

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

**Becky Kagan Schott
Humpback Whales &
Caves of the Dominican Republic**

Meeting @ 7 PM; Speaker @ 8 PM!

The Dominican Republic has it all, white sand beaches, coral reefs, caves, wrecks, and Humpback Whales! Every year over 5000 Humpback Whales travel from the far North to the Silver Banks about 80 miles North of Puerto Plata. Here they play, mate, and give birth. Becky will talk about her experience and challenges filming these 40 ton animals on their turf. The Dominican Republic is also known for cave diving, spectacular crystal formations, decorations, and delicate caves make these systems ideal for photography & video. Join her this March and hear all about the Dominican Republic!

Becky Kagan Schott is the owner of Liquid Productions, LLC, a full-service video production company. She is also an award winning Photojournalist for major news networks including CBS and Fox News, shooting video in all types of situations from major hurricanes to the Presidential Election. As a professional videographer both above and below the surface, she has acquired a client list including National Geographic, The Military channel, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the National Park Service using HD and 3-D technology. Her projects have taken her all over the globe from shooting video of WWII wrecks in Truk Lagoon, beautiful walls in Fiji, Tiger sharks in the Bahamas, to photographing the caves of Mexico and Florida. She's logged thousands of dives in the past 15 years and is a NAUI Instructor and holds certifications in Cave Diving, Trimix, and several Rebreathers along with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tampa. Becky feels fortunate to be able to combine her two passions in life, photography and diving.

GREAT NEWS MEMBERS: Come by Dudas Diving Duds and ask about all of the *TERRIFIC* KDA Member Specials on *selected diving gear and accessories!*



It's a brand new year and a brand new 2011 Dudas Diving Duds Dive Schedule!

**Visit the website:
DudasDiving.com or contact
Mike@dudasdiving.com or
phone (610) 436-0176!**

Last KDA Meeting: February 2, 2011!

In September 2010 our *First Couple*, *President for Life* Steve and *Sulawesi* Sue Fredrick, traveled the 1200 mile trek from JFK half way around the world to Manado in North Sulawesi, Indonesia via Frankfurt & Singapore. Their destination was the Kima Bajo Resort in Bunaken National Park to experience the spectacular wall dives & drift dives. They then drove two hours over to the east side of the point to plunk back down in the Celebes Sea and experience the black sand volcanic Lembeh Strait, famous the world over for its muck diving and highly beautiful but bazaar biodiversity. Kima Bajo Resort is built on the side of a hill forcing physical fitness just going from diving to eating and sleeping! Steve surely captured the essence of the place – lovely flora, including night-blooming water lilies, expansive ocean view - and the neighbor's oxcart parked outside! I liked the part about the house girl and cook per each six people! Steve shared a 20-minute multi-media presentation with us exploiting the likes of starfish, sea squirts, crinoids, ornate ghost pipefish (before it got eaten), translucent shrimp, octopus, a cuttlefish light show, a giant cuttlefish (too bad ya had that 105 macro lens), Moorish idols, the *afternoon delight* Mandarinfish spawn, the snapping shrimp with his goby guard, anemone, porcelain crabs, manta shrimp, sea urchins, turtles, devil fish, sea moths, bat fish, nudibranchs, and stuff I've NEVER seen like that black & white polka dot thing, the purple crab and the short yellow ball! O.K. so you have to put up with numerous motorcycles driving on the WRONG side of the road, plenty of marine debris from the Pacific vortex, a lack of soft coral, and the chance that not all your photographic gear will function on demand, but North Sulawesi, Indonesia sure knows how to put on a show – and so does our own Mr. Steve Fredrick! Thanks, Steve! And remember, they had to travel the same 1200 miles BACK home! Let DDD Pick U a HOT new diving destination because BABY it's COLD outside! **John Thomas** captured the 50-50. **CU 3-2-11 at Barnaby's!!**

**Sign up for a dive or trip yet? Dudas Diving Duds
(610) 436-0176 Mail@DudasDiving.com**

Not ready for winter diving? How about a visit to the Maritime Museum of NJ in Beach Haven, NJ (*where it's ALWAYS MARitime!*)! Call ahead and Curator, **Bart Malone** promises a private tour!!! What a marvelous way to spend a winter's day! Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 am – 4 pm (609) 492-0202
Go to www.museumofnjmh.org for details & directions.

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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Attention KDA members! Special Announcement!

As of January 1, Dudas Diving Duds will no longer be offering free air to KDA members. Unfortunately the cost of running our compressor has grown too high. We will be offering KDA members a discounted rate of \$3/fill, a savings of \$2 off the new air fill rates of \$5. We will honor current paid KDA members with free air until their 2010 dues expire.

