

The Sea Breeze

July, 1977

The New York City Sea Gypsies Inc.

A. Kmiecik Editor

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1977
PLACE: "THE VALENTINE ROOM"
ONCE UPON A STOVE RESTAURANT
3RD AVE. & 24TH ST.
TIME: 7:30 P.M. SHARP!

Highlights of the Minutes of the June 1 Meeting

- 1) Tom McGinnis stated that the July meeting speaker will be Sergeant Joseph A. Mottle, Supervisor of the Police Underwater Recovery Team.
- 2) Emergency cards from Peter Vincent and T-shirts from Sam Wong will be available at the July meeting.
- 3) Bruce Dearborn talked about tank odor problems.
- 4) John Falk's motion to buy a Club flag and buoy was passed.
- 5) Thanksgiving dives were discussed:
The Red Sea-- 16 days
The Florida Keys-- 1 week
Cozumel-- 1 week
- 6) July 4th New Hampshire trip information was distributed.

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CONGRATULATIONS again to the following new, full members who have checked out as of the June 1 meeting:

Barry Bowman
Mary Buckley
Gary Cooper
Cliff Dufton
Lou Flotte

Meredith Harris
Ruth Jacobson
Gerald Madden
Fred Roffman
Peter Vincent

To the rest of the P.M.'S (probatioary members) ... come on! Sign up for a dive! Check out! You're missing a lot!

Sue Darlington

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CLASSIFIED

- Paul Beck is looking for camping/diving traveler(s) for Sept. 2-18 trip to Nova Scotia. Please call him if you are interested:
Home (212) UN1-9556 Business (201) 573-0800
- For Sale: Size small 1/4" diving gloves. Price: \$7.00. Call Adrienne at 597-8250 between 9:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

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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 August issue: July 18.



TRAVEL NOTES

The Red Sea and Cozumel diving trips are definite. The trips will be around the Thanksgiving holiday. Final plans will be made in mid-July SO your name must be submitted by July 15. Give your name to Pam at the July meeting or send a post card to:

Pam Peper
Apt. 11K
445 East 80th St.
N.Y., N.Y. 10021

Specific information regarding the trips will be sent ONLY to those expressing interest in the trips. So submit your name as soon as possible!

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An Outline of the Hitherhills
(Montauk, L.I.) Weekend

By Adrienne Kmiecik

- A beautiful camping area a sand dune away from the ocean.
- Only one camping drawback: Rule #15 (see Alan Iscoe for more specific details).
- A shore dive yielding lobster and flounder (and one that got away).
- "The Last Supper" of lobster and flounder (John Dowdell can explain).
- An incredible 11-hour boat trip.
- A few green faces and propensity towards hanging over the rail (but not one Sea Gypsy!)
- A great 110' dive to a German U-boat.
- Whale sightings.
- Seagull feeding from the boat.
- A second shallower wreck dive.
- A new socializing technique developed out of the pitching of the boat.

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Calendar of Forthcoming Dives

- JULY 16 - Wreck dive: Sea Hunter
- 24 - Wreck dive: Sea Hunter
- 30 - Block Island Weekend
- 31

If you have any suggestions for the remainder of the dive season, contact Paul Beck or Dave Gould. Your suggestions are most welcome and will make the rest of the season great!

John Speck asked me to pass along this letter to you all.

May 20, 1977

REGULATOR RECALL

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

You may have a potential problem with your SCUBAPRO Regulator! We don't wish to alarm you but we must inform you of the possibility.

Here is what happened. We recently discovered that there may be a problem with Model Mark VII (#107) and Pilot Mark VII (#127) Regulators sold or repaired after August 25, 1976. This problem is created by what may be a defective 'O' ring. A defective 'O' ring may render the audio warning ineffective and may also substantially diminish the flow of air to the diver. Obviously, if either or both of these events occur, **THE USE OF YOUR REGULATOR WOULD BE UNSAFE.**

In the last seven years we have manufactured more than 24,000 of these Regulators. We discovered that a defective 'O' ring may have been installed in approximately 900 of the Regulators manufactured or repaired subsequent to August 25, 1976. If your Regulator was purchased, serviced or repaired after August 25, 1976, YOU MUST NOT USE YOUR REGULATOR UNTIL THE 'O' RING IN QUESTION IS REPLACED.

