

The Sea Breeze

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The New York City Sea Gypsies Inc.

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Happy Holidays Sea Gypsies

It's time for our annual
NYC Sea Gypsies
Holiday Party
Date: Saturday, December 17
Time: 8:00 P.M. until...
Place: Ken Gilmore's and
Elaine Smay's
One Sherman Square
(201 West 70th St.)
Apt. 39H

To cover increased costs,
there will be a \$1.00 per
person charge (members and
guests). Alan and Fred
(the guys with pink carnations)
will be collecting.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1977
PLACE: OCTOBER'S 1617 YORK AVENUE
(above 85th St.)
TIME: 7:30 P.M.!!

Entertainment at this meeting will be provided through a slide show presented by various members. Slides will depict 1977 Sea Gypsies' dives. If anyone has slides she/he would like to show at the meeting, contact Tom McGinnis at (201)797-2550 (B) or 799-5185 (H).

HELP!!!

Beginning in December I will need someone to get the Sea Breeze copied. 130-140 copies. If anyone has access to a copier or printing facilities, contact Adrienne immediately at 597-8250 (B).

Contributions to The Sea Breeze should be mailed to: Adrienne Kmiecik
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Deadline for articles to be published in the Jan. issue: December 16.

ELECTION RESULTS

At the November meeting additional nominations were made for the various offices and voting took place. The results were as follows:

President: Chris Anderson
Vice-President: Elaine Smay
Treasurer: Peter Parsons
Secretary: Adrienne Kmiecik
Wreck Dive
Chairperson: Steve Michel
Legal Counsel: Ron Drumheller

Congratulations to the new officers and wishing you all every success in 1978! To our officers of 1977, a very hearty "Thank You" for making the past year a successful one -- the diving, the entertainment at the meetings, and the fun we shared on our dive weekends.
THANKS!

NOTICES

-- Our treasury is running a bit short because many members still owe wreck diving money. If you owe money, send your check (made payable to NYC Sea Gypsies) to Peter Parsons, 150 Colton Street (1-A) Staten Island, N.Y. 10305 or pay him at the meeting.

-- At \$4.00 each Sea Gypsies t-shirts make great holiday gifts. If you want to purchase one or more contact Pam Peper at 575-7693 (B) or 472-0531 (H). T-shirts may also be purchased at the December meeting.

Highlights of the Minutes of the November Meeting

- 1) The Safety Committee elected Mike Meieruth as chairperson for 1978.
- 2) The New Jersey Council of Diving Clubs will hold a diving symposium April 8, 1978 from 12:30 to 5:30 in Rutgers, N.J. Volunteers are needed to help out. If interested in helping, contact John Falk.
- 3) The October wreck dives were reported on.
- 4) Lois Eigabroadt reported on the October 29th trip fifteen Sea Gypsies made with the Police Underwater Recovery Team. The two police divers who went in were successful in recovering the gun they were looking for.
- 5) Don Herzig made an announcement about additional dives: Dec. 13 on The Bass (for advanced divers) and in February to the Galapagos Islands -- for advanced and non-divers, 17 days, \$2500.00.
- 6) Ruth Jacobson announced that beginning January 15 all Caribbean dive shops will require both "C" cards and log books.

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- 7) Bruce Dearborn reported on the tuna-dolphin controversy. If you buy tuna labeled "albacore" you are not endangering the lives of dolphins. Anyone interested in contributing to the organization involved in this matter, may send money to: Save The Dolphins, 1945 20th Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94116.
- 8) It was discussed and voted on that the Holiday Party would be held Saturday, December 17.
- 9) Phil Rosenbaum announced that if anyone is interested in participating in underwater archaeology projects, contact John Falk.
- 10) Pam requested that if anyone learns of the details of a diving accident, to please present such details to the club.
- 11) Rosemary Dorostkar presented a slide program on the Galapagos Islands. The slides depicted underwater and land flora and fauna.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS TRIP

At our last meeting, Rosemary Dorostkar announced that there would be a dive trip to the Galapagos Islands in March, 1978. Here are the details:

Dates: March 14-31, 1978

Cost: \$2150.00 plus round trip airfare to Quito, Ecuador.

