

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 265

November 2008

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Barnaby's, 15 South High Street

(Top floor) West Chester, PA

Meeting @ 7 PM, Speaker @ 8 PM

Dr. Arch McNamara

Presents...

***Tawali – Milne Bay on Board
the Spirit of Niugini!***

Featuring the photographs and exploits of an intrepid group of seafarers from *Dudas Diving Duds* who ventured to Papua New Guinea (via a 22-hour flight, a 7 ½ hour flight and another hour flight followed by a 3 hour bus ride over a monsoon maddened river of mud) from September 20 – October 7, 2008. And after visiting Tawali Resort overlooking Milne Bay for a few days, they set sail (so to speak) on board the *Spirit of Niugini* for an additional 8 days of Milne Bay's finest rippin' current, wreck, muck, nite & bommie diving! You DON'T want to miss these exciting adventures!

The Tawali Travel group consisted of Mark & Chase Dallura, Mark Smith & Kathy Woehl, Robin & Gary Schindelman, Patti Pittock, Norm Lynch, Tony Caccese, Jerry Keenehan, Dr Arch McNamara, Jeb Schneider, Mike Richardson, Geri Murphy Tzimoulis, Evelyn Dudas & Special Guest Star, Robin Valicenti.

Buster Says:

***Don't miss a TERRIFIC
opportunity! Get those
digital images entered in
THE PHOTO CONTEST!***

**Take time now to R.S.V.P. for the
KDA Christmas Dinner, Photo
Contest & Pollyanna! Sunday, De-
cember 14, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. at the
Concordville Inn, Concordville, PA!**

Last KDA Meeting: October 16, 2008!

The KDA and the Philadelphia chapter of the Explorer's Club presented Shipwreck explorer, **Barry Clifford**, with an exclusive presentation at the Franklin Institute. Barry was the discoverer of the shipwreck "Whydah", the focus of the "Real Pirates" exhibit currently on display at the Franklin Institute. He brought some unique insight and details about the discovery and preservation of artifacts from the *Whydah*.

Barry was kind enough to come down from Pirate headquarters in Cape Cod, MA and meet us for a private slide show in the Franklin Institute's auditorium followed by a tour of the REAL PIRATES exhibit. He also gave us a taste of another project that he has been working on in Madagascar looking for Captain Kidd's ship. He thinks that he knows where it is but the problem is figuring out which shipwreck is his. The wrecks are piled on top of each other in shallow water right off the coast of the island!

The slave ship *Whydah* began her short life in London, England, in 1715. Less than two years later, now a pirate ship, she sank to the ocean floor off Cape Cod. Using artifacts recovered from the wreck, "Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the *Whydah* from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship" reveals the true story behind this vessel & the crew of a real pirate ship that started as a slave ship—and gives some insights into the violence and idealism of early eighteenth century piracy.

The exhibition features real stories of the people who populated the Atlantic world in the age of slavery and piracy: artisans and traders from West Africa, slave ship captains and their captives, Native American boat pilots, impoverished sailors from all over Europe, and pirates—including women pirates and John King, a boy no more than 11 years old, who "went on the account." Guests see more than 200 actual *Whydah* artifacts recovered by underwater explorer Barry Clifford, such as treasure from more than 54 ships, gold and silver coins from all over the world, Akan gold jewelry, cannons, swords, pistols, personal belongings, leg iron moldings from shackles, the ship's bell and its massive anchor!

This event was so much fun that we are planning on doing it again next year!



Upcoming KDA events & special stuff

Come one; come all to the Next KDA Event...

Wednesday, November 5 @ 8 PM!

- Arch McNamara presents
- Tawali, Papua New Guinea!

**Barnaby's of America Restaurant,
15 S. High Street, West Chester, PA!**

MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM!

Our 2008 KDA officers:

President Michael Richardson
Treasurer Noreen Brown
Secretary Lisa Bennett
Newsletter Editor Jayne Revid

(DON'T FORGET TO CONGRATULATE THEM –
OR YOU, TOO, COULD BE ELECTED!)

➤ KDA Email address:
mail@dudasdiving.com

➤ The official KDA Web address:
www.dudasdiving.com/kda.html



**IT'S GETTING COLD OUT THERE...
TIME TO DIVE WARM WATER????!**
Let Dudas Diving Duds take you there!
Please contact Dudas' Diving Duds (610) 436-0176
or email us at mail@dudasdiving.com

GREAT NEWS MEMBERS: FREE AIR (air only) as long as you are a current KDA member. Come by Dudas Diving Duds and ask about all of the TERRIFIC KDA Member Specials on selected diving gear and accessories!

