



News



Kiss My Anchor

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Members are encouraged to submit articles, dive plans and dive reports.

Visit club web site at diversanonymous.com

Photographs can be viewed at the above noted website.

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Next Meeting Notice

Next club meeting is Monday, November 27, 2006.

We will have our regular business meeting at 730PM followed by the Annual DA Artifact/Picture/Story Contest. "Bring in your favorite 2006 artifacts and pictures for presentation and display, and entertain us with a story about them."

Holiday Party Information

The 2007 DA Holiday Party will be held on Sat, Jan 13th from 7- 11p.m. at the Branch Brook Manor located at 13 Washington Ave, Belleville, NJ. Cost for DA active members will be \$10 and non members \$30. Tickets can be obtained at our next meeting or by sending a check made to Divers Anonymous to Ian Fryer at 181 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, NJ 07424

Pic of the month

DA has a growing number of underwater photographers. To promote this activity, please send a copy of an underwater picture you have taken in the past month that you would like considered for our DA picture of the month to Mike Dox at: mdox31@hotmail.com. Mike will select an appropriate photo that will appear in our newsletter. If you can, please reduce the file size to 200kb or less. If your picture is not selected for the pic of the month, Mike will post it on our web photos, so get underwater and start snapping.



“Weedy Sea Dragon”

Taken by Gary Mullen in Sydney Australia with his Canon S510 in underwater mode using the housed strobe.

Peggy’s News

Divers bring up pieces of past

By MOLLY MURRAY, The News Journal

Posted Monday, November 6, 2006 at 8:04 pm

Long before beachcombers discovered thousands of fragments of broken pottery, glass and a few tiny toy soldiers on the beach near Roosevelt Inlet, the good citizens of colonial Lewes likely salvaged wood, anchors and other items from a shipwreck just offshore.

What was left slipped below the surface, and from people’s memories, until the fall of 2004, when a dredge used to pump sand onto the shoreline hit a corner of the shipwreck. It started spewing bits of German-made mineral water bottles, fragments of Dutch clay pipes and shards of British stoneware onto the beach in a slurry of sand and water.

State archaeologists have worked to find out more about this colonial-era shipwreck – the earliest of its kind known to be in Delaware waters – and last week, a team of diver-archaeologists completed their field work at the wreck site about a quarter-mile off the beach.

“We found some things we didn’t expect,” said Daniel R. Griffith, project director with the Lewes Maritime Archaeology Project.

Among them, Griffith said, is the sense that the ship was probably heavily salvaged right after it went down. What divers did not find – big sections of wooden hull and anchors that would be expected on a ship – tell state officials almost as much as what they did find.

They also discovered that a long wooden beam – initially thought to be the keel – was actually a deck clamp.

Divers did not find a keel, and that leads them to believe the ship ran aground and then keeled over on its starboard side in about 12 feet of water, said Michael Krivor, the project manager for Southeastern Archaeological Research Inc., of Jonesville, Fla.

“Ten feet of it would have been sticking” out of the water – perfect for locals who were looking for everything from fire wood to timbers for construction, Griffith said.

The dive team also found what appeared to be a gun port that had been covered with lead sheathing, Griffith said.

The ship, which showed signs of age, had several lead sheathing patches, Griffith said.

The covered gun port may be a clue that it was once a British naval vessel, he said.

Believed to be Severn

State officials believe the ship is the wreck of the Severn, a ship that went down off Lewes on May 11, 1774.

A researcher in England has been combing British merchant ship records for clues under a contract with the state.

She also found there was an HMS Severn that was used as a British naval ship in 1747. It was sold out of service in 1759, Griffith said.

The two Severns could be the same ship, he said.

“We will turn our researcher loose in England,” he said.

Divers found few intact pieces that would match the artifacts found on the beach, Griffith said.

Researchers believe that may reflect the way the cargo was loaded onto the ship.

For instance, several large millstones have been found and a few have been brought to the surface for additional study.

