

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Capt. Stephen & Maureen Langevin
of Dive Voyager Expeditions

NJ Wreck Divers Recover Stolt Anchor
Plus Bonaire Women Divers Hall of Fame (WDHOF)

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

Meeting @ 7 PM; Speaker @ 8 PM!

Last KDA Meeting: March 3, 2010!

Captain Stephen Langevin is an experienced PADI certified instructor, technical scuba diver and USCG Certified Boat Captain with over 20 years of experience in NJ Wreck Diving. Stephen is an experienced Underwater Videographer, video editor and sound engineer. **Captain Maureen Langevin** is an experienced PADI certified instructor, technical scuba diver and USCG Certified Boat Captain. Maureen, who works behind the scenes to turn ideas into exciting expeditions, has over 10 years of experience in NJ Wreck Diving. Recently, she led the expedition to recover the 5,000-pound auxiliary stern anchor from the popular shipwreck the Stolt Dagali. *June 15, 2009, NJ Scuba Divers Message Board:* For nearly 45 years recreational divers explored the sunken stern section of the Norwegian tanker *Stolt Dagali*, lost in a collision in 1964, but only divers Steve and Maureen Langevin of Laurence Harbor knew about the anchor tucked under the starboard side of the wreck. On Sunday they recovered the 5,000-pound piece with help from a Belmar scallop boat, and brought it back to Shark River Inlet. The anchor will be donated to the Museum of New Jersey Maritime History in Beach Haven, Maureen Langevin said today. The anchor was a surprising find, because they are usually found near the forward part of shipwrecks, where anchors are stowed at sea and deployed when vessels reach harbor. "It's an auxiliary stern anchor. The only way we discovered the anchor was we took underwater video of the wreck. At first we thought it was part of the hull," Langevin said. Studying the video images indicated there was something unusual there, and three years ago Steven Langevin positively identified the anchor when it was temporarily revealed by a shift in the seafloor sands. After two years of planning an expedition was organized this spring with a core group of six divers and captain Hank Garvin of the research vessel *Garloo*, who brought his salvage experience and a pair of 2,000-pound-lift inflatable air bags. The divers pulled the anchor free of the wreck using the air bags June 7, "but we didn't have enough lift to shoot it to the surface," Maureen Langevin said. On Sunday they chartered the commercial scallop fishing boat *Kim Ann* from Belmar; after the Langevins got a cable attached to the anchor, captain Mark Vitolo hoisted it from 120 feet down to the deck of the fishing boat.

BUSTER SAYS:

*Oh Cavern of Divers
in waters cobalt!*

*Oh scooter-led wreck divers
beneath seas of salt.*

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Dive the N. Atlantic with Mike Dudas!*

**NEW TEK PROGRAM WILL BE
POSTED ON THE WEB SITE SOON!**



The glaciers were receding, the forecast was for more snow but a cold rain was falling and we were DESPARATE FOR DIVERSION! Would you come out of your igloo for some real mermaids!??? If you were driving your REALLY BORED kids on vacation back in the 1950's, there were no MP3 players or back seat videos, but there were some really cool roadside attractions established just for your relief! One of them featured the famous mermaids who to this day perform several shows a day at Weeki Wachee Springs in Hernando County, FL. I'm not kidding! Our guest speaker, **David Schott** of *Liquid Productions* had actual footage of them performing! O.k. so they cheated a bit with long air hoses at their disposal, but the crowd lined up in the auditorium behind the glass were at the edge of their seats! Now the real reason he was here was to dive down 180 feet beneath the Seminole-named springs to explore the caves where he and his team crammed themselves thru a 6' x 4' entrance in a 100-300 cu. ft. per min flow, then dragged lots of video and lighting gear behind them! Only once in a perhaps 10-year window of opportunity allows a dive here! And we were witness as we took an amazing look at the *extreme* end of cave diving in the video David presented – it has only been shown to the Explorer's Club! It looks small, but once thru the restriction and inside you don't feel the intense flow, and from a vantage point on the ceiling of the cave, it is obvious you could fly a 747 through it – AND it goes under an 8-lane highway: Rt. 19 South of Crystal River and North of Tampa, FL! I loved their post dive deco in the "habitat," that turned out to be the mermaid's 20' deep underwater changing room! As they explored underneath, a topside team monitored & mapped their progress via magnetic signal. The *Wakula Springs Project* pioneered the technology used on this mission, but that was all underwritten by *National Geographic*: The divers in THIS team all have *day jobs*! They used rebreathers as the cave is very deep – they have been to 400 feet and found it even deeper! A warning; the FL aquifer/water supply is pulling water faster than the rain water can ever replace it. In March 2009 **David Schott** performed as underwater & topside videographer for deep exploration dives for the **Weeki Wachee Springs Documentary**. A professional underwater videographer, diving since 1999, he lives in the Phila. Area, has logged thousands of both openwater & technical dives. **Chris Feret** won the 50-50; **Kristen Brinney** won the REEL chance! CU 4-7-10 @ 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?? Call Dudas Diving Duds (610) 436-0176 or email: Mail@DudasDiving.com Dive season SOON!

