

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 263

September 2008

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008

Barnaby's, 15 South High Street

(Top floor) West Chester, PA

Dinner @ 7 PM, Meeting @ 8 PM

**Harold Moyers, Tom Packer &
Steve Gatto Present...**

The Bow Mariner

A Modern Day Maritime Disaster!

Safety violations lead to the explosion and sinking of the 570' foot chemical tanker, "Bow Mariner", 50 nautical miles off the Virginia coast on Saturday, February 28, 2004. Join us as we explore this new shipwreck only six weeks after she went down. Presented by Steve Gatto, Tom Packer, and Harold Moyers. Tom Packer and Steve Gatto have been exploring and photographing offshore shipwrecks from Nantucket to Florida for 29 years, including 20 years of diving on the Andrea Doria. They both shoot still photographs and video chronicling history before it is lost forever to future generations, due to the corrosive action of the sea. Harold Moyers is a wreck diver and operator of the dive boat Big Mac. He is a veteran of deep wrecks from the Andrea Doria to the wrecks of the New York mudhole, and East Coast. Come sea this fantastic program as presented at this year's *Boston Sea Rovers!*



Buster Says:

***Hope you've had a
GREAT summer!***

Last KDA Meeting: August 6, 2008!

That was NO fluke! In fact, that was a LOT of flukes! Footage presented by **Steve Fredrick** and taken by **Sue Fredrick** of their trip aboard the *Nautilus Explorer* while exploring Southeastern Alaska included a whale pod extravaganza – it looked to be a fascinating krill-herding culinary tribal dance! Steve's custom slide show included sun stars, kelp, Bald Eagles, anemone, rock fish and killer whales, urchins & a coupla' local Alaska girls (NOT urchins) clad only in bathing suits with their inner tubes ready to ride the 40-degree waves on a 65-degree day! Stellar Sea Lions fought over their "turf" and pod of Stellar Dry-suited divers on a Glacier made up even more frames! After hiking past the remains of a First Nation (the name Alaskans give to Native Americans) long house, in early July of 2007, **Steve and Sue** spent 12 days diving off the *Nautilus Explorer* eventually winding up in Juneau, Alaska. Here there was no *crampon* THEIR style as they set out for a helicopter ride to a trek up a glacier! Apparently it rained while they were trekking - now they know what it feels like to BE *a cold one on the rocks!*

Later that same evening Steve presented the Dudas Expedition aboard the *Turks & Caicos Explorer* this past May demonstrating his prowess as a "shark shooter," the result of 26 dives in only SIX days! You SURE they were real? They looked pretty plastic to me and some could have been aluminum! **Great Stuff, Steve!** And what did Sue Fredrick think about all this? Hang on a minute, *I'll Aska!* **Mike Litwin** won the 50-50 and **Owen Watkins** took home the old bag (the *Akona* carry-on).

Take time now to R.S.V.P. for the KDA Christmas Dinner, Photo Contest & Pollyanna! Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. at the Concordville Inn, Concordville, PA! Call Dudas Diving Duds (610) 436-0176 or email mail@dudasdiving.com Cost: approx \$50/person includes tax, tip and dinner!

Reminder: Dive season doesn't end in the Fall – in fact, it's just about the BEST time of all! Check the website for the 2008 DDDive Schedule! www.dudasdiving.com

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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

Wednesday, Sept. 3 @ 8 PM!

* Harold Moyers, Tom Packer & Steve Gatto present: **The Bow Mariner!**
Barnaby's of America Restaurant,
15 S. High Street, West Chester, PA!

MEET THE SPEAKER DINNER BEGINS AT 7 PM!

Our 2008 KDA officers:

President Michael Richardson
Vice President.....vacant
TreasurerNoreen Brown
SecretaryLisa Bennett
Newsletter Editor Jayne Revid

(DON'T FORGET TO CONGRATULATE THEM –
OR YOU, TOO, COULD BE ELECTED!)

➤ KDA Email address:
mail@dudasdiving.com

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



*IT'S THE MIDDLE OF DIVE SEASON...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR WRECKS ARE????!
Let Dudas Diving Duds take you out to one!
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 after 9 PM in the garage across High Street! 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 you get to Gay St!)

