

# The Sea Breeze

May, 1977

The New York City Sea Gypsies Inc.

A. Kmiecik Editor

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 4, 1977

PLACE: "The Cameo Room" Tudor City Hotel, 42nd Street & 2nd Avenue

TIME: **7:30 P.M.** SHARP!

The May meeting marks the diving season kickoff for the Sea Gypsies. At this meeting there will be a discussion of the May 1 checkout dive as well as future dives. Don't miss it! There will also be free beer for the thirsty!

## Highlights of the Minutes of the April 6 Meeting

1. It was announced that the New Jersey Council of Dive Clubs would hold a symposium in May. Included will be a tour of the recompression chamber at St. Barnabas Hospital. Applications were given out.
2. There is to be a lecture on April 27 at World Wide Divers on the subject of wreck diving.
3. There will be no Dingleberry Law this year, re: tax on Scuba.
4. T-shirts report. Samples of sizes will be obtained for the May meeting. The cost will be \$4.00 per shirt.
5. A Spring lobster dive was suggested.
6. Checkout quarry dive to be held May 1. Peter Vincent will coordinate.
7. The club will enlarge the Safety Committee if possible.
8. The wreck dive list was signed by interested members.
9. Jack Hirsch presented a film on Grand Cayman.
10. Ivor Jones of Atlantis Divers World gave a talk on updating equipment.

## New Members

WELCOME to all divers who have applied for membership since checkout dives ended last fall. The following is a list of prospective members in good standing:

Barry Bowman  
Michael Cantor  
Keith Chodak  
Lou Flotte

Howard Getz  
Mark Latrowski  
Gerald Madden

Anibal Rodriguez  
Robert Sohoo  
Peter Vincent  
Ed Weintraub

Forthcoming checkout dives include Rockaway Point, L.I. on May 15 and over the Memorial Day Weekend trip. If any new member has scheduling difficulties, contact Sue Darlington or a Safety Committee member.

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Contributions to The Sea Breeze should be mailed to: Adrienne Kmiecik  
Apt. 11N 235 East 22nd Street N.Y., N.Y. 10010  
Deadline for articles to be published in the June issue: May 16. Any  
articles received after this date will have to be published in the next  
issue. Please note!

## Members in Good Standing

The following is a list of members who have paid their 1977 dues as of this publishing. They are:

Cary Africk  
Chris Anderson  
Zoilita Aponte  
Bill Barton  
Paul Beck  
Sue Benjamin  
Peta Carrera  
Eric Cropper  
Sue Darlington  
Bruce Dearborn  
Steve Doherty  
John Dowdell  
Ron Drumheller  
John Falk  
Charles Fedor  
Chris Frost  
Ken Gilmore  
Dave Gould  
Richard Greene  
Kate Grimes

Randy Hecht  
Jack Hirsch  
Patricia Hutt  
Alan Iscoe  
(Advisor)  
Anne Iscoe  
Fred Kaplan  
(Advisor)  
Neal Klemens  
Adrienne Kmiecik  
Shelly Kravit  
Stephen Kravit  
Denise Levien  
Peter Levins  
Alan Lippert  
Laura Liscum  
George Lyons  
Michael Manning

Peter McDowell  
Tom McGinnis  
Mike Meieruth  
Stephen Michel  
Dennis O'Neil  
Peter Parsons  
Pam Peper  
Bob Pierce  
Elliot Potter  
J. Scott Salb  
Mary Scharf  
V. Elaine Smay  
John Speck  
Edward Stolzenberg  
Ellen Stolzenberg  
Eric Toppin  
Peter Van Nuys  
Roberto Varga  
Sam Wong  
Stephen Zingale

**PLEASE NOTE!** Membership dues of \$24.00 for 1977 are due by June 1st. If dues are not paid by that date, your name will be dropped from the membership list. This means that a new application will have to be submitted and a checkout dive taken. A complete membership list will be published in the June Sea Breeze.

