

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 308

June 2012

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

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

Barnaby's, West Chester, PA

Becky Kagan Schott

***The Shipwrecks of Isle Royal
National Park***

Isle Royal National Park is a 40-mile-long island located in the Northwest area of Lake Superior. The island is a gem surrounded by beautiful lighthouses and great hiking trails but the real draw is what's below the surface. Preserved for centuries in the cold fresh water are a variety of shipwrecks in outstanding condition for photography and exploration. These wrecks are also clean and free from the invasive zebra mussels you'll see in the other lakes. Isle Royale offers exciting scuba diving opportunities for recreational and tech diving. The most incredible part of these shipwrecks is the rich history and stories that brought them to their final resting place. **Becky Kagan Schott** is half of the Emmy Award winning videographer team that owns **Liquid Productions, LLC**. She and David Schott specialize in underwater videography, still photography and High Definition 3D video in any aquatic environment including caves, deep wrecks and marine wild life. Their projects have taken them all over the world from documenting historic wrecks in the Great Lakes, Japan and Truk Lagoon to filming wild dolphins, whales and great white sharks...cageless! They are currently working on several topside and underwater documentary projects. For more info visit www.LiquidProductions.com

Plan a visit to **The Museum of New Jersey Maritime History**

Beach Haven, NJ 08008

609-492-0202 www.NJMaritimeMuseum.org

And write your congressman! Keep NOAA at bay and out of your bug bag! Help fight the big battle – the government is using our money to fight US! They want to extend the economic limit from 3 miles to 200 miles off shore, and when that happens, you will probably need a permit to dive.

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



Buster says:

“Food diver or Artifact Hunter?”

While you are making up your mind, please check out the 2012 dive schedule!

www.dudasdiving.com/

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

Last KDA Meeting: May 2, 2012!

Once again, it was MARitime at the KDA as we welcomed our good friend, and co-curator of the **NJ Maritime Museum**, **Bart Bartifact Malone** with “**The Life...The Death...The Reincarnation of S.S. Northern Pacific.**” Built in 1913-1914 in Philadelphia, PA, she began her career making 5-7 day trips to the Hawaiian Islands. In November 1917 she was taken over by the Navy for World War I troop transport as **USS Northern Pacific**. Following several months of conversion work at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, the ship sailed for New York via the Panama Canal. Later in March 1918, after installation of her armament, **Northern Pacific** left New York Harbor on the first of 13 round-trip voyages to France. She carried nearly 23,000 troops and other passengers to Europe, and brought more than 9,500 back to the U.S. Fascinating pictures showed the big zig-zag ‘camo’ designs on her sides designed to create a *directional* illusion so the German submarines with their torpedoes couldn't tell if she was coming or going thus no damage was inflicted on the fast-moving **Northern Pacific** nor did she ever reciprocate. After the 1918 armistice she began carrying wounded troops home from Europe (although more people died from the flu epidemic that year than from the war). January 1, 1919, she ran hard aground off Fire Island, NY with a full load of wounded war veterans and their nurses on board. Refloated 18 days later, **Northern Pacific** was under repair for the next five months. She made two more trips in 1919. Decommissioned, she was turned over to the War Department for use as an Army Transport. In late 1921 she was returned to the U.S. Shipping Board and sold for further commercial employment. However, while under tow to a Chester, PA, shipyard on February 2, 1922, the **Northern Pacific** caught fire and was destroyed taking four Sun Ship employees with her. Now she lies on the bottom testing each diver she sees – are you a food diver – after her huge lobsters - or an artifact hunter? **John Dudas & Bill Scheibel** were the first divers on the wreck in the summer of '67 and **Gene Petersen** took the fog horn. The wreck has now fallen in on itself - but all the better to gain access to the artifacts! October 23, 2011, with the assistance of **Mr. Rusty Cassway**, **Michael Dudas** recovered the 8 x 54” brass steam whistle! Bart traced the Philadelphia Wm. Cramp & Sons shipyard (1825 – 1919) where she was built to its time as a Navy shipyard until 1944 and then a maintenance-only facility until it was toppled for the I-95 expressway!

