

The Scuba Sports Club

Meeting Recap July 14, 2021

Club Officers & Directors Updates

Melissa Lonquich, President

- Welcome message, welcome and introductions of the first-time guests attending this month's Zoom meeting.
- Share out from members on recent trips
- Save the date for the 2021 Holiday Party: December 4th, 2021 at 4 Brother Pizza Restaurant in Mahopac

Ed Van Dolsen, Vice President

- No report

Sheri Buchman, Treasurer

- No Report

Michelle Memoli, Secretary

- No Report

Kenny Salstrom, Executive Director

- Please "like" our Facebook page and give us a review! If you're not getting notifications about events posted there please follow us as well.
- If there are pictures or things you feel we should put on our Facebook page please let Kenny know.

Kevin Cushing, Membership Director

- Reminder: 2021 Waivers need to be filled out and submitted online through our website in the join/ renew tab. All members need to fill this out even if your membership was free this year.
- If you know of fellow divers that would like to check out one of our meetings and possibly join please let Kevin know.
- Any tech issues with getting the emails please let Kevin know.

Liza Handziak, Social Director

- Any ideas for social events please contact Liza directly.
- Upcoming: TSSC summer BBQ July 17th: Please see emails that went out the last few weeks on details. We're very excited to see everyone again face to face!!

Gary Lehman, Newsletter (Sea Swells publisher/editor)

- Anyone going on upcoming trips or have other ideas for an article they'd like to see in the newsletter, please contact Gary (his email is on our website). If you need his help writing up something he will be glad to help you.
- Newest Seaswells went out this past week

Gene Miceli, Director at Large

- Please email Gene to let him know what your feelings are towards possibly starting to meet back in person starting September (with a Zoom option) We'd like this to happen but we need your feedback to let the restaurant know what to expect!

Judy Dronzek, Environmental Director

- For more info or ideas to help with environmental or legislative events that support our oceans, wildlife or our planet at large please contact Judy directly (her email is on the website)

Jack Ricotta, Dive Planner

- If you have ideas for upcoming trips please let Jack know.
- Updated given on upcoming 2022 trips... keep an eye out for emails with more info to come. (Egypt tentative May 2022... July 16-22 2022 Sea of Cortez live aboard and more to come)

Joe Rinaldi, Education & Safety Director

*Joe presented the "Safety Message of the Month"

Recap below:

Dive Planning
Plan your dive & Dive your plan
Think through your dive, before you dive

I. What type of dive will you be making?

- A. Reef
- B. Wreck
- C. Night
- D. Technical

II. Do you have the proper training to make this dive?

- A. Are you trained to dive to the depths that you plan to dive to?
- B. Are you trained to dive in the conditions that you plan to dive in (wreck, cavern, night time)?

III. Do you have the proper equipment/gear to make this dive?

- A. Do you need a dive flag?
- B. Do you need a dive reel?
- C. Do you need submersible lights?
- D. Do you need a redundant air source?

IV. Have you checked the local weather forecast?

- A. Cell phone weather app
- B. Marine forecast
- C. Tide chart

V. How will you access the dive site?

- A. Shore access
- B. Boat access

VI. What is your emergency plan?

- A. Do you have a first aid kit & emergency Oxygen?
- B. Do you know who to call in an emergency (911/DAN)
- C. What is the address of the nearest hospital?

VII. Are there any local regulations?

- A. Dive flags
- B. No touching reefs

“If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail” Benjamin Franklin

July’s Presenter: Dr. Alex Antoniou

Presentation Topic: The Mission of M/Y Sharkwater

As we witness what is happening around the world and depletion of our oceans, we are at a tipping point for the survival of sharks, which play a major role in the health of the marine environment. As sharks go, so do our oceans. As our ocean go, so does the health of the entire planet. This presentation will provide information about the current state of shark populations and what is being done to help save them from becoming extinct. The Sharkwater vessel was purchased for a purpose, to accelerate the rate of data collection. The focus is on data driven conservation. Let's go on a journey along the eastern Pacific, from Mexico to the Galapagos.



As always, thank you all for being the best part of TSSC! Without each and every one of you, we would not be the great club we are today!

*Very Truly Yours,
Melissa Lonquich
President, TSSC*