

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Mike Boring

WILHELM GUSTLOFF

Barnaby's, 15 South High Street

(Top floor) West Chester, PA

Meeting @ 7 PM; Speaker @ 8 PM!

Last KDA Meeting: May 5, 2010!

Wreck-diving pioneer, **Bart Malone**, now rests @ the bottom of Deb Whitcraft's Beach Haven NJ *Museum of Maritime History* as the co-curator of that Long Beach Island institution! His own abundant collection of china & artifacts is housed at his home in Bellmawr, N.J. For years his 2nd home was the *Seeker* where he served as a mate. On May 28, 1914 in a heavy fog, the Norwegian tanker, *Storstad*, with her reinforced ice-breaking bow, rammed *The Empress of Ireland* on her way from Quebec to Liverpool and sent her down in 14 minutes with 1012 souls lost (along with 1012 pairs of soles for our artifact hunter to anticipate). But just 2 years after the *Lucitania*, with no torpedoes involved & in Canadian, not American waters, there was no press. Today, she lies on her starboard side, at an angle of approximately 60 degrees in nearly 150 feet of water in the St. Lawrence River off Point-au-Pere (Father Point), Rimouski, Canada. From its discovery in 1964 – the 1980's Canadian divers working in teams took artifacts from the wreck, diving thru the explosion hole created when the Canadian Pacific hired divers to go down and look for mail and the purser's safe and blew a hole to gain entry. But it wasn't until August of 1990 that Bart made his first visit with Gary Gentile and John Moyer to Her Majesty's Royal Mail Ship *RMS Empress of Ireland* perfecting the American technique: Get your bearings and dig in the silt for there's a different type of china for EACH class. The greatest advice Bart could offer was to study the "before" pictures very carefully so you recognize the objects under water! Although china was his main objective, everything from souvenir brooches and plates to heavy brass objects were retrieved. An eerie picture in his presentation portrays the Rouse's on the 1992 expedition. In 1995 they affected a rescue down river which turned out to be a renegade tent that blew into the river. They went back in '96 and '97, but that year the wreck became protected so nothing more could be taken and Bart never returned. Sadly the St. Lawrence is both fresh and salt water, so all artifacts that must be 'preserved' will not be & will soon disintegrate under the sea to be lost for all time. In his opinion, Nitrox was not a good option in the 41 degree water. Slack tide was best, but they didn't wait and breakfasted instead because it was included with the room. The bartender won the 50-50! One wonderful gesture offered by our speaker is that he boxes up 3 mystry "Bartifacts" - complete with spec sheet for authenticity - and donates them to our raffle! The winners this time were **Dan Lubas, Mike Haslup & Lisa Bennet**. His next presentation will be the *Princess Sophia*! We welcomed our new president: Let's hear it for **MR. STEVE LUBAS** & were introduced to DDD's new PADI Technical Training Instructor: Give a warm hand for **Chris Donnelly**! CU 6-2-10 @ Barnaby's!

In May of 2003 a team of English American and Polish divers explored the wreck of the *Wilhelm Gustloff* sunk in the Baltic Sea north of Poland. The team was led by Mike Boring, a US diver based in Germany for the US Government.

On a bitter cold night in late January 1945, on the seas of the Baltic, the deadliest maritime disaster in history occurred. Yet far too many have never heard about the sinking of the *Wilhelm Gustloff*. Unbelievably, the loss of life was equal to more than six sinkings of the *Titanic*. It is arguably the greatest unknown single disaster in modern history. Furthermore, the true story surrounding the *Gustloff* is not only tragic but absolutely incredible – filled with a wide spectrum of human drama – during one of the most terrifying periods in history: World War II. The *Titanic* was a testimony of the hubris of a civilization that worshipped technology and thought it could conquer nature. The *Gustloff*, on the other hand, was the symbol of the German hubris, the dream of a greater German empire that ended in a nightmare. It was Adolf Hitler's *Titanic*.

Wilhelmgustloff.com is a non-political website dedicated to the historical research and education regarding this tragic event with a goal to make this the most definitive, accurate, and organized web resource available on the *Wilhelm Gustloff*. Please consider it "continual work-in-progress", with an emphasis on on-going additions and improvement. It is hoped that much of the evolution will come from people like you – who express an interest in or perhaps even a direct connection to these events. You are encouraged to offer feedback, clarify details, make suggestions, or help out in some of the many ways possible.



BUSTER SAYS:

*Atlantic Ocean
warming NOW!*

*Wreck site approaching
off the starboard bow!!!*

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Keystone-Divers-Association/109216253318>

Say, you get those regs in for overhaul yet? Dudas Diving Duds (610) 436-0176 Mail@DudasDiving.com

Wednesday, July 7 (Yes! It's a CHANGE from June!) It's the 25th Annual KDA PICNIC! With Product REPS, maybe a bonfire, but absolutely NO RAIN! On the Front Lawn of Dudas Diving Duds!

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
INFORMATION SESSION @DDD JUNE 17 @7PM FREE! FIND OUT ABOUT TEC

CLASSES START JULY 23,24 &25

Our 2010 KDA officers:

NEW President..... Steve Lubas
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SCUBA CAMP @ MALVERN PREP
JUNE 21-24 w/Openwater June 25&26 OR July 29-22 w/Openwater July 23&24!

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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!)

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 4, 2010 Barnaby's! Meeting @ 7. **Speaker @ 8 PM!** Whaddaya mean August! We're still in parkas!

DIVER'S ED

ScubaDiver @ UMLY Mondays –June 7, 2010
ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA Tuesdays –June 22, 2010
CPR/First Response Wednesday June 9, 2010
Nitrox @ DDD..... Tuesday June 15, 2010
Rescue@DDD..... Wednesday June 16, 2010
Discover TEC information class 7pm @DDD..... Thursday June 17, 2010
Dutch Springs Open water..... Sat. & Sun. June 19 & 20, 2010
Dudas Social Dive Day.... Bring a buddy... Find a Buddy...Share a dish....Tours offered..... Sat. June 26,2010
Advanced Class Dutch Springs..... Sat. & Sun. June 26 & 27, 2010
Dutch Springs Open Water..... Friday & Saturday June 25 & 26, 2010
Divemaster Call for details
DIVE RITE DEMO DAYS June 19&20, 2010
❖ *Other Specialty Diver Classes being scheduled – call DDD (610) 436-0176! Private & semi-private lessons upon request!*

Pete Nawrocky, our Dive-Rite rep will instruct a side-mount tank rigging class on Tuesday nite, June 15 @ 6 PM. Go to Dudas Diving Duds first then on to the West Chester YMCA. Call Dudas Diving Duds to sign up! **FREE!!!**

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! Wes Skiles always has something new to show us. And if not pouring rain, we have campfires too!

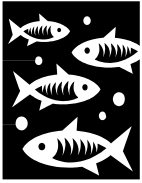
DIVE TRAVEL

I am going back to Bonaire Jan 11, 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 w/another NAUI Instructor.

Tell your kids about: SCUBACAMP!

Two sessions: June 21-24 w/OW June 25&26; July 19-22 w/OW July 23&24 @ DDD & Malvern Prep Pool
Pool time & classroom each day from Monday – Thursday then join them at the Quarry on that Friday & Saturday!

Key Largo July 16- 19, 2010
St. Lawrence w/a Castle tour August 21-22, 2010
Roatan..... Sept. 11 – 18, 2010
Truk Lagoon.....**SOLD OUT** One or two weeks Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 2010
Dominica.Jan. 29- Feb 5, 2011
Turks & Caicos Aggressor Liveaboard 2011
Grenada 2011
Kasawari, Lembah Straights.....May 18, 2012
Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia.....**SOLD OUT**.....Memorial Day, 2012



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FIRST CLASS

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The Keystone Diver's Association presents:

Mike Boring *'The Wilhelm Gustloff'*

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**May 2003 Wilhelm Gustloff Expedition Team:
Dan Stevenson, Andy Aston, Paul Dixon, Mike
Cross, Chris Hutchison, Brad Sheard, Leigh
Bishop, Tim Elley, Mike Boring**

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Barnaby's in West Chester!

15 South High Street in West Chester, PA!

(610) 696-1400 (FREE parking directly across the street in the parking garage if you stay till 9:30 PM!)

It's another WONDERFUL year of diving! Come out to Barnaby's & spend some quality time with your favorite dive buddies & meet some new ones, too! Get together; share a speaker, some food and a drink!!