In addition, divers found hundreds of brass straight pins, hundreds of seed beads and 1,713 tobacco pipes and stems.

They also found a button dated 1772.

State officials are especially interested in the cargo because they believe it tells a story about the lock Britain held on trade with its colonies.

Although there were goods from many countries, all of the items had to pass through ports in Britain first.

The ship can tell researchers a great deal about what colonial life and trade was like in the time leading up to the Boston Tea Party and the Revolutionary War, said Chuck Fithan, a state archaeologist

Griffith said how the ship was salvaged and by whom is yet another area where more research is needed.

The latest work will include an analysis of the artifacts, stabilizing them and a full report from the state’s archaeological consultants. The \$300,000 work is being paid for with a state grant.

For Krivor, the project has been a great opportunity.

“It was one of those jobs that comes along very infrequently,” he said.

While dive conditions were rugged because of poor visibility in Delaware Bay, Krivor said the opportunity to work on an 18th-century shipwreck was amazing.

“The sheer amount of artifacts and the variety of artifacts” made it especially rewarding.

Krivor said his favorite discovery was an intact brass iron. The only thing missing, he said, was the wooden handle.

The thing that made the iron so special was that two little dolphins would have held the wooden

handle in place.
"Every dive," he said "was something new."

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<http://www.scubanj.org/>

DA Dive Log

In October Pierre G went to Russia's eastern islands and got to do some touring and some diving later around Japan. He reviewed his trip at the previous DA meeting. Pierre takes our traveling diver award. Where will he go next?

On Thursday, November 9, Gary P, Rich M and Tom G went to Sandy Hook to do some photographing and bottle digging. The water was still around 50 degrees and vis was 4 feet. Gary and Rich found some bottles and Tom tried out his new dry suit, which not only leaked but also gave him a case of bulgy eyes due to a vary tight neck seal. Rich found the bottle on the right, and he was very happy. It's a cobalt blue medicine.



Gary M went to Australia and did some diving around Sydney. He managed to take some pics of his favorite subject, the weedy sea dragon. Check it out on our DA website and the pic of the month in this issue.

Wanda and Dana went to Dutch Springs in late September to get some practice diving. They spent about 40 minutes swimming around in the warm fall water.

Mike G, Rich M, Gary P, Jamie C, and Ben G got out on Howard Rothweiler's Ladygodiver in mid October to do some diving off Long Beach Island. They dove on an inshore wreck with no vis and had to wait for Rich to come back then headed out to an 80 foot low lying sailing shipwreck. Mike gave a good report at our last meeting, and said that Howie did a good job as captain, and the boat was well equipped.

Himanshu Gupta went on a dive vacation to Aruba where he did several local dives. On the DA website you can see him posing in front of the Sonesta DC 3. Aruba has made a project of sinking retired airliners to form an artificial reef, but has some genuine wrecks as well as colorful reefs.

Greg Collucci and Tom G went to Cape May in early October to dive the SS Atlantus off Sunset Beach. They experienced some poor vis and strong currents, but managed to see the old concrete ship, which is quickly crumbling. The ride home was more eventful when Tom's truck transmission decided to slowly die. What a ride!

On Sunday, October 29, Mike Dox, Gary M. John K, Tom, Norva, and Luke went to dive Miller Beach on a cold windy fall day. Instead of doing the Halloween Pumpkin Dive, they decided to look for bottles. Lots of bottles were found, but none were antique. Instead they basically did an

underwater clean up. While waiting for the tide to slacken, they visited the Twin Lights in Highlands and took in the view from the top. There is also a museum where lifesaving and navigating artifacts are on display.

DA Dive Plan

Our next highlight dive is the last dive of 2006. The tides are not great, but we will as usual manage to get underwater. If you would like to join us, let Tom know.

Matt and Sharon are heading for the orient to do some diving in the western Pacific. Hopefully we will get a report when they return.

Wanda is heading for Bonaire. She said she expects the water temps to be better than NJ at this time of year.

