



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons,

The holidays and the end of this year are upon us. I hope you are all enjoying time with your families and friends and getting ready for a wonderful New Year.

This is the time of the year when we all count our blessings and look forward to many great things to come but we also need to keep those who may not be so fortunate in our hearts and minds. If you have a favorite charity or community organization, I am sure they could use your help in caring for those less fortunate. There are many great service organizations out there year round making a difference in our communities. As a club we support some of these groups but there are always opportunities to do even more.

So, I would like to wish all of you Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and a Super Fantastic New Year. I look forward to being with you next year as we dive and have fun together.

Good diving to all,
Randy

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT
December, 2012

We welcome a new member this month:

Mary Van Houten NAUI
1124 Harrison St #10
Oak Park IL. 60304
Home 708-948-7176
E-Mail mary_vanhouten@yahoo.com

Our current membership stands at:

69 full members 2 Associates
TOTAL 71 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

We have begun the planning for our events in 2013. We have a need for TICs to run some of the events. It isn't difficult and we are happy to help. Please contact me if you see an event that would be of interest. Or if you have come across something that you think would be a good fit, we can always swap out something for another or add it on to the calendar.

Thanks!

Pam Romund, Events Committee
847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com

TRITON 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

January, 2013

Tuesday, 1/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Sunday, 1/20	Sandwich Making Community Service	Chris Demski 630-698-9410 cdemski@sbcglobal.net
Tuesday, 1/22	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
*Saturday, 1/26	Roller Derby – UIC Windy City Rollers	Dave O'Malley 847-724-6878 djo2362@msn.com

February, 2013

Tuesday, 2/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
F-S, 2/15-17	Our World Underwater Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont	Midwest's Largest Dive Show - For more information and Tickets go to: www.ourworldunderwater.com
Saturday, 2/16	OWU Dinner TICs Choice	Margo Miller margommiller@sprynet.com
Tuesday, 2/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

March, 2013

Saturday, 3/2	Intelligentsia Coffee Factory Tour, Chicago	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 3/9	Wolves Hockey Allstate Arena Rosemont	Adolph Habich AHabich@aol.com
Tuesday, 3/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 3/23	Pizza Get-Together	Angie McKeon ammckeon@sbcglobal.net
Tuesday, 3/26	Business Meeting / General Elections	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

April, 2013

Tuesday, 4/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 4/13	Anniversary Party	Need TIC
Tuesday, 4/23	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 4/27	Cooking for Charity	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com

May, 2013

Sunday, 5/5	Road Rally	Need TIC
Saturday, 5/11	Dinner and a Show	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 5/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 5/18	Quarry Dive & Picnic	Reimer, Scott streimer1@comcast.net
Sunday, 5/26	Memorial Day Bike, Walk and Eat!	Margy & Milt Levenberg margyspec@comcast.net or milspec@comcast.net

June, 2013

Saturday, 6/1	Comedy Club Outing	Need TIC
Sunday, 6/9	Wreck Dive – Chicago or Milwaukee, TIC Choice	Need TIC

*Date or Event change

Contact Pam Romund to sign up for an event 847-698-5490 or promund@kraftfoods.com. We have loads of events for you to choose – contact me and we can discuss.

WINDY CITY ROLLERS ROLLER DERBY AT THE UIC PAVILION



It's the middle of winter. You're fed-up with the lame sporting events on television. Your knees and ankles are hurting from snow skiing and ice skating.

YOU NEED TO VENT YOUR ANGER AND VANQUISH YOUR WINTERTIME BOREDOM!

Why not join your fellow Tritons for Roller Derby at the UIC Pavilion on **Saturday January 26th** to see the mayhem on wheels as the Windy City Rollers battle some hapless opponent? Relax and enjoy the action as the lovely ladies beat each other to a pulp. You won't see this action in golf. The worst Tiger ever does is fling his golf club.

The UIC Pavilion is located at the corner of S. Racine Ave. and W. Harrison St. The **cost is \$21.50** but we may qualify for a group discount if we have more than 10 people. The event will start at **7:00 PM**. We will go to a local restaurant for dinner before the event.

