

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 302

December 2011

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Cash Bar 6:30 P.M.; Dinner 7:30 P.M.

Concordville Inn; Rt. 322 & Rt. 1, Concordville, PA

the KDA Christmas Dinner

Very Special Guest Speaker:

Nick Caloyianis,

**celebrated National Geographic u/w cameraman,
famous for his shark imaging!**

You can get a sample of his world renowned skills at:
<http://www.nickcaloyianis.com/nickcaloyianis-demo-reel.html>

**Cocktail hour (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres
begins at 6:30 PM; Dinner begins at 7:30 PM and
the Feature Presentation will follow!**

\$50/person (includes tax and gratuity)!

RSVP ASAP 610-436-0176!

Next KDA Gathering:

Friday, December 16, 2011

6-9 PM at Dudas Diving Duds

Holiday Open House

BYOB and cookies to share!

This year we are going to do EBD's Famous Bad Pollyanna gift exchange during our annual Holiday Open House in the DDD store! *If you wish to play, please bring a DESIRABLE wrapped gift valued at \$25.00*

Many great KDA member specials! Finish your Christmas shopping!

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



Buster says:

**Trollop with a scallop;
shimmy with a shrimp.**

Come on down to Dudas'

'n party 'till you're limp! 12/16/11

Look for the new 2012 dive schedule coming soon to: www.dudasdiving.com/

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

Last KDA Meeting: November 2, 2011!

Joyce Steinmetz, one-woman army, is saving the wreck diver's reputation one trawl net at a time! Ask any fisherman or government official, "What's the greatest threat to our east coast wrecks?" and the immediate response is, "Why, wreck divers, of course!" We ALL KNOW who goes down there and pillages the ever decaying salt infested metal parts off of shipwrecks, don't we now! Well, long before her MA in Nautical Archeology and her PhD in Coastal Resources Management, Joyce was collecting her 52-wreck database of mid-Atlantic outer continental shelf shipwrecks from Jersey to Virginia Beach - one sketch and a page of notes at a time! And what do you think she observed on all those wrecks - while you guys were combing the sand for dishes and coins and penetrating the galleys and wheelhouses for booty? Well I'll tell ya - it's the aftermath of commercial trawl nets, scallop dredges and clam dredges that have snagged the wrecks and then the captains who tried to retrieve these \$30,000, \$40,000 and \$50,000 pieces of equipment - at ANY cost - from the wreck, disengaging or taking integral pieces of the wreck with them or just leaving the whole darn fishing apparatus down there! All hands on deck when a catch is coming in - who is watching the wheelhouse anyway - oops - we've snagged a wreck! When hot on the trail of a load of "gill'ded" dollars, who wants to waste valuable time going around! And it's always that one fatigued wire that's holding up the two tons of steel (10 tons in a custom built clam dredge) that inevitably gives out, too! The commercial gear manufacturers wouldn't have sold so much replacement gear in the last 25 years if so much hadn't been lost I tell ya! The Mid-Atlantic is the perfect storm for fishing gear! And now some eyebrows are being raised by Dr. Steinmetz as to the fact that wreck divers are NOT the enemy of the wrecks after all! Exploring this human-related interaction required multi-disciplinary sources, including historical research, maritime archaeologists, fishermen who experience damage and loss of gear, and recreational divers who observe shipwreck damage. From diver observations 75 to 235 ft. deep, statistical analysis showed 69% of 52 sample shipwrecks had 1 to 5 snagged nets or dredges. The economic loss to the fishing gear owner ranges from \$10 to \$50K per lost system. Conservatively, \$76 million of gear has been lost over 25 years on shipwrecks from Maine to Cape Hatteras. Case studies include the 1847 side-wheel paddle steamer Admiral DuPont, Civil War and early 20th century wrecks, the U.S. Navy tugs Nina and Cherokee, the 1920 submarine USS S-5, and the steam yacht and WWII patrol boat St. Augustine. The last four cases are protected from salvage under the Sunken Military Craft Act of 2005 but commercial fishing is exempt from liability for any damage it causes to such wrecks. Gear impacts accelerate structural wreck deterioration and scramble or extract historic wreck contents. The purpose of her research is to bring factual awareness and provide a foundation for solutions. A successful collision prevention solution could provide economic benefits for fishermen, conserve essential fish habitat, preserve recreational tourism, and safeguard non-renewable underwater cultural resources. **Bill Lord took the 50-50. CU 12-7-11 + 12-16-11!**

