

# North Current



Monthly Newsletter of the Aquatic Explorers Scuba Club Inc.  
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## Next Meeting

Board Meeting

January 4, 2010 @ 7:30 PM

Club Meeting

January 4, 2010 @ 8:00 PM

Meetings are held at the American Legion Post on Overlook Rd.

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Have a Happy and Healthy New Year

## DIVER REWARDS

Refer a new diver for Open Water Certification to Marsh Scuba and receive a \$25.00 gift certificate towards equipment purchases.

## Our Calendar & Newsletter

I know, it's redundant...

Our calendar and newsletter will no longer go out by email.

Both can be found on our Yahoo Group at:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AquaticExplorers\\_group/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AquaticExplorers_group/)

## Upcoming Events

January 4

Photo Contest

March 5-7

Lake George Ice Diving

April 10-17

Cayman Islands

For Updates and Full Calendar Check

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AquaticExplorers\\_group/cal](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AquaticExplorers_group/cal)

## It's Your Newsletter

Members are invited to submit articles about dive trips, locations, events, equipment, opinions etc. Your contributions can make reading the newsletter more interesting for everyone. Send in trip reports and other interesting tid-bits for the newsletter. How about a photo of the month?

## We Have a Yahoo Group

What does that mean? It means people can search for dive clubs in Dutchess County and find us. It has a file section where the newsletter can be found as well as other special notices. It has a calendar which can be updated as soon as we have additions or changes. Rather than getting a monthly newsletter in your email from me directly, the Yahoo group software will notify you and supply a link to the newsletter or any other notice or bulletin posted on the board. There is a message board open to all group members. I can go on and on. Sign up and get familiar with the features. **If you have not subscribed to the group, but were added directly by me, you do not have full access to the features. Please subscribe ASAP. E-MAIL distribution has ended, The newsletter can be found in the files section of our Yahoo Group.**

To sign up, just follow this link:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/subscribe/AquaticExplorers\\_group](http://groups.yahoo.com/subscribe/AquaticExplorers_group)

## Club Jackets & Dive Flag Stickers

To order your embroidered club jacket or custom dive flag decals contact Faith Cousens at [Fcousens@hvc.rr.com](mailto:Fcousens@hvc.rr.com) to place your order or for additional details.

## 2010 Club Officers

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## O2 and First Aid Kits

Contact Dick Tambini to arrange to borrow the oxygen system and or the first aid kit for use on a dive trip. Club dives have priority over personal dives. All requests for use must be made at least a week in advance. Dick can be reached at 454-0210. If you have used the O2 unit or any supplies from the O2 kit or the first aid kit, please tell Dick when returned. This way we can refill the tank or replace used supplies to assure a complete kit for the next borrower.

## Meetings

Please make every effort to attend the monthly meetings.

Our Entertainment chair has planned a program each month to entertain and / or educate.

Each month will have a feature program, and a full house is a great way to show our appreciation.

After the meeting, please, don't forget to pick up any litter and return the tables and chairs to where they were.

## Dutch Springs

Dutch Springs is pre-selling their 2010 individual season passes for \$185

## Ice Diving

You must be Ice Diving Certified to participate in this dive.

## 2009 & 2010 Officers

Lets thank our 2009 officers for all their hard work on behalf of the club during 2009. Without their dedication and hard work, the club would not be the great organization it is.

Welcome the 2010 board and wish them success in the coming year. Remember, this is a volunteer organization and the events need all of our support. Without you, the board cannot bring the plans from ideas to reality.

## Cayman Islands

Marsh Scuba is offering a trip April 10<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> at Sunset Sunset house in Grand Cayman. For more information visit [www.marshscuba.com](http://www.marshscuba.com) or contact trip leader Pat Bennett.

## February Program

Jim Bayreuther will speak on his experiences with DSI and the relationship between DSI and Patent Foramen Ovale.

## PHOTO CONTEST

The club will once again be holding its annual photo contest.

There will be 2 categories, best Salt water photo and best fresh water photo.

The prizes in each category are:

First place - \$50.00 from the Aquatic Explorers Scuba Club

Second place – DAN Annual Membership donated by Marsh Scuba.

Entries must be printed on at least 5 X7 paper and taken during the 2009 calendar year.

Members are limited to 2 entries total (one in each, or two in one category).

The judging and awards will be at the regularly scheduled January meeting.

Start collecting those images and best of luck to all!

## Cold Water Dive Plan Checklist

This plan contains items for cold water diving you should add to your dive plan as defined by your certifying SCUBA training agency.

- Changing area that is warm and wind free, for before and after the dive
- Equipment and dive suit warmed to room temperature before dressing/assembly
- Transportation between the changing area and the dive site, for before and after the dive
- Wind-resistant coat and knit cap or hood, for before and after the dive
- Light, flexible gloves for assembling equipment, if done outside
- Snow-mobile suit and snow boots (in winter) for assembling equipment
- On-shore dive "buddy" to assist with dive preparation and transportation to/from the site
- A tarp or some dry area for assembling/disassembling dive gear
- Empty gallon containers of "very warm" water, for pre-warming wet suit components
- Cold water hood, dive mittens, and wool socks for dive boots
  
- Hand signals for "cold", "tired", and "regulator frozen"
- Compass headings and route "out and back" agreed to and written on slates by all "buddies"
- Plenty of mask anti-fog used
- Triple check all zippers
  
- Put on a coat, hat, gloves, and boots immediately
- Garbage bags for wet gear, even if you have a "dive bag/backpack"
- Non-freezing storage for dive gear on the trip home

**PLAN YOUR DIVE AND DIVE YOUR PLAN.**

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