



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Tritons,

I have returned from hiking and camping up in Canada, a wonderful time, beautiful country. Ask me about the trip and I will non-stop talk about it.

Our fall classes are underway at Prospect High School, we have six students in the class.

We are winding down to the end of our fiscal year. So if you have run an event please get your paperwork together and give it to Pam Romund, she will review and sign off on it so you can get any monies owed back to you or other members.

Some wonderful events coming up - a Fish Boil, just like in Door County but much closer to home, the Lake Geneva dive, Art Institute Visit, Corn Maze and Oktoberfest. And that it just this month!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September, 2017

I have made up a new roster, members please let me know if you want me to e-mail a copy to you.

Our current membership stands at:

60 full members 2 Associates

Total Membership 62

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee.

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UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Be sure to keep us informed of any change in e-mail, phone or address. Thanks!

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EVENTS

Still looking for a few more TICs to complete the 2017 calendar. Please contact me if you can run one of the remaining events.

We met to put together a Proposed Calendar for 2018. Look it over, some new events and plenty of old favorites. We will be voting on this at the September meeting. Many thanks to Joan Chibe, Adolph Habich, Scott Reimer and Randy Skiba for their help.

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2017 TRITON EVENTS CALENDAR

September, 2017

Saturday, 9/23	Fitzgerald's Fish Boil Genoa City, IL	Louise Schuldt 847-345-0116 peng.weez73@gmail.com
Tuesday, 9/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

October, 2017

Saturday, 10/7	Lake Geneva Dive	Jim Hynan jhynan74@gmail.com
Tuesday, 10/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sunday, 10/15	Art Institute Visit	Mary Van Houten
Saturday, 10/21	Corn Maze	Louise Schuldt 847-345-0116 peng.weez73@gmail.com
Tuesday, 10/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 10/28	Oktoberfest	TIC NEEDED

November, 2017

Saturday, 11/4	Cooking Class	TIC NEEDED
Tuesday, 11/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sunday, 11/19	Wine Tasting	Mary Van Houten
Tuesday, 11/28	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

December 2017

Saturday, 12/2	Holiday Party	Board of Directors
Tuesday, 12/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sunday, 12/17	Trees Around the World, MSI Chicago1	TIC NEEDED
Sunday, 12/31	New Year's Eve Bowling	TIC NEEDED

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LAKE GENEVA DIVE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7th - A WHOPPING \$45

Yes, the last local dive charter of the year. For you experienced Lake Geneva divers, c'mon back. For new ones, there isn't an easier charter dive in existence. A 2-tank dive starting at 10 AM in Williams Bay on the lake's north shore. Easy and shallow diving to see what boaters have left on the lake's bottom for prior seasons (yes, it can be a cleanup dive too). See the fall foliage all around us. Then adjourn to the house in the Bay after for much pasta, drink, and dessert.

Tank rentals from our charter are only \$7 per tank, weights are free unless you donate them to the lake bottom. Beats lugging your own tank, eh?

Seven divers signed up so far, with room for more.

Jim Hynan 847-559-9014 jhynan74@gmail.com

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HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA

Looking for an idea for the diver on your Holiday gift list. Check out the world dive map:

https://awesomemaps.com/en/worldmaps/divemap?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=dnf&utm_campaign=p_0037_car_none_classic_dive-map_1_dnf%2Cmnf%2Cig_world_all_25-65_pdp-divemap

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Come join your fellow Tritons for a delicious all you care to eat North Atlantic Cod fish boil just north of the Wisconsin border, just 2 miles NW of Richmond, IL. Also included are honey-BBQ chicken and BBQ pork ribs with coleslaw, fresh rye bread, sweet red potatoes and onions boiled in the pot with the fish, a frosted apple square for dessert, and coffee. Drinks from a full service bar are available. Is your mouth watering yet?

When: Saturday, Sept. 23

Time: 4:45 pm

(Note: they don't take reservations but a table for our group will be set up so I need a final count by Thursday, Sept. 21)

Where: 727 Main St (Hwy B), Genoa City, WI

Cost: \$15 to be paid at the event

TIC: Louise Schuldt

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SUUNTO RECALLS ALL COMPUTER TRANSMITTERS AND PODS

No ifs. No buts. Suunto has identified a potential safety risk affecting **ALL Suunto Wireless Tank Pressure Transmitters and Suunto Tank PODs**, which wirelessly transmit tank air pressure to compatible Suunto dive computers. They say that in two cases, the exterior case of a Suunto wireless tank-pressure transmitter failed during regular dry land pressure testing. While the likelihood is rare, if the case burst, a diver could be injured. Because of this, Suunto is recalling every unit among the tens of thousands they have produced during the past 14 years, a costly step for them.

The affected models are SS019098000 and SS005397000 tank transmitters and SS020306000 tank pod. (These are part numbers, not serial numbers.) This includes both older models with a black plastic base and the new model with a transparent base and LED light.

Remember, this recall affects ALL transmitters and PODs they have produced, and although Undercurrent could not get the precise number, Ryan Crawford of Suunto UK said it was "rather a lot." You can imagine the scale of this recall world-wide.