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, December 7, 2011
*** Dinner @ Concordville Inn ***

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

Friday, December 16, 2011
Dudas Diving Duds
6-9 PM Holiday Open House & Gift Exchange

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.

*** *MANY GREAT KDA MEMBER SPECIALS! FINISH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!!!****

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

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

Got that.....

Wednesday, December 7 Cash Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Concordville Inn, it's the KDA Christmas Dinner with our Very Special Guest Speaker: Nick Caloyianis, celebrated National Geographic u/w cameraman! Famous for his shark imaging. You can get an sample of his world renowned skills at: <http://www.nickcaloyianis.com/nickcaloyianis-demo-reel.html> Cocktail hour (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres begins at 6:30 PM; Dinner begins at 7:30 PM and the Feature Presentation will follow! \$50/person (includes tax and gratuity)! RSVP ASAP 610-436-0176! Get your \$\$ & reservations in NOW!

Friday, December 16: 6-9 PM Holiday Open House at Dudas Diving Duds. BYOB This year we are going to do EBD's Famous *Bad Pollyanna* gift exchange during our annual Holiday Open House in the DDD store! *If you wish to play, please bring a desirable wrapped gift valued at \$25.00.*

Oh, and did anyone mention that next February Evelyn will become a GRANDMOTHER!

EBD's son in law, Rodney Nairne, and daughter, Susie Dudas, who live in Jupiter, FL and run/manufacture Submerge Scooters www.silent-submersion.com, are expecting their first!

Meeting Place: MOST 1st Wednesday's (NOT this one!): 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)

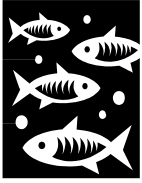
Name: _____ Phone Day: _____ Birthdate _____

Address: _____ Phone Nite: _____ Customer# _____

_____ Certifying Agency: _____ When? _____

Occupation: _____ Certification Level: _____ Where? _____

E-Mail Address (for online newsletter): _____



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

FIRST CLASS

NEXT Meeting : December 7 – 6:30 PM!

Concordville Inn!

NEXT Gathering: Friday, December 16 – 6 P.M.

Dudas Diving Duds

The Keystone Diver's Association
presents:



❖ Christmas Dinner ❖

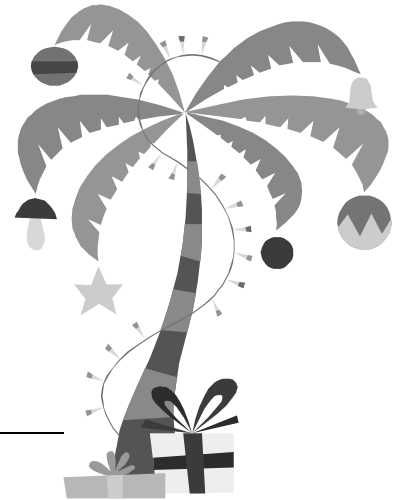
Special Guest: Nick Caloyianis

Wednesday, December 7

Cocktails @ 6:30; Dinner @ 7:30 PM

Concordville Inn, Rt. 322 & Rt. 1

\$50/person RSVP



❖ Holiday Open House & Sale ❖

Friday, December 16, 2011 from 6 – 9 PM!

Dudas Diving Duds, 104 Bartram's Lane, West Chester, PA! (610) 436-0176 ❖

Many great KDA member specials! Finish your Christmas shopping at DDD!!