(Regular) Meeting Place: BARNABY'S OF AMERICA

15 South High Street, West Chester, PA
(610) 696-1400

Parking is free if you leave after 9:30 PM in the garage across High Street! Follow Rt. 3 into town (Market St.), turn left when you get to High Street & you're there on the left! Or Follow Rt. 202 North from DE and go straight when it becomes High Street – go up about 6 blocks and it's on the right (BEFORE you get to Gay St!)

Keystone Divers Association 2008 Membership Application

New Member

Renewal Member

(\$25/ea. - \$40 couple)

Name: _____

Phone Day: _____

Birthdate _____

Address: _____

Phone Nite: _____

Customer# _____

Certifying Agency: _____

When? _____

Occupation: _____

Certification Level: _____

Where? _____

E-Mail Address (for online newsletter): _____

The KDA meets at Barnaby's of America (top floor) the FIRST Wednesday of the month beginning at 7 PM, 15 South High Street, West Chester, PA (610) 696-1400. The speaker begins at 8 P.M.

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 *Barnaby's – Speaker @ 8 PM! Meeting begins @ 7:00!* We have a new President – NOT the KDA, silly, the United States!

Friday, December 5, 2008 The *Shrimp 'n Sale at Seven!* Dudas Diving Duds! In lieu of regular meeting -7PM!

Sunday, December 14, 2008 The KDA Christmas Dinner 4:30 P.M. at the Concordville, Inn, Concordville, PA! R.S.V.P. now! Avoid the rush! \$50/person + bring Pollyanna (\$25 value)

DIVER'S ED

Scubadiver (Mondays Dec. 1st@ UMLY @ \$250)..... @ 6– 10 PM
1st Response – Medic First Aid Tues. Nov.12..... Nov 12 @ 6 – 10PM
Nitrox Nov 13th .@ 6 – 10PM
Advanced/Drysuit Combo ClassNov. 15th & 16th @ Dutch Springs

❖ Other Specialty Diver Classes being scheduled – call DDD (610) 436-0176! Private & semi-private lessons upon request!

DIVE MASTER
Starting January 2009

DIVE TRAVEL

Ginnie Springs, North Florida, Cave/Cavern Dive with Evelyn
November 10-16, 2008, NACD conference (EBD is presenting)
NEW YEAR'S EVE in Cave Country, Dec. 28, 2008- Jan. 4, 2009
(610) 436-0176!

Cave diving and open water diving and certification dives

Grenada w/Mike Dudas wreck diving on the Bianca CNovember 15 – 23, 2008
Key LargoNov. 28 - Dec.2, 2008
Curacao @ Habitat Curacao January 17-24, 2009
Roatan, Honduras @ CocoviewMarch 2009
Ambergris Caye, Belize @ Sunbreeze May 23-30, 2009
La Paz, Mexico (Sea of Cortez) August 2009
St Lucia @ Anse ChantenetSeptember 19-26, 2009
New Zealand diving on the Mikhail Lermontov.....November 17-24, 2009
Philippines Winter 2010
Truk Lagoon..... One or two weeks Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 2010

DAN Trip Insurance: Cover Your Dive or Dream Vacation! *Go to Dan's Website (diversalert.org), go to the "insurance" tab and scroll down to "trip." Then get yourself an insurance quote!!* Use DDD Acct. #033871

CHECK OUT DDD DIVE SCHEDULE @ WWW.DUDASDIVING.COM & SIGN UP 2 GO DIVING!!

The KDA – *IN DEPTH!*

**We're BRINGING BACK the famous KDA PHOTO CONTEST!!!
It's the photo contest for EVERYONE – not just the pros!**

Each KDA member may submit one photo in each category. The photo contest will be judged by you, the KDA members, at the KDA Christmas Dinner, Sunday, December 14, 2008. You **MUST** be a current club member to enter. The following categories will be judged and prizes awarded:

- ✿ **Best Underwater Diver picture**
- ✿ **Best Underwater Critter picture**
- ✿ **Best Underwater Reef picture**
- ✿ **Best Underwater Wreck picture**
- ✿ **Best Topside Picture (diving related, of course)**
- ✿ **BEST IN SHOW, Grand Prize will also be awarded for the individual photo with the most votes!**

Be creative and interpret your own definition of these categories. For instance, a reef picture can have a diver in it; a critter picture can be on the reef, etc. Final decision on the category relevance lies with the KDA Executive Board. Please restrict your entries to photos captured within the 2007 and 2008 dive seasons!

The KDA Photo Contest will be presented in a PowerPoint format. Therefore, all photos will need to be submitted in a digital format. If you haven't made the switch to digital yet, no problem! Bring your prints or slides into DDD and we will scan them for you. Please email entries to mail@dudasdiving.com or send us a CD with your photos via snail mail. If you email, please email each entry separately and include the words "photo-contest" and the category the photo is for in the subject line. Include your contact information, the title of the photo, and where and when the photo was taken in the body of the email.

