



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons,

Punxsutawney Phil has predicted an early spring so that means a good start to our diving season here in Chicago. Hopefully, you had a chance to get to the Our World Underwater show and have updated your gear or at least started looking into getting it into shape for this year. There are many great dive shops in our area that can help you with this so please check out the list at the end of the Trib and support the shops that support your club. We also have some great events coming up in March that you will want to look into. This is a super way to stay in touch with your fellow divers until the diving events begin here in Chicago.

And, as I hope you are all aware, next month we will hold our annual election for club officers. The offices of Vice-President, Treasurer and 2nd Director will be up for vote. If you would like to be a part of the planning process for the future of the club, please contact Margi Levenberg and let her know to which office you would be willing to be nominated.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Randy Skiba
Vice-President – Mike Leibovtiz
Secretary – Dave O'Malley
Treasurer – Ed Littel
First Director – Ron Levin
Second Director – Tricia Shields

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit – Diana Skiba
By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak
Entertainment – Dave Vemmer
Equipment & Safety – S. Leibovitz
Events – Pam Romund
Membership – Adolph Habich
Merchandise – Brian Clarke
Nominating – Margy Levenberg
Publicity/Web Site – Adolph Habich / Milt Levenberg
Director of Training – Rich Schak
Editor of the Trib – Pam Romund
Illinois Council Delegates – Chuck & Margo Miller

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In addition, please check out this issue of the Trib for a **proposed changed to the Proxy Voting rules** for the Club. The Board has been working very hard to bring us into the electronic mail age to give you more flexibility should you not be able to attend the annual election meeting. I'm asking you to be at the February meeting to voice your opinions and to vote on this important issue.

I look forward to seeing you on February 26th.

Good diving to all,
Randy

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February, 2013

Joan Chibe was voted in at the January meeting. Welcome aboard Joan!

Our current membership is:
70 full members
1 associate member
TOTAL 71 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee.

UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

New email address:

Linda Korbus - LindaKorbus@gmail.com

TRITON 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

February, 2013

Tuesday, 2/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
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March, 2013

*Saturday, 3/2	Pizza Get-Together	Angie McKeon ammckeon@sbcglobal.net
*Tuesday, 3/5	Triton Trib Deadline Note Earlier Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 3/9	Wolves Hockey Allstate Arena Rosemont	Adolph Habich AHabich@aol.com
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
Tuesday, 5/28	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

June, 2013

Saturday, 6/1	Comedy Club Outing	Need TIC
Sunday, 6/9	Wreck Dive – Chicago or Milwaukee, TIC Choice	Need TIC
Tuesday, 6/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
S&S, 6/22/23	Training Weekend	Board of Education
Sunday, 6/23	Quarry Dive & Picnic	Board of Education
Tuesday, 6/25	OPEN HOUSE	Board of Directors - Guests!!

July, 2013

Sun-Sat 7/2-7/6	Florida Wreck & Reef Diving	Jim Hynan, jhynan74@gmail.com
Sunday, 7/14	Mini Golf or Segway Oak Park	Need TIC – TIC Choice
Tuesday, 7/25	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 7/27	Wreck Dive – Chicago or Milwaukee, TIC Choice	Need TIC
Sunday, 7/28	Jim Haigh Memorial Dive	Haigh Quarry Staff

*Date or Event change

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT FEED THE HOMELESS VETERANS

We gathered in Lombard to help feed the homeless and were able put together over 1200 sandwiches!!! We put two of the sandwiches we made in already prepared bags that contained a drink (juice drink), a salty snack (chips or crackers) and something sweet (granola or fruit snacks). We then put them on a large truck specially outfitted for the job. We made gallons of hot, black coffee and several gallons of iced tea and lemonade. We also sorted through some t-shirts, hats, gloves, jackets and placed those on the truck. We then swept up, washed the utensils, and tidied up. We did all of this in just an hour and a half!



Several of us decided to grab some lunch so we headed a bit further down North Avenue to Vi's Restaurant. As luck would have it they were still serving their Sunday Champagne Brunch for \$15.95! There were pancakes, eggs benedict, prime rib, chicken, fish, shrimp, crab legs, soups, salads and much more. During our trips back and forth to the buffet our waitress kept coming by to fill our glasses with more mimosas. A very good time was had by all!

We did this last year and we will do it again, we all had fun and were able to help out a very worthy cause!

