

# UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

## KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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*Next KDA Meeting:*

**Wednesday, March 4, 2009**

**VINCE CAPONE**

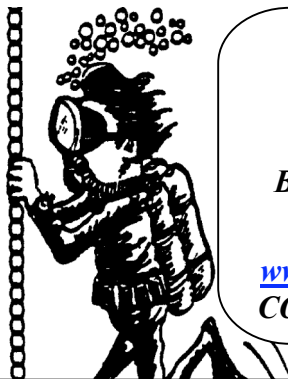
*Virtuoso: Side Scan Sonar Vision*

*Barnaby's, 15 South High Street*

*(Top floor) West Chester, PA*

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

The Liberty ship *Alexander Macomb* met her fate on Georges Bank early on during World War II. Sunk by the U-215, the arrogant U-Boat commander thought he could sink this sitting duck and avoid the wrath of inexperienced American escorts. Unfortunately the escorts were seasoned British sailors who insured the U-215 met the same fate as her victim. The Sea Hunters and Vince Capone found their targets, and after some very deep and dangerous dives by Mike and Warren Fletcher, they verified the identity of those sonar targets! Vince Capone, M.Sc., President of Barkentine, Inc./Black Laser Learning, is a noted speaker and marine technology instructor. With over 30 years experience as a diver, marine scientist, teacher, sailor and expert in marine technology, Vince's presentations are multi-layered, comprehensive, and insightful, informative and compelling! He will speak 3 days later at *Boston Sea Rovers!* Sea you here & there!



**Buster Says:**

*Regulator rust  
oh sand and dust  
Bring 'em in for cleaning  
to DUDAS you must!*

[www.dudasdiving.com](http://www.dudasdiving.com) for a  
**COMPLETE** dive schedule.

### **DIRE MESSAGE FROM GARY GENTILE (see inside).**

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### **Last KDA Meeting: February 4, 2009!**

Becky Kagan owns **Liquid Productions, LLC** which specializes in capturing technically challenging underwater environments including caves, deep wrecks, and marine life using high definition video and digital still photography. Originally she frequented all the caverns in Florida as a newly certified diver, but an instructor introduced her to the caves...and she never turned back...well, o.k. just long enough to return to the entrance, of course! She's lived in FL for the past 12 years and just picked a really bad time to move to PA – we got 6" of snow the nite before the meeting and it was REALLY cold! Obviously fascinated by the cave geology, she captured some fantastic images of resounding stratification. The natural occurrence of the tannin from the river entering the clear spring water when the pressure is down made for some tremendous photography as well! Any time you want to try cave/cavern diving yourself, don't hesitate to contact the shop as EBD runs frequent trips to Ginny Springs EVERY year! Just give her advance notice so she can sign you up for a class down there! And Florida is NOT all about diving: There's snorkeling!! (With the West Indian manatees, of course!) I, for one, never knew they liked to have their bellies rubbed AND they love to see their reflection in your lens! She had some fascinating footage of some personal encounters with these 14-foot rough-skinned elephant look-alikes of the sea! Just make sure you go early in the day (BEFORE they feed & make 0 viz – NOT like Jane Revid) and rent a pontoon boat! And, if it's for limestone you lust, you must go visit Mexico and check out the many cenotes, many of which started above water, but after the ice age filled with water making it possible for you to go CAVE DIVING! You can even do it at nite – you'll need that bright light anyway & there is no need to rinse gear 'cause fresh water; no hurry and no boat! If it's a current you are up against, purchase one of Rodney and Suzanne's scooters! There ARE no excuses for NOT cavern diving! [www.liquidproductionsllc.com](http://www.liquidproductionsllc.com) **Tim Urbanski** took the \$60 50-50 and donated it to the Scuba Camp Scholarship Fund! You may join him if you'd like in making a donation so some child who would not otherwise get the opportunity can be certified to scuba dive plus have all their base gear supplied, as well! Sea you on Wednesday, 3/4/2009!

Hey everyone:

**TED PLEIBEL IS OUR NEWEST DIVE MASTER!!** He did a terrific job! He is really impressive with new students. Next time you see him tell him **Congrats!!**

Or drop him a note: [signage@icdc.com](mailto:signage@icdc.com)

## upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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

**Wednesday, March 4 @ 8 PM!**

**\* Vince Capone: Sonar vision:  
Finding the Alexander Macomb  
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  
*Speaker Chair*.....Evelyn Dudas

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➤ The official KDA Web address:  
[www.dudasdiving.com/kda.html](http://www.dudasdiving.com/kda.html)



*IT IS STILL 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 in the garage across High Street if you stay until 9:30! Follow Rt. 3 into town , 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.**

### Keystone Divers Association 2009 Membership Application

New Member

Renewal Member

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Nite: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer# \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Certifying Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (for online newsletter): \_\_\_\_\_

Tom Gifford, handyman/carpenter/diver, needs work! He does kitchens, remodeling, whatever you want! Call Shop for reference!