Please send photos in at LEAST 72dpi resolution and sized at LEAST 1024 x 768, but PLEASE don't send files larger than 5 megabytes! We will reformat all photos for the proper size when we receive them. So get out there and get snappin those photos! **Deadline for entry: December 8, 2008!**

Divers identify shipwreck off Nantucket

By Associated Press

Friday, October 17, 2008

NANTUCKET - Divers have identified a shipwreck off Nantucket as a British steamship that sank more than 120 years ago. The SS Newcastle City was carrying cargo when it struck an uncharted shoal en route to New York in 1887. The 26 man crew and a passenger were rescued after rowing to safety.

Diver Eric Takakjian told the Cape Cod Times he'd been looking for the vessel for years because of its unique riggings for both steam and sail. Takakjian and his exploration team, Quest Marine Services, in August found the wreck resting on a sandy bottom, with portions of the bow and stern intact.

Takakjian confirmed the wreck's identity during a dive last weekend after he scraped sea anemones away from the ship's wheel and revealed the engraving "Newcastle City Liverpoole."

He's keeping the wreck's location and depth a secret.

(DDD Note- The first divers on this wreck were Erik Takakjian, Pat Rooney, Steve Gatto, Joe Mazraani, and Mike Dudas)

**Don't forget: www.dudasdiving.com for the latest updates about diving, the KDA AND the online newsletter!
By the way – are YOUR 2009 dues paid up????? !!**

KDA Christmas Dinner & Photo Contest

& Evelyn's famous Pollyanna*!

(\$25 value if you want to play the game!)*



Sunday, December 14, 2008

4:30 P.M. at the Concordville Inn, Concordville, PA

Dinners \$50/person

Call now to R.S.V.P. (610) 436-0176 or email: mail@dudasdiving.com

Deadline for reservations: 12/5/08!

Friday, December 5, 2008

The Holiday Cookies Party

**featuring peel and eat shrimp, EBD's
super garlic Caesar Salad, !**



famous

at Dudas Diving Duds!

(In lieu of regular KDA meeting!)

This is the world-famous Bring Your Own Cookies Party! DDD and KDA provide the Wassail Bowl and Shrimp and all the sale items you can accumulate for your Holiday gift list this year! And YOU bring the cookies, camaraderie, and other holiday treats to share! Kick off the Holidays with old friends. Come in and check out all of the new products that we will have for 2009 or just make out your wish list for the family!

KDA Christmas Dinner Coupon 12/15/08

\$50.00 per person (incl. tax, tip and dinner) – cash bar extra! _____ Number of Dinners

Name(s): _____

Phone Day: _____

Phone Nite: _____

Email Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

**Return this coupon to Dudas Diving Duds, 104 Bartram's Lane, West Chester, PA 19382
Along with your \$\$\$ A.S.A.P. (by 12/5/08) to reserve your spot! (610) 436-076 or (888) 436-0176**

Keystone Divers' Association
c/o Dudas Diving Duds, Inc.
104 Bartram's Lane
West Chester, PA 19382
(610) 436-0176

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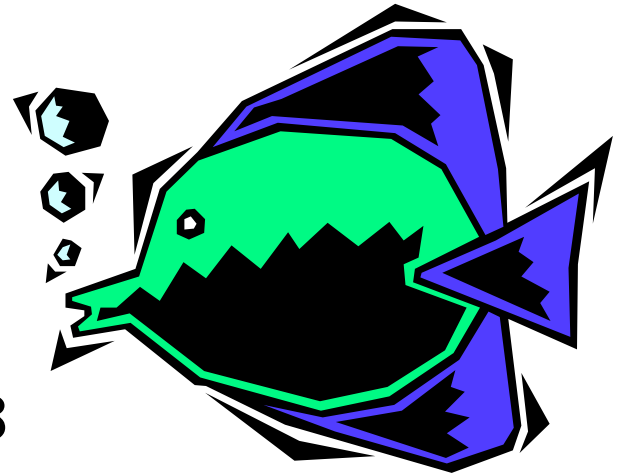
NEXT MEETING: November 5, 2008

The Keystone Diver's Association presents:

Arch McNamara

Papua New Guinea

from the recent DDD trip!



Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Meeting @ 7 – Speaker @ 8 PM

Barnaby's in West Chester!

15 South High Street in West Chester, PA!

(610) 696-1400 (FREE parking directly across the street in the parking garage!)

Dr Arch will bring us some of his photos from Papua New Guinea. In September, Dudas Diving Duds traveled to Tawali for 5 days and then sailed on the Spirit of Niugini for 9 days around Milne Bay.