Suunto says all consumers in possession of a Suunto Wireless Tank Pressure Transmitter or Tank POD should take their products to an authorized Suunto dive dealer or a Suunto Authorized Service Center for a free inspection and upgrade. This includes both a flow restrictor for use with direct connection to a regulator first-stage and one for use with connection to a high-pressure hose, whichever is applicable.

Do not use the transmitter or tank PODs before the upgrade. Suunto will extend upgraded transmitter warranties by a year after registering with www.mysuunto.com. They will also replace the battery. For more information go to: www.suunto.com/recall.

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TWO DIVERS MISSING OFF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE PLAN THAT SAVED THEM

A loud pop startled two scuba divers exploring a wreck 50 feet (15m) below the ocean's surface eight miles off Atlantic Beach on July 6th. Divers Michael Sparks and Samuel Ragsdale heard it, but neither man recognized its significance. It wasn't until later that the friends and fellow Coast Guardsmen realized they were in trouble. "As we approached our anchor, I couldn't see any line extending to the surface," said Sparks. "My heart sank. On the end of the anchor chain we found the foot-long frayed remains of the only line keeping our boat above us." The divers shot to the surface and looked around frantically for the boat. Sparks caught a glimpse of it as it rode to the top of a wave about three miles away. Sparks' unmanned 17-foot Seadoo Jetboat had drifted away, along with their emergency-position-indicating radio beacon, marine radio and cell phones.

At this point, the gravity of our situation really hit me," said Sparks. "We decided to drop our dive weights because they prevented us from floating properly." As nightfall began to set in, weather conditions deteriorated, and the pair began to realize that the survival plan they'd made before heading out to sea was now their only hope of anyone knowing something was wrong — or where to look for them. "Before we went out on the dive, we told my roommate, James Sellers, where we were going and when we planned to return," said Ragsdale. "Sparks had sent a text message to some of our Coast Guard friends at Station Fort Macon. His message included the name of the wreck we were diving on, the wreck number, exact coordinates of our dive, and our intention to return by dark."

As swells began to crash over their heads, their buoyancy compensators kept them afloat. Their wetsuits helped maintain their body temperatures. They carried a safety sausage, along with knives and a high-powered flashlight. "The adrenaline wore off after awhile," said Ragsdale. "We both clung to that safety sausage to stay together. We tried to figure out where we were and if there was a chance we'd be drifting past a buoy we might be able to cling to." "Even with the water at 81°F (27°C), we were both starting to feel chilly," said Sparks. "My greatest fear was that we'd end up drifting southeast rather than northeast, which would send us around Cape Lookout into the Atlantic Ocean. This would greatly diminish our chances of being located."

Back on shore, Ragsdale's roommate, Sellers, did not hesitate to take action once dark set in and the two had not returned, and contacted the Coast Guard Station Fort Macon. The station's officer, Petty Officer 3rd Class Cameron Haywood, initiated a Coast Guard response that included a plan to involve multiple boats, cutters, beach patrols and air assets.

But back on the water, the divers' optimism began to fade. "Around midnight, we stopped talking and our hopes of getting rescued before dawn grew faint," said Sparks. "We were exhausted. Sometime later I saw the running lights of a Coast Guard 47-foot Motor Lifeboat. I pointed my flashlight toward it. After a bit, I saw their blue light begin to flash. I knew they saw me. It turns out we were three miles away, but they saw my light. It took them ten minutes to get to us."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Tyler McGregor's crew spotted Sparks' light in the distance. "It's my responsibility to be optimistic to keep up the spirits of my crew, but I'd be lying if I said I wasn't worried," said McGregor. "The sea was rough, 8- to 10-foot (3m) swells. Searching for two people in the water during the day is the equivalent to searching for two coconuts bobbing in the waves — a near-impossible feat in the light that becomes unthinkable in the dark." The Coast Guardsmen were pulled from the water after drifting four-and-a-half miles in seven hours.

"As we arrived back at the station, I went into the lower compartment of the MLB and saw two body bags down there," said Sparks. "That really hit me hard. Our friends and coworkers, the same people who'd just rescued us and laughed and joked with us on the way in, had only moments earlier been preparing for the worst case scenario."

The following morning, Sparks' boat was located. It drifted all the way to shore and washed up on a local beach, unscathed. "The ocean doesn't care if you're in the Coast Guard," said Sparks. "This kind of thing can happen to anyone. I'm going to invest in an EPIRB I can dive with. I'm going to use two anchors and be more cautious with how I anchor in the future. But I'm happy I had that flashlight on me, and that we filed a float plan. Those two factors drastically reduced the search time, and potentially saved our lives."



This is what this year's corn maze looks like! Come join us as we make our way through it. We will then convene at Docker's Restaurant in Fox Lake for dinner. I will be at the August meeting to take sign-ups, but will have Adolf represent me at the September meeting.

