



LONG ISLAND NETWORK DIVERS
SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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I. Club News

SCUBA CLUB MEETING MINUTES MARCH 1ST, 2005

No guest speaker was scheduled due to the large amount of business to be addressed. After a brief but positive discussion of **David Feeney's** talk given at our last meeting, we planned for our club's one-year anniversary celebration.

After careful consideration, it was agreed that *Long Island Network Divers* will hold its **one-year anniversary celebration** at the International Buffet in Garden City, Long Island, New York at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

At the celebration, the following club members will be honored with plaques:

1. **Paul Mila** for Club Member of the Year for his efforts in coordinating our club newsletter, attending all meetings and high over all dedication to the club and its organization.
2. **Ashley Chory** for Junior Diver of the Year due to her efforts in greatly improving her dive skills throughout the year.
3. **Jane Morris** for Wreck Diver of the Year due to her efforts in greatly improving her dive skills in wreck diving.

Next agenda item was a discussion of possible club activities for the upcoming 2006 dive season. Suggestions are:

- A boat ride
- Barbeque at Martha's home
- Snorkeling at Atlantis Aquarium in Riverhead
- Club sponsored trip to the NY Aquarium or the Atlantis Aquarium.
- Beach cleanup
- Pool session with diving to be followed by lunch at a restaurant such as Bertucci's
- Dives in sites such as Montauk, Block Island, Martha's Vineyard, Underwater City (upstate NY), The Oak Beach Inn
- Dive and a barbeque at a location to be determined
- Potluck party at the store
- Bowling or billiards
- Club sponsored night at Jillian's
- Club sponsored IMAX movie at The Cradle of Aviation
- More shallow dives or dives that will accommodate the skills of more club members
- Club-sponsored weekend at Dutch Springs.

An event coordinator will be needed to handle the high amount of events planned for the upcoming year. Filling this position will be determined at our next meeting.

In closing, miscellaneous items were discussed. **Paul Mila will compose a form** enabling club members who have traveled to distant dive sites to assess and share their experiences with other club members. The form will list the site name and include a description of the site, its good/bad qualities both in terms of travel, accommodations, dive conditions, etc.

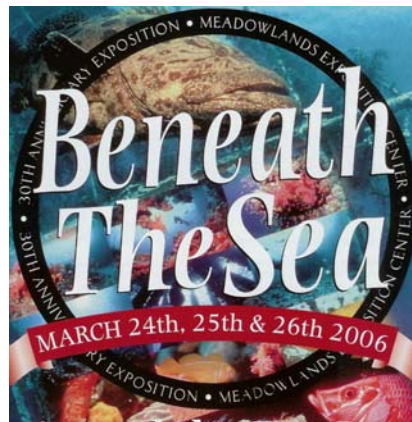
We agreed that a **new club flier** will be developed that will include a color picture.

The club's financial status needs to be assessed. To raise money, **new polo shirts** will be ordered for this year. They will be designed the same as last year's polo shirts but in a **new powder blue color**.

Lastly, **club membership dues are due on May 1, 2006. The fee is \$25 for individuals, \$35 for families.**

UPCOMING DIVE EVENTS:

BENEATH THE SEA 2006 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center
Friday, March 24th, Saturday the 25th, and Sunday the 26th



For Details: www.BeneathTheSea.Org or call: 914-664-4310

II. The Story Behind The Photo

Club member Paul Mila was free-diving with humpback whales in the Dominican Republic and took this, “*whale of a tail.*”



Here is Paul’s story about the photo:

We were free-diving in an area off the northern coast of the Dominican Republic, called the Silver Bank. The government there allows only snorkeling, no scuba. The concern is that scuba divers might harass the whales. In addition, blowing bubbles is a sign of aggression in whale culture. None of us wanted to piss off a 50-ton whale!

I got behind a large whale and it began to move, pumping its flukes. I took this shot on the down stroke. Clearly visible are the distinctive white and black markings on the underside of the fluke, which are unique to each humpback whale, just like a human’s fingerprint. So if you ever see this one again, say “*Hi*” for me.

NOTE: We are looking forward to photo submissions by other club members!

III. Special Feature

No Feature Article this month. We are looking forward to Larry Mack's *Safety-Stop* series to resume soon.

NOTE: *Special Feature* article submissions by other club members are welcome!

IV. GETAWAYS

Scuba Network Adventures

Next trip:

**Ft. Lauderdale, Florida – Friday March 31st To Monday April 3rd.
\$449 Diver; \$299 Non-Diver.**

INCLUDES 3 DAYS OF TWO-TANK DIVING,
HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS,
TAXES, TANKS AND WEIGHTS
OPTIONAL NIGHT DIVING,
CERTIFICATION DIVES. (Advanced Open-Water, Master Diver & Nitrox).
SCUBA NETWORK INSTRUCTOR ESCORT

Cozumel - April 2nd to April 7th, \$599.00

INCLUDES: Hotel accommodations, transfers, taxes, daily hotel breakfast,

Boat dives with lunch included daily; tanks and weights

specialty course, Scuba Network instructor escort,

Cayman Brac Oct. 28 to Nov. 04, 2006,

One week all inclusive hotel, food, and dives; Details to follow.

Hawaii, February 2007, details to follow.

Contact Scuba Network for specific details.

Call 516-997-4864 or email scubaclass@aol.com

V. Scuba Network Training: Good Divers Keep Learning!

Advanced classes March 29 - 7:30 pm: \$29.50

Master Classes April 12 - seven sessions and 1 pool session only: \$ 99.00

Nitrox Class April 22 at 9AM: \$150 includes books

CPR class April 23 at 9am: \$120 includes books

Refer a friend to classes with this newsletter and get a bonus of \$25.00 for purchases.

**SCUBA NETWORK OF LONG ISLAND
MARTHA BRAIZBLOT**

Scuba Network Continuing Education

Call (516) 997-4864 to register for classes

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*Scuba Network Featured Specials For Dive Club Members
Will Appear in Next Month's Newsletter, Including Regulators,
Dive Computers, Wetsuits, and More!*

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*Don't forget: Club members receive special discounts on selected items, trips,
etc. Check with Martha for details on special discounts.*

*Reminder: You must use your blue club membership card to receive your club
member discount.*

VI. Classifieds:

Vacation Rentals: *Beachfront Condo in Cozumel.*

For details click on www.cozumelisparadise.com or www.vrbo.com/54454 or
email to: pjmila@hotmail.com

Underwater Camera: *Sea & Sea MX10 set up. \$225.00*

Contact Paul Rozek at p.rozek@verizon.net

General Business: *Life Insurance & Health & Dental plans. Also, earn extra
income, part-time. Contact club member Eric Ullman, at 516-445-0441.*

See you at the next club meeting: Wednesday, April 5th

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