

# UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

## KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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*Next KDA Meeting:*

**Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

**Becky Kagan: Hi Def Video**

***Florida: Caverns Wrecks & Manatees***  
***Truk Lagoon: Operation Hailstone***

***Barnaby's, 15 South High Street***

***(Top floor) West Chester, PA***

**Meeting @ 7 PM, Speaker @ 8 PM!**

Becky owns **Liquid Productions, LLC** which specializes in capturing technically challenging underwater environments including caves, (she's lived in FL for the past 12 years!) deep wrecks, and marine life using high definition video and digital still photography. As an award winning Photojournalist, Becky has worked for major news networks including Fox and CBS, and looks forward to the challenges of shooting in all types of situations (you'll love this: She was a Fox News Videographer, for the 2008 World Series Phillies vs Devil Rays!) As a Videographer and Talent for the TV series *Quest for Sunken Warships* airing on the Military Channel, she has used her photographic and video skills both above and below the water (we'll see an excerpt from Truk Lagoon). Becky has also been fortunate to shoot for National Geographic, the National Park Service and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute using the latest in HD and 3-D technology. Becky's still photographs have been widely published. After innumerable technical dives, she made the switch to closed circuit rebreathers in order to extend her bottom times while shooting video on technical and deeper dives. A NAUI Instructor, she also holds certifications in Trimix, and Full Cave. Becky has traveled worldwide, visiting many countries to photograph many unique people and places. Her assistant, **David Schott**, currently certified in Trimix, Full Cave, Megalodon CCR, has been diving since 1999. From the Philadelphia area, he first became actively involved in NE wreck diving. In 2005 he earned his full cave certification and began diving cave systems in Florida and Mexico. He provides technical support for deep dives in many challenging environments ranging from the shallows of the Caribbean to depths in excess of 300 feet off of NJ and North & Central American Cave systems.

**Website: <http://www.liquidproductionsllc.com>**



**Buster Says:**

***Roses are Red***  
***Violets are Blue***  
***Stop by the Shoppe,***  
***they'll show you***  
***WHAT'S NEW??!!***

**Last KDA Meeting: January 7, 2009!**

There's not a better way to start the New Year off than revisiting the humble beginnings of our unique sport of scuba diving! We resumed our regularly scheduled *Wreck Divers Anonymous* meetings at Barnaby's with "Legends and Pioneers of Northeast Wreck Diving." The program's producers, Captains Steve and Maureen Langevin, are experienced PADI certified instructors, technical scuba divers and USCG Certified Boat Captains. They have years of experience in NJ shipwreck diving. This, their most recent production, was presented at *Beneath the Sea* on March 30, 2008. Their previous productions are "Diving with Sharks in the Northeast" featuring Shark Expert Dean Fessler from SRI talking about sharks and the crusty Frank Mundus, inspiration for Captain Quint of JAWS who helped find the sharks. Featured were the reminiscences of first to dive, Mike decamp, Capt. Paul Geer, the lead advocate for the stopping of ocean dumping, and Capt. Steve *Doria* Bielenda of the Wahoo, about what it was actually like to try and do something no one else had done before with very limited resources, but a huge ocean of untapped opportunity, recent wrecks and abundant sea life! (Lobsters averaged 5-11 lbs – 75 to 100 years old – and they usually took 300 lbs in a trip!) Today we take advantage of the compressors at the local dive shop – then you went to NYC to an Army Navy store – wasn't 'til 1969 that Divers Cover offered compressed air! Tanks were had from Walter Kidde the fire extinguisher company! Loran was so *infantile* that you had to know where you were to know where you were! Now a phone call and a C Card get you a dive – in the old days it was a couple of tanks (water tanks on shore) and a sextant! You either followed the fishing boats to the wrecks or dragged the anchor – when it caught onto something, you dove down to see what you were hung up on! And, of course, from time to time there was an oil slick from a fresh wreck to follow – however, nowadays nothing is sinking because the new navigational equipment and weather monitoring are *preventing* more wrecks! Yikes! The best story was *USS Bass*, newly sunk & still half filled with air, actually pushing the captain's boat away – really freaked him out because he didn't know why! **Dolores Boyko** took the 50-50! Sea you on Wednesday, February 4, 2009!

## upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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

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**Truk Lagoon: Operation Hailstone**  
**Barnaby's of America Restaurant,**  
**15 S. High Street, West Chester, PA!**

MEETING/DINNER BEGINS AT 7 PM!

### Our 2009 KDA officers:

*President* ..... Michael Richardson  
*Vice President* ..... Kathy Ondrasik  
*Treasurer* ..... Noreen Brown  
*Secretary* ..... Lisa Bennett  
*Newsletter Editor* ..... Jayne Revid

➤ **KDA Email address:**  
**mail@dudasdiving.com**

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



***IT IS COLD OUT THERE...***  
***YOU MUST GO 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](mailto: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!***

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

**Parking is free after 6 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 2009 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, February 4, 2009 Barnaby's** – Becky Kagan, owner of Liquid Productions LLC, Hi Def Video of FL Cavern, Wrecks & Manatees + Truk Lagoon: Operation Hailstone @ 8 P.M.! Meeting begins @ 7:00.

