

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 262

August 2008

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Barnaby's, 15 South High Street

(Top floor) West Chester, PA

Dinner @ 7 PM, Meeting @ 8 PM

Steve Fredrick

Presents...

ALASKA!

In early July of 2007 Steve and Sue Fredrick spent 12 days aboard the *Nautilus Explorer* exploring Southeastern Alaska. The boat departed Ketchikan and after a 100-mile crossing arrived in the Queen Charlotte Islands in B.C. After a couple of days in the Queen Charlottes the boat went back to Alaskan waters and then slowly made its way up the Inland Passage to Juneau where the dive trip ended. During their stay on the boat they got to experience both the balmy 49 degree water as well as some magnificent scenery while topside. As you might expect, Alaskan diving is a lot like British Columbia diving. The water is a bit green but, depending on the tides, has good visibility. While the fish tend to be about as colorful as what we see here in the Northeast Atlantic; the invertebrate life is truly amazing. Top side adventures included visiting a Haida (First Nation) ruins, watching glaciers calve, salmon jump, eagles soar, humpbacks feeding and kayaking in ice flows. And then there was diving to top that off. After getting off the boat they spent a couple of days in Juneau before returning home. The highlight of that part of the trip was a helicopter ride up Mendenhall Glacier & the opportunity to do a little glacier trekking!

Come cool off on a Hot August nite with some TERRIFIC photography!



Buster Says:

***"Time and Tide
Wait for No Man!"***

...get a scooter!

Last KDA Meeting: July 2, 2008!

Denny Willis has a great dive travel TV show that goes out to about 7.5 million viewers on Sundays @ seven (PM) on MIND TV (Comcast Channel 35). It's called, **DIVE TRAVEL TV**. And in order to replicate what that viewing would be like, we crammed our entire audience into a small portion of the room at Barnaby's and sat them down in front of the BIG screen (which also served to partition off the REST OF THE ROOM)! Unfortunately those of us who did not fit or who were still eating our dinner had to watch the Phillies game on the bar TV's and *pretend* we were watching Denny feed sharks and visit Bonaire! Oh my – would ya look at the size of that squirt of tobacco heading into the dugout! And how DOES that guy get ALL those dread locks under a baseball cap??? **Denny's** diving career started in the 70's when he took his first resort class in Jamaica. By 1982 he was an Instructor himself and leading groups of divers on underwater adventures around the world. Tonite, sponsored by the Tourist Board (due to limited funding for the actual travel), we journeyed to UNEXSO in Freeport, Bahamas, and learned how to safely interact with sharks by hand-feeding Caribbean Reef Sharks – apparently you have to stand on the bottom with no fins wearing about 35 lbs of weight while maintaining your balance in an upward position against a current - at the same time trying to keep cool and moving so as not to become too big a target! The "peanut gallery" who are watching this show are assigned a couple of safety divers. Oh, and if your hand is accidentally caught in one of the sharks' mouths, don't panic! Just push it IN to the mouth to gag the shark – THEN pull it out! (*THAT was easy!*) And so, **DIVE TRAVEL TV** is now going into its SECOND season! The *Phillies* aren't doing quite as well; they've succumbed to the sharks. **Linda Ryan** won the flashlight and **Rhonda Anderson** won the 50-50.

Our condolences go out to **Cathy Bolton** whose mother passed away on July 11.

Reminder: Dive season is flowing right along – come jump in! Check the website for the 2008 DDDive Schedule!

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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

Wednesday, August 6 @ 8 PM!

* **STEVE FREDRICK** presents...

ALASKA aboard the *Nautilus Explorer!*

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

MEET THE SPEAKER DINNER BEGINS AT 7 PM!

Our 2008 KDA officers:

President Michael Richardson
Vice President.....open
TreasurerNoreen Brown
Secretary.....Lisa Bennett
Membership Director.....Jenn Washco
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 THE MIDDLE OF DIVE SEASON...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR WRECKS ARE????!
Let Dudas Diving Duds take you out to one!
Please contact Dudas' Diving Duds (610) 436-0176
or email us at mail@dudasdiving.com*

A SPECIAL thanks to Steve Fredrick, Ted Pleibel, Linda Vanocker, Mike Haslup, Alex Yankelevich and Katie Ondrasik for helping out with our Space Camp program conducted through West Chester University. Over forty kids were introduced to the world of SCUBA Diving!

Meeting Place: *BARNABY'S OF AMERICA*
15 South High Street, West Chester, PA
(610) 696-1400

Parking is free if you leave after 9 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# _____

Occupation: _____ 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 at 8 PM, 15 South High Street, West Chester, PA (610) 696-1400. A greet the speaker dinner is at 7 P.M.

Wednesday, August 6, 2008 Barnaby's – Meeting @ 8 PM! Meet the Speaker dinner @ 7! Spend 12 days aboard the *Nautilus Explorer* exploring Southeastern Alaska with Steve Fredrick, President for Life and RESIDENT phab photographer of the sous-marine!