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Forthcoming Dives:  
May 15 Rockaway Point, L.I.  
21 Wreck Dive  
28-  
30 Memorial Day Weekend-- Rhode Island  
June 5 Shinnecock Bridge - Hampton Bays, L.I.  
12 Tee Wreck - Jones Beach area

### Lovers of Lobsters Take Note!

Lobster licenses are mandatory in New York this year. George Lyons has information on requirements for taking lobsters in N.Y., N.J., and Conn. Details and applications will be available at the May meeting. Apply now or see you in Sing Sing!

### EARTHWATCH

Earthwatch is a nonprofit organization which sponsors various expeditions throughout the world. Of particular interest to divers are three expeditions offered this year: Coral Reefs of Grenada, Plymouth Shipwrecks (England) and Ancient and Modern Reefs of Discovery Bay (Jamaica). Anyone wishing more information on any of these expeditions should contact Adrienne Kmiecik for details. An added advantage of these trips is that in general, contributions as a participant are fully tax deductible.

## Dive Watches

If you have been thinking about getting a dive watch, you won't want to miss this month's meeting.

### The good news

- Swiss made, 21 jewels
- Tested to 20 atm.
- Tritium dial
- Cost - about \$25 ( depending on exact amount of duty ). Manufacturers' suggested retail price: \$75-150.

### Now, the bad news

- Delivery time could be as long as four months.
- Because these are being imported directly, there is a chance that the factory may just not ship the watches. They have been very reliable and helpful in the past, but there is little we can do if they fail to deliver.
- The watches may be out of production.

### Ordering

If you can take a bit of a risk to get a good watch, take a look at the sample at the May meeting. Your \$25 deposit is needed to order. Orders will be forwarded after both the May and June meetings if there is sufficient interest.

Chris Anderson

### \*Notices\*

- An article entitled "Life and Death of the Reef" by Robert E. Johannes was published in the 9/76 Audubon magazine. Reprints of the article will be available at the May meeting.
- For those of you who don't already know, it is a Sea Gypsies' policy drivers ( to dive sites ) ride free. Passengers ( divers and guests ) should volunteer payment for gas and all tolls.
- Copies of the New Jersey Dive Laws will be available at the May meeting.
- It is requested that dive logs ( see sample & blank attached ) for any dive be sent to John Falk. These logs will aid The American Littoral Society in predicting the movement of sea life.
- The N.J. Council of Dive Clubs 1977 Symposium will be held May 14.

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Fellow advisor Fred Kaplan, being a man of very few words, has asked me to pass along some advice to the club and particularly to that portion of the group that have been somewhat negative in their approach to diving or hesitant to participate in some of the planned club activities, i.e., wreck diving.

Fred very succinctly put his thoughts into six words, but I, also being a man who tries to be efficacious in producing terminology, have managed to par his thoughts down to three little words without demeaning neither the thought or intent of Fred's profundity.

In other words, we have here something each and every diver, potential experienced or professorial, can abide by to make their diving and the diving of people around them more beneficial, and these words are shutup and dive.

Alan Iscoe

Diving Log

Water Temperature Observations and Fish Behavior

Diver: Lee Ward Date: 8/30/75

Location: Klondike Phone: 774-7000

Visibility (FT): 20'

Bottom (check one)		
wreck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sand <input type="checkbox"/>	gravel <input type="checkbox"/>
wood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mud <input type="checkbox"/>	rock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
metal <input type="checkbox"/>	clay <input type="checkbox"/>	other <input type="checkbox"/>

Surface Temp: 73

Thermocline (Depth in Ft.) 55'

Depth	Water Temperature	Observations	Species of Fish or other Marine Animal and its Characteristic Behavior
90'	58	<p>Very active Sea Bass, Cunner, Blackfish</p> <p>- One Fluke 14" - 3 Skates 20" (including tail) - 4 Lobsters were caught 1lb. to 3lb. - One larger lobster was observed deep in a rock cave.</p> <p>NOTE: While decompressing at 10 ft. G. Geer observed a school of about 10 -3lb. Bonito strike a Jelly Fish that had small Butter fish swimming around it. -They bumped the Jelly Fish and ate the Butter fish.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>EXAMPLE</u></p>	

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