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A Monthly Magazine About Scuba Diving in the Northeast



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this month's issue!**

Cover Photo by Michael Salvatorezza and Christopher P. Weaver head Eco-Photo Explorers (EPE), a New York based organization promoting interest in protecting the underwater environment by creating awareness through the use of underwater photography.

This Month's Features

➔ [Wreck Diving Adventures With LIDA Story and Photos By Michael Salvatorezza and Christopher P. Weaver. read more](#)

➔ [Dive Culture. Sometimes a kid just needs someone to dive right in and help, which is exactly what Dive Culture aims to do. read more](#)

➔ [The Wreck of the Jessica Ann The night of Jan. 20, 2000 was cold and clear as the Jessica Ann pulled her lines and silently slipped away from a pier in Portland Harbor. There was no wind and the air was brittle as cold winter nights in Maine can be. A short time later the only evidence remaining of the Jessica Ann was a slight sheen of oil on the ocean surface. By Jeff Toorish read more](#)

➔ [Lake Erie, So Many Wrecks So Little Time Bordered on the south by the states of Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York and on the north by the Canadian province of Ontario, this inland sea is the 12th largest freshwater lake in the world. By Georgann and Mike Wachter read more](#)

2009 Beach Cleanup at Redgranite – It's Time to Do

- ➔ **Our Part.** It's time once again to do our part in maintaining the waterways that we all care about so much. [read more](#)

- ➔ **Kathy's Kitchen** we've come across so many recipes since starting this summer, we couldn't help but start sharing them. Read on to find out how to cook Lionfish!
By Kathy Stratton

- ➔ **Curaçao diving as easy as ABC** Anyone who learned the ABCs of diving knows that C stands for Curaçao, a Caribbean paradise that offers countless colorful adventures on its shipwrecks and reefs. Along with its sister islands of Aruba and Bonaire, Curaçao is part of the Netherlands Antilles. Its location in the southeast Caribbean, shelters it from most tropical storms, so it's a good bet that diving plans will not be blown out even during the hurricane season. *By Bob Sterner* [read more](#)

- ➔ **Wreck Facts** *By Ellsworth Boyd.* Your wreck diving questions answered by the one and only Ellsworth Boyd! [read more](#)

What's Coming Up

Northeast**September**

Sept. 9, 23: Princeton Tec Demos at Dutch Springs, Bethlehem, Pa.

www.dutchsprings.com

Sept. 12: Brownstone Park Festival and Public Safety Challenge Event.

www.brownstonepark.com

Sept. 17-21: Adirondack Aquanautical Society, Club Camping/Clambake Rogers Rock, Johnstown, N.Y.

www.adirondackscubaclub.com

Sept. 19: New England Cold Water Divers International Coastal Cleanup, 9 a.m., Morton Pond, Plymouth, Mass, www.necwd.org

Sept 19: Giant Stride Dive Shop and Dive Club of Rhode Island coastal cleanup, Fort Adams, Warwick, R.I., www.diveclubri.org

Midwest**September**

Sept 5-7: BubbleMaster's Labor Day Weekend Fun Dive, Midwest Dive Council, Stockton State Park, Dadeville, Mo.,

www.midwestdivingcouncil.org

Sept.11-13: 3rd Annual Handicap Scuba Divers BBQ, Portage Quarry, Bowling Green, Ohio,

www.portagequarry.com

Sept.12-13: Dive Rite Tech Tour, Haigh Quarry, Kankakee, Ill. www.haighquarry.com

Sept. 12: Aloha Social Night, 6 p.m., Y-kiki Divers, Lake Saint Louis, Mo., www.y-kiki.com

Sept. 13: Summer Passes Still Good, Portage Quarry, Bowling Green, Ohio,

www.portagequarry.com

Sept. 13: Underwater Treasure Hunt, White Star Quarry, Gibsonburg, Ohio,

Sept. 20: New England Cold Water Divers' 10th Anniversary Dive, 9 a.m., Fort Wethrill, Jamestown R.I., www.necwd.org

Sept 20: Dive Club of Rhode Island Fall Gear Swap and Cookout, 1 p.m., 5 West St., Warwick, R.I. www.diveclubri.org

Sept. 24: Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources-meeting 1:30 p.m., Boston, Mass., www.baystatecouncil.org

Sept. 26-27: Archaeology Weekend at the Conservation Lab of Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Vergennes, Vt., www.lcmm.org

Sept. 26: Aqua Tech Day, Dutch Springs, Dutch Springs, Pa., www.dutchsprings.com

Sept. 28: Divers Anonymous, Clifton, N.J., Northeast Dive News' Bob Sterner speaks on "Diving In Paradise". 7:30 p.m. E-mail GormleyMD@aol.com

October

Oct 1: Niagara Divers' Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Catharine's Public Library, St. Catharines, Ont., www.vaxxine.com/nda/

Oct. 2: NYC Sea Gypsies Meeting, 7 p.m., Clancy's, Manhattan, NY, www.seagypsies.org

Oct. 3-4: DUI Dog Days, Brownstone Park, Portland, Conn., 866-860-0208.

