



**The Official  
Newsletter of The  
Scuba Sports Club**

**APRIL 2006**

**The Anchor Line**

Beneath The Sea is over for 2006 and the accolades are beginning to come in. The excitement that had been rising to a crescendo pitch during the past few weeks didn't diminish Friday morning as the exhibitors were piling in the rear entrance to the Meadowlands Exposition Center. Randi and Ann Marie, with their staff, were ready with the exhibitor packets. As always, they made the transition from an empty hall to a bustling showcase of products and exotic dive locations as hassle free for the vendors as humanly possible. Seriously, they must be doing something right because we've already started selling out space for BTS 2007.

The weekend flew by at such a rapid pace it's hard considering where to begin. I take that back it's not hard at all. I'll begin by thanking all of the volunteers that came out and made another year's program a resounding success. I hope you all know how important you are because there would never be a Beneath The Sea program without you. I won't name all of the people that give of themselves, some as weekend warriors and others year round, to bring this program to over 12,000 people this year. You know who you are and your efforts are appreciated more than you can possibly realize. On behalf of all the officers of Beneath The Sea I thank you for your time, dedication, patience and dealing with all the situations that arise during this weekend.

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SEA**

## ANCHOR LINE, CONT.

For starters, I hope no one missed **John Moyer's Andria Doria Museum**. The artifacts that were on display were simply fantastic. Reading about or seeing photographs of items that have been recovered from the ship don't do them any justice at all. Looking at a tea cup, plate, knife or fork and letting my imagination run free for a moment I wondered who had used those items on a transatlantic crossing? Who was the last person to touch that tea cup before the boat sank? I could put myself on the ship and be traveling with friends in the luxury the *Doria* would provide. Speaking with John Moyer Friday morning about his arrest of the ship, as the exhibit was coming together, was an extra benefit that was totally unexpected. If you didn't get to the show you missed a fantastic exhibit.

Friday evening's **Fish & Famous** silent auction was another star studded event. There were terrific items up for bid from artwork, books, jewelry to trips all over the globe to places I couldn't pronounce! Again the opportunity to rub elbows with the individuals in the dive community that have made our sport so incredible is worth the cost of the admission alone. Members of the **Women Divers Hall of Fame** were present, **David Dunleavy** is on the stage painting a picture that will be auctioned before the paint is dry. The event was a veritable evening of who's who in the dive industry !

At the same time in the Embassy Hotel the Tech Seminars have concluded and the Friday Night Tech Party is beginning to rock ! This will last for a few more hours with some great food, beer & door prizes!

The show ran all day Saturday with divers lining up at 8am, waiting for the doors to open. Those people that didn't buy their tickets on line had to stand around wasting their time while others were already enjoying the show.

Seminars—workshops—door prizes—great equipment displays—Ocean Pals—the try scuba pool was back in operation—it was just non-stop all day!

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## The Scuba Sport Club Open House 2005



Saturday April 29, 2006  
6PM

Tino's Italian Steak House  
101 Saw Mill River Rd.-Rt.  
9A, Hawthorn, NY 10532  
914/769-7236

Join us for Dinner

**Enjoy Stories, Win  
Fabulous Prizes.**  
Buffet Dinner  
Cash Bar

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## THE ANCHOR LINE, CONT.

Saturday evening brings us to the **Annual Awards Dinner**. The divers-of-the-year are announced, the newest members of the **Women Divers Hall of Fame** are inducted and scholarship recipients are acknowledged. It is worth noting two special recipients and the first is **Bob Bak** as the Scuba Sports Club Diver-of-the-Year and the second is **Daniel Maher**, son of club member **Andy Maher**, as the recipient of the first Scuba Sports Club Scholarship. Congratulations to both of you.

We're off to the **Film Festival** and were privileged to have **John Chatterton** and **Richie Kohler** as MC's of this event. The films that were presented were as extraordinary as the people attending the Festival. **James Cameron** of *The Abyss* and *Titanic* fame was an award recipient and provided a wonderful presentation. **Wyland** created artwork that was auctioned faster than he was creating his paintings. These are just 2 examples of what we were treated to.

The Cayman Decompression Party followed the Film Festival as everyone was quite parched by then.....

Sunday brought us to the Introduction of the **International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame Website**, **The Women Divers Hall of Fame Brunch**, more seminars and workshops, more door prizes and the moment many had waited for. Special showings of the **Hans Hass** Film *The Man Who Discovered The Sea* with both **Hans & Lotte Hass** in attendance.

I hadn't mentioned the Hass' attendance at Beneath The Sea until this time be-

cause prior to the show I didn't really understand how important these people really were and continue to be to our sport. Though pushing 90 years of age both Professor Hass and his wife Lotte appear to be blessed with reasonably good health. I can hardly express the awe that I and I believe many others felt when in their presence. Here is the man and his wife that are more than just remotely responsible for our love of diving and the bodies of water where we celebrate our sport.

If you have the opportunity to read any of their books or see any of their film productions, please don't pass it up.

I haven't had the opportunity to see Howard & Michel Hall's new IMAX production *Deep Sea 3D* but it was reported to me that it is spectacular. It was suggested that I bring my mask & fins when I go to the theater.....

Also we have an event coming up at **Dutch Springs** at the end of April. The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is a lot of fun and I'm sure there will be a number of club members vying for the prizes that will be awarded for those eggs that are found.