If you have any questions, Call Dave O'Malley at 847-724-6878.
Dave O'Malley TIC

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COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT FEED THE HOMELESS VETERANS

When: **Sunday January 20th, 2013**

Time: **12:00 PM** - until we finish

We will go somewhere for libations afterwards.

Where: **900 Ridge Rd.** (North Ave. 2 blocks west of Main St.) **Lombard, IL.**

***We will be making sandwiches (about 1200), and/or perhaps soup, chili, hamburgers. Whatever they have on hand that has been donated is what we will use. This food then gets transported by truck into the city to feed the homeless veterans.

*** If you have any **VERY LARGE T-SHIRTS, hats, coats, jackets, socks etc.** bring those with to donate to the cause. Also blankets, comforters, sleeping bags are welcomed and appreciated. We may be donating some food as well. More information as I receive it.

TIC: Chris Demski – 630-698-9410

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CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS?



As you make the changeover from your summer to winter wardrobe and you find warm coats, jackets, boots, hats, gloves, scarves that you no long want/need. Why not give them new life? We will take the items to the Homeless Vets to ensure they have items to keep them warm all winter. Don't just chuck them, recycle and help to keep a vet warm.

If you find any blankets, comforters, throws, sleeping bags we will take those also. Perhaps they don't look as good as you would like any longer but they can keep someone warm. Bring the items to any business meeting or call OR we can make arrangements to pick them up.



Thanks!

Chris Demski 630-698-9410



February 15, 16 & 17, 2013

OW-U runs over 3 days offering informative Workshops, Seminars & Exhibitors from all over the world. There are seminars on wreck diving, photography, videography, editing, dive medicine, dive resorts. The show will be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. Contact: www.ourworldunderwater.com for tickets.

Don't miss the Midwest's largest dive, travel and adventure show - displays of the latest in equipment, travel destinations, technology, dive retailers, photographers & filmmakers and more. This is your chance to see it all under one roof!

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Presented by the Ford Seahorses in conjunction with the Dossin Great Lakes Museum
A festival celebrating underwater exploration of our Great Lakes maritime history

THE GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL

**32ND GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013**

**Washtenaw Community College – Morris Lawrence Building
4800 E. Huron Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105**

Multiple Presentations, Recreational through Technical Diving and Exhibits

The programs run from 9am–5pm, featuring a wide variety of sessions on Great Lakes shipwrecks, exotic dive locations from around the world and education/technical sessions. In the Exhibit area, there will be book signings, exhibits from local maritime artists, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, dive equipment manufacturers, diver charter operations and dive travel agencies. A number of local dive shops will be represented as well as underwater marine sanctuaries, and local quarries.

Shipwrecks are always the theme of this event and this year is no exception. The Festival has three venues, including presentations on Great Lakes shipwrecks, exotic saltwater destinations and Educational/Technical topics.

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Dive Club, established in 1957, is one of the most active dive clubs in Michigan. The club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the enjoyment and advancement of the sport of scuba diving.

Tickets for the event are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.
Visit their web page for more information: <http://www.shipwreckfestival.org/>

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WINTER SCUBA CLASSES

Breaking news - our next round of Open Water Scuba Classes begin in February, 2013 at Wheeling High School. Let your families and friends know. More to come in next month's issue.

Triton Holiday Party

Saturday, December 1, 2012



On Saturday December 1st, we gathered for our annual Triton Holiday party. This event was once again a very successful and happy event. For this year, we booked the party room at the Birch River Grill in Arlington Heights. This was the second time we used this venue as we held the Anniversary Party there a few years ago. There were a total of 34 in attendance - Tritons with their spouses and families.

Much good food and spirits were consumed and we were serenaded by some sounds of the season. We also raffled off some prizes donated by Renee Tobias, Glen and Patsy Beal and Global Access, Inc.

A good time was had by all and I hope that if you were not able to join us this year you will mark a spot on your calendar to be with us in 2013.

Happy Holidays to All!

