

# UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

## KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 303

January 2012

*Next KDA Meeting:*

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012**

**Dinner @ 7:00 P.M.; Speaker @ 8:00 P.M.**

**Back at Barnaby's, West Chester, PA**

**Becky Kagan Schott &**

**David Schott**

***GREAT LAKES SHIPHUNT***

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**GREAT NEWS MEMBERS: Ask about ongoing terrific KDA Member Specials on selected diving gear and accessories @ DDD!**



**Buster says:**

**2012 already!!!**

**I'm running out of fingers and toes!**

**Come on down to Dudas Diving Duds**

*And Look for the new 2012 dive schedule coming soon to: [www.dudasdiving.com](http://www.dudasdiving.com)!*

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

**Last KDA Meeting: December 7, 2011!**

**Concordville Inn** was the place this year for the annual KDA Christmas Dinner! Our gracious thanks to Stacy for arranging and organizing the whole affair! And for the first time, we integrated a guest speaker into the evening – not just ANY guest speaker – but one of our FAVORITES from years past – our Very Special Guest Speaker, celebrated National Geographic underwater cameraman, world-famous for his shark imaging, **Nick Caloyianis!** Having attended ALL 26 of our KDA Christmas Dinners, I think that this was just one of the best! Where else can you spend an intimate evening in a private diving room with 40 of your favorite wreck divers, dining on great food and listening to stories and adventure with a world-class underwater photographer! (Well, we have Evelyn and her non-ceasing nagging of our Guest Speaker for THAT!) He presented his two favorite topics: *Sharks 'n Shipwrecks* (at the moment, ours was Surf 'n Turf). The grey seal population in New England was almost completely wiped out in Colonial days. There were only around 5,000 of this now protected species in the late '60's from Sable Island, Nova Scotia to Chatham Beach, Cape Cod. Their protected status received in 1997 has brought them back so they now number a quarter of a million (now THAT'S a seal of approval)! But guess who else is back because their food source is back?? The Great White Sharks! They saw 20 of them one day just off the beach of that small New England town – and where was that movie, *Jaws*, shot – hands, anyone????!!!! You've been warned. 3500 pounds and 18-20' long – longer than there was viz! And into the shark cage they go to gain some famous photography – who knew a great white was going to slam down on the top of the cage going after bait and get trapped thus damaging it and shortening Nick by a few precious feet! Lucky for them the cage didn't sink and he lived to bring us the tale of the *Warship Kronan*, a 1676 flagship of the Swedish Navy that sunk in 90' in battle in the nearly fresh-water Baltic Sea, thus preserving the magnificent artifacts for over 300 years! Her first salvors were divers who wore leather suits and drank Vodka to keep warm – we warmed to the tale! And, one artifact to another, Nick presented Evelyn with a special commemorative Italian Lira – recovered from the safe of the *Andrea Doria* by and designed by **Peter Gimbel**. Thanks Nick. Always a pleasure!

**Last KDA Gathering: December 16, 2011**

Once again we returned to dry land to gather at Ye Olde Dive Shoppe to bring in the Yule tide and welcome the opportunity to submerge in memories of dives past with our faithful dive buddies at **Dudas Diving Duds!** I'm losing track – I'm pretty sure this was the 26<sup>th</sup> Holiday Open House presented for the Keystone Divers Association by Evelyn Dudas who once again supplied the tasty, Caesar salad, shrimp and punchbowl to accompany all the tasteful cookies and sweets you guys brought to share. This year we did EBD's Famous *Bad* Pollyanna gift exchange during the annual Holiday Open House instead of at the KDA Christmas Dinner. As always, a fun time was had by all and many a lad and lass went home with a totally unexpected treasure! And isn't that why we scuba dive in the first place????!!!! Sea You **1-4-12! (and all for one!)**

## upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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**\*\*Great Lakes Shiphunt\*\***  
with Becky Kagan Schott & David Schott

\*\*\* ALL DIVE REPORTS WELCOME -  
COLD OR WARM WATER!!!\*\*\*

➤ KDA Email address:  
[mail@dudasdiving.com](mailto:mail@dudasdiving.com)

The 2012 Dive Schedule is about to arrive!  
Keep checking that website:  
[www.Dudasdiving.com](http://www.Dudasdiving.com)!

### Attention KDA members!!

KDA members will receive a discounted rate of \$3/fill, a savings of \$2 off the regular DDD air fill rates of \$5.

➤ The official KDA Web address:  
[www.dudasdiving.com/keystone-divers/](http://www.dudasdiving.com/keystone-divers/)

Got that.....

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Oh, and did anyone mention that this February EBD will become a **GRANDMOTHER!** Evelyn's son-in-law, Rodney Nairne, and daughter, Susie Dudas, who live in Jupiter, FL and run/manufacture Submerge Scooters [www.silent-submersion.com](http://www.silent-submersion.com), are expecting their first! Gift cards welcome – see Grandma!



**Meeting Place: MOST 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2012 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.

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**Wednesday, February 1, 2012** Barnaby's; Brandon McWilliams; Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM!

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012** Barnaby's; Mike Gerken; Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM!

## ***DIVER'S ED***

ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA ..... Sundays Jan. 8, 2012

ScubaDiver @ UMLY ..... Mondays Jan. 16, 2012

ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA ..... Sundays Feb. 12, 2012

ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA ..... Tuesdays Feb. 21, 2012

CPR/First Response ..... Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012

Nitrox @ DDD..... Wednesday Jan. 18, 2012

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: [www.facebook.com/KeystoneDivers](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 - scooting 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 conigutation is greatly increased & no waves, no blow outs, and NEVER in a hurry! So many cool people, too! **Next trip: Feb. 8-13** Call EBD to sign up!*

## ***DIVE TRAVEL & EVENTS***

Bonaire..... January 7 – 14, 2012

Tobago w/Blue Waters Inn ..... January 21-28, 2012

Key Largo ..... Feb. 17-20, 2012

Key Largo ..... April 20-24, 2012

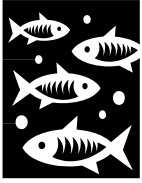
Curacao..... `May 5 – 12, 2012

Kasawari, Lembah Strait ..... May 23 - 28, 2012

Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia 2 spots left - GET EM! ..... May 29- June 9, 2012

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**DAN Trip Insurance:** Cover Your Dive or Dream Vacation! *Go to the DDD website ([dudasdiving.com](http://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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*The Keystone Diver's Association*



*presents:*

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### ❖ Back to Barnaby's of America ❖

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Welcome back to Barnaby's for another year of fantastic, informative armchair adventures presented by YOUR dive club, the Keystone Divers Association in association with Dudas Diving Duds.