Hope to see as many members as possible at the April meeting so we can get the dive season properly kicked off!

**Don Reynolds**  
**President**  
**The Scuba Sports Club**

# APRIL SPEAKER

## Bob Sterner—Northeast Diving

**Bob Sterner** edits **Northeast Dive News** and is the former editor and co-publisher of **Immersed** magazine. **Scuba Diving, Scuba News, Underwater USA, Wildlife Conservation, ESPACE** and the **Boston Globe** have published his stories and photos on diving.

After gaining open water certification in 1990, he completed Advanced, Rescue and Nitrox certifications. He represents the New York City Sea Gypsies on the New Jersey Council of Diving Clubs. Story assignments have taken Bob to some of the worlds most popular dive destinations, but his favorite is Northeast coastal waters for their wreck sites steeped in history and very unique and often tasty denizens.

When not diving, Bob might be found brewing beer, making good meals, playing music, sailing in local regattas or just generally enjoying the outdoors. He supplies stories and images to the media on these and other topics, develops marketing and advertising material and delivers talks on freelancing through Sterner Editorial Services, Hoboken, N.J. Before founding this agency in 1992, he served in writing, photography and editing positions at consumer and trade publications and newspapers. Learn more at: [www.sternereditorial.com](http://www.sternereditorial.com).

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## SOCIAL CALENDAR

**April** - Open House- Saturday 4/29. Easter Egg Hunt @ Dutch Springs- TBA.

**May** – Children’s Hospital Walkathon 5/7. Picnic at Storm King Sculpture Park Saturday 5/20. Memorial Weekend Bar-Be-Que. & dive 5/28.

**June** – White Water Rafting Trip- Saturday TBA. Lobster and Clam Bake-6/14

**July** –

**August** – Canoe trip on the Delaware River, Saturday TBA. TSSC Picnic @ Todd’s Point TBA (a repeat of a terrific party!)

**September** – Regatta/B-B-Q Saturday 9/2. Beach Cleanup 9/16. White Water Rafting. (Dates to be announced)

**October** – Pasta Night before the meeting 10/11. Bike trip Saturday 10/7

**November** – Harvest Brunch, Pete’s Saloon Sunday 11/5.

**December** – Wine Tour 12/15 -> 12/17 Dec Social/Holiday Party Saturday 12/9.

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## SHARKS SHARKS SHARKS

*An Evening of Film and Talk*

**April 29, 2006 8 - 10 PM**  
**at Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ**

Join the American Littoral Society and the Shark Research Institute to watch compelling footage of this fascinating and often misunderstood creatures of the sea. This joint presentation by the American Littoral Society and the Shark Research Institute will feature commentary by Stan Waterman, noted underwater photographer and president of SRI, and other representatives of both organizations.

\$30 in advance, \$35 at the door--  
all proceeds benefit the work of the Shark Research Institute and the American Littoral Society.

For details and to purchase tickets, visit [www.littoralsociety.org](http://www.littoralsociety.org).  
or <http://www.sharks.org/>

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# SYMPOSIUM

The New Jersey Historical Divers Association, Inc. presents our fourth New Jersey Shipwreck Symposium Saturday, May 6, 2006 - 2 PM to 6 PM InfoAge Learning Center, Camp Evans, Wall, NJ

Admission is \$15 per person. Reservations are required - seating is limited. (payment in advance guarantees seating)

Our event will be hosted by explorer and author Gary Gentile.

The speakers and scheduled events are as follows: Shipwrecks and Lifesavers - Tom Hoffman, Park Ranger, Historian Shipwrecks in New Jersey Waters - Lee Cox, Jr., Underwater Archaeologist Exploring New Jersey's Artificial Reefs - A video presentation by Steve & Maureen Langevin

(50/50 and intermission - light refreshments available)

The Sunken Locomotives of Long Branch, Dan Lieb and Jim LuBrant, New Jersey Museum of Transportation, Inc. Workshops will be announced shortly. For reservations, directions and more information please call 732-776-6261 (press 2 when prompted) or e-mail NJHDA@aol.com  
mailto:NJHDA@aol.com

Alterations and substitutions to the schedule may occur without notice. NJHDA, Inc. is a nonprofit charitable historical research organization.

# Ft. Wetherill Dive

**FORT WETHERILL  
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND  
SATURDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

Got a new BC? Not sure if you're ready for the 2006 dive season? That first dive is all-important as we take the opportunity to get out the kinks from a winter layoff and check out our gear.

Come join TSSC for some of the finest shore diving in the Northeast. Located in Jamestown, RI, Fort Wetherill offers great diving for new and experienced divers alike. Fort Wetherill has two protected coves that provide excellent shore diving. Both coves consist of rocky outcropping shores and sandy basins.

Of course, following the dive will be our traditional picnic/cookout, so feel free to bring along your favorite food and (non-alcoholic—it's a park rule) beverage.

Just ask anyone who's been there before about the marine life in the coves. In addition, after the dive, one can take in the sights of Jamestown and nearby Newport. Hope to see you there.

**Rick D'Amico  
Trip Coordinator  
e-mail: Usamarbiol@aol.com**

## 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

**PanAqua 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  
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Our Next Meeting Will Be  
On Wednesday, 12th at

**Tino's Italian Steak House**  
101 Saw Mill River Rd. (Rt 9A)  
Hawthorne, NY