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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

Wednesday, April 7 @ 8 PM

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of Dive Voyager Expeditions**

** The Stolt Anchor Recovery+Bonaire Women Divers Hall of
Fame (WDHOF) that aired @ Beneath The Sea film Fest Sat.*

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

*** MEETING BEGINS AT 7 PM! ***

Our 2010 KDA officers:

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

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www.dudasdiving.com/kda.html



GUESS WHAT FOLKS...

The Great North Atlantic Opens Her Doors Soon!

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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, April 7, 2010 Barnaby's! Meeting @7. At 8 PM Capts. Steve & Maureen Langevin will present *The Stolt Anchor Recovery+Bonaire Women Divers Hall of Fame (WDHOF)* that aired @ *Beneath the Sea* Film Fest Sat.

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 Barnaby's! Meeting @ 7. Speaker @ 8 PM!

Wednesday, June 2, 2010 Barnaby's! Meeting @7. Mike Boring w/the WILHELM GUSTOFF plus deep wrecks off our coast! **Speaker @ 8!**

Wednesday, July 7 (Yes! A CHANGE from June!) It's the 25th annual KDA PICNIC! With Product REPS, maybe a bonfire, but absolutely NO RAIN!! On the front lawn of Dudas Diving Duds.

DIVER'S ED

Scubadiver @ Malvern & WC YMCA Weekend Class w/EBD Saturday in February 2010
Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCA Tuesdays - January 5, 2010
Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCA Sundays - January 17, 2010
Scubadiver @ UMLY Mondays - January 25, 2010
Nitrox @ DDD Wednesday, January 13, 2010
CPR/First Response Thursday, January 21, 2010
Divemaster Call for details
❖ *Other Specialty Diver Classes being scheduled – call DDD (610) 436-0176! Private & semi-private lessons upon request!*

EBD IS GOING TO FLORIDA APRIL 3 to 13! Call DDD (610) 436-0176

April 5 & 6 OCEAN DIVERS TO CERTIFY DIVERS & April 8 - 13 AT GINNIE SPRINGS

I can do OW checkouts 12 yrs and older. Anyone wanting to start or continue overhead training or just practice Openwater - scootering too! We have housing for \$25/ nite. EBD to cook Family style meals. ANYBODY IS welcome! Even Non Divers! Water is 71 year-round and gin clear. For checkout dives you get about 60 minutes or more of Bottom time on each dive. Your awareness of great conglutination is greatly increased and no waves, no blow outs, and NEVER in a hurry! So many cool people, too! Wes Skiles always has something new to show us. And if not pouring rain, we have campfires too!

EBD will return to North FL for NSS CDS WEEKEND (The National Speleological Society Cave Diving Section) which will be held @ *Spring House Lodge @ Otter Springs Park on the Suwannee River MAY 21-23. Same deal w/the housing. Must sign up early as this is a big event down in Cave country. \$25/nite goes fast! Ottersprings.com*

DIVE TRAVEL

I am going back to Bonaire Jan 11. Join WDHOF, Dee Scarr, Walt Stark and TEK diving, too! We will be able to dive the Windjammer 4 days but only 5 per guide. Imagine! TEK training in a warm Environment! We will offer Tek Nitrox, how to swing a stage bottle and O2 deco by EBD & another NAUI Instructor.

Grand Cayman..... May 16 – 22, 2010
St. Lawrence August 21-22, 2010
Roatan..... Sept. 11 – 18, 2010
Truk Lagoon..... One or two weeks Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 2010
St. Lucia.....2011
Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia Memorial Day, 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!"*

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.

Keystone Divers Association is pleased to announce... Our Second Annual Scuba Diver Scholarship

Keystone Divers Association announced March 25, 2010 their 2nd annual essay-based scholarship program that affords local school aged children the opportunity to participate in a full funded and accredited scuba diving certification program. This program is offered in conjunction with a West Chester, PA based retailer of scuba diving equipment, training and travel.

