



LONG ISLAND NETWORK DIVERS
SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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I. Club News

SCUBA CLUB MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2006

Presentations:

The featured speaker at the June meeting was **Steve Johnson**, Deputy Director of Tourism for the country of Dominica, known as *The Nature Island Of the Caribbean*.

Steve gave an interesting and informative presentation about the island, covering the people, the culture, and the opportunities for tourism. Diving is excellent, especially for those interested in macro photography. There are numerous other activities to enjoy, including hiking to a boiling volcanic lake, jungle tours, mountain climbing, etc. There is also whale watching, since sperm whales and humpback whales are frequent visitors to the island.

Steve also showed several interesting hotels and dive operations. It is likely that Scuba Network will plan a trip to Dominica in the near future if there is sufficient interest. Let Martha know!

Other Club Business:

Dues were collected, so the club is now solvent.

New **Royal Blue** polo shirts and "T"-shirts are being ordered. Polo shirts help raise money for the club, so be sure to buy one to change off from always wearing your current black shirt.

Plans for **Martha's** club barbecue at her home in Glen Cove were discussed.

Martha's WEB SITE Update: From now on, we will post the **Newsletters** on our WEB site. Some people said that they couldn't read it as a "Word" document. In the web site anyone can read it. We will post the last newsletters there if you couldn't read them.

We will e-mail you when we post new editions.

Our WEBSITE is: WWW.SCUBALONGISLAND.COM

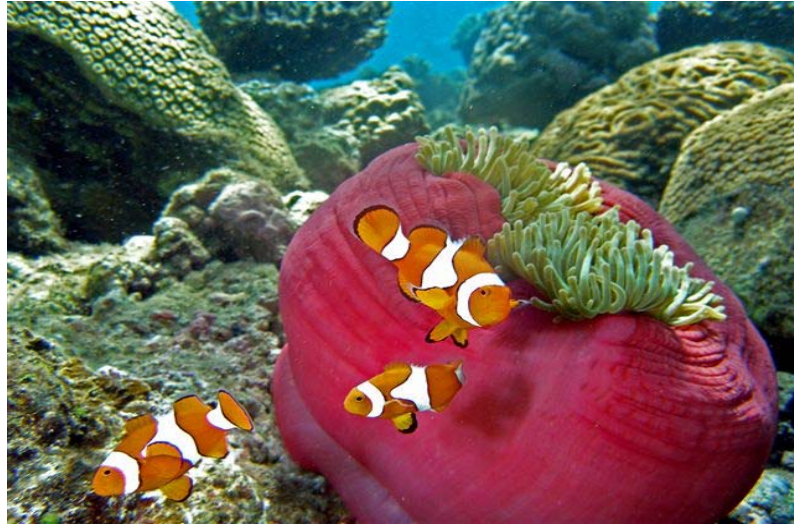
Thanks to club member **Lee Solt** for putting it together, designing and working so hard in helping the club and me with this fabulous website.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, Wednesday July 5th.

Club member **Paul Mila** will be the featured speaker and he will be discussing his new novel, *Whales' Angels*, the long-awaited sequel to *Dangerous Waters*. Scuba Network will have copies available for those interested in purchasing a signed copy. The presentation will also include video of Paul's trip free-diving with humpback whales, which became the inspiration for writing the book.

II. The Story Behind The Photo

Club member Lee Solt took this great clown fish photo in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Papua New Guinea. Here is Lee's story behind the photo.



Brief background: The day started out with tremendous wreck dive on a fully intact B-17 bomber. The only down-side was the depth of the bomber, 160 feet, which reduced the number of dives we could do for the rest of the day. Having completed all the day's diving by 2:00 PM left a lot of time to just stare out into the open water.

Story: As many people know about me, I love to be in the water. When I am on a trip I basically live in a dive skin. This day was no different. We had an option of going ashore and meeting the native villagers or staying on board and finding something to do. My choice was obvious!!! I was getting WET!

Grabbing my mask, fins and snorkel I plunged into the water for a nice relaxing swim. Knowing full well that I would probably see some interesting wildlife, I also grabbed my camera. I was immediately surprised at my luck. By not making bubbles I was able to sneak right up on my targets without spooking them. I know... a 250 lbs man in a lycra suit should never mention the word "sneak" in any form!

As a result of my "Stealthy" approach (better than "sneak"), this family of Clown Fish stayed out in the open as I approached. As you know, anemone fish tend to dive into the anemone at the slightest provocation. They were taken so off guard that they stayed out in the open long enough for me to snap this shot. Lighting was good, but I still used a flash on high power. The effect was great. Colors were peaked and I was able to compose an almost "fake" appearance.

For those camera buffs out there, here are the specs: ISO: 100; Aperture: 3.5; Focal Length: 6mm; Exposure: 1/160th; Forced Flash w/ Inon-D 2000 (External)

III. Special Feature: First Club Event of 2006

Martha's Update on our first successful event of the year

The club's first BBQ was a great success! Thanks to all for coming and helping me so much, the food was great PLENTY OF IT... as well as plenty of drinks.....

I had a great time, and hope every one else did, we had, believe it or not, **49 people** in the house.... what a record.

Great BBQ, thanks to the **Chef-Debbie** for cooking, it was delicious..... thanks to the **bartender-Paul** for the great drinks I didn't get drunk.....but thanks for trying it....

Thanks for the help of every one, and for being such a great group.

To put together so many people in a house is always trouble, but this group was great, and the event was really good.....

We need to plan more events like this.....

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPECIAL FEATURE SUBMISSION STORIES FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS!

IV. GETAWAYS

Scuba Network Adventures

Next trips:

COZUMEL

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

6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS-DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, BREAKFAST DAILY, DAILY 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 about each trip.

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

V. Scuba Network Training: Good Divers Keep Learning!

SPECIAL PRICE FOR MEMBERS

Certification Courses:

Express Friday/Sat/Sun. \$189

July 14-15-16

Aug 11-12-13

Weeknight classes \$169 6PM TO 10PM.

July 11-14-18 Tuesday, Friday, Tuesday

Aug. 1-4-8

Nitrox Course: Jul. 30 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: Jul.29 at 9:30 am - CPR includes: CPR, Defibrillator, First Aid certification and Marine injuries all for \$120 including books. Space limited.

Advanced course: June 21 or Jul 19 or Aug. 16 AT 7:30 PM.

Price \$29.50 plus books.

Master diver course: Jul. 13 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

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

Regulator: complete Sherwood Set-up

Dive Computers:

Air and Nitrox computer console - Sherwood

Atmos AI,(AIR INTEGRATED)

Wrist computers Atmos Elite, (air integrated)

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

WETSUITS (STOCK ITEMS)

ONE PIECE 7MM -40% OFF

3mm --10% OFF

2 PIECE WETSUIT 7 MM - 20% OFF - GREAT FOR DIVING IN NEW YORK

B/C'S 10% OFF.

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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 club membership card to receive your 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

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, July 5th, 7:30pm.**

**EMAIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS, COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS
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