

The Sea Breeze

June 1978

The New York City Sea Gypsies Inc.

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NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1978**

PLACE: DIOGENES RESTAURANT
8th Avenue between 55th & 56th Streets

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

1. Elaine Smay announced that there would be a presentation on helicopter rescue at the next meeting.
2. Bruce Dearborn reported on the Empire State Underwater Council (see report in this issue.)
3. Chris Anderson stated that we need a selection committee to decide on the Thanksgiving Vacation trip. If interested, contact Chris or Dennis O'Neil.
4. Dennis O'Neil reported on the land dive program. He suggested that we have a dive log of where Sea Gypsies have been. We need people to help pull this together. Contact Dennis about helping out. We also need suggestions for shore-based dives for August and September.
5. A motion was made and passed to hold our July meeting on the 12th instead of the 5th because of the holiday weekend.
6. Howard Carswell announced that a CPR workshop would be held May 20th at NYU Medical Center. The CPR sessions would be held in the morning and the afternoon. A tour of the recompression chamber and oxygen tolerance test would also be offered.
7. Alan Iscoe stated that those who are going on the wreck over the 4th of July must send \$15.00 to Alan.
8. Over Memorial Day Weekend, Fred Kaplan and Alan Iscoe will hold a seminar on spearfishing, followed by a spearfishing dive the next day.
9. It was announced that the dive to the suken submarine (110') of Montauk will be limited to experienced divers only.

**** IMPORTANT CHANGE:** Because of the 4th of July Holiday Weekend it was voted on and passed at the May Meeting that the JULY MEETING be held JULY 12th. Jot down that date!!!

10. Alan Iscoe stated that he received a reply to his letter offering to clean up Beavertail. The response stated that Beavertail has a permanent caretaker to see that the area is kept clean.
11. It was emphasized again that if a member wants to dive it is his or her responsibility to contact the coordinator. The names and phone numbers of the coordinators appear in the Sea Breeze as well as the dates of the dives.
12. Diving trips to Seattle, Wash., Mexico and British Virgin Islands were reported on.
13. It was announced that if a dive boat has a lobster license, the individual divers don't need licenses.

JUNE 24th LOBSTER TWI-NIGHT

We all like success! And believe it or not, Honest Archie's boat operation is so successful that he cannot take us out June 24th- even though we booked in February.

But do not dismay, bug fans, we are in luck. Leaving from the same area (Freeport) is a dive boat captained by Steve Belinda who is the field representative for the YMCA Scuba Program and a super-dooper master something or other in another certifying agency of which I am not familiar. Kidding aside, Steve will put us on a good location.

There are just 10 spots open, going at \$25.00 a bid. I will hold court at the meeting, first come-first served. Remember, this is an ocean night wreck dive - 60 to 80 foot depth, with ample time for 2 dives. This should not be your first experience at this depth on a wreck.

To be honest, as I see and talk with club members during the month before the June meeting - I am mentioning this dive, so it is possible only a few or no spots will be left by meeting time. There are still ample wreck dive trips open for the year.

SIGN-UP !!!

Alan Iscoe

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

Last month the list of paid-up members was published. Our apologies to Ruth Jacobsen whose name was inadvertently omitted.

The following is a list of additional paid-up members:

Cary Africk	Karen Goad **	Mark Latrowski
Lisa Applebaum **	Mark Gothberg	Michael Manning
Bill Brown	Linda Higgins	Peppe Patrone
Peta Carrera	Patricia Hutt	Stephen Roth **
Kenneth Donner	Margarita Ibarra	J. Scott Salb
Ron Drumheller	Ruth Jacobsen	Robert Smith
Jeffrey Falk	Arthur Kramer	Jeffrey Weinsten **
Lou Flotte	Shelley & Steve Kravit	Dave Wollen **
		Sam Shum Wong

** Probationary Member

EMPIRE STATE UNDERWATER COUNCIL

The Empire State Underwater Council is currently undergoing the process of re-formation. As fully-assessed members of the Council - In - Re-Formation, the Sea Gypsies were represented at its most recent meeting by delegates Bruce Dearborn and Pam Peper. Delegates voted to adopt the existing ESCU charter; subject, of course, to ratification by the memberships of the fully-assessed member clubs.

Since the ESCU charter proved to be essentially a plain vanilla confection consisting largely of innocuous legal boiler-plate and since there seemed to be no trace of whatever bylaws had existed, a motion was passed to discuss bylaws in order to come up with some guidelines. The idea was for Bob Skoy (an attorney and delegate from New York All Americans serving as pro tem legal counsel to the ESCU) to flesh out whatever we agreed upon and cast the resulting bylaws in appropriate legalese.