The aim of the program is to broaden school aged children's opportunities for scholastic pursuits outside the classroom, while at the same time teaching them a life-long hobby that can lead them on a path to fulfill their academic dreams.

The winning essay (1000 word or less) will illustrate how a scuba diving certification will enable the essayist the opportunity to study any of a variety of academic disciplines from marine sciences, to economics, anthropology or foreign languages; while at the same time facilitating opportunities to pursue these courses of study in real world settings at destinations ranging in diversity from Papua New Guinea in south east Asia to the Yucatan peninsula in the western Caribbean. This contest is open to middle and high school age students in Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Completed essays, including the student's school affiliation and contact information must be post marked no later than June 1st, 2010 and mailed to:

Keystone Divers Association
Attn; Scholarship Contest
104 Bartram's Lane
West Chester, Pa. 19382

Keystone Divers Association is a 25-year old, 300+ member based organization based in West Chester, Pa. Social meetings are 7:00 PM, on the first Wednesday of every month and are currently being hosted by Barnaby's Bar and Restaurant of West Chester. These meetings are open to the public. Non-divers are also welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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New Jersey Shipwreck Symposium Shipwrecks, Sea Life, and Admiralty Arrests

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010
INFOAGE SCIENCE CENTER



The New Jersey Historical Divers Association, Inc. announces our eighth

New Jersey Shipwreck Symposium

Saturday, April 24, 2010

2 PM to 6 PM

InfoAge Science & History Learning Center

2201 Marconi Road, Wall, New Jersey.

Admission is \$20 per person (\$15 for NJHDA Subscriber Members).

Reservations are required.

The symposium will be hosted by:

Dean W. Fessler, Jr. – Shark Research Institute

The day will feature the following presentations:

Identifying the Vivian Wreck: Dan Lieb – Shipwreck Researcher

Horseshoe Crabs - Ancient Creatures In The New Millennium: Dave Barbara – Marine Photographer

New Jersey Shipwrecks: Gary Szabo – Wreck Diver/Photographer

Intermission: light refreshments will be served.

Admiralty Arrest – the Andrea Doria and the SS Carolina: Hon. Joseph Rodriguez, USDJ

The Stolt Anchor Recovery: Steve & Maureen Langevin and Bjoern Kils

For reservations and more information, please call 732-776-6261 or e-mail [NJHDA](mailto:info@njhda.org).

Send checks payable to NJHDA, Inc., 2201 Marconi Rd, Wall, NJ 07719

Alterations and substitutions to the schedule may occur without notice. NJHDA, Inc. is a nonprofit charitable historical research organization. All donations are tax deductible.

Directions from North: Take Garden State Parkway South to EXIT 100B onto Route 33 East. Continue to Route 18 South. Get off at EXIT 7A. The exit will merge you onto Brighton Avenue. Follow Brighton to the bottom of the hill and turn RIGHT onto Marconi Road. After a few hundred yards, you will see a parking lot entrance on your right. Enter and follow the directions of the parking attendants.

Directions from South: Take the Garden State Parkway North to EXIT 98. Bear to the right and get onto Route 138 East. Follow 138 to the Route 18 North. Follow 18 North to Exit 7. The exit ramp will put you on Marconi Road where it intersects Brighton Avenue. Go straight. After a few hundred yards, you will see a parking lot entrance on your right. Enter and follow the directions of the parking attendants. Alternately, you can use Exit 100A and get onto Route 33 East. Continue to Route 18 South. Get off at EXIT 7A. The exit will merge you onto Brighton Avenue. Follow Brighton to the bottom of the hill and turn RIGHT onto Marconi Road. After a few hundred yards, you will see a parking lot entrance on your right. Enter and follow the directions of the parking attendants.

Directions from West: Take 195 East (which becomes 138 East), to Route 18 North. Follow 18 North to EXIT 7. The exit ramp will put you on Marconi Road where it intersects Brighton Avenue. Go straight. After a few hundred yards, you will see a parking lot entrance on your right. Enter and follow the directions of the parking attendants.

Directions from East: Take 33 West, to Route 18 South. Get off at EXIT 7A. The exit will merge you onto Brighton Avenue. Follow Brighton to the bottom of the hill and turn RIGHT onto Marconi Road. After a few hundred yards, you will see a parking lot entrance on your right.

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

FIRST CLASS

NEXT MEETING: April 7, 2010 Barnaby's

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present their shows (as seen at Beneath The Sea):

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It's another WONDERFUL year of diving! Come out to Barnaby's & spend some quality time with your favorite dive buddies & meet some new ones, too! Get together; share a speaker, some food and a drink!!