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Ohio ScubaFest Photo Contest winner "The Elmwood Wreck" by Chris Doyl of Williamsburg, Michigan came in third in the Great Lakes Category.



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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*



**MIDWEST DIVES**

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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*



**TROPICAL DESTINATIONS**

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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*



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# WRECK DIVING ADVENTURES WITH LIDA



Story and Photos By Michael Salvatoreza and Christopher P. Weaver

Divers in the Long Island, New York and New Jersey area are blessed with amazing world-class wreck diving opportunities to complement the shore diving adventures along our beautiful coasts. And now, diving these wrecks is easier and more affordable than ever before for members of the Long Island Divers Association.

This season, the LIDA and the Eastern Dive Boat Association have teamed up to create a unique discount program exclusively for LIDA members. LIDA members will be eligible to receive a 10 percent discount on virtually all charters on participating EDDBA member boats for the entire 2009 dive season.

To qualify, simply inform the captain of your LIDA membership when booking your trip, and present your valid LIDA membership card when checking in. In addition, LIDA

will be sponsoring dives to selected sites throughout the season as well as providing food and beverages for the surface interval and the ride back to the dock.

Please refer to the LIDA website or subscribe to their mailing list – [www.lidaonline.com](http://www.lidaonline.com) – for a schedule of sponsored dives. Some restrictions may apply, please talk to the captain of the vessel in question for details.

For those divers who have never explored a local shipwreck, now's your chance to give it a try. For experienced divers, the LIDA/EDDBA discount program is a great way to maximize your diving dollars. For everybody, local wreck diving is a great way to explore our world and make new friends in the process. Adventure, excitement and fun are guaranteed for all! ■

*Michael Salvatoreza & Christopher P. Weaver have documented a world of adventure through their Long Island, N.Y.-based*

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