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

➤ **The official KDA Web address:**
www.dudasdiving.com/keystone-divers/

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEW STUFF!

New SUBGEAR equipment at the Shop

New frameless masks, Fins and Snorkels in really cool colors and at great prices. Come in and see.

2011 SCUBA CAMPS

Scuba Camp is a ways off, but we have just secured the dates for this summer at Malvern Prep, so if you have any juniors interested in learning how to dive this summer, SIGN 'EM UP NOW.

Either June 20-24 or July 18-22. Then you can join them for their quarry Friday!

USED Tanks for sale

We are retiring some of the tanks from our rental fleet. If you are looking for any Steel 72 or Steel 80, they are all within Hydro and VIP, only \$99!

**AND DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR REGULATORS, TANKS, AND DRYSUITS SERVICED,
NOW IS THE TIME TO PULL OUT YOUR GEAR AND GET IT READY FOR SPRING!**

There's a new dive schedule out there for 2011! Please check the website: dudasdiving.com!

Meeting Place 1st Wednesday's: 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 2011 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, March 2 Banaby's! Becky Kagan Schott – our Florida turned PA Cave Woman - with Humpback Whales & Caves of the Dominican Republic! Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM!

Wednesday, April 6 Mike Gerken of Olympus Dive Center w/his Truk Lagoon Film. Meeting @ 7 PM Speaker @ 8 PM!

Wednesday, May 4 Barnaby's; Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM!

DIVER'S ED

ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCATuesdays starting March 1, 2011

ScubaDiver @ UMLYMondays starting March 14, 2011

ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA Sundays starting March 20, 2011

CPR/First Response Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Nitrox @ DDD..... Wednesday March 9, 2011

Divemaster Call for details

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

The KDA has gone virtual on FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/KeystoneDivers>

EBD GOES TO NORTH FLORIDA several times a year! Call DDD (610) 436-0176

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! April 7-14; or May 25-31. Call EBD to sign up!

DIVE TRAVEL & EVENTS

Boston Sea Rovers: Crowne Plaza Boston North Shore Hotel, Danvers MA(www.bostonsearovers.com)March 4, 5 & 6

Beneath the Sea, Meadowlands Convention Center, Secaucus, NJ (www.beneaththesea.org)March 25 – 27

Key Largo – April 15 - 19

Cozumel.....(Filling up FAST call TODAY to reserve your spot)..... May 14 - 21

Little Cayman.....September 2011

St Lawrence Sea Way.....September 2011

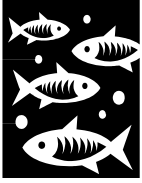
Grenada October 2011

Tobago.....January 21-28-2012

Kasawari, Lembah StraitMay 18, 2012

Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia.....SOLD OUT.....Memorial Day, 2012

DAN Trip Insurance: Cover Your Dive or Dream Vacation! *Go to the DDD website (dudasdiving.com) and click "Travel Diving," look for the link on the left that says "Dive Travel Insurance!"* Traveling on your own? We can help you with your travel plans. Call for details.



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FIRST CLASS

NEXT Meeting : March 2, 2011 - Barnaby's



The Keystone Diver's Association presents:

Becky Kagan Schott

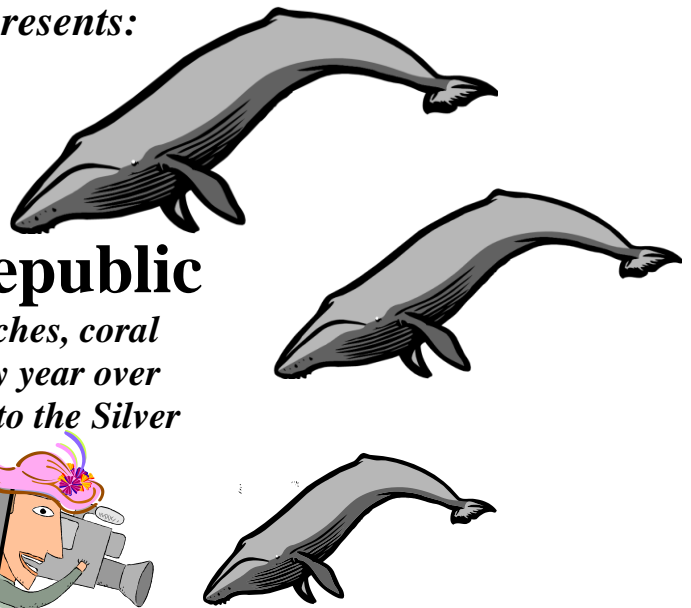
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Featuring HD and 3-D Videography of whales & caves!!!