Shore Dives: Ongoing. If you wish to dive on any Sunday or Thursday, please contact Tom. Diving depends on the weather and conditions. As the season cools, there are still more opportunities even when ocean conditions are poor.

Boat Dives: All scheduled dates have already passed. Lets start planning for next year. Please contact Ian or Tom to reserve your trips on the Sea Lion out of Brielle.

Check our DA Calendar online and at the bottom of this DA News for 2007 dates (not scheduled yet). The number will be limited to 8 divers on each charter. Cost is \$75 depending on fuel cost by the date of sailing. First come first served with full payment.

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Tom: gormleydmd@aol.com

Other club members have indicated that they will be arranging charters. As dates are set, they will be added to the calendar.

Individual DA members seeking dive buddies

Below are some DA members who may be available for diving opportunities. Meet them at the next DA meeting to arrange diving or contact Mike and Tom for email contact. Mike, mmgrand@verizon.net, and Tom, gormleydmd@aol.com, can assist you in contacting these members so you may join them for diving or just meet them at the next meeting.

Mark Russomanno works as mate on the Stingray out of Belmar. Contact Mark if you wish to go on any Stingray dives, if space is available.

Wanda M is always looking for a dive buddy to do quarry diving at Dutch Springs. She can often go mid-week and has a season pass that is burning a hole in her BC pocket. See her at a meeting to make arrangements for diving.

This is John Nardone. I would be interested in diving on the Emerald or Mohawk, day trips to Dutch Springs, and other dive spots. Call me at 973-256-0455 or cell 862-686-3649 or email at john814@verizon.net Also, if anyone is interested in getting together for a dive trip to South Carolina or Florida I would definitely be interested. There is an excellent Dive Shop in Myrtle Beach, SC called Coastal Scuba. They have dive sites from the beginner level with practically no experience to technical dive requiring only knowledgeable advanced divers. However total sites are limited to about 25. Would like to explore more about Florida diving.

Boat Diving Requirements

Everyone please be advised that the following are required to dive on any of the charters:

- 1) Logbook indicating northeast boat diving experience or arrangements to do a guided dive.
- 2) Pony bottle and regulator with pressure gauge or other suitable redundant gear.
- 3) Compass, wreck reel, safety sausage, safety whistle and power surface audible signaling device, cutting device as well as other mandatory scuba gear.
- 4) [NAUI](#) Waiver and Release signed before boarding naming Tom Gormley, Ian Fryer, Rich Mullen, Janna Fabris, Mark Russomanno, Charles Soulas, Pierre Guibor, Mike Granado, and Ben Gualano as Instructors and Divemasters.
- 5) [NAUI](#) medical form
- 6) [DAN](#) or equivalent insurance

The Artifact Bag

This section is devoted to artifacts brought up by our DA divers. Send in a pic and background, and we may see it in DA News.

This month we return to bottles. Gary P brought this one out of the water in his artifact bag. The bottle is an antique bitters bottle, specifically a "Dr Harter's Wild Cherry Bitters St Louis." It is blown in mold with a circular applied top, amber glass, standing 7 ¾ inches tall with a rectangular body. Gary P found this bottle on a recent trip to Lake George, NY in September 2006. The bottle is in excellent condition and has no chips or scratches.

Gary's bottle has no label, but logging onto eBay you may find a bottle with its label still in place. Here is a picture of Gary's bitters bottle on the right. I wonder if the person who drank this got cured of their ailment? Bitters were old time medicine. They often had a content of 30% or more of alcohol. Remember the saying that people kept liquor at home for "medicinal purposes?" This is how the saying began many years ago. Gary's bottle was manufactured in the 1860 era by a process in which a mold was prepared with the shape and lettering of the particular bottle. A blob of molten glass was acquired on a blow pipe. This was inserted into the mold and literally blown to shape leaving the base with a mark left by the blow pipe. The top of the bottle was later applied to the bottle's neck and a seam can be found there.





