

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, Sept 2, 2009

BART MALONE

Northeast Wreck Diving

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

Meeting @ 7 PM, Speaker @ 8 PM!

Bart Malone has made more than 170 logged dives to the *Andrea Doria* since he first reached the wreck in 1985 and for years served as a mate on the *Seeker*, one of the two principal dive boats to work the *Andrea Doria*. Diver **Bart Malone** has dozens of pieces of *Andrea Doria* crystal and silver on display in his Bellmawr, NJ home. The 63-year-old retired carpenter has descended to the ship 171 times; his artifact collection is so large it fills his shed, backyard, and many rooms in his house. "I'm in it for the artifacts," Malone says. "I love the search, the recovery, the preservation." *Don't MISS it!* Call DDD (610) 436-0176 or email mail@dudasdiving.com for more information!

Sunday, September 12, 2009 all DDDay!

Dutch Springs Picnic w/THE KDA!

Bring your friends, kids, salad, appetizer or dessert & dive stories to share! Club will provide the burgers and dogs. Pick up a discount coupon at the store (it's only a buck off but every little bit helps)!

Come diving with your fellow KDA members!

Maybe even camp out the nite B4!



Buster Says:

*Come dive where it's SPRING
ALL year long...
Dutch Springs
Ginnie Springs
you CAN'T go wrong!*

www.dudasdiving.com for a
COMPLETE dive schedule!

Last KDA Meeting: August 5, 2009!

Well, it's happened again! We came to see **Capt. Maureen Langevin's** presentation on *Women of Northeast Wreck Diving* and ended up on Cocos Island! Like I said! You just *never* know what surprises our guest speakers have in store until you actually ATTEND a KDA meeting at *Barnaby's!* **Captain Maureen Langevin** is an experienced [PADI](#) certified [instructor](#), technical scuba diver and USCG Certified Boat Captain w/over 10 years of experience in NJ Wreck Diving and Spearfishing. She also has advanced certifications in Advanced Nitrox and Decompression Procedures from [TDI](#). **Maureen** is the chief producer for the *Dive Voyager Team* and this is her story: Back in the day when the earth was new and diving had just begun; only MEN could belong to a dive club! Oh women could tag along, bring the food and take the minutes – they just couldn't *belong!* Well, these pioneering women put a stop to THAT – can't belong? NO FOOD! Well, they got their membership AND their place in history! **June Kieser** was the first female YMCA instructor back in 1959 - in fact, she *taught Steve Bielenda!* Once put in his place, he realized how capable women in diving actually were, so he went on to hire **Sally Wahrmann** to crew on the *Wahoo* from 1982 – 1997. She and her buddy **Capt. Janet Biesler** (also Capt. Of the *Wahoo*), captured LOTS of artifacts from the *Doria*. And speaking of artifacts from the *Doria*, **Evelyn Dudas** was the first female to dive her in 1961! For \$30/day, no pressure gauge and a 10-min deco, the sea was all hers! You can read more on **EBD's** fascinating story by picking up a copy of the *Sunday Inquirer* from a couple of weeks ago – front page stuff, too! As the result of her 35-yr *labor of love* nautical collection & passion for the Jersey Shore, **Deb Whitcraft** opened the *Museum of NJ Maritime History* in Beach Haven in 2007. **Capt. Maureen** and her featured women divers ALL share a love of diving Northeast wrecks! This is a great show and very well presented - visit her at www.divethevoyager.com and get a copy! Last year she presented *Pioneers of NE Wreck Diving* and she has in the pipeline a presentation of the Old Hardhat diving off the NJ coast! As a special treat we got a preview of her *Cocos Island* show! 36 hours on the *Undersea Hunter* takes you across 350 miles of ocean somewhere between Costa Rica and the Galapagos Islands to 10 sq miles of rocky reefs, a declared national park, where skiffs take you upstream and drop you in to dive with whale sharks and hammerheads! Sadly the hammerheads (seen on EVERY dive) don't reach sexual maturity until 10 years of age, so their replenishing levels are low & many can be seen with hooks hanging from their mouths! **Tim Urbanski** won the 50-50 *again* (but he did turn all the \$\$ back to the club so we won't complain). CU 9-2-09

The KDA has gone virtual on FACEBOOK:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Keystone-Divers-Association/109216253318>

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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

Wednesday, Sept 2 @ 8 PM

* **BART MALONE:**

*North Carolina Shark Tooth &
NORTHEAST WRECK DIVING!*

**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
Fundraising Chair Tracy Rogers
Newsletter Circulation Bill Savage

*SPECIAL THANKS TO BILL FOR HIS EFFORTS OVER
THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS!*

➤ **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 (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 *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, September 2, 2009 *Barnaby's!* Bart Malone @ 8! N.Carolina Sharktooth Diving. Mtg. begins @ 7.

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 *Barnaby's* – Speaker @ 8 PM! Meeting begins @ 7 PM.

