

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 272

June 2009

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

KDA PICNIC

*Bring your friends, kids, appetite,
& a dish to share*

Dudas Diving Duds

Front Lawn: 104 Bartram's Lane

West Chester, PA

Picnic @ 6 PM til...!

We do this once a year and every time we have more fun than the last! Bring your friends, your kids, an appetite, and a dish and dive stories to share with all the folks you've known for 20 years or just the last 20 minutes! Only a \$5 donation for food and \$5 buys you a cup for all the beer you can drink. R.S.V.P. to DDD (610) 436-0176 or email mail@dudasdiving.com and let us know what you are bringing: Appetizer, salad or dessert!



Buster Says:

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

You got a problem with that?.

Put a lift bag on it.

*www.dudasdiving.com for a
COMPLETE dive schedule!*

Come up to Dutch Springs for a Dive Social Day! Just want to get in the water and hang out? Come dive with us on June 27, July 25, August 22, Sept 12, & Oct 17!

Last KDA Meeting: May 6, 2009!

Construction actually began on the Essex class carrier, the *USS Oriskany*, in 1944 but had to quickly be re-engineered to handle the *new* jets! Nicknamed "Mighty O," she was commissioned September 1950, served in Korea&Vietnam, was decommissioned in September 1976, then sunk off of Pensacola, Florida in 2006 to serve as an artificial reef and a diving site. Arrow crabs, octopus and urchins had already moved in by the time award-winning film-maker, videographer and technical dive instructor, **Dan Crowell**, and his small group made their first expedition about a year later. Despite the fact that the massive aircraft carrier is 20 miles out, the size of the Titanic (888 feet long – that's THREE football fields) and rests in 212 feet of water, there is plenty of ship to view within recreational limits – the top of the deck is at 137 feet & the overall height is 151 feet making a quick visit to her massive control towers, which guided some 12,000 flights from her deck, about 60 feet! There was so much ground to cover (she even had escalators) that his expedition of photographers used scooters & *Inspiration* rebreathers to get about (Dan'll teach ya how to use one if you'd like). Quite a vantage point looking up at the massive bow from down on the bottom!

Dan has an upcoming trip to the Graveyard of the Atlantic, the *Monitor* and the nearby wrecks of North Carolina's Outer Banks. With that in mind, we touched a bit on the controversial matter of governmental restriction to wreck sites. As we know wrecks like the U-853 where divers once viewed skeletal remains now are only skeletal remains themselves. It is becoming increasingly critical to preserve our cultural heritage. Unfortunately this now entails preserving artifacts from private collections which is a bit sticky wicket because most were gathered illegitimately in the eyes of the Navy which still considers it illegal to take stuff from a warship!

Check www.deepexplorers.com from time to time to see what else they have cooking for *The Military Channel*. **Robert Montrada** took the 50-50, **Dave Latimus** the mask & **Dennis Litwin** the DVD! CU 6-3-9 at 6!

KDA PICNIC (in lieu of regular meeting)
Wednesday, June 3, 2009 from 6 PM – til!
on the FRONT LAWN of DDD!

DDD Big Sale begins at noon in the Shoppe!

Bring your friends, kids, chairs and a dish & dive stories to share! Food festivities begin @ 6 PM. All-Day Sale at Dudas Diving Duds starts at noon!
Big Raffle to help support the KDA speaker fund!

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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

Wednesday, June 3 @ 6 PM – til?

* **KDA PICNIC** nominal fee for a plate of food!

**Dudas Diving Duds,
104 Bartram's Lane, West Chester, PA!**

PICNIC FROM 6 – CNIC PRSALE AT NOON!!

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

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

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



**WHAT... YOU STILL WON'T DIVE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC...or the quarry...
then 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

GREAT NEWS MEMBERS: FREE AIR 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 (no Barnaby's this month)
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, June 3, 2009 Could it be the KDA 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 – The Langevins are back with their BTS production of "Women of Northeast Wreck Diving". Speaker @ 8 P.M.! Meeting begins @ 7:00.

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 Barnaby's –Speaker @ 8 P.M.! Meeting begins @ 7:00.

DIVER'S ED

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| Scuba diver @ UMLY..... | Mondays June 8 th |
| Scuba diver @ West Chester YMCA..... | Tuesdays June 23 rd |
| Scuba diver @ UMLY..... | Mondays July 20 th |
| Scuba diver @ West Chester YMCA..... | Tuesdays August 1 st |
| Advanced Class..... | June 13 & 14, July 25 & 26, or August 1 & 2 |
| Nitrox | June 18, July 16, or August 20 |
| Dry Suit | June 8, July 13, or August 10 |
| Rescue | June 24, July 15, or August 6 |
| CPR/First Response..... | June 10, July 8, or August 12 |
| Tech Nitrox/ Deco | Call for details |
| ❖ 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 & 27th) OR July 20-25 (quarry 24 & 25th)

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
Call DDD (610) 436-0176 to go along and get Cavern & Cave Certified!

Cave diving and open water diving and certification dives

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| Utila, Bay Islands, Honduras..... | June 13 – 20 |
| Key Largo | July 9 – 13 |
| Shark Tooth Ocean Diving, North Carolina (only 2 spots left)..... | August 26 – 28 |
| St Lawrence Seaway, Canada..... | August 1 & 2 |
| KDA DAY at DUTCH SPRINGS..... | September 12 |
| Anse Chastenet, St. LuciaA few spots left !!Luxury Accommodations!..... | September 19 – 26 |
| Cozumel..... | October 17-24 |
| New Zealand diving on the Mikhail Lermontov..... | November 17 – 24 |
| Bonaire | 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 & SIGN UP 2 GO DIVING!

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

FIRST CLASS

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2009



The Keystone Diver's Association presents:

KDA PICNIC

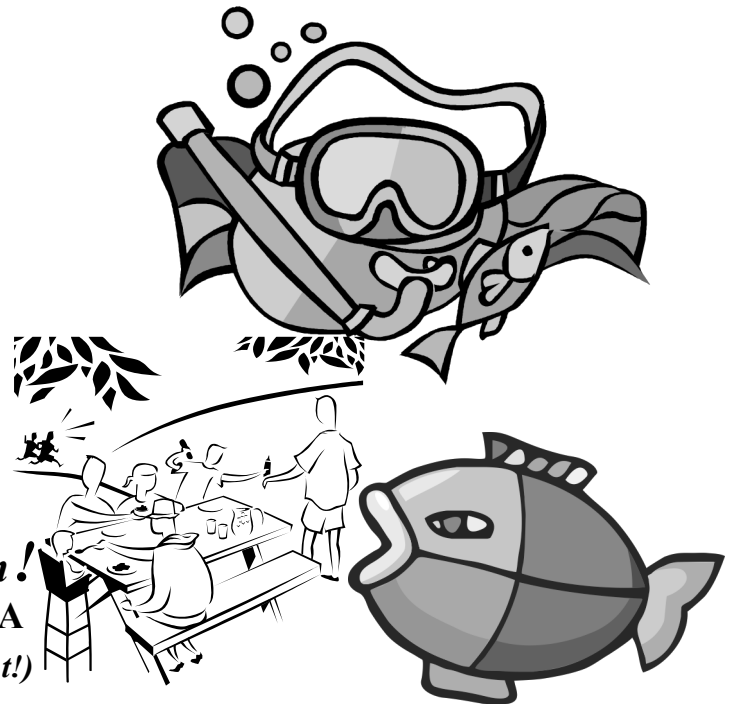
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Dudas Diving Duds front lawn!

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