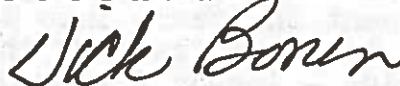
Similarly, if you purchased any 'O' rings (#107-9) or travel kits (#758), which contain 'O' rings, after August 25, 1976, you should have those 'O' rings replaced.

SCUBAPRO wants to eliminate any potential problem for you and all of our other valued customers as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Consequently, you should take your Regulator or 'O' rings to a Franchised SCUBAPRO Dealer and have the 'O' ring replaced, free of charge, before your next dive. Replacement 'O' rings will be available at the Dealers by June 15, 1977. Remember that if your Regulator happens to be one of those affected, the flow of air to you could be cut off without warning.

We regret any inconvenience this procedure may cause you. SCUBAPRO maintains extensive testing procedures at all stages of our manufacturing operation to insure to the extent that it is humanly possible that all our products are of the highest quality. Our customers have learned to expect nothing less from SCUBAPRO products, and we pledge to do all in our power to live up to that trust.

Very truly yours,

SCUBAPRO



Dick Bonin, President

SCUBA AT MONTAUK - OR TALES OF A WRECK(ED) WEEKEND
BY Steve Kravit

After signing up for the Montauk weekend at the last Sea Gypsies' meeting, Shelley and I decided not to go on the scheduled Sunday boat dive but, instead, to do some additional land diving on our own. As we rent, rather than own, tanks I thought it best to call "every Sea Gypsy's buddy" - Atlantis Divers. to see what tank rentals they had available for that weekend. Thus, on June 2 the action begins (the following is the substance, if not the exact words of my phone call to Atlantis in Montauk on June 2):

ATLANTIS: "Hello, Atlantis."

ME: "Hi, I'm Steve Kravit. My wife and I are Sea Gypsies and we'll be going to Montauk the weekend of June 18 and 19 and wondered if you rented tanks."

ATLANTIS: "Sure - will you be making the trip to Block Island for the wreck dive?"

ME: "How long a trip is that?"

ATLANTIS: "About 3 hours each way."

ME: "I think we'll pass. My wife gets seasick and that's too long to suffer."

ATLANTIS: "Seasickness shouldn't be a problem. We've got a big boat and it's a really smooth trip."

ME: "Thanks, but my wife got seasick on the France and I'm sure you are not going to use anything steadier. Aren't there any good land dive sites?"

ATLANTIS: "Oh yes, we can fill you in on them when you get out here."

ME: "Great! I would like to reserve tanks for my wife and me for that Saturday and Sunday, the 18th and 19th."

ATLANTIS: "No need for reservations. We've got plenty of rental tanks."

ME: "Terrific! What is your rental rate?"

ATLANTIS: "\$4 a day for 72's, \$5 for 80's and \$6 for 90 steels."

ME: "We'll want 72's. Are you sure I don't have to leave a deposit to hold them?"

ATLANTIS: "No - don't worry about a thing. They'll be here when you are."

ME: "O.K. Thanks."

So we made all our plans - spoke to Sue and Richie - turned down fun party invites in the city - packed, and Saturday morning, June 18, we drove to Montauk. We got a late start and missed the assembling at Atlantis. Elliot, C.K. and Gary told us that Alan was diving with the group at Napeague Bay. So we rented two 72's and off we went (after receiving directions from Atlantis three different times). After three and a half hours of trying without success to locate the Gypsies (compulsive, yes?) and seeing all of Napeague Bay, we returned the tanks unused and were about to quit and go back to the city. However, Elliot finally suggested a local dive spot - the jetty - and we changed our minds. Back went the tanks into the car and we were off to the jetty. We suited up, took the tape off the first tank, put on our gear and opened the valve - lesson 2 (lesson 1 is never ask where Alan Iscoe goes in Montauk) - ALWAYS gauge your tank in the shop - only 700 psi!!! We decided that it was not fated for us to dive that weekend and, as the evening clouds rolled in and the shock of the empty tank brought us down, we unsuited and returned to Atlantis. Gary seemed incredulous

but finally returned our money.