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 *Barnaby's* – Speaker @ 8 PM. Meeting begins @ 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, December 2 – *Bring Your Own Cookies Party* @ DDD! **Sunday, December 6 or 13** – Holiday Dinner!

DIVER'S ED

Scubadiver @ UMLY.....	Mondays July 12
Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCA.....	Tuesdays August 1st
Scubadiver @ UMLY.....	Mondays
Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCA.....	Tuesdays
Advanced Class.....	July 25 & 26 or August 1 & 2
Nitrox.....	July 16 or August 20
Dry Suit.....	July 13 or August 10
Rescue.....	July 15 or August 6
CPR/First Response.....	July 8 or August 12
Tech Nitrox/Deco.....	Call for details
❖ <i>Other Specialty Diver Classes being scheduled – call DDD (610) 436-0176! Private & semi-private lessons upon request!</i>	

Specialty Classes are our Specialty!

Dudas Diving Duds!

Lots of our very popular programs! Classes fill up FAST – call SOON to enroll!

DIVE TRAVEL

Ginnie Springs, North Florida, Cave/Cavern Dive with Evelyn
Call DDD (610) 436-0176 to go along and get Cavern & Cave Certified!

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.....spots going fast!!	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!!

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.\

Jumbo squid invade San Diego shores, spook divers

By GILLIAN FLACCUS, AP

SAN DIEGO — Thousands of jumbo flying squid — aggressive 5-foot-long sea monsters with razor-sharp beaks and toothy tentacles — have invaded the shallow waters off San Diego, spooking scuba divers and washing up dead on tourist-packed beaches.

The carnivorous calamari, which can grow up to 100 pounds, came up from the depths last week and swarms of them roughed up unsuspecting divers. Some divers report tentacles enveloping their masks and yanking at their cameras and gear.

Stories of too-close encounters with the alien-like cephalopods have chased many veteran divers out of the water and created a whirlwind of excitement among the rest, who are torn between their personal safety and the once-in-a-lifetime chance to swim with the deep-sea giants.

The so-called Humboldt squid are native to the deep waters off Mexico, where they have been known to attack humans and are nicknamed "red devils" for their rust-red coloring and mean streak. Those who dive with them there chum the water with bait and sometimes get in a metal cage or wear chain mail to avoid being lashed by tentacles.

"I wouldn't go into the water with them for the same reason I wouldn't walk into a pride of lions on the Serengeti," said Mike Bear, a local diver. "For all I know, I'm missing the experience of a lifetime."

The squid are too deep to bother swimmers and surfers, but many longtime divers say they are staying out of the surf until the sea creatures clear out. Yet other divers, including Shandra Magill, couldn't resist the chance to see the squid up close.

On a recent night, Magill watched in awe as a dozen squid with doleful, expressive eyes circled her group, tapping and patting the divers and gently bumping them before dashing away.

One especially large squid suspended itself motionless in the water about three feet away and peered at her closely, its eyes rolling, before it vanished into the black. A shimmering incandescence rippled along its body, almost as if it were communicating through its skin.

But the next night, things were different: A large squid surprised Magill by hitting her from behind and grabbing at her with its arms, pulling her sideways in the water. The powerful creature ripped her buoyancy hose away from her chest and knocked away her light.

When Magill recovered, she didn't know which direction was up and at first couldn't find the hose to help her stay afloat as she surfaced. The squid was gone.

"I just kicked like crazy. The first thing you think of is, 'Oh my gosh, I don't know if I'm going to survive this. If that squid wanted to hurt me, it would have,'" she said.

Other divers have reported squid pulling at their masks and gear and roughing them up.

Roger Uzun, a veteran scuba diver and amateur underwater videographer, swam with a swarm of the creatures for about 20 minutes and said they appeared more curious than aggressive. The animals taste with their tentacles, he said, and seemed to be touching him and his wet suit to determine if he was edible.

"As soon as we went underwater and turned on the video lights, there they were. They would ram into you, they kept hitting the back of my head," he said.

"One got ahold of the video light head and yanked on it for two or three seconds and he was actually trying to take the video light with him," said Uzun, who later posted a 3-minute video with his underwater footage on YouTube. "It almost knocked the video camera out of my hands."

Scientists aren't sure why the squid, which generally live in deep, tropical waters off Mexico and Central America, are swarming off the Southern California coast — but they are concerned.

In recent years, small numbers have been spotted from California to Sitka, Alaska — an alarming trend that scientists believe could be caused by anything from global warming to a shortage of food or a decline in the squid's natural predators.

In 2005, a similar invasion off San Diego delighted fishermen and, in 2002, thousands of jumbo flying squid washed up on the beaches here. That year, workers removed 12 tons of dead and dying squid.

This summer, the wayward squid have also been hauled up by fisherman in waters off Orange County, just north of San Diego.

Research suggests the squid may have established a year-round population off California at depths of 300 to 650 feet, said Nigella Hillgarth, executive director of the Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Divers this summer have been encountering them at about 60 to 80 feet down, they said.

