

North Current



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

Board Meeting

March 1, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

Canoe Race Committee Meeting

March 1, 2010 @ 7:30 PM

Club Meeting

March 1, 2010 @ 8:00 PM

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



Maybe a little too much snow cover !!!

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/

Upcoming Events

April 10-17

Cayman Islands

April 3 & 18

Creek Cleanup

April 24

Canoe Race

For Updates and Full Calendar Check

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

New Webmaster

Pat did a great job setting up and maintaining our web site. Tony Smith has agreed to take on this responsibility to maintain and upgrade our site. Thank you Tony.

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O2 and First Aid Kits

Contact Mark Habinowski 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. Mark can be reached at (845) 298-2886. If you have used the O2 unit or any supplies from the O2 kit or the first aid kit, please tell Mark 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 on March 5.

Canoe Race Committee Meetings

Between now and the race we will meet monthly before the regular meeting to discuss the details of the race. Remember, this event has allowed us to have a world class air shed and is subsidizing the club. Our dues have not increased even though our operating expenses have gone up significantly. The race is also a public service and the community looks forward to it each year. To keep this the classy event that it is, we need all your help.

Cayman Islands

Marsh Scuba is offering a trip April 10th thru 17th at Sunset house in Grand Cayman. Closing out soon. For more information visit www.marshscuba.com or contact trip leader Pat Bennett.

New Members

Let's welcome new members John Eells, Robert Ingram, Roseann LoMedico, and Phillip LoMedico.

Second Stage

by Mark Sexton



The vanity of the great whites forever doomed the mirror mask from dive store shelves.

Reminder – Dues are Due

Dues are due between now and the March meeting.

Meeting Programs

We have Larry Wirsing as the entertainment for the March Meeting; Larry will be telling us about underwater sign language for SCUBA Divers and the benefits of using them to communicate to communicate with each other while diving. The Marsh Scuba staff and many of its travelers use this system extensively. Enough can't be said for the added safety to diving, the excitement of being able to communicate our intentions, and explain what we see.

Glenn Colton will be speaking at the April meeting about the Rescue Diver Certification Course. He will tell us about its prerequisites, what the Rescue Diver will learn, and the benefits of what many divers refer to as "THE BEST COURSE I EVER TOOK"

At the May Meeting Marsh Scuba Supply will be doing Visual Inspections for Club Members.

In Addition Joe Stellini of **Oceanic** will be talking to us about Oceanic's new line of Dual Algorithm Dive Computers. Joe will bring plenty of them for hands on demonstrations. This will prove helpful for a diver to decide when choosing their first computer, a seasoned diver looking to upgrade their current one or choose a back up, or simply learn more about the algorithms that our computers use to help us dive safely.

To help us keep the meetings educational and interesting, a good turnout for these speakers is appreciated. And it shows the speakers that we value their time spent with us.

Please let the board members know if you have any ideas or contacts that you may have for future entertainment and we will all do our best to keep this ball rolling. More similar events will be posted as this schedule evolves. .

Ice Diving From Wikipedia

Ice diving is a type of [penetration diving](#) where the dive takes place under [ice](#). Because diving under ice places the diver in an overhead environment typically with only a single entry/exit point, it is considered an advanced type of diving requiring special training (although whether it constitutes [technical diving](#) is part of a wider debate within the diving community). Ice diving should not be attempted by anyone not trained (or in training) by a qualified instructor.

This special training includes learning about how ice forms, how to recognize unsafe ice conditions, dive site preparation, equipment requirements, and safety drills. Ice divers are tethered for safety. What this means is that the diver is wearing a special harness under his/her scuba unit. A line is secured to this harness, and the other end of the line is secured to the surface by one of a number of methods.

Ice diving is a team diving activity because the divers line requires a line tender. This person is responsible for playing out and taking in line so that the diver does not get tangled. Communication to the diver, or to the surface, is accomplished by pulling on the line. Each series of tugs means a different thing. There is a diver suited up and ready to enter the water at a moment's notice. This diver is a safety diver, and has his own tender. His purpose is to assist the primary diver in the event of a problem.



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