

The Sea Breeze

June 1976

The New York City Sea Gypsies, Inc.

Anne Iscoe, Editor

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 2 June 1976

PLACE: DiPinto DiBlu Restaurant
54 West 45th Street, N.Y.C.

TIME: 7:30 pm

WRECK DIVE

Five places still available aboard the "Deep Adventures" for a dive on the 130' deep "Oregon". Experienced wreck divers only, please. This dive conflicts with the 4th July weekend in New Hampshire so please check your calendar.

Date: Saturday, 3 July

Contact: Roberto Varga 271-0129

NEW MEMBERS

After successful check-out dives at Hamburg Quarry on 16 May, the Safety Committee is pleased to announce the following people are now members of the Club: Ellen Stolzenberg, Ed Stolzenberg, John Speck, Mary Scharf, Adrienne Kmiecik, Ed Heilman, Alan Friedheim. Welcome and congratulations to you all!

FARALLON RECALL

The following is excerpted from the Product Safety Letter, 26 April 1976, courtesy of Bob Auerbach:

"CPSC approved Farallon Industries' recall of 6,000 decompression computers, which may malfunction and react too slowly in indicating maximum time at certain depths while diving. Retailers and consumers have been notified; the firm will scrap returned units and make refunds".

SOCIAL CALENDAR...

The New York Aquarium and the Osborn Labs. of Marine Sciences cordially invite your participation in 'Oceans Festival 76'.

Place: The New York Aquarium
Seaside Park, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dates: June 12 through June 20 76

Hours: 10am to 9pm. \$3.00 adult \$1.50 child

SCUBA PARTY - Saturday, 19 June, 8:30 pm.

Tom McGinnis invites all members -
50 West 75th Street, N.Y.C., 799-5185, B.Y.O.B.
More details at June meeting.

Contributions/enquiries regarding Sea Breeze, contact Anne Iscoe,
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Highlights May Meeting

1. May dives signed up. Roberto had two wreck dives, 8 and 22 May. Bruce Dearborn Coordinator for Hamburg Quarry, 16 May and Sue Benjamin Coordinator for Rhode Island, Memorial Day weekend.
2. Peter McDowell announced that the Club will offer a week-long trip to Grand Cayman probably in November. Detail as they become available.
3. The video taped NRC news broadcast of the Club's ice dive was shown at the meeting as well as the hour-long Peter Gimbel T.V. film of the Andrea Doria wreck.

SURVIVAL QUIZ - LaVeda King

The expert ranking and rationale for the desert survival problem in last month's issue is three pages long! Due to lack of printing facilities, Sea Breeze space is limited and therefore only the answers to the quiz appear. Copies of the rationale will be available at the June meeting.

1. Cosmetic mirror, 2. 1 Top Coat per person,
3. 1 Quart of Water per person, 4. Flashlight,
5. Parachute, 6. Jack knife, 7. Plastic Rain-coat, 8. .45 Caliber pistol (loaded),
9. Pair of sunglasses per person, 10. Compress kit with Gauze, 11. Magnetic compass,
12. Sectional Air Map, 13. Book on edible animals of the desert, 14. 2 quarts 180 proof vodka, 15. Bottle of 1,000 salt tablets.

NOVA SCOTIA

Paul Beck is going from New Hampshire, after the 4th of July weekend there, to Nova Scotia and has space available if anyone would care to join him. Please call Paul at UN1-9556.

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

Dive to 90 feet for 25 mins.
Surface interval 3hrs. 10 mins.
2nd dive 75 feet for 40 mins.
Surface interval 6 hrs. 5 mins.

At what depth can you make a no decompression dive for 30 minutes?

Only a relative few of our many members took advantage of the CPR training session held on Tuesday, 11 May, at Vanderbilt YMCA. There was some practical training with full-sized mannequins for cardiac massage and mouth to mouth practice breathing as well as an exciting pool session where we learned, but did not quite master, the technique of unconscious buddy rescue.

Several Sea Gypsies deserve special thanks for getting this session together. Ramon Silva did the leg work in arranging for Butch Hendricks of Underwater Horizons, Inc. to come in and show us the water techniques, as well as coordinating the club response. John Falk brought in John Glenn of the Heart Association who lent his expertise during the classroom session. Our own Dr. Jack Hirsh, working with a limited time allowance, gave the group detailed instructions on technique application. Mr. René Biourd, Physical Director of the YMCA, presented the main lecture on the technique of CPR, explaining that a four week course compressed into a one hour session does have its limitations, and suggested everyone go home and practice on a friend.

Roger Feuss, Leon Ohana and Ramon Silva, having worked with Butch Hendricks before, were used as demonstrators in several rescue methods. It was a pleasure to watch the normal restraints to actual mouth to mouth practice fall away as the exertion of learning the technique and it's importance found everyone willing partners in a worth while effort.

Joining the Gypsies were two classes of students from the Vanderbilt YMCA and from St. Bartholemew's Church, bringing the head count to 47.

P.S. When considering a buddy, one of the more pertinent questions you should ask yourself is can that other person save me! A small group is now familiar with the technique. Will there be any follow-up???

DIVE COORDINATOR COURTESY - Bruce Dearborn

1. Indicate what type of phone number your are supplying (on dive sign up sheet), triply important for new members. H = home telephone, the place where you can usually be reached outside of business hours. B = Business phone, include extension where applicable. A = answering service or similar, a number that can be called at any time and a message left. Don't forget to supply the area code if it's not 212!
2. Don't sign up for a dive unless you intend to make it! Jot down the date, coordinators name and phone number and other relevant facts. If you dicde you want to make the dive, call the coordinator and give the necessary information. However, don't expect the coordinator to arrange a ride for you, your guest, and three tanks on one day's notice.
3. When a Dive Sign-Up Sheet is circulated at a meeting, the Cluv fully intends to go diving at the place and on the day stipulated on the sign-up sheet. You will be notified of any changes as early as possible. In case of questionable weather, if you have not heard from the coordinator or the Diver Master by the time you would normally leave your home, proceed to the dive site; the dive in ON!! Do not expect anyone to contact you unless the dive is cancelled.