Accommodations: the 63' ketch "Sulidae."

The group is limited to 10 persons. At present, there is space for 4 more participants. The trip is primarily dive oriented but there will be frequent land excursions.

For further information call Mr. Steven Dolberg at (301) 762-2011 between 9A.M. and 5P.M. or write to him: 10208 Lloyd Rd., Potomac, Maryland 20854.

Note: Thank you, Rosemary, for the above information as well as the interesting slide program presented at the last meeting.

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CORAL REEFS OF GRENADA SAILING SHIPS OF THE FALKLANDS

EARTHWATCH (a non-profit organization sponsoring research expeditions -- mentioned in a previous Sea Breeze) is offering two trips of interest to divers. The first is a continuation of a study of the effects of environmental change upon reef corals in the Grenadine Islands. The dates are January 6-20.

The second expedition involves gathering data and accurate measurements on a variety of vessels in the Falkland Islands. Volunteers will also assist in excavation of lower hulls, cataloguing artifacts and conservation of fittings, rigging and other debris. The dates are January 19-February 9 (Team I) and February 9-March 2 (Team II). If anyone is interested in either of these expeditions, contact Adrienne Kmiecik.

By the way, EARTHWATCH also offers other unique research trips. Anyone up for Raccoon Radio Tracking?

WELCOME to the following prospective members:

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| Theodore Sideropoulos | Rosemary Dorostkar | Al.M.Braverman |
| Gerald Ament | Marjorie Wheaton | Margarita Ibarra |
| | John Baer | Kelly D. Bryan |

NEW SEASON ???

The North East Coast Diver has often been described as the Supreme Optimist and it is with that in mind that I begin to talk of the coming diving season. (I always look upon the Holiday Party as the beginning of the dive year.)

Your new board is at work planning for it, and your support will help. Specifically, those with their \$20 wreck diving deposit in escrow with the club will be carried forward and will, therefore, be in priority position when the new dives are listed.

For the new members who do not know what this means - briefly, a \$20 deposit given the club now, allows you to sign up for wreck dives. We have to contract the boats way in advance and guarantee payment to the captains. If you default on the trip and there is no one to take your place (usually there is) you are still liable so we use the escrow to pay your share. It is the only way to protect the club and the other members.

For those of us not yet on the wreck dive list, a little double think. Dives and spring seem a long way off (never mind Cozumel). The holidays can flatten the pocketbook and club dues are just about due. If you add up all these negatives, another \$20 lent (not spent) now can prove to be a step in a positive direction. Just think of all those anticipatory pleasures as we count down the winter.

With the growing maturity of the club, we visualize brisk response to the wreck dive program, and it will be first come - first served, so I would get my \$20 to Wreck Dive Chairperson Steve Michel as soon as possible.

Alan Iscoe

At our last meeting Lois Eigabroadt reported on the Sea Gypsies' trip with the Police Underwater Recovery Team. A special thanks goes to those members of the Team who made the day very interesting for us. Thank you Sgt. Joe Mottle, Police Officers Jimmy Mottle, Tommy Power, Mike Mirkin and Mark Walsh.

A second trip is anticipated. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the last meeting. There was a good response. No definite date has yet been set but the trip will probably take place this spring. Laura Liscum has agreed to coordinate. An announcement will be made in the Sea Breeze when a date has been set.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following newly checked out members:

Richard Brown

Y. Ting Chu

Kenneth J. Donnan

Robert Gochfeld

Donald Herzig

Howard Lee

Arnold Marshall

Bruce Meredith

Margarita Ibarra

See you all on our dives!

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have been your editor for less than a year but in that time I have received a lot of support from you, the club members. Considering the fact that I can't type (and please don't say WE KNOW!) I regard your encouraging words as a very nice compliment. THANKS!

I would also like to express my appreciation to those who have helped me staple, label and stamp The Sea Breeze so that the newsletter didn't end up spindled or mutilated!

Happy holidays to all! See you at the next meeting and our party.