

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 304

February 2012

Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

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

Barnaby's, West Chester, PA

Brandon McWilliams

Wreck Diving the North Sea

The North Sea has been home to some of the busiest shipping lanes in the world for centuries, including Rotterdam, the busiest port in Europe. Wars, weather, and other disasters have all taken their toll, depositing countless ships on the bottom, creating a virtually never ending playground for wreck divers. Despite the predominantly shallow depths and relatively mild water temperatures, the majority of these shipwrecks have largely gone unexplored. The reason this area has not joined the typical "bucket list" wreck diving destinations is that the volatile weather and sea conditions of the region often make it difficult to access the wrecks, the majority of which lie far offshore (>40 NM). In 2009, Belgian divers put together an international expedition of CCR divers aboard the Cdt. FOURCAULT to explore and document virgin wrecks in the region. This presentation will highlight some of the unique challenges of wreck diving in the North Sea and the highlights from a list of targets that included lost ocean liners, warships, and merchant ships.

Brandon McWilliams is a published wreck and cave photographer, and USCG licensed captain. His passion is sharing the underwater world through his photography, and the seemingly never ending quest to prove that "YES, there is actually something to see down there off the coast of New Jersey." He specializes in deep wreck photography and is trimix, cave, and CCR (ISC Megalodon) certified. A sample of his work can be seen at:
<http://downtoolong.com>

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



Buster says:

**Oh, Defender of History beneath the seas:
You've saved us from the Bureaucracies.**

In memoriam, Peter E. Hessquire, 1959-2012

*Look for the new 2012 dive schedule coming soon!
www.dudasdiving.com/*

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

Last KDA Meeting: January 4, 2011!

On the bottom of Lake Huron for over a century and preserved at a depth of 315 feet lies the Schooner M.F. Merrick (s.1895) and the freighter Etura (s.1905). Feature team Becky & David Schott were the first to explore the sites and lay eyes and camera lenses on the virgin wrecks. This was a very touching presentation as we got to see the progress of five high school students who were selected by Sony (who funded the project) under the leadership of NOAA to be mentored in how to use modern day technology such as multi beam sonar, ROV's and technical divers to find and explore shipwrecks to create the documentary Project Shiphunt that aired on Current TV. This was a 320' dive w/80 min deco in 32 degree H2O lugging a 275 lb. camera diving in the fog in the shipping lanes looking for a ship that sunk in the fog – a fitting presentation for January! NOAA has a 260' limit, so Becky and Dave had to use their own boat and pull alongside the NOAA research vessel! Becky Kagan Schott and David Schott are Emmy Award winning videographers that own Liquid Productions, LLC, specializing in underwater videography, still photography & High Definition 3D video in any aquatic environment including caves, deep wrecks and marine wild life. For more info visit LiquidProductions.com. Both Dave and Becky EACH won an Emmy Award a few weeks ago for a feature story on Eagles Nest cave they shot for CBS last year. They are still glowing from the whole experience!! **Fran & Mike Haslop won the 50-50 and donated it back to the club. Sea You 2-1-12!**

Peter Hess, 1959-2012

It is with great sadness that we pass on the news of our good friend Peter Hess. Peter was a long time friend to Dudas Diving Duds and presented often at The Keystone Divers Association.

Peter passed away suddenly on January 12, 2012. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends, but mostly by his beloved son Benjamin. Peter was 52.

Peter was an avid shipwreck underwater explorer and maritime attorney for more than 30 years. His clients have been involved with the recovery of Spanish galleons, Gold Rush shipwrecks, windjammers laden with Oriental porcelain, 20th-century luxury liners, warships and warplanes, and sunken pleasure yachts. Peter led and/or participated in five archaeological expeditions to the 235-foot-deep USS Monitor.

Services for Peter will be held at Concord Presbyterian Church, 1800 Fairfax Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19803 on Saturday, January 21 at 11 am. A celebration of Peter's life will follow the service in the church's Fellowship Hall. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Benjamin Hess College Fund, and may be mailed to: M&T Bank, Fairfax, 2301 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803. Please make the check payable to M&T Bank and please mention the Benjamin Hess College Fund in the memo. *In addition to this Saturdays Memorial Service, the Philadelphia Chapter of the Explorer's Club will host a tribute to Peter at their next meeting on February 2 at the Downtown Club, 6th & Chestnut St. at 6PM (see details on next page).* Well will miss you, Peter. - Jane

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

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with Brandon McWilliams

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

The 2012 Dive Schedule is about to arrive!
Keep checking that website:
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.

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

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

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Matthew S. Partrick, M.D.
2 West Jerome Avenue
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008

When you send your check for the Explorers Club meeting, please email evelyn@dudasdiving.com and we will forward your email to the Explorers Club to let them know it is coming.



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, 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!

Wednesday, April 4, 2012 Barnaby's; Meeting @ 7 PM Presentation @ 8 PM! Another great speaker!

DIVER'S ED

Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCASundays Feb. 12, 2012
Scubadiver @ West Chester YMCA Tuesdays – Feb. 21, 2012
Scubadiver @ UMLYMonday March 5, 2012
Nitrox @ DDD..... Wednesday February 8,2012
CPR/First Response Wednesday, February 15, 2012
Rescue..... Starts Thursday, March 15,2012
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/pages/Keystone-Divers-Association/109216253318>

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 conigitation is greatly increased & no waves, no blow outs, and NEVER in a hurry! So many cool people, too! Next trip: Feb. 3-7 and April 16-21 Call EBD to sign up!

DIVE TRAVEL & EVENTS

Key LargoFeb. 18 & 19,2012
Key LargoApril 6 – 9, 2012
Boston Sea Rovers.....March 9-11, 2012
Beneath the Sea.....March 23-25, 2012
Curacao.....May 5 – 12, 2012
Kasawari, Lembah Strait\$1662.00 w/Nitrox.....May 23 - 28, 2012
Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia 2 spots left May 29 – June 11, 2012

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.

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New Member Renewal Member (\$25/ea. - \$40 couple)

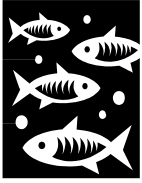
Name: _____ Phone Day: _____ Birthdate _____

Address: _____ Phone Nite: _____ Customer# _____

_____ Certifying Agency: _____ When? _____

Occupation: _____ Certification Level: _____ Where? _____

E-Mail Address (for online newsletter): _____



Keystone Divers' Association
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West Chester, PA 19382
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FIRST CLASS

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Barnaby's with Brandon McWilliams

The Keystone Diver's Association
presents:



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❖ 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.

