



- October 5, 2009 – Club Meeting – Becky Kagan – Topic TBA
- November 2, 2009 – Club Meeting – Speaker TBA
- December 7, 2009 Club Meeting – Speaker TBA
- December 13, 2009 – Holiday Outing

Thanks to George Schulle and Diane Muntzer for their presentation on New Jersey diving! George started with the question: Why would you go dive off Jersey? Well, first of all, it is an adventure! (in many ways). You are allowed to bring up artifacts from the shipwrecks, although you have to keep in mind that many of the wrecks are torn apart and spread out over the bottom of the ocean. Anything that is shallower than 60 ft and in the shipping lanes gets blown up to make sure it does not pose a danger for ship traffic. The other reasons for diving Jersey are that you can catch dinner (lobster, mussels, fish) and it is just plain fun! In terms of special needs for equipment you need a redundant air source, which means that you should either dive doubles with a two regulator manifold or bring a pony bottle (at least 19 ft3). People often dive nitrox, but you need to consider bringing a mix that would allow you to go to about 120 ft (like 28-30% oxygen) in case the conditions are not good enough at the shallower dive sites. In addition, you should bring a knife (entanglements in monofilament are relatively common), a light, goodie bag and an up-line with lift bag. You can either dive a wet suit or dry suit, but keep in mind that the water is always chilly with the exception of September. The water can look like a lake or you can have 4-6 ft waves. The visibility varies from murky to 50 ft and sometimes an algae bloom can give you the impression that the visibility is 0, but often it will clear up when you descend past the first 15 ft where the algae is. The marine life you can expect are lobsters, monk fish, scallops, flounder and mussels. The lobsters can get big and Diane caught quite the example of what a BIG lobster looks like. She brought the claw to the meeting and it was very impressive! You don't want to get your hand stuck in that claw! Monk fish are interesting to catch. They are an ugly, slimy fish that lays on the bottom. If you put a bag in front of them and push them they will swim right in!

The size of the dive boats varies from about 10-16 people (the Gypsy Blood and Sea Lion) to around 30 people (the White Star). No matter the size of the boat it will get crowded. So, it is important to keep your gear organized, preferably in a box. Generally, George prefers the smaller boats. You can catch a boat at many towns along the Jersey shore, e.g. Belmar, Point Pleasant, Barnegat, Ocean City or Mystic. The entries from the boat can be unorthodox, like place your knee on the gunnel and roll in. If you have not done any Jersey diving before and you are uncertain about the procedures, you can do an Intro to Jersey through UWW. George and Diane will be happy to show you the ropes!

Thanks again to George and Diane for a great presentation with lots of enthusiasm for Jersey diving.

UNDERWATER WORLD SUMMER SALE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13 FROM 10 – 6
FINAL DAYS OF DIVE PACKAGE
SPECIALS! FROM INSTANT REBATES TO
FREE REGULATORS!! DON'T MISS THIS
ONE!**

CHECK THE NEXT PAGE FOR TWO MORE FREE OFFERS !!

Recap of the AquaNuts Dive Club meeting held on May 4, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM, Barb Hayden presiding.

Minutes:

Old Business:

AquaNuts first Buddy Day at Dutch Springs was Sunday, May 17, 2009. Why is it that every year, our first Buddy Day is cold, but all the surrounding weekends are hot? Never-the-less, we all had a great time and the turn-out was very respectable.

New Business:

On the social calendar, we are planning a club outing to the Cock 'N Bull in Peddler's Village for their Murder Mystery Dinner, "Deadly Dancing" for Saturday, June 27, 2009. Seating is promptly at 7:15. The Regular price of \$47.95 includes a three course dinner (choice of entrees), and the show. Alcohol is extra. We will discount the ticket to \$43.00 for Club members. Call Nancy to make reservations. Payment due by May 22, 2009. There will be a prize for whoever can figure out the murderer. **All 30 seats have been sold, but I can get more if needed. Call ASAP if interested!!**

Our Holiday event, (yes I know, it is not even summer yet and I'm talking about December) will be a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia on Sunday, December 13, 2009. This year we are planning to get a bus from UWW, make a couple fun stops on the way, like the Maritime museum, or the IMAX at the Franklin Institute. These plans are still in the works. Of course, we will serve refreshments while on the bus. More details to follow.

Our 50/50 winner was Kevin Ferraro.

<u>Treasurer's Report -</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Balance from last statement	\$105.84	\$ 102.00
4/30/09 Interest	.07	.04
Deposit activity		
Transfer from MM	1250.00	
Check activity	(1350.00)	(90.00)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 5.91	\$ 12.04
<u>Money Market</u>	\$ 3748.49	
Deposits	489.00	
Transfer to chg./svgs.	(1250.00)	
Interest	2.79	
	\$ 3095.31	

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- June 8, 2009 – Club Meeting, Denny Willis – Riviera Maya, Mexico
- June 27, 2009 – Murder Mystery Dinner Show
- July 6, 2009 – Club Meeting, Jeff and Ada on Curacao
- July 19, 2009 – **UNDERWATER WORLD DAY at Dutch**
- August 10, 2009 – Club Meeting, Mike Guckin – Fish ID and Behavior
- August 16, 2009 – 2nd Buddy Day at Dutch Springs
- September 20, 2009 – Club Picnic at Robert Miracle's.
- October 4, 2009 – 3rd Buddy Day at Dutch Springs