**Wednesday, March 4, 2009 Barnaby's** – Vince Capone @ 8 P.M.! Meeting begins @ 7:00. The Sinking of the Alexander Macomb and the U-215 a Shipwreck Search and Diving Adventure

**Wednesday, April 1, 2009 Barnaby's** –April Fool! Speaker @ 8 P.M.! Meeting begins @ 7:00.

## DIVER'S ED

Scubadiver (Sundays March 1<sup>st</sup>) @ West Chester YMCA.....@ 8AM– 2 PM  
Scubadiver (Mondays March 9<sup>th</sup>) @UMLY.....@ 6-9PM  
Scubadiver (Tuesdays March 17th) @ West Chester YMCA).....@ 7 – 10 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> Response – Medic First Aid (Wed.Feb 11<sup>th</sup> @ DDD).....@ 6 – 10PM  
Nitrox Feb 19<sup>th</sup> @ DDD.....6-9PM

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

**Scuba Camp w/EBD: 9 AM-3 PM - must be 10 years old to enroll!**

**(Pool AM @ Malvern Prep, Class PM @ DDD)**

**June 22-27 (quarry 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>) OR July 20-25 (quarry 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>) OR Aug. 17-22 (quarry 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

*Another one of our most popular programs! Classes fill up FAST – call SOON to enroll your kids!*

## DIVE TRAVEL

**Ginnie Springs, North Florida, Cave/Cavern Dive with Evelyn**

**Next Trip: March 9-15**

**Call DDD (610) 436-0176 to go along!**

Cave diving and open water diving and certification dives

Key Largo .....Feb 12-16  
Boston Sea Rovers .....March 6, 7, 8  
Beneath the Sea ..... March 27, 28, 29  
Bonaire.....April 25- May 2  
DUI DEMO DAYS at Dutch Springs .....May 16, 17  
Belize (in time for the grouper spawning full moon –which attracts the WHALE SHARKS! .....May 23-30, 2009  
La Paz, Mexico ..... August 8-17, 2009  
KDA DAY at DUTCH SPRINGS.....September 12  
St. Lucia.....September 19-26, 2009  
New Zealand diving on the Mikhail Lermontov..... November 17-24, 2009  
Philippines..... Winter/Spring 2010  
Truk Lagoon.....One or two weeks Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 2010

**DAN Trip Insurance:** Cover Your Dive or Dream Vacation! *Go to our Website go to the travel tab and scroll down to insurance.” Then get yourself an insurance quote!!* Use DDD Acct. #033871

**CHECK OUT DDD DIVE SCHEDULE @ [WWW.DUDASDIVING.COM](http://WWW.DUDASDIVING.COM) & SIGN UP 2 GO DIVING!!**

Minimum trip deposit: \$250; balance due 45 days before departure.  
Trip insurance and D.A.N. insurance required for Dudas Diving Duds Trips.  
Cancellation policy subject to that of destination resort or charter boat.  
Prices quoted are per person/double occupancy & subject to change.

## *Notes from the President*

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I recently contacted a local bus charter company to inquire into a charter to New York City in order to visit the Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum (near the site of the recent air crash on the Hudson!).

**The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum is located on the West side of Manhattan on Pier 86, 12th Ave. & 46th Street. It is easily accessible from all points in the New York City Metro area.**

**<http://www.intrepidmuseum.org/>**

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We can charter a 47 passenger bus (with toilet facilities) for \$39.00 per person including a gratuity for the diver. The bus would pick us up at the *Park and Ride* situated @ Paoli Pike & Rte 202, next to K Mart.

Entry into the Intrepid and a 1 hour guided tour will cost \$22.00 per person. If we can generate enough interest, we can finalize these plans for a trip in early May of 2010. So...If you are interested, please let me know &/or call/email **Dudas Diving Duds** in order to sign up to the event. (610) 436-0176 mail@dudasdiving.com.

The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum is one of America's leading historic, cultural and educational institutions. Opened in 1982, the Museum has welcomed more than 10 million visitors. The Museum is centered on the aircraft carrier Intrepid (CVS-11), one of the most successful ships in US history, and now a national historic landmark and one of the most unique attractions in New York City. In 1943, Intrepid was commissioned and served proudly in World War II. She went on to serve as one of the primary recovery vessels for NASA, three tours of duty off Vietnam, and submarine surveillance in the North Atlantic during the Cold War. Today she continues her service as a premiere educational center and a monument to all who have served our nation in uniform.

The Museum features a range of interactive exhibits and events providing a snapshot of heroism, education, and excitement. Children and adults alike find themselves immersed in and inspired by the Museum's exhibits, which range from thrilling historical re-creations such as Kamikaze: Day of Darkness, Day of Light, to new interactive displays. Visitors also can ride in the A-6 Cockpit Simulator, visit the Virtual Flight Zone, and tour the inside of the world's fastest commercial airplane, Concorde. More than 50,000 schoolchildren participate in the Museum's unique educational programs every year. These programs cover every age group and include special initiatives such as character and leadership development. The Museum also hosts the annual Fleet Week celebration in honor of our military personnel. Since 1982, the Intrepid has become a national icon. More than 750,000 people visit each year.

The mission of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum is to honor our heroes, educate the public, and inspire our youth. This mission is realized through the Museum's preservation, collection, exhibitions, interpretations of individual contributions, and exceptional education programs particularly as pertaining to the service era of Intrepid from World War II through the present. The Museum seeks to provide a powerful visitor experience fed by a dynamic, innovative and moving environment for learning and enjoyment.

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**Get those components that need a yearly checkup INTO THE SHOP at Dudas Diving Duds as early as possible to avoid the spring rush! Rinse out the other stuff and put it away in a nice dry dark spot!**

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

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# FIRST CLASS

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