

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

it's the **25th** Annual
KDA PICNIC

Festivities begin @ 6 PM!

Dudas Diving Duds, 104 Bartram's Lane

(park on Pond's Edge Dr.) West Chester, PA

**Product Reps, an ice cream truck, wine tasting,
a raffle & lots and lots of food!**

BIG SALE @ DDD ALL DAY beginning at noon!

We've been around for 25 long years & we've got LOTS to talk about – so don't be shellfish - bring your friends, chairs and a dish to share! Meet new folks, reminisce with the old ones! In 1985 the cost of a 1st class stamp was HALF of what it is today. The Internet's Domain Name System was created on January 1, 1985 but many folks did not even have a PC or know what one was, for that matter! The laptop was somewhere your cat sat & sell phone was something a salesman did. Divers found the wreck of Spanish galleon *Atocha* and the government of Aruba passed legislation to secede from the Netherlands Antilles. Gorbachev and Regan were presidents. Michael Dudas was in grade school; Tom Ownsby worked at the shop assisted by Paul Karp and Gary & Nancy Burkey. Linda worked evenings with her first husband before she ran off and married Ken Smith. Dan Stegeman & EBD taught the NAUI classes. And the resident dog was Sandy. Nagle, Tattersal and the Thursday 6-pak were our ride to the wrecks. Our first president was Richard Smith and our first summer picnic was held at Richland Quarry followed by fall festivities at Bob Gross' house near Cheyney. We've blown a LOT of bubbles since then!

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



BUSTER SAYS:

*Bring all your tales of diving, dear
And we'll discuss them
O'r foaming beer!!!*

Picnic @ DDD 6 PM 7/7/10!

**www.dudasdiving.com
for a COMPLETE dive schedule
and our New TEK PROGRAM!!!**

Last KDA Meeting: June 2, 2010!

There were no piles of plates or strewn silver on the floor of the Baltic just north of Poland, but there were a LOT of wrecks. One in particular, that of the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, captured the attention of **Mike Boring** back in the '90's when he came across a copy of *The Cruellest Night* by Christopher Dobson in a used book store. Soon after he had the opportunity work in Germany for six years. This, and the subsequent falling of the Solviet Union finally allowing underwater exploration, prompted the organization of an expedition to the site. Necessary permit in hand, this international crew of divers from US & Europe comprised of Dan Stevenson, Andy Aston, Paul Dixon, Mike Cross, Chris Hutchison, Brad Sheard, Leigh Bishop, Tim Elley & Mike Boring made the 3 dives in the May 2003 exploratory expedition. They had every intent of going back in 2004, but they never did! First stop was Hel, Poland, but lacking insurance papers for their vehicle (stuffed to the gills with technical scuba equipment) and no language in common, their trip took a sudden nose dive as they were impounded and taken to the 'Hotel' by the local police. After 3 days of straightening out the problem and 2 nites of great beer with a great view of Hel at nite, they were finally on the 65-mile boat ride out to the 145' deep wreck. Best vis and calm seas in May, but 34 degrees on the bottom renders hands useless for grabbing the ladder upon return to the surface! We were treated to some fantastic video as well of Brad Sheard's pictures – he has some of the best wreck shots you will ever see and now I know his secret – high speed film, slow shutter speed and a tripod – I think he does mostly available light – really captures the essence of what it's like to be down on the wreck only MUCH bigger! A friend of Hitler, Wilhelm Gustloff was a leader of the Nazi Party in Switzerland who was assassinated by a German Jew for his anti-Semitism. Seizing the opportunity to make him a martyr, Hitler named the ship after him. Built as a single-class ship for the average German worker to go on vacation, her maiden voyage was March 24, 1938. With one exception, to bring troops home from the Spanish Civil War, her simple elegance moved passengers on some 50 excursions to Norwegian Fjords in summer and to Portugal, Italy and Africa in the winter until September 1, 1939 when Germany invaded Poland to eliminate high tariffs they had to pay to get materials from East to West Prussia across her territory. The *Gustloff* served as 1st a hospital ship thru 1940 then a U-Boat barracks for submarine training until January 1945. On 1/30/45 with 8-10,000 civilians on board during Operation Hannibal, involving the evacuation by sea of German troops and civilians from Courland, East Prussia and the Polish Corridor as the Red Army advanced, it was 'Death in the Baltic,' the innocent, non-military loss of life in time of war, as torpedoes from the Soviet sub S-13 hit the bow, behind the bridge and the engine room. 7,500 – 9,000 perished in 45 minutes in the cold water with 1,230 survivors. We really appreciated the 5-hour (each way) trip Mike had to make to bring us this amazing presentation! The *Flyers* won that nite –no door could keep THAT out! **Steve Lubas** won the 50-50 and returned it to the club! **CU 7-7-10 @ DDD: PIKNIK!**