TIC: Chris Demski

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ENTERTAINMENT AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

On August 18th, 2000 the Russian nuclear submarine, Kursk, was participating in naval exercises with other Russian Naval Vessels in the Barents Sea when it unexpectedly sank with its crew of 118 men onboard.

Though rescue attempts were offered by the British and Norwegian teams, Russia declined initial rescue offers. All 118 sailors and officers aboard Kursk perished. The Russian Admiralty at first suggested most of the crew died within minutes of the explosion; however, some of the sailors had time to write notes.

A consortium formed by the Dutch companies Mammoet and Smit International eventually raised the Kursk and recovered the dead who were buried in Russia.

The video documents some of the controversy that surrounded the accident and the effort exerted to finally recover the Kursk.

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2013 TRITON PRELIMINARY ELECTION SLATE

Vice President: Mike Leibovitz

Treasurer: Ed Littel - Rosana Vemmer

Director: Lea Hotton - Sam Polonetsky - Scott Reimer

Our elections will be held at the March meeting. Please call or email the Nominating Committee if you would be willing to run for Vice President or Treasurer. Thank you to all those who have agreed to be on the slate in 2013.

2013 Nominating Committee

Margy Levenberg, Chair

Renee Tobias

Dave Vemmer

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BY-LAWS NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHANGE

Attached with this newsletter is a copy of the of the Proposed Nominating Procedure changes for 2013. The additions to the Election Procedures are highlighted in red and green. These changes will allow club members to send proxies by e-mail or fax. The Board of Directors would like to give a special shout-out to Gary Duszak for his hard work on the changes. If you have any questions, call or e-mail me.

Thanks, Dave O'Malley

PIZZA PARTY – MARCH 2

NOTE: DATE CHANGE

The date for our pizza party has changed from March 23 to Saturday, March 2nd. It will be at

Gino's East
O'Hare Plaza, 8725 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL

Founded in 1966 Gino's pizzas are made by hand and feature golden crust, vine-ripened tomatoes and loaded with your choice of fresh ingredients. Not a fan of deep dish, they also have a delicious thin crust pizza and great salads.

Reservations are for **7:00 pm** under the Triton Dive Club. So, please, come join us for some great pizza and wonderful company!

Contact Angi McKeon at
847-217-2224 or ammckeon@sbcglobal.net.

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ROLLER DERBY EXTRAVAGANZA

WINDY CITY ROLLERS AT THE UIC PAVILION



On Saturday, January 26, 2013 ten Tritons (seven in one car - very cozy) met at the Greek Islands restaurant for a family style Greek feast. There was plenty of flaming cheese and the yelling "OPAA!". The dinner was plentiful and we all had a lot of fun. We arrived at 4:30 p.m. and were seated almost immediately. By 5:00 p.m., the restaurant was packed. Good timing for us.

After dinner, we went to the UIC Pavilion for a Windy City Rollers charity round robin. We watched all of the league teams play elimination round robin games until the exciting end. Thankfully, we were given programs with the rules, team names, and hand signals. The Pavilion had a good crowd and each team had their own rooting section. Since all of us were first timers to roller derby, it took a little while to catch on to the rules and scoring. This made for an active exchange amongst our group. The Roller Derby girls did not disappoint and provided a lot of pushing and blocking. Everyone had a good time and nice evening.

Thank you to the attendees, Dave O'Malley, TIC



REUNION JAZZ ORCHESTRA **MARCH 14 – ANDY'S JAZZ CLUB**

The Fourth Annual Chi-Town Jazz Festival is running March 12-22. All proceeds (musicians and venues donate their services) go to support hunger relief in the Chicago area. As part Jazz Fest on Thursday, March 14th Tammy McCann and the Reunion Jazz Orchestra (featuring our own Ron Levin) will perform at Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard, Chicago . Show time is 7:00 PM.

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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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EVENTS CALENDAR

The new year is upon us and 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 for your help!
Pam Romund, Events Committee
847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com

WINTER SCUBA CLASSES

EXPLORE THE UNDERWATER WORLD



To become an accomplished scuba diver, you must first learn the fundamentals of diving and then build on the basic skills.

During these five sessions you will master all of the skills necessary to become a certified scuba diver. The training offered is the PADI, Professional Association of Diving Instructors, system of training, the most popular in the world. Upon completion of your performance based training you will be eligible to attend your open water certification dives with *The Tritons*, one of the oldest and most successful scuba organizations in the Chicago area.

