



**LONG ISLAND NETWORK DIVERS**  
**SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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## I. Club News

### SCUBA CLUB MEETING MINUTES

**APRIL 5 2006**

Our **Anniversary dinner** has been postponed to **May 3, 2006**. It will still be held at the **International Buffet located on Stewart Avenue in Garden City, NY**. The dinner will begin promptly at **7:30 p.m.** There will not be a formal guest presentation on diving. Martha will try to arrange for a speaker for June's meeting.

**We also need to assign an events coordinator** at the dinner or at the June meeting. Volunteers are welcome to run for this position.

**Membership dues** will be collected at the Anniversary dinner: **\$25** for individual, **\$35** for family. New polo shirts will be sold. They will look like last year's shirts only in a royal blue instead of a black.

**Martha has offered the use of her home for a barbeque to be held on June 11, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.** The barbeque will be potluck and volunteers are needed to bring supplies.

**The following dives have been tentatively offered and need to be confirmed/arranged formally by Martha:**

Weekend at Dutch Springs.....July 15 and 16  
Shark Dive in Montauk.....Two trips, late July and early August.  
Oak Beach Inn/After picnic at Eisenhower Park.....August 6  
More shallow water boat dives (60 feet or less.....July 30<sup>th</sup>/End of August?  
Opening dive on Seahawk to the Lizzie D.....May 27 (6:30 a.m.)  
Trip to Cayman Brac.....November 4 – November 11

The following members spoke about recent dive experiences:

**Paul Rozek** described his dive to Bonaire. He highlighted his experiences in reef diving, doing a dawn dive and a dock dive.

**Paul Mila** described his dive to Cozumel. He highlighted his experiences with a discussion on how Hurricanes Emily and Wilma damaged the reefs. He noted that although the reefs are damaged, they are slowly being replenished naturally. Paul truly had a captive audience since we all got locked in the store and had to be rescued.

The following courses are being offered:

Master Diver (\$99).....April 12  
Advanced Scuba Diver (\$29.50).....April 19  
Nitrox (\$150).....April 22  
First Aid and CPR (\$120).....April 23

Meeting Notes provided by **Demetrius Lutz**.

## **II. The Story Behind The Photo**

**Club member Metin (Matt) Celikkol took this amazing photo of a Great White off Guadalupe Island in September 2004.**



**Here is Matt's story about the photo:**

**The Great White Sharks only appear around Guadalupe Island for a short period, from September to October. The site is about 220 miles south-west of San Diego, California. In this area they average from 9ft to 16ft and weight between 3000 lbs to 5000 lbs.**

**The experience was well worth the long boat ride, about 22 hours, getting to the area. Once you arrive and then interact with the Great Whites, you do not want to come back to reality.**

**From my experience, I do not believe the Great White Shark attacks everything in its path. However, we should never forget when we dive or encounter these giants, it is possible they could mistake us as prey due to their nature.**

**For me, spending seven days with these fascinating animals was a dream come true, even though I also enjoy recreational diving. Being within touching distance of a shark having the misleading reputation as an "eating machine" was the experience of a lifetime!**

### **III. Special Feature: Scuba Network Divers Visit Bonaire, by club member Paul Rozek.**

At the end of February a group of 22 divers from the Carle Place and NYC Scuba Network stores fled the end of winter and traveled to Bonaire in search of warmer weather and gin-clear Caribbean diving. After several hours of flying we arrived at the *Divi*, a spacious, lushly landscaped resort. The resort features several restaurants and bars on premise and the town is just a short walk away. With carnival still going on for a couple more days, the island was more exciting than usual.

The dive operator was on premise so we did not have far to travel to the dive boat after enjoying a hearty buffet breakfast each morning. Each day started out with a 2-tank boat dive. After returning to the resort we were free to travel to any of the island's many easily accessible and well-marked shore dive locations.

One of the favorite night dives was the Salt Pier. A shallow dive among the pier's pilings has been described as, "*Diving in a forest or a cathedral.*" The numerous pilings reminded us of trees, or columns of a great church. They were covered with sponges and corals, with colors that came to life under our dive lights.

Another notable dive was Casabal Reef, just off our hotel's pier. Being so close to our base for the week we able to dive the reef at different times of the day and night, enabling us to observe the changes to the reef from day to night and back to day.

In the daytime the reef was alive and busy with a large variety of colorful reef fish clustered around the thick corals and sponges. At nighttime the predators were more numerous. Moray eels slithered among the bottom, lobsters scampered about, and tarpon followed divers waiting for our lights to illuminate easy prey for them. At times we would train our light on a fish and a silver streak would flash by, pouncing on the fish. Only a few shiny scales were left in the water as evidence of a deadly attack.