Bart Malone, an avid shipwreck diver & retired carpenter, has an artifact collection that is, from what I hear, bigger than the ocean itself. “I'm in it for the artifacts,” Malone says. “I love the search, the recovery, the preservation.” And we love Bart!

Kathleen Cortlessa won the 50-50. Sea You **6-6-12!**

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

*** Becky Kagan Schott ***

***“The Shipwrecks of
Isle Royal National Park”***

A message from Mike Gerkin:

Shark finning for shark fin soup is a status symbol to the growing middle class in China. Please visit SHARKDEFENDERS.COM and sign the petition at STOPSHARKFINNING.NET to help eliminate the demand and save our apex predators that are so integral to the marine environment.

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.

➤ **KDA Email address:**
mail@dudasdiving.com

➤ **The official KDA Web address:**
www.dudasdiving.com/keystone-divers/

We have many specials at the shop these days – drop by and check us out on your way to the North Atlantic, the South Atlantic, somewhere in the Pacific – or maybe just a cave or quarry nearby – we’ll be here! Hey! Have you gotten your regs overhauled yet; tanks VIP’d??

SCUBA CAMP! Our most popular class designed for the younger diver taught by Evelyn.

Let your child learn the skills necessary to become a certified SCUBA diver while enjoying the fun and companionship of other children their age. Dudas’ Diving Duds is offering a SCUBA camps designed and taught specifically for the young diver. This course is offered for 10-18 year olds. The course will be offered during the weeks of June 20-24 and July 18-22, from 9AM until 4:30 PM Monday-Wednesday (bring your own lunch). The certification dives will be on Thursday and Friday at a local lake designed for divers.

Camp 1 June 25-29

Camp 2 July 16-2

Space is limited call to 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!)

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 *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.

Wednesday, June 6, 2012 Barnaby's; Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM! Becky Kagan Schott with the Shipwrecks of Isle Royle National Park!

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 Barnaby's; Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM! Another great speaker!

Wednesday, August 1, 2012 Barnaby's; Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM! SS Northern Pacific w/Bart Malone!

DIVER'S ED

Scubadiver @ UMLY Mondays – June 4, 2012
Advanced Class @ Dutch Springs Sat.& Sun. June 23 & 24, 2012
Scuba Camp w.EBD @ Malvern Prep..... Monday-Friday, June 25-29 ,2012
Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCATuesdays June 26, 2012
CPR/First Response Wednesday, June 13, 2012
Rescue.....Thursday, June 14, 2012
Nitrox @ DDD.....Thursday, June 7, 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: <http://www.facebook.com/KeystoneDivers>

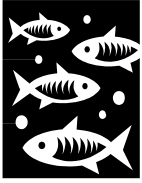
EBD GOES TO NORTH FLORIDA several times a year! Call DDD (610) 436-0176

I can do OW checkouts 12 yrs and older. Anyone wanting to start or continue overhead training or just practice Openwater - scootering 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! Call EBD to sign up!

DIVE TRAVEL & EVENTS

Key LargoAugust 2-6, 2012
St. Lawrence SeawaySept. 1-3, 2012
Cozumel Oct.6-13, 2012
Bonaire..... Nov. 17-14, 2012
Roatan.....Jan.19-26,2013
Bonaire..... Jan. 2013
Philippines June 2013

DAN Trip Insurance: Cover Your Dive or Dream Vacation! *Go to the DDD website (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.



Keystone Divers' Association
c/o Dudas Diving Duds, Inc.
104 Bartram's Lane
West Chester, PA 19382
(610) 436-0176

FIRST CLASS

NEXT Meeting : June 6, 2012!

Barnaby's: Becky Kagan Schott

The Keystone Diver's Association
presents:



❖ **Becky Kagan Schott** ❖
the Shipwrecks of
Isle Royal National Park
Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Dinner @ 7:00; Speaker @ 8:00



❖ **Barnaby's of America**

15 South High Street, West Chester, PA (610) 696-1400

Join us in a fascinating evening of images and video direct from NW Lake Superior! Isle Royale offers exciting scuba diving opportunities for recreational and tech diving. The most incredible part of these shipwrecks is the rich history and stories that brought them to their final resting place.