

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 297

July 2011

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

KDA PIX on STIX

Picnic at Evelyn's House at 7pm

Last KDA Meeting: June 1, 2011!

Bernie Chowdhury, our favorite Fellow (of the Explorer's Club, that is) dropped by to present India's Andaman Islands. *The Andamans consist of over 300 relatively unexplored islands located in the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea to the west of Myanmar (formerly, Burma) and close to Phuket, Thailand. Virgin rainforests, reefs and caves await and the water is warm and clear with 60-80' vis and 86 degree temps and plentiful marine life.* This is green diving at its best; you can walk thru the mangroves and jump right on the dive boat. Flop over in a backward entry and you find cool clusters of marine life passing over the reefs and table corals occasionally dropping down to make use of the many cleaning stations, big blobby jellyfish just bump into you and don't even sting, and lots of barracuda wait for you at the hang line. Apparently they take the beginners to the crappy colorless reefs and the advanced divers to the areas with more color (but more turbulence)! There are no fish i.d. books; you do it yourself! "What's the policy on artifact collecting?," you say. "What's an artifact?" is your answer. But be safe anyway, and leave it! And no bad behavior – the government WILL kick you out! For an extra 10,000 rupees you can see the dipping elephant at elephant beach – or...not. And only one person got eaten by a salt water alligator last year. PADI is most popular here and all the shops advertise Nitrox – only because someone put up a sign, then they ALL had to – but they really don't have any. You can take the boat from Calcutta or fly (and stay up to 30 days) – just remember that 50-lb. baggage limit you camera gear junkies! The Indian government has set aside Havelock Island for divers. If you go, the *Wild Orchid* has good food and is a great place to escape the feral goats and packs of dogs while on land before you head back out through the mangroves for your backward entry!

Bernie Chowdhury, DAN, NAUI, PADI and TDI Instructor, is also best known for his critically acclaimed, international top-selling book, *The Last Dive*, (non-fiction, HarperCollins, 2000) and as the founder and co-publisher for nine years of immersed international diving magazine. He has been editor of *Historical Diver* and also the Canadian-based *DIVER* magazines; has been a board-certified hyperbaric medical technologist (CHT) since 2004, and remains active in several capacities in the hyperbaric medical field. **Scott** captured the 50-50 (Tracy was our seller tonite) and **Dan Perna** took the T!

SEA U 7-6-11 @7 at Evelyn's!!

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Come on over to Evelyn's house on July 6th at 7! Park down by the Dudas Diving Duds shop and walk up the lane to the last house on the left! It's the one with all the artifacts inside and divers spilling over the back deck!

Remember; bring a covered dish & USB memory stick of photos to share! And please try and remember to share your time as well when preparing your production – there'll be lots of other presentations to get in for the allotted time.

Can't wait to taste and see what you brought our way!

GREAT NEWS MEMBERS: Ask about all of the terrific KDA Member Specials on selected diving gear and accessories @ DDD!



Buster says:

The ocean is salty

The land is dry.

So's that suit

You want to buy!

Stop in today & test drive a drysuit and...

Check that dive schedule @ dudasdiving.com!

Mike@dudasdiving.com (610) 436-0176!

Hey! Anybody want to help out with the folding and distribution of our monthly KDA newsletter, "Up and Down the Anchorline?" We'll be waiting by the phone for your call! (610) 436-0176 (Share trip stories, too!)

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

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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*** THE KDA DIVERS TAKE OVER EBD'S!!!***

➤ KDA Email address:
mail@dudasdiving.com

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

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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEW STUFF!

We're going back to the St. Lawrence Seaway!

Join us September 11 and 12 for a weekend getaway to the warm waters of...Canada? Yup, the surface of the Great Lakes warms up in the summer and by September the St. Lawrence is sipping that nice warm water from the surface. Come and dive some great wrecks and we are going to stop and tour Singer Castle during the surface interval!

2011 SCUBA CAMP

Scuba Camp is from July 18 - 20 at Malvern Prep, so if you have any juniors interested in learning how to dive this summer, SIGN 'EM UP NOW. Then you can join them for their quarry dive on Thursday & Friday!

The 2011 Dive Schedule is being updated all the time! Please check the website: Dudasdiving.com!

Meeting Place: MOST 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 *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.

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Wednesday, August 3 BACK to Barnaby's; Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM!

Wednesday, September 7 Dr. Frank Fish @ Barnaby's; Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM!

DIVER'S ED

ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA	Tuesdays –July 5, 2011
ScubaDiver @ UMLY	Mondays –July 25, 2011
ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA	Sundays –October 2, 2011
CPR/First Response	Wednesday, July 20, 2011
Nitrox @ DDD.....	Wednesday July13, 2011
Drysuit	July 23 &24,2011
Dutch Springs open water check out and fun dive.....	July 23 &24,2011
Advanced Open water @Dutch Springs	July 23 &24,2011
Divemaster	Call for details
❖ <i>Other Specialty Diver Classes being scheduled – call DDD (610) 436-0176! Private & semi-private lessons upon request!</i>	

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

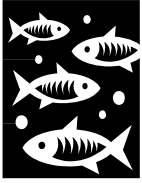
EBD GOES TO NORTH FLORIDA several times a year! Call DDD (610) 436-0176

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 degrees year-round + 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 & no waves, no blow outs, and NEVER in a hurry! So many cool people, too! Next trip: Call EBD to sign up!

DIVE TRAVEL & EVENTS

Key Largo	Aug. 4-8-2011
St. Lawrence Seaway w/Seaway Vision.....	September 10 & 11
Little Cayman Beach Resort.....	September 17-24-2011
Tobago w/Blue Waters Inn	January 21-28, 2012
Kasawari, Lembah Strait	May 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

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