Your Board of Directors: Randy Skiba, Mike Leibovitz, Ed Littel, Dave O'Malley, Tricia Shields, Ron Levin

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GHOST SHIPS FESTIVAL 2013

MARCH 15-16, 2013

New Venue: Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel



This year we are excited to be hosting the event at the Crown Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel, conveniently located off I-94 just south of General Mitchell International Airport. The Ghost Ships Festival is Wisconsin's largest trade show devoted to Scuba Diving and Great Lakes Maritime History. Exhibits, workshops, and presentations cover just about every aspect of Great Lakes maritime history and scuba diving. You can purchase your tickets through our secure online ticketing page. Visit our [web site](http://www.ghostships.org/) for more information. <http://www.ghostships.org/>

CONDOLENCES

I am saddened to report Jim Hynan's mother, Rosemary, passed away on November 30, 2012. She just celebrated her 96th birthday, a proud mother, grandmother and great grandmother. If you would care to send Jim a note his address is:

Jim Hynan
1831 Mission Hills Road # 203
Northbrook IL 60062-5745

Memorials may be sent to: Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025.

A THANKS FROM THE HYNAN FAMILY

A short note to thank the many Tritons who sent us their sympathies, cards, and other means of support upon the passing of our Mother, Rosemary. It was along 6 weeks from her stroke in mid-October until her passing the end of November, and the Tritons's support during this time was huge. Special thanks to those who attended services. Let's all have a great Holiday season.

Jim, for all the Hynans

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CONCERT – REUNION JAZZ ORCHESTRA **Saturday, December 16th**



We gathered at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn to hear the sounds of the season and more. We first heard the Notre Dame College Prep band, they were fantastic! People were absolutely amazed these were high school students. And then the Reunion Jazz Orchestra was up, featuring our own Ron Levin (see him on guitar above). We also heard the very talented Tammy McCann adding her vocals to some of the number, she has a wonderful, versatile voice – slow and sultry or full of energy, she can do it all! What a great way to celebrate the season.

TIC: Jim Hynan

NAVY DOLPHINS LOSING OUT TO ROBOTS

But marine mammals still beat machines at security, retrieval



A handler sends a California sea lion back to a simulated "threat swimmer" with a clamp that it will apply to the swimmer's thigh

Like the factory worker and travel agent before them, some Navy dolphins trained to hunt down mines are scheduled to be replaced by computers in five years.

However, the Navy's marine mammals aren't going away. Military-trained dolphins and sea lions will continue to be used for port security and retrieving objects from the sea floor — jobs they are still better at than machines. The Navy's \$28 million marine mammal program, headquartered in San Diego, uses 80 bottle-nosed dolphins and 40 California sea lions.

Armed by Mother Nature with superb eyesight, sophisticated sonar and the ability to dive 500 feet without the bends, these creatures have been deployed to Iraq and Bahrain during the post-Sept. 11 wars to keep ports safe for American ships. They patrol for enemy divers. They ping mines and mark the location for handlers. It's a program that goes back to naval research started in the late 1950s that once included killer whales and sharks.

But now Navy officials say that an unmanned underwater vehicle — a 12-foot torpedo-shaped robot — can do the some of the same mine-hunting jobs. And the machines can be manufactured quickly, unlike the seven years it takes to train a dolphin for duty.

Only 24 of the Navy's 80 dolphins are involved in mine-hunting work that will go to robots starting in 2017. Those dolphins will be reassigned to other tasks, a Navy official said. Sea lion jobs are safe. "We are certain that there's going to be fewer mine-hunting dolphins," said Mike Rothe, head of the biosciences division at the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific in San Diego. But he added that there's potential to shift these dolphins into a slightly different kind of mine-hunting — the ability to find bombs hidden on the bottom of a body of water. "About a quarter of (the Navy dolphins) would be affected. But it's not like they are going to go jobless. We have other assignments," he said.

Most of the Navy's dolphins and sea lions are housed at Point Loma Naval Base, in pools sectioned off from the bay. Others guard Navy submarine bases in Georgia and Washington state. Civilian trainers teach the sea lions two skills: To find swimmers underwater and to retrieve objects from deep water.

