

The Dive Club

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***We Dive!
Come Join
Us***



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***Long
Island
We're
Your
Local
Dive
Club***



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We are one of the oldest, and biggest, dive clubs on Long Island, starting way back in 1991. But that doesn't mean we belong with the dinosaurs. We have fresh input of divers regularly joining the club. Newly certified divers and new to the area divers all bring fresh ideas. We have our collection of older divers too and we wouldn't be the club we are today without their valuable input. Having a democratically elected board, it keeps those people organizing the club, motivated and greatly enthusiastic. We are split into various committees and we encourage members to join one or more so we can have lots of people getting involved in generating the schedules. Diving is meant to be fun and we try to keep it that way. Life is too short for it to be anything else.

Beach Diving

We have an extensive beach diving schedule planned months ahead of the normal dive season. We vary the dive sites so no matter which part of Long Island you live, or further afield, we will hopefully have some dives scheduled that are more convenient for you. We visit dive sites more than once so you can see how you improve with more experience. More often than not, we try to have a barbeque after diving to make it a whole social event. We are very social!!

Wreck Diving

As soon as the boat captains have put up their schedules, we try to have our own projected schedule available soon after. We try to schedule the dives so we use many different dive boats and visit many different wrecks. Shallow, deep, challenging, less challenging, we try to have something for everyone. From single aluminums to double HP steels; from recreational dives to decompression diving. Of course, we do not encourage anyone to dive beyond their training and comfort level but we have members within our club that range from newbies to weathered wreckers! And there will always be more experienced members available to help and buddy up with the less experienced.

Death by Diving

Or, as some of our older members call it, *Death by Driving*. This is our annual diving event and it consists of six dives spread over a weekend (Friday night to Sunday afternoon). Most members cheat and camp out east to get shorter drives to the dive sites but we highly encourage this sole form of cheating as it makes for a great camping weekend. This is actually a competition and if you manage to complete five of the six dives, you earn yourself a free lobster dinner, or its equivalent, if you do not like lobster. We get to choose the dinner venue as we are paying! Sounds easy? Try it. Though we have many divers over the weekend, doing some of the dives, we do not have many divers that actually qualifying for the dinner. And we had thought we were making it too easy.

Monthly Meetings

We meet the first Tuesday of every month at The Harbor Crab in Patchogue. Meetings take a regular format and consist of reports by various dive committees; a LIDA representative tends to be on hand to give us an update, followed by a guest speaker. We also have a raffle so at least one person leaves the meeting financially in profit, if they can find their way past the hordes of divers grouped around the bar, after the meeting has finished.

Becoming a Member

Come along to one of the meetings and check us out. We are a very friendly bunch and take all newbie and experienced divers under our wing. We have application forms online though you do have to print it out and fill it in by hand. Maybe we'll become tech savvy one of these days.

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