

The Scuba Sports Club

Meeting Recap March 9, 2022

Club Officers & Directors Updates

Melissa Lonquich, President

- Welcome message, welcome and introductions of the first-time guests attending this month's Zoom meeting, recent trip share outs.
- Reminder we will resume in person meetings starting with our April 13, 2022 meeting at San Martino Restaurant in Yonkers, NY. There is some street parking but also 3 small lots that we will be placing signs at to park. Meeting starts promptly at 7pm, please arrive earlier to get settled in, mingle, order food, etc.

Ed Van Dolsen, Vice President

Sheri Buchman, Treasurer

- Anyone that needs to pay for this year's membership please contact Sheri (Payments can be made using credit card, Paypal, Venmo, checks, cash) Sheri went over ways to pay and how to find it on the website.
- Will be returning checks from people that sent in deposits for Kona since the trip has since been cancelled.

Michelle Memoli, Secretary

Ken 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.
- Check out our newest album from the SCUBA NY/ Rancho Grande night.

Kevin Cushing, Membership Director

- Reminder: 2022 Waivers need to be filled out and submitted online through our website in the join/ renew tab. All members need to fill this out yearly.
- Any updates on contact or training please contact Kevin to adjust our records.
- Members who have not paid their 2022 dues by the next meeting will be removed from the member mailing list until payment is made.
- TSSC will be at the 2022 Earth Day Festival on 4/23 10-5PM rain date 6/4

Liza Handziak, Social Director

- Spoke about the 3/5/22 happy hour/ training day
- Any ideas for new social events please let her know

Gary Lehman, Newsletter (Sea Swells publisher)

Ken Andreu, Newsletter (Sea Swells Editor)

- Anyone going on upcoming trips or have other ideas for an article they'd like to see in the newsletter, please contact Gary or Ken (their emails are on our website). If you need Gary's help writing up something he will be glad to help you. If you have pictures to contribute to the newsletter to attach with an article please see them for that as well.
- New member/ existing member spotlight... please contact Ken or Gary if you'd like to be featured in this new section of our newsletter.

Gene Miceli, Director at Large

- Any general concerns, feedback etc. about the club please contact Gene.

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

- Updates on upcoming trips:

Joe Rinaldi, Education & Safety Director

- Spoke about the 3/5/22 happy hour/ training day
- Joe presented the "Safety Message of the Month"

Cylinder Markings

I. Every cylinder must have two (2) types of "official markings"

A. Neck marking – permanently stamped into the cylinder

B. Sticker markings

1. Visual inspection
2. Breathing gas mixture – If other gas than air
3. Maximum Operating depth for breathing gas mixture – Optional in recreational scuba, mandatory in technical scuba

II. Neck markings

A. Government approval – necessary for transport on roads

1. DOT for USA
2. CTC for Canada

B. Metal type

1. 3A for carbon steel (used for very early scuba cylinders)
2. 3AA for chrome molybdenum steel
3. 3AL for Aluminum

C. Working pressure

1. This indicates the maximum fill pressure
 2. A + sign indicates cylinder can be filled to 10% above maximum fill pressure (only found on low pressure steel cylinders)
- D. Serial number – denotes the unique identification for cylinder
- E. Manufacturer identification – Usually a number indicating which company produced the cylinder
- F. Production or Hydrostatic test date – listed as month & year
Five (5) year interval for any cylinder that regularly travels over roads, ten (10) year interval for “Bank tanks” that are stationary

III. Sticker markings

- A. Visual inspection (Industry standard done every year)
1. Indicates month & year last visually inspected
 2. Indicates cylinder inspector
 3. Indicates if cylinder is O2 clean
- B. Gas mixture - Optional for recreational, mandatory for technical
1. Nitrox (NX) **IF IN USE MOD MUST BE LISTED**
 2. Oxygen (O2) **IF IN USE MOD MUS BE LISTED**
 3. Helium blend (Heli Ox or TMX) **IF IN USE MOD MUST BE LISTED**

Amanda Slattery, Program Director

- Introduction of this month’s speaker, facilitate Q & A

Expedition to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands

A professionally-produced video featuring spectacular scenery and wildlife above and below the water. Narrated by National Geographic scientists, footage includes penguins, seals, whales, birds and covers the remains of the former whaling industry and Ernest Shackleton's historic tale of survival.

Presented by our Program Director, Amanda Slattery, who took part in this expedition.



*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*