bring new and younger members into our club it will turn into a geriatric association of people that used to dive and are now living on memories. Take a look at our club membership at our February meeting. What do you think the average age is? How many "young" people that can carry on the traditions of the club attend our meetings? If the club is going to survive we've got to bring in new people. Let me suggest that each one of us strive to bring in one new member or bring back an inactive member to the February meeting. It's not necessary that your guest be a certified diver that can happen later. If we begin to expose more people to our sport enough interest may be generated through our enthusiasm where we can lead our guests to a local dive shop for their open water training and certification.

This sounds like a win/win situation. We develop new divers, hopefully expand the club membership and support our local diving community by bringing students to our local dive shops for both training and potential equipment purchases.

How many ways can you think of to bring new members into the club? Maybe we could have some competition

to see what member should take the title of Grand Membership Recruiter!

In closing this month's Anchor Line I have three simple questions:

1. What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall?
2. What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?
3. What kind of coffee was served on the R.M.S. Titanic?

Have a great month.

**Don Reynolds**  
**President**

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## **DIVERS FLEA MARKET**

Ocean Wreck Divers of New Jersey is pleased to announce the dates for our 2006 Fishing and Scuba Flea Markets. The Fishing and Marine equipment flea market will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2006 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Scuba Flea Market will take place the following day, Sunday, February 19 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Both events will be held at the Toms River Intermediate School North, Toms River, NJ, the same location as last year. Directions are available on the OWD web site:

[www.oceanwreckdivers.com](http://www.oceanwreckdivers.com)

# SEMINAR

LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGIES and the LONG ISLAND DIVERS ASSOCIATION present, FREE OF CHARGE an outstanding HYPERBARIC MEDICINE and SHIPWRECK SEMINAR

DATE: Saturday February 18, 2006  
Noon to 5 PM

PLACE: Nassau University Medical Center Amphitheater (directions below)

HYPERBARIC CHAMBER TOURS:  
12 Noon and 5PM

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

1:00PM-5:00PM

SEMINARS:

1:00-2:00PM FIRST BLOOD—SINKING OF THE U-85

Renowned historian, videographer, and Northeast Dive Charter pioneer CAPT. BILL PALMER will present a fascinating historical and recreational dive perspective on the U-85, one of the most important German war wrecks in American waters. She lies in 100 FSW off the North Carolina Coast.

2:00-3:00PM DIVING WITH WOLVES

Just one month after the infamy of Pearl Harbor, the fierce and often fatal battle for control of Northeast waters was underway with more than 400 vessels sunk by the "Wolfpack" of German U-boats. Archeologist, underwater photographer and videographer PETER VEN-OUTSOS will share his award winning images and unique experiences in documenting this often forgotten but crucial part of our underwater heritage

3:00-3:30 PM Complimentary Coffee & Cake

3:30-4:30PM LONG ISLAND SHIPWRECKS

Noted Northeast wreck explorers and photographers MIKE SAL VAREZZA and CHRIS WEAVER will take you to some of the best wreck dive sites in the world, all right here off our Long Island area coast. You will learn about and "dive" such wrecks as the USS San Diego, Stolt D'Agali, USS Algol, U-853 and other accessible historic shipwrecks.

4:30-5:00 PM Open Forum-Questions & Answers

DIRECTIONS to Nassau University Medical Center (formerly Nassau County Medical Center):

Wantagh Parkway to Hempstead Turnpike West OR Meadowbrook Parkway to Hempstead Turnpike East. NUMC is on the north side of Hempstead Turnpike, halfway between the Wantagh and Meadowbrook Parkways. Go to main entrance and ask for the Amphitheater.

FREE BUT LIMITED SEATING  
RESERVE SEAT BY E-MAILING TO

[steveburke@optonline.net](mailto:steveburke@optonline.net)

As a courtesy to others, please only reserve if you fully intend to attend.

Donations to LIDA, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization are gratefully accepted.

## 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  
NYstore@PanAqua.com

**Pan Aqua Diving**  
461 Federal Rd, Brookfield CT  
(888) 388-3483  
PanAqua.com  
CTstore@PanAqua.com

**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