

# UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

## KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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May 2009

*Next KDA Meeting:*

**Wednesday, May 6, 2009**

**DAN CROWELL**

*Sinking the Artificial Reef USS Oriskany*

***Barnaby's, 15 South High Street  
(Top floor) West Chester, PA***

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

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The massive aircraft carrier rests in 212 feet of water in a north-south orientation on the sandy bottom and an overall height of 151 feet. There is plenty of ship to view within recreational dive limits and even more for those willing to take on a more challenging adventure into labyrinth of decks and companion ways.

An award-winning film-maker, videographer and technical dive instructor, **Dan Crowell** has been involved with countless expeditions, exploring many of the offshore shipwrecks in the deeper waters of the lower North Atlantic and around the world. Dan is also the Director of Photography for Seeker Digital Productions and Director of Underwater Photography for KPI; together they are working on developing new underwater content and programming for cable and network TV.

[www.deepexplorers.com](http://www.deepexplorers.com)



**Buster Says:**

*Your regulator's gone bust  
& your suit fits...just!  
Time to go shopping  
at DUDAS you must!*

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

*The Atlantic is...NOW OPEN  
for business!!!!*

### **Last KDA Meeting: April 1, 2009!**

After a 2-year absence we were treated to *ANOTHER* rare bite-you-in-the-bum appearance by **THE Mike Ball** of **Mike Ball Expeditions** – **THE** Great Barrier Reef name in twin hull liveaboards and superior service!! This marvelously appointed vessel w/29 max guests, a crew of 12 & 14 bathrooms that otherwise could hold 400 people if it weren't fitted for your diving pleasure, serves the far north barrier reef and the Coral Sea (Papua, New Guinea ops ceased 2007). And to top it off they just did a refit this year – it's brand spanking new and ready to take YOU up out of Cairns, Australia's east coast, about 100 miles to dive 3 sites/5 dives a day on the barrier reef between Cooktown and Lizard Island! There's photo services available and solo dive protocol & rebreather service for the *SERIOUS* photographer. Imagine flying low over and then diving the *Cod Hole* with cod the size of a diver in the deep Coral Sea to the tune of plummeting walls, gin clear water and sensationally soft coral! You are **ASSURED** of a rare adventure seeking shark as this is one of the few thriving shark areas left in the world! Swim from Thursday to Thursday from February to October with scalloped hammerheads, manta, mahi-mahi off Lizard Island, so named for the monitor lizard by Capt. Cook in 1770! Maybe you'd prefer the June and July peak Minke whale season @ Lighthouse bommie where they dangle you behind the expansive liveboard and let the whales swim up to you! Along with the complimentary soft drinks & snacks between dives and wine with dinner on the house, this is the only liveboard without a fuel levy because of the way they conserve their diesel use! He shared the stage with one-time Mike Ball salesman, **Ron Stevens**, now the famous marine dot artist **Rogest**, designer of *Scubaopoly* and fine artwork for sale to benefit many many fund raising organizations world wide. In fact, **Jeff Heim, Dr. Arch Mac, Frank Fish, Reiner, & Tina** from *Poseidon* all won signed *Rogest* prints! The free trip was won by the lucky **Dan Calder**! [www.MikeBallExpeditions.com](http://www.MikeBallExpeditions.com) and [www.Rogest.com](http://www.Rogest.com)! Arch (who?) took the 50-50!CU 5-6-9!

### **NJ SHIPWRECK SYMPOSIUM**

**May 2, 2009 from 2 to 6 pm.**

Please visit <http://www.njhda.org/eventspage.html> for more information, directions and reservations.

A great program is planned & also features a sneak preview of the recently expanded New Jersey Shipwreck Museum!

**KDA PICNIC: Wednesday, June 3 @ DDD**  
Festivities begin @ 6 PM. All-Day Sale at Dudas Diving Duds starts at noon!

## upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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

**Wednesday, May 6 @ 8 PM!**

**\* Dan Crowell:**

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**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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[www.dudasdiving.com/kda.html](http://www.dudasdiving.com/kda.html)



*IT IS STILL COLD IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC...*

*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 (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 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, May 6, 2009 Barnaby's** – award-winning film-maker, videographer and technical dive instructor, **Dan Crowell** on the sinking of the artificial reef **USS Oriskany @ 8 P.M.!** Meeting begins @ 7:00.

**Wednesday, June 3, 2009 Could it be the PICNIC already???** On the Front Lawn of DDD! Picnic/festivities begin @ 6 PM The Great Big All-Day Sale at Dudas Diving Duds starts at noon!

**Wednesday, July 1, 2009 Back 2 Barnaby's** –8 P.M. Meeting begins @ 7:00.

## DIVER'S ED

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| Scuba diver @ West Chester YMCA.....               | Tuesdays, May 5 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Scuba diver @ UMLY.....                            | Mondays, May 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Scuba diver @ West Chester YMCA.....               | Tuesdays, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                       |
| Scuba diver @ UMLY.....                            | Mondays, July 20 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Advanced Classes.....                              | May 16 & 17, June 13 & 14 or July 25 & 26                             |
| Nitrox Classes.....                                | May 21 <sup>st</sup> , June 18 <sup>th</sup> or July 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Rescue Classes.....                                | May 20 <sup>th</sup> , June 24 <sup>th</sup> or July 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| PADI CPR/First Response or NAUI CPR/First Aid..... | May 13 <sup>th</sup> , June 10 <sup>th</sup> or July 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Dry Suit Classes.....                              | May 11 <sup>th</sup> , June 8 <sup>th</sup> or July 13 <sup>th</sup>  |

❖ 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 – for kids age 10-18!**

**(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: May 17-25, NSS Conference**

**Call DDD (610) 436-0176**

Cave diving and open water diving and certification dives

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| DUI DEMO DAYS at Dutch Springs.....                               | May 16, 17                                |
| Belize (WHALE SHARKS!) ....ONE SPOT LEFT.....                     | May 23-30                                 |
| Ultila.....   | June 13-20                                |
| Key Largo.....  | July 9-13                                 |
| Shark Tooth Ocean Diving, North Carolina (only 3 spots left)..... | August 26-28                              |
| KDA DAY at DUTCH SPRINGS.....                                     | September 12                              |
| St. Lucia.....  | September 19-26                           |
| New Zealand diving on the Mikhail Lermontov.....                  | November 17-24                            |
| Boanire @ Captain Don's Habitat.....                              | January 23-31, 2010                       |
| 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 the DDD website and click "Travel Diving," and look for the link on the left that says "Dive Travel Insurance!"

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

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c/o Dudas Diving Duds, Inc.  
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West Chester, PA 19382  
(610) 436-0176

# FIRST CLASS

NEXT MEETING: May 6, 2009



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