Oct. 14: Down Under Divers Club Meeting, 7:00p.m., Indian River Lagoon House, Melbourne, Fla., www.downunderdiveclub.com

Oct. 17-18: Storytelling Weekend at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Vergennes, Vt. www.lcmm.org.

Oct 20: Buffalo Aqua Club Meeting, McCarthy's Pub, Buffalo, NY, www.buffaloaquaclub.org.

www.whitestarrquarry.com

Sept. 19: Annual Clean Up Dive, Wazee Sports Center, Black River Falls, Ohio, (715) 284-5184.

Sept. 19-20: Midwest Regional Dive Rite Tech Tour 2009, Mermet Springs, Mermet Ill., (618) 658-3811.

Sept. 20: WIU Egg Hunt, Haigh Quarry, Kankakee, Ill., www.haighquarry.com

Sept. 26-27: DUI Dog Days, Mermet Springs, Mermet Ill., (618) 658-3811.

October

Oct. 4: Rolling Thunder's Big Thunder Run, Diveheart, Downers Grove, Ill., www.diveheart.com

Oct. 17: Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest, 11 a.m. Spring Mill Pond, Aquatic Adventures of Michigan, Brighton, Mich., (810) 225-9868.

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Oct. 24: Halloween Party, 6 p.m. Aquatic Adventures of Michigan, Brighton, Mich., (810) 225-9868.

Oct. 27: Underwater Naturalist Slide Presentation by Nancy Boucha, 12-1:30 p.m., Northbrook Rotary, Northbrook, Ill., www.scubasystems.org

Oct. 28: Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago Meeting, 6:30-9 p.m., Racine, Chicago, www.uaschicago.org

Oct. 31: Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest, White Starr Quarry, Gibsonburg, Ohio, www.whitestarrquarry.com

November

Nov. 7: Underwater Turkey Hunt, 11 a.m. Union Lake, Aquatic Adventures of Michigan, Brighton, Mich., (810) 225-9868.

What's Going Down - Northeast

Join This Grassroots Effort

Eelgrass harvests and transplants in Narragansett Bay rely on the help of loyal volunteers. Eelgrass beds are a primary source of food and shelter to an abundance of marine life, including economically important finfish and shellfish, such as the bay scallop. This year the Save the Bay group is taking the steps to finalize the season's harvest and transplant schedule. Eelgrass harvest days begin at 9 a.m. Sorters, kayakers and experienced Scuba divers are needed. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Volunteers for eelgrass transplant days will work on Save The Bay's M/V Alletta Morris, and must be willing to get in the water. Wetsuits, lunch and snacks are provided. A full day commitment is required. To volunteer, contact Stephany at shessler@savebay.org or (401) 272-3540, Ext. 130.

REEF Online Data Entry is now Available For All Regions

Reef Environmental Education Foundation has launched Online Data Entry 2.0 that includes several upgrades and now encompasses all of REEF's project regions. Surveyors in the tropical Eastern Pacific region Baja, Mexico, to the Galapagos Islands, and the Northeast United States and Canada, from Virginia to Newfoundland, are now able to submit survey data online. In addition, the interface to add unlisted species has been greatly improved. Surveyors also can now remain logged in for multiple submissions and delete a survey from a queue. The number of species entered is presented on the summary page to ease crosschecking the survey paper. For info, visit www.reef.org.

DOG Leads the Pack

Diving Unlimited International became the first company to offer Demo Days, which are now used by many diving companies to help divers become familiar with their products. More than 10 years ago, DUI founder Dick Long and Faith Ortins started a program called the DOG Rally and Demo Days. DOG stands for DUI Owners Group, reminiscent of the Harley Owners Group. To learn when and where the next DOG rally will take in your region, visit www.dui-online.com.

Be sure to visit Brownstone Park on October 3 and 4 in Portland, CT. for the chance to dive the one and only DUI suit.

Poseidon Recalls Diving Wings

Poseidon is recalling Besea W50 Diving Wings. The inner bladder inside the diving wing can break, causing the wing to fail as a buoyancy device. This poses a drowning hazard to divers. The recall involves the Poseidon inner bladders with batch number 5445 sold with the Poseidon Besea W50 wings. The batch number and "Poseidon" are molded on a tab located on the inner bladder. These diving wings were manufactured in Sweden and were sold from September 2007 through June 2008. If you have Poseidon wings that have the inner bladders contact Poseidon for a free replacement. For more info visit www.cpsc.gov.