Upcoming Classes - starting dates

Classes make a great gift for your loved ones

Basic:

Northeast YMCA – 6/4/09 - Thursdays
Quakertown YMCA – 6/8/09 – Mondays
Doylestown YMCA – 6/9/09 – Tuesdays
Ambler YMCA – 6/10/09 – Wednesdays
CB South HS – 6/23/09 – Tues & Thurs
SC0809 – Scuba Camp – week of 8/17/09

Advanced Classes 2009:

June 6 & 7 – with Barb Hayden
June 27 & 28 – with TBA
July 11 & 12 – with Keith Braunlich
July 29, Aug 1 & 2 – with Dave Massey (Padi)
August 15 & 16 – with John Governale
August 29 & 30 – with Barb Hayden
September 26 & 27 – with Jeff Smith

Continuing and Specialty:

Dive Rescue – June 20 & 21, 2009
Underwater Photo – 6/24, 7/1, 7/8/09 -3 nights
Equipment Class – 7/13, 7/20, 7/27/09
Drysuit Class – Interest list forming
Instructor Course – TBA
Nitrox Class – 6/11 & 6/25/09
Nitrox Class – 7/16/09 & 7/23/09
CPR/First Aid/ AED – Class forming
Oxygen Provider – Wed, July 22, 2009

***This section will be updated each month. Check your schedules and sign up early for the classes you want. Call the shop for any questions or for further details. Winter classes are being scheduled and a full list will be available in the next newsletter.

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Underwater World has made some interesting changes to their website. They have created a page called **My Scuba Tutor**. This page will lead you to a series of quizzes and power point presentations that will allow you to brush up on your scuba knowledge and pick up a couple of tips on skills such as buoyancy control and dive planning. The plan is to add video, checklists, and more. So visit it often and send Mike your suggestions.
www.diveunderwaterworld.com

FREE Refresher Classes – Has it been awhile since your last dive? Have you been putting off going diving because you need a refresher course? Here is a deal for you. On Saturday, July 18 from 11:00 – 4:00, (**the day before Underwater World Day at Dutch Springs**), Underwater World will host a Refresher course at the pool at Elbow Lane Day Camp (weather permitting). You must sign up in advance but the course will be **Free**. We will bring equipment for you to use. We will even have the grill going for free hotdogs. Then you will have no excuse for not joining us at Dutch Springs for Buddy Days and Underwater World Day on July 19!! This is for one day only. Refresher courses normally cost \$25 per night. Call Nancy to sign up and choose your time.

FREE Intro to Scuba – At the same time that we are holding the free refresher classes on July 18th, we will hold Discover Scuba classes. Why not bring that non-diver friend or family

member with you for a Free Intro to Scuba Diving. This class will give them the opportunity to try on the equipment and experience the thrills you have enjoyed these many years. Again, you will have to call to make your reservation, but the intro and use of equipment will be FREE.

ARE YOUR DUES DUE? – SUPPORT YOUR DIVE CLUB!!! Many of you are past-due!!!

If you can't remember the last time you renewed your club dues, then you are probably due. Call Nancy to check. Any date prior to **6/09** is due now!! If you are not a member, we would love to have you join the club. Cost is \$25.00 single or \$30.00 per couple (\$5.00 each add'l immediate family member) per year. Current club members are eligible for great event discounts. Any questions see Barb or Nancy.

Some benefits that come with a membership include, discounts on club events, Buddy dive days (free food, non-members \$5.00), Club picnic, (free for members, \$10.00 for guests), replacement weights in case you ditched them in an emergency, and discounts on some UWW services; \$1.50 off air fills, \$5.00 off an annual regulator service. JOIN NOW!! Your dues help support our future programs.

***** WEB SITES –**

www.diveunderwaterworld.com
www.remscuba.com
www.dutchsprings.com
www.travel.state.gov

TRAVEL NEWS 2009

Girlfriends weekend in **Freeport, Bahamas** – May 30 – June 3, 2009; **Bonaire** - August 1 – 8, 2009; **LaPaz, Mexico**- September 5 – 12, 2009; **Cozumel, Mexico** – October 17 – 24, 2009; **Curacao**, November 21 – 28, 2009; **Dominica**, November 21 – 28, 2009..

** Please park in the Day's Inn parking lot so that Otto's lot doesn't look full to the passing diner.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OTTO'S on June 8, at 7:30 PM for the next club meeting.

**** Denny Willis – Dive Travel TV – Riviera Maya ****

ONLY 3 SPOTS REMAIN ON THE AUGUST BONAIRE TRIP. THE FLIGHT IS ALMOST FULL AND SPACE IS LIMITED AT THE RESORT. YOU WILL BE LEFT BEHIND IF YOU DON'T ACT QUICKLY. DISCOVER FOR YOURSELF WHAT KEEPS PEOPLE RETURNING TO BONAIRE ON OUR TRIP YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR.

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