

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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January 2010

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

A Return to Grenada

*Featuring a fusion of 7 wreck-diving adventures by
the Caribbean Casanova himself,*

MICHAEL DUDAS!

Barnaby's, 15 South High Street

(Top floor) West Chester, PA

Meeting @ 7 PM, Speaker @ 8 PM!

Live the adventure! Dive the warm water! Go on an intense wreck-diving escapade "on board" the Bianca C in another great show by **Michael Dudas** featuring his photos & those of his dear old mom, Evelyn! The **Bianca C** is a key site to visit when Scuba Diving in Grenada. She is justifiably known as the 'Titanic of the Caribbean' due to her sheer size and presence. She has few rivals in the realms of warm water wreck diving. The **Bianca C** has been listed as one of the 'top ten' worldwide wreck sites by several diving magazines and international experts. This enormous 180 (600') meter-long Cruise Liner sank in 1961 and sits upright on her keel in 50 meters (165') of water. The diving on this awesome Grenada wreck never fails to impress and amaze divers. A great place to begin your dive is at the 'swimming pool' before working along towards her funnel and impressive foremast. During this swim towards the bow, keep your eyes open for spotted Eagle Rays (seen regularly), Reef and Nurse Sharks, schools of Atlantic Spadefish, large Moray Eels and Barracuda. The **Bianca C** is ideally located between an expansive reef system and the great blue which means the enjoyment of some fantastic pelagic marine life during the dive. This dive is restricted to 'Advanced' level divers only due to its depth.



Buster Says:

*It's another new year
to dive wrecks that are dear.
And a cold bottle of beer
to drink in the New Gear!*

**HAPPY NEW GEAR!
SHOP DUDAS DIVING DUDS!**

www.dudasdiving.com for a
COMPLETE dive schedule!

Last KDA Meeting: December 11, 2009!

It was the Bring Your Own Cookies & White Wine or Beer and Eat Lots of Shrimp and Caesar Salad Party @ DDD! As always, you guys brought some GREAT stuff to eat! We all enjoyed checking out the BIG DDD Holiday Shopping Sale while we munched and mingled!

Last SPECIAL KDA Event: December 6!

It was the **Holiday Dinner at the Mendenhall Inn**, Rt. 52 South right before the entrance to *Winthurtur!* Every year at the holiday dinner I am amazed at how well these skanky wetsuit and well-seasoned drysuit divers clean up! You would NEVER know that these are the same folks that the boat skipper hoses off his deck right before he hoses off the deck for the next charter! Thus adorned, we began with a nice little chit-chat in a well-appointed room over drinks from the Cash Bar followed by a quaint buffet dinner at 6 PM., but not before our soup and salad was served to the table! Immediately following the consumption of an assortment of scrumptiously chocolaty choices, we drew numbers for the infamous *Evelyn's EVIL Pollyanna!* In this game (if you DARE to call it that) the first person to go proceeds to the gift pile and selects and unwraps a gift. Each successive person follows the same procedure EXCEPT they can TAKE the gift of ANY of the people who have *unwrapped* before them and leave that poor soul with an undesirable reward to weep over on the way home! And finally that first person, that *mighty* first person gets to take a gift away from ANY one in the room – usually that one sought-after morsel that has passed thru countless hands during the course of the evening! On this nite it was the Smith dive hammer! Yea the man who trains his wife to fetch for him will always succeed over the man who only educates his dive buddy! Everyone got to take home a piece of KDA memorabilia and yet another fond memory! Many thanks to all who came out to support the KDA and to those who arranged the whole affair! A job WELL done! **At the end of the evening enough Basket of Cheer tickets were sold so it was decided to do the drawing! And the winner is: RITA MODESTI!** Many thanks to all who participated in supporting the KDA Speaker Fund! CU 1-6-10 @ Barnaby's!

The KDA has gone virtual on FACEBOOK:

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

**Say, you get those regs in for overhaul yet??
Salt on the roads is bad enough! Call the folks at
Dudas Diving Duds (610) 436-0176 or email:
Mail@DudasDiving.com**

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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

Wednesday, January 6 @ 8 PM

* Michael Dudas: Grenada!