Diving just before dawn, while saner divers slept snugly in their beds, we found the reef in a strange barren, lonely state, devoid of life and eerily deserted. The creatures of the night had left and the daytime residents had yet to show themselves. But when dawn's light crept over the reef we saw the first signs of life returning. In less than five minutes the reef was back to life as the daytime residents reclaimed their territory in full force.

Our 24-hour surface interval before flying home was a good time to tour the island, with its varied landscape. To the south the shores were barren, windy, rocky, and inhospitable. But shores to the north featured a contrast of lush, green rolling hills. A leisurely drive around the island held a new surprise around each corner. The island drive is a highly recommended "must do" for anyone visiting Bonaire. We can't wait to return!

#### **For Bonaire trip photos check out these links:**

<http://pictures.aol.com/ap/viewAlbum.do?user=guest&mode=guestView&shareInfo=1uXYxRKKm4RiC9YASm3UIES%252FV2JZ3nOrB0WC4QisPN5WGd%252BBXiXp6w%253D%253D&albumId=32418.1624.1141926723610.3>

<http://community.webshots.com/album/548437468iZByyj>

## **IV. GETAWAYS**

### **Scuba Network Adventures**

#### **COZUMEL**

**JULY 16 TO JULY 21, 2006 \$669.00 PER PERSON**

**6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS**

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS-DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.**

**INCLUDES DAILY BREAKFAST, 2 TANKS BOAT DIVING WITH LUNCH, TANKS AND WEIGHTS, SPECIALTY COURSE, AND INSTRUCTOR ESCORT.**

**HOTEL TAXES.**

**COMPLETE ALL YOUR CERTIFICATION DIVES, BEGINNER, ADVANCED, MASTER, ETC.**

#### **CAYMAN BRAC**

**NOV.04 TO NOV. 11, 2006 \$1,299 PER PERSON**

**7 NIGHTS 8 DAYS.**

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY,**

**ALL MEALS, BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER**

**TANKS AND WEIGHTS**

**DAILY 2 TANKS BOAT DIVING**

**UNLIMITED SHORE DIVING.**

**HOTEL TRANSFERS, TAXES.**

**INSTRUCTOR ESCORT**

**SPECIALTY COURSE**

**COMPLETE ALL YOUR CERTIFICATION DIVES, BEGINNER, ADVANCED, MASTER, ETC.**

**HAWAII - END OF FEBRUARY, 2007- DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**Contact Scuba Network for specific details.  
Call 516-997-4864 or email [scubaclass@aol.com](mailto:scubaclass@aol.com)**

**V. Scuba Network Training: Good Divers Keep Learning!**

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**SPECIAL PRICE FOR MEMBERS**

**SIGN FOR ANY COURSE IN APRIL AND GET 15% OFF FOR DIVE MEMBERS OR IF THE MEMBER IS PURCHASING THE CLASSES.**

**Certification Courses:**

**Express classes, Friday / Sat / Sun: \$189**

APRIL 27,28, 29

MAY 19,20,21

JUNE 23,24,25

**Saturday classes: \$169 9AM TO 2PM.**

MAY 6,13,20

JUNE 10,17,24

**Weeknight classes: \$169 6PM TO 10PM.**

MAY 9,11,16 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

JUNE 13,15,20,22

***Nitrox Course: APR. 22 at 9:30 am, Space is very limited \$150.00.***

Includes Books. Sign up as soon as possible or give this as a gift to a friend.

***CPR course: APR, 23 at 9:30 am - CPR includes: CPR, Defibrillator, First Aid certification and Marine injuries all for \$120 including books. Space limited.***

***Advanced course: APRIL 19 AT 7:30 PM.***

***Price \$29.50 plus books.***

***Master diver course: APRIL 12 AT 7:30PM***

***Price \$99 plus books, includes 6 lectures and 1 pool session.***

**Scuba Network Continuing Education**

***Call (516) 997-4864 to register for classes***

***This Month's Scuba Network Featured Specials  
For Dive Club Members***

**Regulator:** complete Sherwood Set-up

**Dive Computers:**

AERIS XR-1 COMPUTER CONSOLE

AERIS XR-1 WRIST COMPUTER

Atmos AI, ( AIR INTEGRATED)

Wrist computers Atmos Elite, (air integrated) and Atmos 2 Nitrox/air

**Dacor Back-up Mask:** Have an extra mask in your gear bag

**WETSUITS (STOCK ITEMS)**

**ONE PIECE 7MM** –40% OFF

3mm --10% OFF

5 MM--50% OFF.

**B/C'S 10% OFF.**

***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](http://www.cozumelisparadise.com) or [www.vrbo.com/54454](http://www.vrbo.com/54454) or email to: [pjmila@hotmail.com](mailto:pjmila@hotmail.com)

**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:  
Our First Anniversary Party, Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> ,7:30pm.**

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