Keystone Divers Association 2008 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 at 8 PM, 15 South High Street, West Chester, PA (610) 696-1400. A greet the speaker dinner is at 7 P.M.

Wednesday, Sept 3, 2008 *Barnaby's in West Chester – Meeting @ 8 PM! Meet the Speaker dinner @ 7!* Harold Moyers, Tom Packer & Steve Gatto present: *The Bow Mariner, A Modern Day Maritime Disaster*

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 *Barnaby's of America – Meeting @ 8 PM! Meet the Speaker dinner @ 7!*

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 *Barnaby's – Meeting @ 8 PM! Speaker dinner @ 7!* We have a new President – NOT the KDA, silly, the COUNTRY!

Friday, December 5, 2008 *The Shrimp 'n Sale at Seven! Dudas Diving Duds!*

Sunday, December 14, 2008 The KDA Christmas Dinner 4:30 P.M. at the Concordville, Inn, Concordville, PA! R.S.V.P. now! Avoid the rush!

DIVER'S ED

ScubaDiver (Tuesdays Oct. 14 th) @ West Chester YMCA @\$250).....	@ 7 – 10 PM
ScubaDiver (Mondays Oct. 20 th @ UMLY @ \$250).....	@ 7 – 10 PM
ScubaDiver (Mondays Dec. 1 st @ UMLY @\$250).....	@ 7 – 10 PM
1 st Response – Medic First Aid Wed Sept. 10 @ DDD.....	@ 6 – 10PM
Nitrox Thurs. Sept 11 @DDD.....	@ 6- 10 PM
Advanced Class Sept. 13&14.....	Dutch Springs
Rescue Sept. 13&14.....	Dutch Springs
Dry Suit Sept.13.....	Dutch Springs

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

DIVE TRAVEL

Ginnie Springs, North Florida, Cave/Cavern Dive with Evelyn

Next Trip: September 5-8, 2008

Call DDD (610) 436-0176 to go along!

Cave diving and open water diving and certification dives

Tawali Resort, Papua, New Guinea (2 days) with (11 days) on the <i>Spirit of Niugini</i>	Sept. 23 – Oct 6, 2008
Cozumel	ONE SPOT LEFT !!..... All Inclusive Oct.25 – Nov. 1, 2008
Grenada.....	Nov. 15-23, 2008
Key Largo	Dec. 4-8, 2008
Curacao	January 17-24, 2009
Belize.....	Spring 09
Truk Lagoon.....	Nov. 2010

DAN Trip Insurance: Cover Your Dive or Dream Vacation! *Go to Dan's Website (diversalert.org), go to the "insurance" tab and scroll down to "trip." Then get yourself an insurance quote!!* Use DDD Acct. #033871

CHECK OUT DDD DIVE SCHEDULE @ WWW.DUDASDIVING.COM & SIGN UP 2 GO DIVING!!

NORTH BY NORTHWEST

July 26, 2008

It was no mystery why a group of hearty Dudas divers lead by Jeff Heim trekked northward to the St. Lawrence Seaway near Brockville Ont. The area is pristine and just flat out beautiful. The group included **Sean Baird, Steve Boyko, Caroline Dudas, Evelyn, Marvin Gozum, Mike Haslup, Mike Held, Carmen Kaechler, Jerry Keenehan, Kent Langham, Arch McNamara, Ted Pleibel, Robin Powton, Michael Richardson, Reiko Sato, Josh Tarnoff and Jim Lhulier**. There is a reason why they call this area The Thousand Islands; the river is speckled with tiny bits of land most of which have stunning stone houses built right to the waters edge. It was amazing to see this type of architecture in the middle of a busy waterway. They call it drift diving, well it's more like drift diving on steroids. It was quite a thrill ride, a 2+ knot current whisks you down the river along the edge of the islands and sometimes the walls were not much more than a blur. We did get out of the current long enough to venture in and around several wrecks. The vis was a little low due to some recent storms but there was plenty to see. Lots of fresh water fish and artifacts. The nice thing about river diving is that it always calm. The ride to the dive sites was peaceful and relaxing and was almost as much fun as the dive itself. We are planning to go back next year. It's never too early to sign up for the next trip in July 09.