The following are the salient points discussed and agreed upon as raw material for the bylaws:

1. Council Officers - There will be five council officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Legal Counsel.
2. Voting - All substantive issues before the Council will be decided by a simple majority vote of the delegates present, providing that they constitute a quorum. Representation will be on the basis of one vote per member club.
3. Quorum - A quorum for voting purposes will consist of the lesser of:
 - A. Representation of 51% of the member clubs
 - or
 - B. Representation of 5 member clubs
4. Dues - Dues will be by assessment to be determined periodically by a vote of the delegates. Each member club will pay the same amount, regardless of its size.
5. Definition of "member club" - For purposes of membership in ESCU, a diving club must meet the following criteria:
 - A. Be a non-profit organization
 - B. Submit a charter acceptable to the Council's Executive Committee and within the scope of the Council's own charter.
 - C. Have a minimum of ten active regular diving members. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by vote of the Council delegates with concurrence of the Executive Committee.
6. Membership in Council - Diving Clubs desiring to be members of the ESCU may do so if they:
 - A. Meet all the above criteria
 - B. Have an accredited representative attend three consecutive meetings.
 - C. Are elected by a unanimous vote of the member clubs.
7. Continued Membership - A member club will remain a member in good standing as long as it pays dues' assessments when due and is represented at a minimum of one (1) meeting per year.
8. Meetings - Council meetings will normally be scheduled on the third Wednesday of each even numbered month. An annual meeting will be scheduled sometime during the month of October each year for the purpose of electing Council officers for the coming year.

JULY 4th UPDATE

- Actually July 2nd and July 3rd. We have confirmed the "Brenda" for the Sunday dive to "the shoals." Total cost will be \$350.00 divided by the number of divers.

On Monday, we have the "Modie" for our wreck dive. Fifteen comfortable, twenty compatible. Total \$ not in yet, but it will be worth it. We are subscribed but those not having paid by the meeting, as outlined in last month's edition, could lose their place to qualified divers with dollars.

The "Modie" is on lease to some offshore oil rigs that get first priority in an emergency so we could lose this trip- but it is not contemplated that this will occur.

My thanks to Dennis and Chris in helping me to get the latest info from Don. I think their companies should demand a rebate from the Gypsies!!!

Alan Iscoe

ADDENDUM TO NEW HAMPSHIRE JULY 4th INFO

The club has chartered a 53 foot ex-coast guard buoy tender for Monday, July 3rd. There are a limited number of spaces so to ensure a spot for trip to Boon Island, foward your deposit of \$15.00 to Alan Iscoe as soon as possible. The balance, approximately \$5.00 will be collected on board.

As Alan has gone to great effort to arrange this charter, I recommend that we support this club activity with good participation.

Peter Parsons

NOTICE

For those of you who would like to "motel it" over the July 4th weekend, here are three to try:

King Motel Route #1	(603) 964-8183
Knox Motel Route #1	(603) 964-8181
Wishing Well Motel Route #1	(603) 964-5565

If you find that these are full, call Bill Barton for an additional list (B) 676-8729 or (H) 799-1372. Directions to Don and Linda's and to the dive shop will be available at the June meeting.

DIVE SCHEDULE

June 17/18	Montauk - Includes dive to submarine Contact: Tom McGinnis (H) 799-5185 or call Tuesday or Thursday after 7 P.M. at (201) 797-2550
June 24	Two-Night, Archie Contact: Pat Hutt (B) 557-3606 from 2-4 P.M. or (H) 684-3848 from 7-10 P.M.
July 1-4	New Hampshire, Cape Anne, Wreck Dive Contact: Bill Barton (H) 799-1372 or (B) 676-8729. Richard Greene (H) 873-2129 from 7-10 P.M. or (B) 997-2358 from 9-4 P.M. Elaine Smay (H) 595-4433 or (B) 687-3000.
July 2	Sea Lion 7 Divers Contact: Chris Anderson (H) 799-0452 or (B) 775-4636
July 8	Sea Hunter 4 P.M. 14 Divers Contact: Cathy Stephan (H) 874-4460 or (B) 692-7154

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If anyone would like any back issues (1974-77) of SKIN DIVER Magazine, contact John Falk at (B) 249-3100 or (H) BU8-8111.

NOTICES

- Bruce Dearborns article on choosing a wetsuit will be available at the June or July meeting.
 - Copies of the Empire State Underwater Council charter should be available at the June meeting for your inspection.
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CPR AT NYU

On Saturday, May 20th, a morning and afternoon workshop in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) was held at the Hyperbaric Facility at IRM, New York University Medical Center. The workshop provided an opportunity to become certified in CPR or to refresh skills for those previously certified.

Each workshop consisted of a lecture on CPR followed by practice on the mannequins. The lecture was given by Bob Ingolia, formerly of the Navy, who has extensive training in emergency medical treatment.

In the afternoon session which I attended, Mr. Ingolia included more information than just the basics of CPR. Besides discussing in detail the ten steps of CPR rescue, we also discussed (in the form of questions and answers) heart attack situations, drowning victims and accident priorities. It was emphasized, however, that the CPR rescuer is not a diagnostician. The rescuer's responsibility is to determine if the victim is breathing and/or bleeding and then take the appropriate first aid action.

After the lecture we practiced on and two person CPR. We were advised on the proper techniques to use when the victim was an infant, child or adult. In my opinion we should have practiced longer but because of the lengthy lecture were unable to. But we were told that additional practice was essential to maintain skill.

Among the Sea Gypsies attending included: Alan and Anne Iscoe, Ken Gilmore, Elaine Smay, Chris Frost, Laura Liscum, Bob Gochfeld, Bruce Dearborn, Jesse Bromberg, Steve Michel, Rosemary Dorostkar and myself. Several Sea Gypsies also took an oxygen tolerance test in the chamber. A tour of the chamber was also included in each session.

Personally I think these workshops should be offered more often. Everyone, but especially divers, should be trained in the techniques of CPR for one reason: it saves lives.

Adrienne Kmiecik

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