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

PADI TEC w/Chris Donnelly

Chris Donnelly is a PADI Course director and TRIMIX instructor.

Through his company, 25 Fathoms, we will be offering the new PADI TEC diver course.

TEC 40, TEC 45, TEC 50 and TEC TRIMIX 65

CALL FOR DETAILS

Our 2010 KDA officers:

NEW President..... Steve Lubas
Treasurer..... Noreen Brown
Secretary..... Lisa Bennett
Newsletter Editor..... Jayne Revid
Speaker Chair..... Evelyn Dudas
Fundraising Chair..... Tracy Rogers
Newsletter Circulation Bill Savage

*SPECIAL THANKS TO MICHAEL RICHARDSON
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE KDA!*

➤ **KDA Email address:**
mail@dudasdiving.com (610) 436-0176

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



SCUBA CAMP @ MALVERN PREP

NEXT SESSION: July 19-22 w/Openwater July 23&24!

Please contact Dudas' Diving Duds (610) 436-0176

or email us at mail@dudasdiving.com

This is one of our most popular programs, classes fill up fast!
Join EBD for a SCUBA class specially designed for the younger diver. Call for details!

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 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, August 4, 2010 Back 2 Barnaby's! Meeting @ 7. Arch McNamara went to the "Critter Capital of the Caribbean": St. Vincent & dove with legendary critter-finder, Bill Tewes. **Come see what Bill showed Arch @ 8 PM!**

Wednesday, September 1, 2010 Barnaby's! Meeting @7. Speaker @ 8!

DIVER'S ED

Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCA.....Tuesdays –August 3, 2010
Scubadiver @ UMLY.....Mondays –August 31, 2010
Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCA.....Tuesdays Sept. 21, 2010
CPR/First Response.....WednesdayAug.11, 2010
Nitrox @ DDD.....ThursdayAug.19, 2010
Rescue Starts @ DDD.....WednesdayAug.18, 2010
Advanced @ Dutch.....Sat. & Sun Aug. 14 &15, 2010
Open Water @ Dutch.....Sat. & Sun. Aug. 28 & 19, 2010
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/pages/Keystone-Divers-Association/109216253318>

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 conigutation 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!

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 and Mark.

Key Largo..... *Last minute get away*Aug. 12- 15,2010
St. Lawrence w/a Castle tourAugust 21-22, 2010
Roatan.....Sept. 11 – 18, 2010
KDA FUN raising dive OCEAN DIVE to the Maurice Tracy 70' All Welcome.....Sept. 19, 2010
Truk Lagoon.....SOLD OUT One or two weeks Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 2010
Cozumel5 day get away dates tba.....November, 2010
Bonaire.....Jan. 15-23, 2011
Dominica pronounced DOM AH NEEK AJan.22-29, 2011
CozumelMay, 2011
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!"*

LEGISLATIVE ALERT: LOBSTER TC RECOMMENDS 5 YEAR BAN ON TAKING LOBSTER

The Technical Committee (TC) of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has recommended a five year moratorium on the harvest of lobster in what it describes as Southern New England waters (southern Cape Cod to Virginia – includes NY and NJ) with a possible 10 year moratorium due to recruitment failure of the lobster stock. The Southern New England (SNE) stock is critically depleted and well below the minimum threshold (25th %). This conclusion is reinforced by the recent 2009 assessment which indicates that the reproductive potential and abundance of the SNE stock continues to fall due to a combination of environmental factors and fishing mortality which prevents the rebuilding of the stock.