Where: Richardson Farm

909 English Prairie Rd. Spring Grove, IL 60081

Docker's Restaurant

33 W Grand, Fox Lake, IL

Date: Saturday, Oct. 21

Time: 2:00

Cost: \$16 to be paid that day. We need a group of 30 for a discount of \$1.50

TIC: Louise Schultdt

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ROAD RALLY ***Sunday, August 27***



Back by popular demand, we held another Triton Road Rally, and again gathered at Maine East. This year there was new territory to explore we headed north and west. There were several stops along the way: the Polish & Slavic Credit Union, checking for the price of Grandpa's Pine Tar Soap at Mariano's, Friendship Park Conservatory to count the rocks around the parking lot, the price of a 300 gram bag of Nanami Togarashi at Mitsuwa and finally checking out the displays at the River Trails Nature Center.

We ended up at Johnny's Kitchen and Tap and enjoyed some great food. First prize went to the team of Brian Clarke and Joe Leibovitz, winning the Turkey Trophy and last place was awarded to Chris Demski and Renee Tobias. They won a new trophy this year, a donkey with a moveable rear end.

Thanks to everyone for coming out and participating. Plans are in the works for our next one in 2019 - we are going to head southwest.

Your TICs: Pam Romund and Adolph Habich

PROPOSED 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event Type	Activity	Location
Saturday, January 27, 2018	Social Event	Pizza Get Together	TBD
Saturday, February 10, 2018	Community Service	Chicago Food Depository	Chicago
Fri - Sun, February 17-18, 2018	Dive Show & Seminars	Our World Underwater	Marriot O'Hare, Chicago
Saturday, February 17, 2018	Social Event	OWU Dinner	TBD
Saturday, March 17, 2018	Social Event	Wolves Hockey	Allstate Arena
Saturday, March 21, 2018	Community Service	Feed My Starving Children	TBD
Sunday, April 8, 2018	Dive Event	Chamber Dive	Lutheran General Hospital
Saturday, April 14, 2018	Social Event	Anniversary Party	TBD
Saturday, April 28, 2018	Social Event	Dinner & A Show	Prairie Lakes
Saturday, May 5, 2018	Social Event	Cinco De Mayo	Dinner - Mexican Restaurant
Sunday, May 27, 2018	Social Event	Memorial Day Bike, Walk & Eat	
Saturday, June 2, 2018	Dive Event	Season Opener	
S & S, June 23 & 24, 2018	Training Weekend		
Saturday, July 7, 2018	Social Event	Bus Tour	Chicago Neighborhoods
Saturday, July 21, 2018	Dive Event	Charter Dive	TIC Choice
Sunday, July 29, 2018	Social Event	Illinois Railway Museum	Union, IL
Saturday, August 4, 2018	Quarry Dive & Picnic	Howard/Etherton Day	Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL
Saturday, August 18, 2018	Dive Event	Charter Dive	Chicago or Milwaukee
Tuesday, August 28, 2018	Social Event	Architectural River Tour	TBD
Saturday, September 15, 2018	Dive Event	Chicago/Milwaukee, Charter Dive	TIC Choice
Saturday, September 22, 2018	Social Event	Cantigny Tour	Wheaton
Saturday, October 6, 2018	Charter Dive	Boat Dive aboard the Divers Delight	Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
S - S. October 13 - 20, 2018	Dive Event	Salt Water Trip	
Saturday, November 3, 2018	Social Event	Distillery Tour	TBD
Saturday, November 17, 2018	Social Event	Go Karting	TBD
Saturday, December 1, 2018	Social Event	Triton Holiday Party	TBD
Saturday, December 15, 2018	Social Event	Holiday Lights	
Sunday, December 31, 2017	Social Event	New Year's Eve Bowling	TBD

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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.

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630-820-2531

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847-540-7211

DD DIVE SHOP

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

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9301 W. Ogden Ave.
Brookfield, IL 60513
708-442-43883

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

PEARL LAKE RESORT

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

PIRATE'S COVE DIVING

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

SCUBA EMPORIUM

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

SCUBA SENSATIONS

2475 W. Pratt Blvd
Chicago, IL 60645
312-404-7785

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

NEW WWW.THETRITONS.COM

We now have a new Host for the "www.TheTritons.com" website. Our old web site was a Hodgepodge from many contributors and was well... a mess. Now is the time to clean this up. Milt is building a clean logical web site. Things that were not logically associated to data were not put on the new site. Milt transferred the web site and there may be a few broken links so if you find any please let Milt know at milspec@comcast.net. Be sure to check it out.

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CAYMAN SCUBA TANK FLOATS 800 MILES NORTH!

When a nasty swell hit North West Point of Grand Cayman on January 25th, crashing waves reached Divetech's equipment storage area, dragging several aluminum tanks into the ocean. While some washed ashore or were collected by divers, another wasn't recovered. It drifted out to sea, presumed lost forever. So it came as some surprise when Divetech's owner, Joanna Mikutowicz, received a message saying that it had been found on a Panama City, FL, beach. The tank's 800-plus-nautical-mile (1500km) journey took 183 days and makes a good story, but the cost of shipping it back to Grand Cayman outweighed its value, so there it remains, a symbol of the ocean's power.

– Cayman Compass



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See you Tuesday, September 26, 2017 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