Swarms off the coast — and the subsequent die-offs — may occur when their prey moves to shallow waters and the squid follow, and then get trapped and confused in the surf, said Hillgarth, who saw a dying squid on the beach last weekend.

"It was an amazing privilege to touch a creature like that and see how amazingly beautiful it was," she said. "They have these wonderful eyes. ... They look all-seeing, all-knowing."

That's the kind of description that pulls veteran divers such as Raleigh Moody back to the pitch-black water, despite the danger.

"My usual dive buddy, he didn't want to come out," said Moody, as he prepared for a night dive with another friend. "There are some divers (who) just don't want to deal with it and there are some like me that, until they hear of something bad happening, I'm going to be an idiot and go back in the water."

Roger Uzun's full video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcKQt5hHDXg> or go to UTube and type "Humbolt Squid" in the search block. Or watch the Squaba Car: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwStjAS9xTY>

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

If you haven't been diving in the last 2 weeks you are missing the best conditions of the year! The ocean has been literally flat everyday. It's going to be a great summer!



Instructor Terry Coburn spotted this juvenile Lion Fish on the backside of Lighthouse Ledge in 65 feet. She was not equipped for capture at the time. If you happen to be on the reef and have the proper nets etc. to capture this invasive species please do before they get established like in the Bahamas.

Contact: reef.org for sightings and information

Normally I stick to more localized issues, but a friend of mine and fellow shark enthusiasts Gary Atkins from the Shark Foundation asked me to pass this on.

Recently the Discovery Channel had the option to tell the remarkable success story of how the Shark Foundation took a dead fished out reef area turned it into a protected marine park. Fish & shark populations rebounded, jobs were created, the local fishery increased from the spill over effect. Money is being donated from diving revenue to the local hospital and schools. The local economic output has increased while preserving and enriching the environment. In addition cutting edge shark research is being performed using GPS tracking and SAT tags.



Unfortunately this story doesn't equal ratings!

Instead they chose to create a false and unsafe feeding event in order to try and provoke a shark attack in the name of ratings for Shark Week! They dumped thousands of pounds of chum on the site in an attempt to pull to the surface the normally deeper dwelling species of bull and silver tipped sharks in an effort to get footage of sharks tearing into a tuna fish stuffed wetsuit which was portrayed as an unsuspecting diver. "Jaws" died decades ago! The sharks and the oceans need our help and in "the day" Discovery set the bar of credibility high in their programming and scientific content. Sadly today it has become a travesty of ratings seeking "fear" mongering. Please sign the petition and forward it to all your friends and encourage Discovery to educate their audience and not scare them with sensationalism. The JAWS mentality died 30 years ago.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/Boycott-Shark-Week>

The Sharks, The People of Fiji, Gary Atkins, Richard Finkus Myself, and The Shark Foundation USA Thank You!!!!

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has scheduled a series of public workshops this month to receive comments on the management of sharks. The FWC is seeking feedback on options for amending its shark management rules that would comply with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Coastal Sharks. The Commission wants to hear public comments regarding the recreational and commercial harvest of sharks in state waters of Florida, including possible changes to shark bag and size limits, the prohibited shark species list, and shark landing requirements and gear rules. The FWC encourages interested persons to participate, let your voice be heard.

Stop the practice of sharks being killed simply for mounts. It is a common practice of charter boats to kill a shark when the client expresses interest in mounting. There are 2 reasons for this, it helps keep the client from backing out at the dock and it is great advertisement for the people waiting at the dock. Taxidermists kick back large sums of money to the crew as a commission. Ask FWC to make live shark mounts illegal.

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FIRST CLASS

NEXT MEETING: September 2, 2009



The Keystone Diver's Association presents:

BART MALONE

NORTHEAST WRECK DIVING!

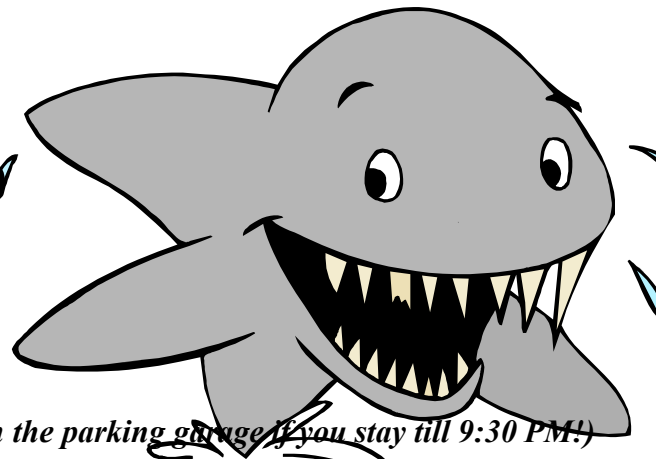
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(610) 696-1400 (FREE parking directly across the street in the parking garage if you stay till 9:30 PM!)



Beat the heat! Come on over to Barnaby's in West Chester for a cool beer, a cool speaker in a cool room with a cool bunch of divers and listen to a hot topic!