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North Current

Monthly Newsletter of the Aquatic Explorers Scuba Club, Inc. 93 Lauer Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY



JANUARY 2012

Next Meeting

Club Meeting:

January 2, 2012 @ 8:00 PM

American Legion Post, Overlook Road

Board Meeting:

January 30, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Marsh Scuba Supply, Lauer Road

Upcoming Events:

Canoe Race Mtg: February 6 @ 7:30 prior to club mtg

February Club Meeting: Photo Contest

March 23-25: Beneath the Sea

Club Calendar of Events for 2012 will be updated and posted to the website.

Dues are Due

Club membership dues are now being collected. Payments must be submitted to the Treasurer, Bob Kverek, prior to March 5th in order to avoid a penalty assessment.

Newsletter

If anyone has anything to share for the newsletter (articles, trip reports, dive photos), please email them to Maureen Kverek at mokverek@optimum.net to be included in future newsletters.

Thank You

The Club would like to thank all 2011 Board Members for their service to the Club. A big thank you also to the volunteers that helped at all the events throughout the year. Let's all be motivated by their hard work to make this Club even more beneficial for its members.

Equipment Maintenance

Start thinking about digging out your dive equipment to get ready for this year's diving season. See what needs servicing or check to see what may need to be replaced. Maintaining your equipment is key to having an enjoyable diving experience!

Members Only - Photo Contest

This year's photo contest will be held at the Club meeting on February 6th. There are 2 categories: **Best Tropical Photo** and **Best Local Diving Photo** (1st prize **\$50** and 2nd prize **\$25** each category).

- ✓ Entries must be printed on 5x7 paper.
- ✓ Pictures must have been taken during 2011 calendar year.
- ✓ Limited to 2 entries (either one in each category or two in a single category).
- ✓ Winners chosen based on club member votes at the meeting.

2012 Elected Club Officers

President	Joe Rinaldi	(845) 677-6683	ishoa1@gmail.com
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The Appointed Club Officers will be provided next month.

Roatan, Honduras ***By Maureen Kverek***

Last July, Bob and I took our honeymoon on a club trip to Roatan, Honduras (run by Pat Bennett). We stayed at Anthony's Key Resort and dove the sites on the northwest side of Roatan, one of the Bay Islands. We personally did 20 dives in 6 days (which included 2 night dives and 2 wrecks). Since we are newly certified and only had 15 dives previously (10 were part of our certification at Dutch Springs), this was a truly UNBELIEVABLE experience. We were amazed at the colorful reef and fish. My favorite experience was swimming next to the sea turtles. They weren't afraid at all and you could reach out and touch their shell as they were eating. We saw moray eels, lobsters, angel fish, trunk fish, groupers, a toad fish, giant crabs, eagle rays, cleaner shrimp—and I really worked on my Fish ID on this trip. It was amazing!! The group was a wonderful group. We appreciated all the dive masters that went on the trip and gave us little tips here and there. It was my first experience going into a swim-through which made me nervous, but I'm so glad I didn't chicken out. The food was great, the diving was close, and the boat always left on time. The group really looked out for each other and we felt like we made some new friends on this trip. We enjoyed the company, had a few laughs! My hubby, Bob, represented the Club in the limbo contest--not bad coming in second! Pat had everything well organized and made it a very enjoyable honeymoon for us!!! Pat had a minor incident with an overly aggressive grouper, but he made it out alive! It is definitely a trip of a lifetime!!! (Of course, we all agreed that the channel dive we were all excited about was just a flashback to Dutch Springs)!

There was also horseback riding and a zip line trip that were available. We kayaked in the channel, which was nice and relaxing and strolled over to see the new baby dolphin that was a week old. There was a Fiesta Night and a BBQ on a private island (Maya Key). They also had fire dancers, a band, and we enjoyed happy hour by the pool before dinner. Everyone was in bed by 8:30 each night just because of the intense activities (but we popped up like toast at 5-5:30 AM). Play hard or go home!! Here's the group:

