

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Peter E. Hessquire

Alaskan Adventures:

Diving the Great Land

Meeting @ 7 PM; Speaker @ 8!

Our resident diving admiralty advocate, **Peter Hess**, takes us north to the 49th State, a vast wilderness surrounded by three oceans and filled with unexplored shorelines, bays, rivers and lakes. From the *ALEUTIAN*, a palatial 300-foot-long steamship sunk in 1929 in 220 fsw in remote Uyak Bay, Kodiak Island, to this summer's search for a rare Staggerwing Beech biplane (*Google this – you HAVE to see this plane*) in the equally remote alpine Clarence Lake in the Talkeetna Mountains, Hess' Alaskan Adventures have taken him where no man has dived before. Barnaby's is the place! We just need your face! Come out, come out whoever you are – join the gang on the 2nd floor as we welcome October and another fantastic entry in our KDA speaker series to help us begin our SECOND 25 years!

October 16, 2010: Saturday morning TOUR THE USS OLYMPIA at Penns Landing with the KDA – last chance to see her before the museum ship is closed to the public, possibly forever! Possible add-on to the Battleship NJ & lunch. Call DDD (610) 436-0176 or email mail@dudasdiving.com to sign up!



BUSTER SAYS:
Tek Dive; Wreck Dive;
Salt water; fresh.
Yur gear's not broke in
Till it smells like fesh!!
www.dudasdiving.com

Last KDA Meeting: September 1, 2010!

Diving Equipment Specialties, Inc. offers a line of top-quality competitively-priced products for both commercial and private uses. All their designs are built for hard use in harsh marine environments, and will not rust or corrode. **Enriquez Alvarez** is the owner/operator of this Northern New Jersey operation which is well known for building underwater excavating equipment for treasure hunters. He was hired by a group of professional Archeologists who were very much in need of a method to excavate thousands of years of sediment from the murky, green water of Lake Atitlan in Guatemala to facilitate removal and mapping of hard to see, half-buried Mayan pre-classic artifacts (2300 – 1000 years old). An added bonus, Enriquez, being fluent in Spanish, was hired to instruct the dive team as well! The challenge was that the hose for his giant anaconda-like apparatus had to be long enough to excavate (100') but far enough away from the camera so as to NOT receive silt! The mission was to document the exploration/mapping of a 400-square meter area with sonar in 60-180' depths of 940-foot deep volcanic formed Lake Atitlan, located at 6,300 ft. above sea level in Guatemala to find clues about an ancient sacred island where Mayan pilgrims flocked to worship before it was submerged by rising waters. The water temperature is cool, around 60 degrees because it is fed by snow-melt, but the sand at the bottom at 60 feet was warm because of the volcanic heat below! The first underwater archaeological ruins excavated in Guatemala were discovered accidentally 13 years ago by a diver exploring picturesque Lake Atitlan, ringed by Mayan villages and popular with foreign tourists. Samayoa dived for years at the lake, often stumbling across pieces of Mayan pottery. He found the site in 1996, with parts of buildings and huge ceremonial stones, known as stelae, clearly visible (*we saw these at Copan, an add-on to our 1993 Utilila, Honduras dive trip w/DDD*). He named it *Samabaj*, after himself, but it was only a couple of years ago that archeologists and a film producer were persuaded to take interest. The exact location of the site is a closely guarded secret, since the archeologists want to protect it from looters who fish in the ruins for artifacts to be sold, sometimes for thousands of dollars, on the black market, but it appears to an unbelievably beautiful clear blue lake surrounded by snow-capped mountains from Enriquez's pictures! Thanks to **Enriquez Alvarez** for sharing his chance encounter with us! Look for the documentary to be broadcast later this year or early next on the National Geographic channel! **Jen Greenburg** won the 50-50! **CU 10-6-10 @ Barnaby's!**

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

Come one; come all to the Next KDA Events...

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

*** Peter Hess: ALASKAN ADVENTURES!
Meeting begins @ 7pm, Speaker @ 8pm**

**Barnaby's of America Restaurant,
15 S. High Street, West Chester, PA!**

Our 2010 KDA officers:

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 Christmas Dinner at the Mendenhall Inn

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Cocktails at 4:30; Dinner at 5.

**\$50/person – PLEASE sign up soon. All Payments are Cash or Check only. Please
make checks payable to Keystone Divers Association**

Please RSVP by December 1

**It's the 25th Annual KDA
Shrimp, Caesar & Cookies Party!**

Friday, December 17, 2010 at Dudas Diving Duds

Festivities begin at 6pm!

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, your Christmas shopping list and some cookies to share!

**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!***

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, October 6, 2010 *Barnaby's!* Meeting @ 7. Don't be spooked by our speaker – Peter Hessquire @ 8: Alaskan Adventures: Diving the Great Land!

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 *Barnaby's!* Meeting @ 7. Come experience Bart Malone & THE PRINCESS SOPHIA ALASKA @ 8 PM!

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!

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!)

DIVER'S ED

ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA.....Sundays October 3, 2010
ScubaDiver @ UMLY Mondays –October 18, 2010
ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA..... Tuesdays –November 2, 2010
ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA.....Sundays –November 14, 2010
CPR/First Response.....Wednesday October 13, 2010
Nitrox @ DDD..... Thursday, October 14, 2010
Divemaster Call for details

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

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 and Mark.

North Florida Cave Diving & the Naac conference..... November 5, 2010
Bonaire @ Captain Don's Habitat.....January 15-23, 2011
Dominica.....January 22-29, 2011
Cozumel.....May 2011
Grenada..... October 2011
Kasawari, Lembah StraightsMay 18, 2012
Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia.....SOLD OUTMay 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!"*

CHECK OUT DDD DIVE SCHEDULE @ WWW.DUDASDIVING.COM & SIGN UP 2 GO DIVING!!

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FIRST CLASS

NEXT MEETING: October 6, 2010 @ 7: Barnaby's

The Keystone Diver's Association presents:

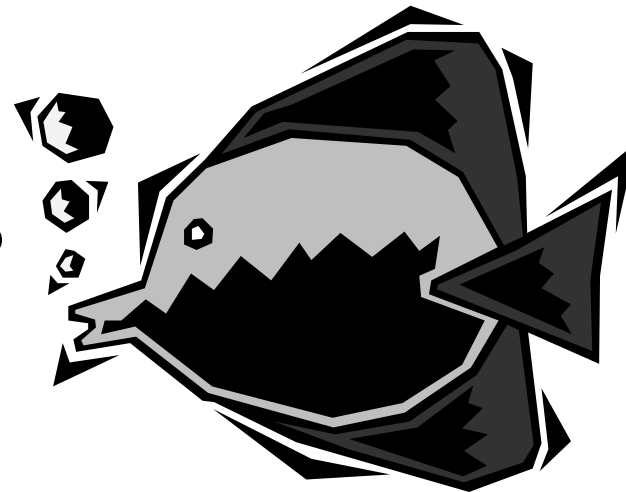
Peter E. Hessquire

Alaskan Adventures: Diving the Great Land

We welcome our very special speaker to
help kick off our NEXT 25 years!!

Wednesday, October 6

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*** Barnaby's, 15 South High Street, West Chester, PA! (610) 696-1400 ***

**Back to Barnaby's and welcome to the NEXT
25 years With the KDA & your next 25 dive buddies!**