Featuring a great show of pictures - an amalgamation of 7 trips to the Bianca C by Mike & his dear old mom, Evelyn!!

**Barnaby's of America Restaurant,
15 S. High Street, West Chester, PA!**

MEETING/RETURNS TO BARNABY'S JANUARY 6, 2010!

Our 2010 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



GUESS WHAT FOLKS...

Time to go SOUTH! 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 2010 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, January 6, 2010 We return to *Barnaby's!* Happy New Year! Meeting @7 Michael Dudas' grand show on Grenada & the Bianca C @ 8!

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 *Barnaby's!* Meeting @7. Brian Miller, *Aqua Lung* rep @ 8 PM!

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 *Barnaby's!* Meeting @7. tba

DIVER'S ED

Scuba diver @ Malvern & WC YMCA Weekend Class w/EBD.....	Saturday in February 2010
Scuba diver @ West Chester YMCA.....	Tuesdays - January 5, 2010
Scuba diver @ West Chester YMCA.....	Sundays - January 17, 2010
Scuba diver @ UMLY.....	Mondays - January 25, 2010
Nitrox @ DDD.....	Wednesday, January 13, 2010
CPR/First Response.....	Thursday, January 21, 2010
Scuba diver @ West Chester YMCA.....	Tuesdays, Feb. 16, 2010
Scuba diver @ West Chester YMCA.....	Sundays Feb. 28, 2010
Divemaster.....	Call for details

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

*** * * EBD's ACCELERATED SCUBA & SCOOTER CLASS! * * ***

Weekend Class in February – 2/19,2/20,2/21 & 2/26,2/27,2/28!

DIVE TRAVEL

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

Next trips: Martin Luther King W/E Jan 14-18, 2010; President's Day W/E Feb 11-15, 2010

Bonaire.....SOLD OUT!! (but upgrades available to ocean view rooms).....	January 23-31, 2010
Bonaire OCEAN VIEW ROOMS \$1895.00 pp, dbl occupancy.....	January 23-31, 2010
Key Largo.....	March 26-29, 2010
Boston Sea Rovers.....	March 5, 6, 7, 2010
Beneath the Sea.....	March 26, 27, 28, 2010
Grand Cayman.....	May 22 – 29, 2010
St. Lawrence.....	August 21-22, 2010
Roatan.....	Sept. 11 – 18, 2010
Truk Lagoon.....	One or two weeks Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 2010
Saba.....	November 6 – 13, 2010
St. Lucia.....2011
Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia.....Spring 2012

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!"

Keystone Divers' Association
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104 Bartram's Lane
West Chester, PA 19382
(610) 436-0176

FIRST CLASS

NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2010 Barnaby's

The Keystone Diver's Association presents:

Grenada: The Bianca C Seven Times Around!

Wednesday, January 6 @ 8 with

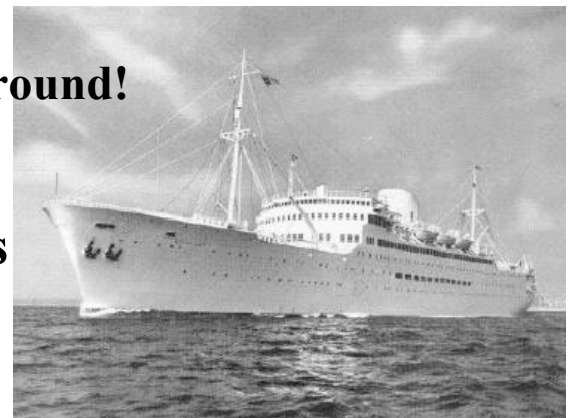
Michael Dudas of Dudas Diving Duds

Join us for a HAPPY NEW YEAR as we return to

Barnaby's in West Chester!

15 South High Street in West Chester, PA!

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



It's been another WONDERFUL year of diving! We've spent quality time with our favorite dive buddies & met some new ones along the way! Now's the time to come back to Barnaby's, get together with ALL of them, and do some eating, drinking, & general merry-making & start your big plans for 2010!