DAN News <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/index.asp>

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Flying With Cylinders? Get the Latest Info From TSA

Last Updated: 9/11/06 10:41:05 AM

The Transportation Safety Administration Weighs in on Flying With Scuba Gear

Checking Gas Cylinders

Compressed gas cylinders are allowed in checked baggage or as a carry-on ONLY:

- If the regulator valve is completely disconnected from the cylinder, and
- the cylinder is no longer sealed (i.e. the cylinder has an open end). The cylinder must have an opening to allow for a visual inspection inside.

Source:http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/compressed_gas.shtm

Transporting Scuba Equipment

You may bring some scuba gear aboard an aircraft, but follow these guidelines:

- You may bring regulators, buoyancy compensators and masks, snorkels and fins as carry-on or checked baggage.
- Knives and tools are prohibited from carry-on luggage. These items should be packed in checked luggage.
- Pack spearguns in checked luggage. They are prohibited from carry-on luggage.
- Securely wrap any sharp objects in your checked luggage to prevent it from injuring baggage handlers and security officers.

To get more specific information about what items you cannot bring to a checkpoint, consult the source below and follow the links to "prohibited items."

Source:http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/editorial_1190.shtm

For updates and for more information, call the TSA Consumer Response Center toll-free at 1-866-289-9673 or email TSA-ContactCenter@dhs.gov.

Members wishing to sell gear can post it here! (Send listing to Tom)

30 cuft pony O2 clean and filled with a 50% mix. Tom: gormleydmd@aol.com

Gary M has an xxl dry suit. Contact him at riki0221@bellatlantic.net

2006 - 2007 Divers Anonymous Calendar

<p><u>Jan 2007</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01/13: DA Holiday Party 700 p.m. Branchbrook Manor, Washington Ave, Belleville 01/29: DA Club Meeting 7:30 p.m 	<p><u>Feb 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02/05: Bottle Show, South River Sunday, February 19, 2006 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM/: Toms River Flea Market 02/26: DA Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Dan Lieb NJHDA update 	<p><u>Mar 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 03/05: South Jersey Shore Dive 11AM Location TBA 03/24-26: Beneath-The-Sea 03/27: DA Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Gary Gentile -"Andrea Doria"
<p><u>April 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 04/02: Sunday Shore Dive, 12PM LTBA 04/08 Saturday shore dive in Belmar SRI 5PM 04/24: DA Meeting Dues and Elections, 04/23: Shore Dive 10AM-LTBA 	<p><u>May 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday shore dives 05/14: Pre-Memorial Day Dive Picnic 05/22: DA Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. (1 week early) Mike Decharles: Diver legal issues 	<p><u>June 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06/11: Saturday Shore Dive 7PM LTBA 06/26 DA Meeting Uplines & Lift bags Paul Duffy
<p><u>July 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shore Dives TBA 7/15-16 DA Weekend at Dutch Springs 07/30 Sea Lion boat dive 07/31 DA Meeting "Weighting Systems for Scuba" Members 	<p><u>Aug 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 08/20 Sea Lion boat dive 08/28: DA Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. + dive stories 	<p><u>Sept 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 09/03: 8AM Labor Day - Water Gap Dive Picnic 09/23 Sea Lion boat dive 09/25: DA Club Meeting 7:30 p.m Tom Brown; Dolphins
<p><u>Oct 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/15 Local Shore Dive Location TBA 10/29 12PM Halloween dive at Sandy Hook 10/30: DA Club Meeting - Len Cohen "Photographer" 	<p><u>Nov 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Shore Dives 11/04 Saturday-SRI 623PM 11/27: DA Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. 2005 Artifact & Picture - Story Contest 	<p><u>Dec 2006</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/11: DA Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. 12/17: Lizzie H Brayton 102 year anniversary dive, 12PM Friday, 12/31: Last Dive of Year 12PM-Sandy Hook

Pink highlighted events are subsidized by DA dues

DA Meetings begin at 730PM on the last Monday of the month except May and December as noted

Boat dives are chartered by members and are run according to members restrictions

All other dives are organized by DA and are limited to DA members according to DA restrictions

All events are subject to change according to conditions