Make sure you have your swimsuit, towel, mask, snorkel, fins, and boots and be prepared to have some fun! Students 12-18 are also welcome but must be approved by a parent or guardian.

This is real family fun!

Scuba Diving 5 Sessions - \$135 *** Additional materials fee is approx. \$55**
Classes are offered in cooperation with Wheeling High School, Community Education,
and *The Tritons*.

Classes Begin Thursday, February 21, 2013, Wheeling School, 6:30-10:00 pm



Information on this and all of the community education programs is available at:
www.ce214.org. or 847-718-7700
Support their programs please!

Rich Schak - Director of Training
Rschak@hotmail.com or 312-608-4112

Be sure to let your family and friends know, sign them up today!!

13th Annual Great Lakes Regional MATE ROV Competition

hosted by *Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary*

Save the Date!

Saturday, April 20th, 2013

This year's challenge: Ocean Observing Systems!

The Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Center coordinates an international student underwater robotics (remotely operated vehicle or ROV) competition and a network of 20 regional ROV contests that take place across the U.S. and in Canada, Hong Kong, Scotland, and Japan. Student teams from upper elementary, middle schools, high schools, home schools, community colleges, universities, and community organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club and 4-H, participate every year.

Team registration and 2013 mission specifications and rules will be released soon. Stand by for official announcements.



Need more information?

Contact Sarah Waters at 989-356-8805, x29 or sarah.a.waters@noaa.gov

Interested in volunteering as a judge or event support?

Contact Stephanie Gandulla at 989-356-8805, x38 or steph.gandulla@noaa.gov

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**UNDERWATER
COMPETITION**
Sunday, March 10
Pavilion Pool Complex
1000 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village

Doors Open at 11:30 AM
Competition Begins at 12:30 PM

The Pavilion Pool Complex in Elk Grove Village, this is at the corner of Wellington and Biesterfield Road. Exit Route 53 at Biesterfield, go east to Liechester Road. Turn south on Liechester, turn into large parking lot and go to the door that is behind the trailer parked by the building.

Come on, come all - all skill levels welcomed – whether you are a new diver or one well-seasoned, everyone is invited to **participate**. **Test your skills against the best of the best – the members of the Illinois Council of Skin and SCUBA Diving Clubs**. Start getting your team together. Don't have enough for a team? No problem there is room for everyone, we will get you matched up with others looking for the thrill of competition.

What will it be this year? Underwater tricycle racing, three-finned race, underwater obstacle course, there are so many possibilities. You need to bring your C card and complete a liability release form. Also bring your own dive equipment, swim suit, and towel. You will need to arrive no later than 11:30 AM if you are planning to participate – there is paperwork to complete.

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JOIN THE TRITONS
FOR
WOLVES HOCKEY



CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE

\$16.00

7:00 PM MARCH 9 2013

ALLSTATE ARENA
TIC ADOLPH HABICH
ahabich@aol.com

JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE GAME

A big *Triton* THANK YOU!

The following businesses support our organization and we thank them for the generosity. The next time you stop in mention you are a Triton & personally thank them for their support.

BELOW H20

554 S. Route 59
Naperville, IL 60540
630-820-2531

CHICAGOLAND SCUBA

732 S. Rand Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047
847-540-7211

DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER

9301 W. Ogden Ave.
Brookfield, IL 60513
708-442-4388

HAIGH QUARRY

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

PIRATE'S COVE DIVING

1103 West Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-482-1430

SCUBA SYSTEMS

3919 Oakton
Skokie, IL 60076
847-674-0222

BERRY DIVE CENTER

3402 N. Milwaukee
Northbrook, IL
847-358-3848

DD DIVE SHOP

1039 Waukegan Road
Glenview, IL 60025
847-657-3483

ENTERPRISE MARINE

420 Michael Court
Des Plaines, IL 60016
847-640-8113

PEARL LAKE RESORT

Highway 251
South Beloit, IL 61080
815-389-1479

SCUBA EMPORIUM

16336 S. 104th Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60467
708-226-1614

TOUCAN DIVE CENTER

756 Frontage Road
Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-356-7826

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

611 N. Addison Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181
630-833-8383

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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/>



The Tritons

FOUNDED IN 1957

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February, 2013

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See you Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Entertainment: The Recovery of the *Kursk*

The video documents the sinking of the Russian submarine in 2000, some of the controversy that followed the accident and the effort exerted to finally recover the Kursk

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