

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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Next KDA Dinner:

Sunday, December 5, 2010

The Mendenhall Inn

The KDA Christmas Dinner

Cocktails @ 4:30 PM; Dinner @ 5 PM!

\$50 per person due by 12/1/10!

Bring a gift (\$25 value) if you want to play the KDA Pollyanna game after dinner!

Next KDA Event:

Friday, December 17, 2010

Dudas Diving Duds

Annual Shrimp, Caesar & Cookies Party

All-day Sale begins @ noon; Party @ 6 PM!

Bring along some cookies, friends & white wine to share!

**Say, you sign up for a dive or trip yet? Dudas Diving Duds
(610) 436-0176 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!*



There will be a Life Celebration for Dr. Arch McNamara, Sunday November 28 from 1 – 3 PM at the Concordville Inn (Rt. 1 & 322). It will be a time of sharing. An optional Champagne Sunday Brunch is available for \$21.95 + tax and gratuity. Cash bar is available. All are welcome.. If you have any photos of Arch to share, please send jpeg pictures with captions to: Michael@dudasdiving.com

Announcing the winter hours of 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.

Last KDA Meeting: November 3, 2010!

It was June of 2002 and our guest speaker, **Bart Malone** had one week's notice to get his equipment together and get himself on a plane from Philadelphia to Seattle to Sitka, Alaska to dive the site of British Columbia's worst maritime disaster: *The Princess Sophia*. Just like the *Princess of Ireland*, the object of his last presentation, she was owned by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Other divers can go for the brass and gold, but Bart will always focus on the China. There were 8 different china patterns found, the oldest dating from 1910, that had been used between the two classes; steerage & 1st class. This was because the railroad just moved it from ship to ship and didn't throw any away. The passengers, many returning with bullion in tow from a summer spent working the gold fields, had boarded at Skagway for the final trip of 1918 to Alaska up the Skagway & Lynn Canal, a well-traveled waterway flowing through a rocky glassier pass – a trip that Bart reenacted via a cruise after his diving was done and all 196 intact pieces of china (*Bartifacts*) collected were mailed safely home! It was duly noted by this passenger that the rocks were covered with barnacles and mussels – not a pleasant surface for either the artifact collector OR the passing hull of a ship! A few minutes past 2:00 a.m. October 24, 1918 she ran aground at the center of Vanderbilt Reef. The Captain wired Juneau 20 miles away of their fate, but was not worried because they had a double hull. Surprised because the weather was still calm there, they began to organize many small boats for a rescue as the lifeboats on board were prepared for departure. But the gale force winds and rough seas made it impossible and the passengers aboard the *Princess Sophia*, waited out the day patiently. The Captain believed that when high tide returned it would lift the steamer free of the reef but in the early evening hours of October 25, 1918 the seas had worsened and water was coming in – all watches and clocks recovered recorded 6 o'clock, the hour when the *Princess Sophia* slipped off Vanderbilt Reef and sank. All aboard suffocated on the oil in the water; they didn't drown: 278 passengers & 65 crew. In total 343 men, women & children perished – rich & poor alike - many now in unmarked graves in Juneau, AK. October 26, 1918 hardhat divers went down to 170' to recover bodies, bullion & mail from the 145' long vessel. The bell was recovered & many bodies washed ashore in the following months. WWI was ending taking with it all the allocated publicity of the day; not many folks even heard of the largest loss of life in Alaska history. The many deaths caused by the Spanish Influenza also took a share of the journalistic limelight. On November 15, 1918 a light was put on the reef so no other ships could share this fate. The state of Alaska owns the wreck now, so permits are needed to dive and divers are not allowed to take any more artifacts, so there is no need for Bart to go back! The fish were HUGE but the folks there all agreed that they were small, barely legal! It was a pretty wreck – what he saw of it; he made 18 dives in *Bart's Hole*. There was one generator, one compressor, a rippin' 7 knot current, & so many eagles they got tired of looking at 'em! **CHASE Dallura** won the 50-50 and the following folks were the lucky recipients of the *Bartifacts* from the *Princess Sophia*, c. 1912: **Steve Camper, Steve Boyko, Bill Savage!** **CU 12-5-10 @ The Mendenhall Inn & 12-17-10 at DDD!**

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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The KDA Khristmas Dinner

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*** AT LEAST R.S.V.P. ASAP !!!***

Our 2010 KDA officers:

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Friday, December 17, 2010

It's the 25th Annual KDA

Shrimp, Caesar & Cookies Party!

At Dudas Diving Duds

Festivities begin at 6 PM!

BIG SALE @ DDD ALL DAY beginning at noon!



KDA Khristmas Dinner @ the Mendenhall Inn
Sunday, December 5, 2010 Cocktails @ 4:30; Dinner at 5.
\$50/person – PLEASE sign up soon

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!)

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.

Sunday, December 5, 2010 *The Mendenhall Inn* Cocktails @ 4:30; Dinner @ 5. \$50.00 per person due before 12/1/10.

Friday, December 17, 2010 @ Dudas Diving Duds Shrimp/Caesar/Cookies Party begins @ 6PM. Big sale @ noon!

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 *Back to Barnaby's: Happy New Year!* Meeting @ 7 PM, Dan Wright Speaker is our speaker@ 8 PM!

DIVER'S ED

Scuba diver @ West Chester YMCA..... Starting Sunday Dec. 5, 2010

CPR/First Response..... Wednesday Dec. 8, 2010

Nitrox @ DDD..... Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010

Divemaster Call for details

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

2011 schedule due out soon! Call the shop for details.

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 configuration is greatly increased and no waves, no blow outs, and NEVER in a hurry! So many cool people, too! And if not pouring rain, we have campfires too! *New Years @ Ginnie, Also, Feb 10-17..... March 10-17.....April 7-14*

May 25-31 Call EBD to sign up

DIVE TRAVEL

I am going back to Bonaire Jan 15, 2011. 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 & O2 deco by EBD on scheduled dive trips.

Bonaire w/EBD – LOTS of room! \$615.00 non diver; \$1145.00 diver plus air January 15-23, 2011

Dominica (1 room left) January 22-29, 2011

Key Largo – Palm Sunday thru Easter Monday April 17-24, 2011

Cozumel..... May 14-21, 2011

Bahamas Summer 2011

Grenada..... October 2011

Kasawari, Lembeh Straights 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 and click “Travel Diving,” and look for the link on the left that says “Dive Travel Insurance!”*

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FIRST CLASS

NEXT Dinner: December 5, 2010 @ 4:30: Mendenhall Inn

Next Event: December 17, 2010 @ 6 @ DDD: Shrimp Party

The Keystone Diver's Association

presents:

Friday, December 17, 2010

*Please stop by Dudas' Diving Duds at 6 o'clock p.m.
For the 25th Annual Shrimp, Caesar & Cookies party!*

*Wine tasting, a raffle, a bowl of shrimp &
a bowl of Caesar Salad!*

*Bring in the Yule in the vestibule of
Dudas Diving Duds!*

Please bring along some cookies, friends and white wine to share!!



BIG All-day sale begins at DDD at noon! Finish all your holiday shopping!!