The KDA *NORMALLY* 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, 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 via side scan sonar!

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

**Wednesday, May 6, 2009 Barnaby's – Dan Crowell, *Deep Explorers* @ 8 P.M.! Meeting begins @ 7:00.**

## ***DIVER'S ED***

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| Scubadiver (Sundays, March 1 <sup>st</sup> ) @ West Chester YMCA .....  | 9 AM - 2 PM               |
| Scubadiver (Mondays March 9 <sup>th</sup> ) @ UMLY .....                | 6 – 9 PM                  |
| Scubadiver (Tuesdays March 17th) @ West Chester YMCA .....              | 7 – 10 PM                 |
| Scubadiver (Mondays April 20 <sup>th</sup> ) @ UMLY .....               | 6-9PM                     |
| Scubadiver (Sundays, April 26 <sup>th</sup> ) @ West Chester YMCA ..... | 9AM – 2PM                 |
| NITROX Thursday March 19 <sup>th</sup> @ DDD .....                      | 6 PM – 10 PM              |
| CPR Wed. March 11 <sup>th</sup> @DDD .....                              | 6 PM – 10PM               |
| Advanced Class .....  | May 16 & 17 Dutch Springs |
| Dry Suit May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ UMLY 7 PM- 9PM (pool).....              | May 16 Dutch Springs      |
| Advanced Nitrox Starting Wed. April 14 <sup>th</sup> @ DDD .....        | 6 – 10PM                  |

❖ 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 very 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 as Andrew gets Cavern & Cave Intro Certified!!***

***Cave diving and open water diving and certification dives***

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| Boston Sea Rovers .....   | March 6, 7, 8                             |
| Beneath the Sea .....   | March 27, 28, 29                          |
| Key Largo.....  | April 2-6                                 |
| 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                           |
| KDA DAY at DUTCH SPRINGS.....   | September 12                              |
| St. Lucia.....  | September 19-26, 2009                     |
| Cozumel.....  | Oct. 24 -31                               |
| 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 page 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!!**

## *Notes from the President*

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### **NYC INTREPID SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM FIELD TRIP.....MAY 9, 2009**

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, 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 46<sup>th</sup> 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 one-hour guided tour will cost \$22.00 per person. If we can generate enough interest, we can finalize these plans for a trip on May 9 (Mother's Day weekend). 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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**Did you know there are many ways to show your support for the club in addition to paying your member dues on time?** Did you know that the club regularly treats our guest speakers to dinner? Did you know our guest speakers are typically paid an honorarium speaker's fee? Did you know that postage rates have more than doubled in the 20+ years I've been associated with the club & I don't think we've EVER increased our membership dues. These are just a few things to think about when your wondering what you can do as a club member to support your club.

So the next time you are reading your news letter or truly enjoying the speaker's presentation, please take a minute to think about these expenses and ask one of your club officers how you can contribute directly towards offsetting these expenses. Thank you.

- *Michael Richardson, President, Keystone Divers Association*

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### **KEY WEST, FLA., BUYS GHOST FLEET SHIP**

<http://cruelkev2.blogspot.com>, December 18, 2008

*Thanks to Lee Wahler*

“One-time Ghost Fleet ship the Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg was sold on the federal courthouse steps this morning to the city of Key West, Fla., for \$1.35 million, paving the way for its sinking as an artificial reef. The Vandenberg, a World War II-era missile range ship, has been sitting at Colonna's Shipyard on the Elizabeth River as lawyers fought in federal court over unpaid bills. Colonna's was owed around \$1.6 million for cleaning the ship to make it ready for scuttling. “The artificial reef project had been put on hold because of the debts, but Florida's governor recently announced a \$1.6 million grant to push the project through. Key West plans to sink the ship as a tourist attraction about 6 miles off its coast. The Vandenberg had been part of the James River Reserve Fleet.”

**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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## **DIVERS AND FISHERMEN WORRY ABOUT POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF MARINE SANCTUARY**

Susan West, Island Free Press, December 9, 2008

*Thanks to Lee Wahler of the Ranger Reporter*

*The Ranger Reporter was unable to verify that NOAA, in fact, has any plans to expand the size of the sanctuary. (Text reparagraphed to conserve space.)*

“Fishermen and divers urged federal officials to hold-the-course and not expand the boundaries of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary at a meeting Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum. “I’m more than happy with the status quo’, John Pieno, owner of a diving business in Hatteras, told representatives of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. Pieno said he did not support expansion of the sanctuary to include other shipwrecks, such as merchant vessels sunk by German U-boats during World War II. Increased restrictions on anchoring vessels and fishing would prove harmful to Outer Banks communities, he said.

