



# North Current



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

### *Board Meeting*

August 30, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

### *Club Meeting*

September 6, 2010 @ 8:00 PM

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

## Upcoming Events

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| August 28 - 29    | Dutch Springs Dive Weekend       |
| September 11 - 12 | Dutch Springs Dive Weekend       |
| September 17 - 19 | 1,000 Islands, St. Lawrence Trip |
| September 25      | Freedom Park Clam Bake           |

For updates and the full club event calendar visit the club web site at <http://www.aquaticexplorers.org/calendar.htm>

## *DIVER REWARDS*

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

## *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, articles and photos to Tony Smith at [tsmith2099@optonline.net](mailto:tsmith2099@optonline.net).

## *Club Hosts Lunch for Dutch Springs Students*

Aquatic Explorers hosted lunch for club members, students, instructors and dive masters for the Marsh scuba students at Dutch Springs on Saturday, July 17th. The lunch gave club members a chance to talk to the students about the club.

Special thanks to club members Lynn Smith and Mary Vogel for planning the lunch and to Glenn Colton for timing class activities to include the lunch.

We look forward to hosting similar lunches at Dutch Springs as a way to promote the club and encourage members to attend Dutch Springs dive weekends.

For a list of all Dutch Springs dive weekends visit [www.aquaticexplorers.org](http://www.aquaticexplorers.org).

## *Club Work Hours*

Missed the canoe race? Not sure if you will be able to fulfill 12 club work hours? Its not to late. Contributing to any club activities can help you earn your work hours. Here are some examples where the club can use your help that count toward your work hours:

- **Volunteer to help work the Freedom Park Clam Bake**  
(For more information contact Andy Viviano at 845-462-8322 or [marshscuba@optonline.net](mailto:marshscuba@optonline.net))
- **Submit an article for the newsletter**  
(Write an article and e-mail it to [tsmith2099@optonline.net](mailto:tsmith2099@optonline.net). Each article written will earn you one hour for your work hours.)
- **Submit a Dive Journal report to the web site**  
(Go to [www.aquaticexplorers.org](http://www.aquaticexplorers.org) and click on Dive Journal. Then simply complete the dive journal form and e-mail it to [tsmith2099@optonline.net](mailto:tsmith2099@optonline.net). You will earn a half hour for each journal.)

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## 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.

## Explorer's Puzzle - NEW!!!

Each month we will be adding a new puzzle to the newsletter. This month we are including a scuba word search so dive in and see if you can find all 9 words.

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G	T	O	X	G	H	I	J	Y	U	S	Q	U	K	Y
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BANGER

COMPUTER

REGULATOR

SNORKLE

BATHINGSUIT

FINS

SAFETYSAUSAGE

TANK

BOOTIES

MASK

SMARTS

WETSUIT

## ***Valcour Island Trip Report - July 20th to 25th***

***By Brittany Bennett***

This year we camped at Site 5. Tom, the Morrissions, and Rick R. showed up first and helped Tom bring out the picnic table that he built to donate to the island from NYSDA. Wednesday Tom, Carl Morrison, Rick, Ray, James, my dad and I met at Westport, where they dove the *Water Witch* and did a couple of wall dives. We had quite a few thunderstorms that day and it was really windy back at the island. All of the tents blew over except for Tom's. My dad made jokes that they should've tied the screen house down to the picnic table because the table weighed a ton.

Thursday Tom, Carl, Rick, my dad, and I went to the south end of the island where there was supposed to be some weird shaped rocks but we only saw the bottom with some little rocks and zebra mussels, but my dad did find a little rock that looked like a slice of cheesecake. On our way back to the site my dad took me tubing and when he went around one turn I flew off the tube about 20ft in the air. He also lost his wetsuit around one turn and we had to go back to find it. Ray and James dove on *Garden Island* ledge and in the caves around the island. Rick Gush showed up later that night.

Friday we went down to Burlington but it was really rough. My dad, myself, Tom, Carl, and Rick did the *General Butler* and the *Horse Ferry*. Rick Gush, Ray and James dove the *O.J. Walker* and the *Horse Ferry*. Later my dad, Tom, Carl, and Rick did the *O.J. Walker*. When they were on their way back to the island Rick G., Ray and James stopped for air. When we were going back it was really rough and on the one wave we hit turned the whole boat sideways and everything that was on the starboard side flew to the port side including me. I even put a dent in the inside on the cabin from my head flying into the wall.

Saturday Deannine and her son Brad joined us. My dad, Deannine, and I dove on the little steel boat off the point at Site 25 and the caves around the island. Tom, Carl, Rick R., Rick G., Ray and James dove around *Skyler Reef*, found three new wrecks, and were almost run down by sailboats. When they called the Coast Guard they were told that they couldn't do anything about it. When the guys confronted the sail boaters, the sail boaters cursed them out and told them that the law didn't apply to them. After Deannine, Brad, my dad and I finished diving we went back to the island for lunch and later we went tubing. That night we went out to dinner at Dana's Rusty Anchor.

Sunday morning we all started to pack up camp but we had to take down our tents in the rain. After we packed up, my dad and I left and the other guys were deciding if they wanted to go do another dive before they left but they never told us what they decided to do.

### ***2010 Trip Schedule***

Dutch Springs	August 28th - 29th	Ontario	October 1st - 3rd
Northern Lake George	September 9th - 12th	Lake George	October 8th - 10th
Dutch Springs	September 11th - 12th	Dutch Springs	October 9th - 10th
Alexandria Bay	September 17th - 19th	Bonaire	November 7th - 14th

### ***Meeting Programs***

At the September meeting John Eells will be talking to us about Tech Diving.

To help us keep the meetings educational and interesting, a good turnout for these speakers is appreciated

The club is always looking for entertainment ideas. If you would like to volunteer to provide entertainment at a meeting or if you have any suggestions, please contact the Activities officer, Andy Viviano at [MarshScuba@optonline.net](mailto:MarshScuba@optonline.net) or at 845-462-8322.