We were about to go home to the city and Sunday partying when Gary promised to have two 72's at 2600 psi for us for Sunday land diving as additional penance for the "dead" tank. On that basis we decided to stay and checked into a motel so we could dive on Sunday.

Sunday came and after breakfast and checking out dive sites, we drove to Atlantis to pick up our tanks, excited about the prospect of finally getting into the water and doing some diving. Guess what (listen with violins in the background) - wrong - no tanks!!!! The girl in charge (C.K., Elliot and Gary apparently went on the boat for the sub dive) told us the tanks had been set aside for us but somehow seemed to have ended up on the boat for Block Island - so sorry. Shelley is now fuming loudly while I burn silently - until the girl says she can't reimburse us for our motel expenses (gas and food was not even considered) which we wouldn't have incurred had it not been for Atlantis. Now I too fume loudly - and the girl finally relents. We check out of the motel and go back to safe old NYC. Weekend score: dives - none; costs - \$20 gas, \$40 food - two days lost, aggravation high - what a weekend!! Atlantis, what did we do to deserve this? You knew we weren't going on the boat trip. Don't land diving renters count? Hopefully the gross irresponsibility displayed by Atlantis (really, that ain't no way to run a dive shop) will be corrected immediately.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Sea Breeze is the club's newsletter and therefore for the use of club members to publish events and articles which may be of interest to all. The above article does not necessarily represent the opinion of the Editor, Officers or club members who attended the weekend. Any other comments by club members would be welcome.

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This is not in rebuttal to Steve's sorry experiences. He is certainly correct in his and Shelley's beef about the weekend. But those of us who shipped out that Sunday were very pleased with the treatment by the Atlantis group, notably Elliot and C.K. The little touches, such as fresh towels, hot coffee and buns put aboard the boat, and the box lunches made available for us, made the day more enjoyable. More importantly, I feel the dive safety procedures and the work of Elliot in putting divers in and out of the water, made the Atlantis dive trip a good investment.

Alan Iscoe

7/22/77

SEA BREEZE EXTRA

SEA GYPSIES:

You are cordially invited to attend a special, FREE showing of THE DEEP (complete & unabridged)

Place: EUE Screen Gems 222 East 44th St. NYC
4th Floor screening room

Time: 6:00 pm SHARP

Restricted to members ONLY (including probationary members) - because of LIMITED space

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Last July Dive: 7/30-7/31 - Rhode Island Weekend -

coordinator: Richard Greene Tel#s = (H) 684-5641
(W) 997-2358

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Red Sea Trip - currently cancelled because of lack of interest
5-7 people really want to go. If you know of any divers - Sea Gypsies or not - that would like to go
Please let me know IMMEDIATELY. (H) 472-0531
(W) 573-7693

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Cozumel Trip - There are a few spaces left. If you have any intention of going - fill in the application now and send \$100 check (payable to Vista Ventures)

to Chris Anderson
313 W. 87th St.
NY NY 10024

Dates: 11/19 - 11/26
Cost! Approx. \$520 total!
(assuming double occupancy)

As of July 15th
you are overdue

See you Wed.
7/27 and/or 8/3

Have a Happy Day!
Tom Piper

RESERVATION FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Please reserve space for _____ passenger(s) on the ABC or OTC Tour requested below.

Departure Date 11/19/77 Check: ABC (airfare only) OTC (airfare & land arrangements)

OTC Passengers please indicate hotel desired: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Check: Double Occupancy Single Occupancy Triple Occupancy

Check here if you wish the Optional MAP Dining Plan

PAYMENT ENCLOSED: Check in the amount of \$____ representing deposit of \$100 per passenger or

full payment (Checks should be made payable to VISTA VENTURES, INC. or to your travel agent.)

OR - Charge deposit full payment to my BankAmericard/Visa Account # _____

Expiration Date _____ Authorized Signature _____

Full Names: (Please print last name, first name and Mr. Mrs. or Ms. and indicate age if child)

- _____
Signature*
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Signature*

ADDRESS TO WHICH CONFIRMATION & DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT:

Name _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

*My/our signature(s) above indicate(s) acceptance of the conditions and terms contained in the Tour Operator/Participant Contract which I/we have read and understood.

Please check to insure that the reservation form is completed and give to your travel agent, or mail to:
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