“The meeting at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum was one in a series of public scoping meetings held as revision of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary management plan gets underway. The wreck of the Civil War ironclad rests about 16 miles offshore of Cape Hatteras. In 1975, the one-mile area surrounding the wreck became the country’s first national marine sanctuary. The sanctuary is managed by a plan written in 1983 that protects the wreck from damage by human activities, such as vessel anchoring and fishing, and controls access to the site through a permitting system. “David Alberg, Monitor Sanctuary superintendent, said a comprehensive review is long overdue. ‘Ideally management plans should be reviewed every five years, but that’s not a federal requirement,’ he explained. “Public comment Thursday indicated that restricted access to additional offshore waters is a huge concern for many Outer Banks residents. Steve Wilson of Ocracoke drew a comparison to the creation of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and subsequent restrictions on off-road vehicle and pedestrian access to the seashore. ‘As we’ve learned, there are no guarantees, and expanding the sanctuary could have unforeseen consequences detrimental to the villages,’ Wilson warned. Hatteras charter-boat captain and sanctuary advisory council member Jay Kavanagh added, ‘The concern is that any expansion could be a vehicle to introduce future fishing restrictions.’

“The National Marine Fisheries Service regulates fishing in federal waters, but sanctuary management also affects fishing. In 2007, protected areas within the Channel Islands Sanctuary were expanded to permanently ban fishing in almost 111 square miles. Alberg noted that while comments Thursday night in Hatteras ran against expansion of the sanctuary, comments at other public meetings have supported protection of resources outside of the current site. He said all comments would be reviewed. “Expansion of existing sanctuaries is not uncommon. In November, an updated management plan for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary off California increased the size of the protected area by 775 square feet. Expansion of the Flowers Garden Banks Sanctuary in the Gulf of Mexico has been proposed, and legislation expanding the Thunder Bay Sanctuary was introduced last summer. Alberg said the Monitor management review process is expected to take anywhere from two to three years. A draft management plan should be developed by the summer of 2010. “The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries will take comments on management of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary until February 1, 2009. Comments can be sent to shannon.ricles@noaa.gov or to Monitor NMS, 100 Museum Dr., Newport News, Va. 23606. More information is available at <http://monitor.noaa.gov>.”

### **Fellow Divers: A Dire Message from Gary Gentile:** *(from his newsletter of January 2009)*

“Now I must issue a dire warning that NOAA, archenemy of the American public and destroyer of democracy, is continuing its efforts to expand its dictatorial jurisdiction over shipwrecks. Because Congress placed a temporary hold on the creation of new marine sanctuaries, NOAA implemented a movement to extend the boundaries of the present sanctuaries in order to take over domination of more shipwrecks.

An eightfold expansion is already underway in the Thunder Bay sanctuary. Next on NOAA's nefarious agenda are two other expansions: doubling the size of the Stellwagen Bank sanctuary, and a thousand fold increase in size of the Monitor sanctuary. That's right - a thousand fold increase, at least.

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**NOW is the time to write to your congressional representative and file notice of your objection.**

The two U-boats that will be affected are the *U-85* and the *U-701*. If you want to see these U-boats before NOAA takes them away, you had better visit them soon. The GPS coordinates for the U-85 are 35-54.810 N / 75-17.215 W; for the U-701 they are 35-14.330 N / 75-06.690 W.”

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EBD just made a DVD/Movie with Bart Malone promoting diving for those over 55!!!

Evelyn's O2 gas Analyser (Analox) was *borrowed* last quarry session from the DDD truck. **PLEASE RETURN IT!!**

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# FIRST CLASS

NEXT MEETING: March 4, 2009



*The Keystone Diver's Association presents:*

## VINCE CAPONE

*Virtuoso: Side Scan Sonar Vision!*

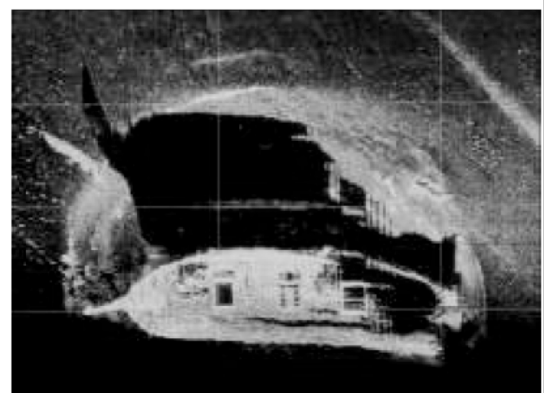
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