The overwhelming environmental factor is a widespread warming trend since 1999 in SNE waters and an increase and duration of water temperature above 20 degrees C. Prolonged exposure to water temperatures above 20 degrees C in American lobster causes respiratory and immune system stress, increased incidence of shell disease, acidosis, excretory calcinosis and suppression of immune defenses. Lobsters will avoid water over 19 degrees C.

Evidence suggests that the distribution of spawning females has shifted away from inshore SNE areas into cooler deep water. The re-distribution of spawning females into deep water may cause larvae to be transported away from traditional settlement areas and potentially into less favorable areas. Essentially this means loss of optimal shallow habitat area due to warm water. Furthermore the early onset of maturity in warmer areas confounds the proportional relationship between temperature and growth rate in female lobster, as the synchronization of the molt/mate/spawn cycle lengthens, the intermolt duration lengthens to accommodate the brooding of eggs. As a result, the average population growth rate of SNE stock is slower than stocks in northern waters.

More abundance of mid-Atlantic predators (e.g. striped bass, dogfish, scup, etc.) may also be a factor in the decline. Also lobsters with shell disease will molt more frequently, and lobsters will experience higher rates of natural mortality in the molting process and post-molt condition than when hard-shelled. The ASMFC Lobster Management Board will hold a special meeting on July 22 in Warwick Rhode Island to consider releasing Addendum XVII to Amendment 3 for SNE. The draft addendum will include a range of management options from no action to a moratorium. Limited opportunity for public comment on July 22 will be afforded, and only on a list of possible management options. Other management options might include a closed season, a smaller maximum size, etc. If the Board approves, the draft addendum will be released for public comment with hearing throughout SNE later this summer.

Board material will be available in early July at <http://www.asmfc.org/meetings.htm> . The 57 page TC memo and recommendation for closure can be found at http://www.asmfc.org/speciesDocuments/lobster/minutesandmeetingssummaries/tc/2010/april2010_SNE_Recruitment_Failure_TCmemoB.pdf . What appear to be spaces in this address are actually _ . The Legislative Committee will try to avoid a complete closure and will attend hearings and submit comments as necessary. Clubs may be polled regarding preferred conservation options.

Sincerely,

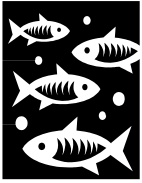
Jack Fullmer, jf2983182@msn.com Legislative Committee

LESSONS LEARNED ON TRIP INSURANCE

1. Buy it. When you buy it through D.A.N. you have an option to pay \$10 to double your lost baggage claim. In effect this raises your cap from \$1,250 to \$2,500. The lower coverage pays up to \$500 maximum for you most expensive item and then \$250 maximum for subsequent items not to exceed \$1,250. In my case the \$500 applied towards my computer and iPhone, iPod and Kindle reader were the next three items. If I had paid the \$10 to double the lost baggage/item coverage I would have \$1,000 towards the computer, \$500 towards the iPhone, \$350 towards the iPod and \$279 towards the Kindle reader. Instead of receiving \$1,250 I would have been reimbursed \$2,119. That would have been a good idea and use of \$10.

I also learned that I could have scheduled these items on my equipment and camera coverage which is good for a year and not trip specific. i do not know the impact on my premium but I am going to investigate the best option for me.

Jim Cross, a victim of a burglary on our Bonaire Trip this past January



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FIRST CLASS

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