Wednesday, Sept 3, 2008 Barnaby's in West Chester –Dinner @ 7 PM! Presentation @ 8! Harold Moyers, Tom Packer and Steve Gatto present *Bow Mariner: A Modern Day Maritime Disaster*

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 Barnaby's of America – Dinner @ 7pm- Presentation at 8pm !

DIVER'S ED

ScubaDiver (Mondays August 25 th) @ Upper Main Line YMCA @ \$250).....	@ 7 – 10 PM
ScubaDiver (Tuesdays Sept. 2nd) @ West Chester YMCA @\$250).....	@ 7 – 10 PM
ScubaDiver (Mondays October 6 th)@ UMLY @\$250).....	@ 7 – 10PM
NITROX Thursday August 7 th @DDD.....	@6 – 10PM
NITROX Monday August 11 th @DDD.....	@6 -10PM
1 st Response – Medic First Aid Tues. August 13 th	@ 6 – 10PM
Rescue Starts August 20 th	@6 - 10PM
Wreck Diving Starts Thursday August 21st @DDD.....	@7 – 10PM
Advanced Class Sept. 13 & 14.....	Dutch Springs

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

SCUBA CAMP * For kids 10-18
 August 4-7 Upper Main Line YMCA
Our most popular program! Classes fill up FAST – call SOON to enroll YOUR child!

DIVE TRAVEL

Ginnie Springs, North Florida, Cave/Cavern Dive with Evelyn
 Next Trip: September 5-8, 2008
 Call DDD (610) 436-0176 to go along!

- Key Largo.....Aug.14-18, 2008
- Tawali Resort, Papua New Guinea (5 days) with (8 days) on the *Spirit of Niugini*.....Sept. 20 – Oct 6, 2008
1 spot left!!!
- Cozumel..... Oct.25- Nov. 1, 2008
- Grenada w/ Mike Dudas wreck diving on the Bianca C.....Nov. 15 -23.2008
- Curacao.....January 17-24, 2009
- Philippines.....Fall 2009
- New Zealand diving on the Mikhail Lermontov.....Fall 2009
- Truk LagoonOne or two weeks Sept. 26th – 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!!

Excerpt from the latest email newsletter from Aquamarine in Espiritu Santo ,Vanuatu:

Coolidge News Issue 12



US Divers Travel to Santo in Search of the Best Wreck Diving

The **Dudas Diving Duds**, a group of wreck divers from the eastern United States, have been taking dive trips for 20 years in search of the best wreck sites in the world. With a mission like that, it's no wonder that they finally found themselves in Espiritu Santo to discover the hidden jewel of the [SS President Coolidge](#). With 2 full weeks of decompression diving planned, the Diving Duds were afraid that they would run out of things to see and places to explore but they underestimated the thrill of the Coolidge. After 2 weeks of diving, they had a serious case of Coolidge fever and were planning their return trip. The Diving Duds are just one of many dive groups that are coming from farther and farther away to dive with [Aquamarine](#). For more on this story, visit this [newsletter](#) on our website.



[COOLIDGE NEWS](#) is an email newsletter published by [Aquamarine](#). Aquamarine has been guiding and training divers on the [SS President Coolidge](#) for over 18 years.

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Scuba Camp July 4– 7 ▲ MALVERN PREP ▲ for Kids 10-18 years of age!

Well, EBD survived another Scuba Camp!!

It is a wonderful experience to be able to take a camper from perhaps never having had a scuba tank on and in three and a half days (17 hours underwater) time look at a well trained diver. NAUI has dropped their age requirement to 10 to compete with other training agencies. So this July's Scuba Camp session saw Justin Guistwhite, brothers Michael and Derek Rudy, and Brendon and Shannon Wilkins complete the pool and lecture work at Malvern Prep School. The pool is one of the nicest and cleanest facilities in the area. EBD and Kathy Ondrasik once again spent the entire 17 hours underwater swimming, building objects, and scooting through hoops with the kids.

Justin, Michael, and Derek all went to Dutch Springs on Friday July 11 and 12. Halycon was having a Demo day and Katie Ondrasik was having a high school graduation party. Some of the Scuba Campers fathers even joined us for some diving. Thanks to Kathy, Katie, Mark He Hennessey, and Ted Pleibel for their assistance with the camp. Looking forward to our next Scuba Camp August 4-9 at the Upper Main Line YMCA. EBD

The KDA – *IN DEPTH!*

Hey, check this
out.....

The KDA Fun Photo Contest

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

Each KDA member can submit one photo to each category. The photo contest will be judged by you, the KDA members at the Christmas dinner. 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)
- A 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 it for you. Please email entries to mail@dudasdivng.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

Diver's Alert Network (D.A.N.) Extended Travel Insurance

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*

Through a partnership with AIG Travel Guard, DAN Services is now offering the following trip insurance coverage at competitive rates:

Trip Cancellation & Interruption Coverage

- Tour Cost
- \$ 1,000 Travel Delay (\$200 maximum per day)
- \$ 1,500 Baggage & Personal Effects
- \$ 300 Baggage Delay
- \$20,000 Medical Expense
- \$25,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment

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FIRST CLASS

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