During a recent demonstration in San Diego, sea lions Vader and Jabba waddled out of their cages and slipped into the bay. One by one, they found a wetsuit-clad swimmer nearby. Their training dictates that they swim back to the boat, notify the crew by touching a disc, and grab a claw-like apparatus in their mouths.

The sea lion returns to the swimmer and attaches the apparatus to the person's thigh. It snaps onto the leg and won't come off — like a boot on a car with too many parking tickets. Naval security guards then pull up the invading swimmer — who might have been plotting to bomb a U.S. ship — using the line attached to the claw.

The Navy sea lion's other mission is to find objects, such as inert missiles placed during training exercises, on the ocean floor. Using its spectacular underwater hearing and eyesight, the mammal is trained to search out the object. It carries a plate in its mouth and hooks on a line attached to the plate.

Those jobs are safe because, at present, robots aren't good at them or cost effective, Rothe said. For example, "finding a swimmer is one thing, interdicting it is another," he said. "Right now the sea lions are the only nonlethal interdiction system that the Navy has in the inventory."

Dolphins also find invading swimmers. But their special job is mines — a long-important task in the sea service, as enemy mines have been responsible for 14 of the 19 Navy ships destroyed or damaged since 1950. But with Iran threatening to mine the Strait of Hormuz, the pinch point of Middle East oil shipping, the topic of mines is again important.

Earlier this year, the Navy doubled the number of minesweeper ships in that region by moving four from San Diego. These wood-hulled mine countermeasure vessels do broad sweeps for obstructions in the sea.

The job of Navy dolphins is to find and mark mines using their innate sonar location ability. They can mark mines in shallow water, in deep water when tethers are employed and on the bottom despite sediment cover and plant growth — three separate skills. These dolphins are also trained, just like the Marines, to be "expeditionary" — or to take the fight on the road.

Dolphins are carried aboard Navy ships in large movable pools, about 20 feet in diameter. Dolphins traveled on the amphibious ship Gunston Hall in 2003 for the Iraq war. They work for sardines. And herring, smelt and squid.

And these marine mammals have a pretty good pension program. The Navy is responsible for their care throughout their lives, even after they stop performing missions. Sometimes Navy dolphins are loaned to animal parks, such as Sea World, later in life.

The Navy breeds dolphins to replenish its own ranks, though the project used wild ones until 1989. Breeding is not an option for sea lions. The military only uses male sea lions who are neutered — to curb aggression, improve health and keep weight at a manageable 300 pounds. New recruits are often strays who became stranded as youths.

While young marine mammals train, the replacement — at least for some — sits not far away at the naval base. Space and Naval Warfare Systems engineers in Point Loma have developed a robot that can run for 24 hours underwater. Called Kingfish, the unmanned vehicle is programmed, then placed in the water. Its job is to collect information on the underwater picture.

Kingfish, the newer larger version of a prototype called Swordfish, has been used in a limited way for more than two years. It was demonstrated publicly by the Navy during a mine countermeasures exercise in the Persian Gulf in September. The exercise, with 30 U.S. allies, served as a muscle-flexing of the American anti-mine ability. The total cost of the Kingfish program, compared to the marine mammals, is still not determined, Rothe said.

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DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER

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Brookfield, IL 60513
708-442-4388

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2738 E 2000 North Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
815-939-7797

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Milwaukee, WI 53215
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Skokie, IL 60076
847-674-0222

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756 Frontage Road
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611 N. Addison Avenue
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DAN SAFETY QUIZZES



Over the holidays many folks may have some extra time on their hands before the new year begins.. Rather than becoming a couch potato or just surfing the internet randomly why not keep up and improve your diving knowledge? DAN has some great quizzes on topics that range from hand signals to shark identification to accident management and hazardous marine identification.

Go to: <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/quiz/> to get started, there are thirteen different quizzes in all, have fun!

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See you January 22, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Giuseppe's

1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL

(847) 824-4230

The restaurant is situated on Lee Street, north of Algonquin and south of Northwest Highway