Archaeology Weekend on Lake Champlain

Join other shipwreck explorers on Sept. 26-27 for presentations on Lake Champlain shipwrecks featuring some of the latest explorations. Shipwrecks including early steamboats, gunboats, sailing vessels and canal boats will be the subject of this weekend event. Learn what threatens the lake's collection of shipwrecks and what you can do to help protect and

preserve underwater cultural resources. On Saturday attendees can experience Shipwrecks! on-water tour that will allow visitors to see wrecks without getting wet. For info visit www.lcmm.org.

Storytelling Festival on Tap for October

Hear stories of the Lake Champlain's history and legends during the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's story telling event on Oct. 17. Some of the region's best storytellers, historians and musicians will be on hand to share their tales. At 1 p.m., archaeologists will conduct Shipwrecks! an on-water tour that allows attendees to see wrecks without getting wet. Later in the afternoon, the Basin Harbor Club will host an Oktoberfest at the Red Mill Restaurant featuring German music and food as well as autumn crafts, hayrides and face painting. For info visit www.lcmm.org.

What's Going Down - Midwest

Moby's Dive Shop sponsors 4th Annual SWMUP Treasure Hunt

Join fellow divers at Moby's Quarry on Saturday, Aug. 15 for the annual Trash & Treasure Dive. Registration begins at 10 a.m., and diving will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All divers must have proof of certification and will be diving in buddy teams. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. (bring a dish to pass), followed by awarding prizes. Dive teams will need a flag, and will be searching for either trash in the quarry or specially marked golf balls. All divers will be entered in a prize drawing. Prizes are donated from local dive shops, business and Scuba retailers. For info visit www.swmup.org

“Alert Diver” Gets a Makeover

This fall Alert Diver, the magazine of Divers Alert Network, will move to a quarterly publication schedule, with a cover-to-cover redesign that includes a new format, expanded page count and new editorial content. DAN members will continue to get core content such as medicine, research and dive safety, with expanded in-depth features on dive travel, new columns on underwater imaging and marine ecology and new products. The July/August issue marks the last of Alert Diver's bi-monthly issues. The first quarterly issue will arrive in members' mailboxes in November. For information, visit www.DiversAlertNetwork.org or call (800) 446-2671.

An Artifact Park...In Illinois?

The Artifact Park at Haigh Quarry at Haigh Quarry, Kankakee, Ill., is being utilized in a four-part training program entitled the Underwater Archaeology Diver Program, is designed to educate and certify recreational scuba divers on the proper methods and techniques of underwater survey work. Artifact Park, completed in 2007, represents a single cargo ship that foundered during a storm 2,400 years ago in the Mediterranean Sea. It measures 32 feet in length by 12 feet in width. It was dubbed the Akrotiri Wreck and lies at 28 feet. For info visit www.nagteam.org.

Midwest Scuba Plans Treasure Hunt

The Midwest Scuba team has been busy burying treasure in the local quarry for its annual Treasure Hunt on Nov. 14. The event benefits the Boys and Girls Club of St. Charles, Mo., and the local Boy Scouts of America. For info visit www.midwestscuba.net

Dive for Dollars with Blue Wave Scuba

Blue Wave Scuba will host a treasure hunt at a local lake, which will be announced on the day of the dive. On Saturday, Aug. 29 divers are to meet at the shop at 10 a.m. Divers will be led to the local lake, about 25 minutes from the shop, for the event. Water, ketchup, mustard relish and plates will also be provided between dives for those who want to grill foods between dives. All divers are required to have a cutting device, and one dive flag per team. For info visit www.bluewavescuba.com

Minnesota School Plans Dive Fest

Minnesota School of Diving will host its eighth annual Dive Fest Sept. 25-27 at the Portsmouth Campground, Ironton, Minn. This event is intended to let divers to get together, socialize, dive and enjoy the beautiful fall colors of the Cuyuna area. If divers leave with a couple hundred dollars worth of prizes even better. This will be the fifth year that the event takes place at the campground, which has sites for the more than 100 divers that typically attend the festival. Divers who register receive a Dive Fest T-shirt that allows them participate in the underwater treasure and medallion hunt, Friday and Saturday nights campfires, which will feature live music. For info visit www.mndiving.com or call (800) 657-2822.

Watch for Bacteria in Rinse Tanks

A new study says don't dip your mask and regulator. Recreational divers typically rinse their equipment in "communal" tanks filled with fresh water after completing dives but a recent study says that this is not a good idea. Extensive studies found that scuba equipment, especially mouthpieces and masks, should be rinsed well with freshwater or alcohol swabs rather than in communal tanks. This will serve to reduce the potential of spreading or contracting disease.

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