SOUTH BY SOUTHEAST

August 14, 2008

Mike Kleinman, Karen Seal, Steve Lubas, John McClenahan, Samantha McClenahan, Andrew Nedelka, Donna Nunemaker, Glenn Nunemaker, Geoff Nunemaker, Lynda Ryan, Carmen Kaechler and Jim Lhulier headed to Key Largo for a few days of warm water diving. To say it was warm is an understatement, the water was 86 degrees! There were lots of milestones met on our trip. Glenn and Geoff finished their rescue class, John, Lynda and Andrew completed their advanced class and Samantha was a super star in completing her open water class. Congrats to all for a job well done. We were just ahead of tropical storm Fay and the phrase the calm before the storm was never more true. It was just short of perfect weather, calm seas, mild current and great viz. As always there is lots to see in this area from shallow reefs filled with fish, a shallow world war II freighter and of course the Spiegel Grove, a 500 ft monster ranging from 60 to 130 feet. We'll be going back in December for that last warm water dive of the year. Give us a call if you would like to join us.

Jim Lhulier

SCUBA CAMP

The summer wouldn't be complete without mentioning our most popular event. Our August SCUBA camp was rousing success. All of the students, **Tara Durban, Geri Fried, Sara Fried, Regina Groff, Shannah Kraus, Alex Macphee, Andrew Nedelka, Cole Parker and Rashell Terry** demonstrated that they are ready to explore the underwater world of SCUBA diving. They all did a great job and are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The KDA Fun Photo Contest

**We're BRINGING BACK the famous KDA PHOTO CONTEST!!!
It's the photo contest for everyone, not just the pros!**

Each KDA member can submit one photo to each category. The photo contest will be judged by you, the KDA members at the Christmas dinner. You must be a current club member to enter. The following categories will be judged and prizes awarded.

- Best Underwater Diver picture
- Best Underwater Critter picture
- Best Underwater Reef picture
- Best Underwater Wreck Picture
- Best Topside Picture (diving related, of course)
- A Best in Show, Grand Prize will also be awarded for the individual photo with the most votes

Be creative and interpret your own definition of these categories. For instance, a reef picture can have a diver in it, a critter picture can be on the reef, etc. Final decision on the category relevance lies with the KDA Executive board. Please restrict your entries to photos captured within the 2007 and 2008 dive seasons!

The KDA Photo contest will be presented in a PowerPoint format. Therefore all photos will need to be submitted in a digital format. If you haven't made the switch to digital yet, no problem. Bring your prints or slides into DDD and we will scan it for you. Please email entries to mail@dudasdivng.com or send us a cd with your photos via snail mail. If you email, please email each entry separately and include the words "photo-contest" and the category the photo is for in the subject line. Include your contact information, the title of the photo, and where and when the photo was taken in the body of the email.

Please send photos in at least 72dpi resolution and sized at least 1024 x 768 but please don't send files larger than 5 megabytes. We will reformat all photos for the proper size when we receive them. So get out there and get snapping those photos

KDA Christmas Dinner, Photo Contest & Evelyn's famous Pollyanna*!

*(*Bring a gift with a \$25 value if you want to play the game!)*

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Dinners \$50/person

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FIRST CLASS

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Steve, Harold & Tom The Bow Mariner

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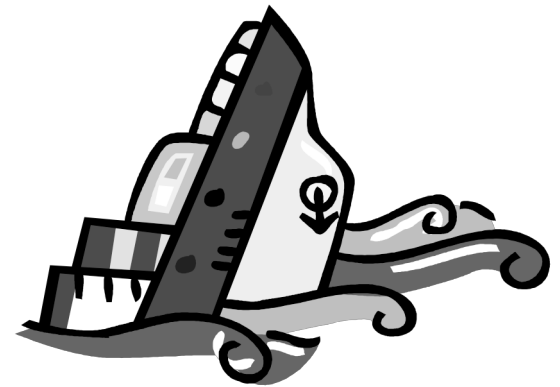
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