



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons,

Well, the diving season is well underway. Have you had a chance to get out and get wet yet? If not, we have a few events coming up in August that are easy and fun. Plus, you may be able to help with the training of new divers as well as having some fun of your own.

We have the Howard/Etherton dive and picnic at Pearl Lake scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> plus that weekend will also be used for open water certification of some of our current students. On Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, Jim Hynan will be taking all comers out to the Willie. If you haven't been on this wreck you are in for a real treat. In addition, you can still sign up for the Jim Haigh Memorial dive at Haigh Quarry on Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>.

So be sure to be at the July meeting where you can get all the details from the TICs and to be eligible to win the drawing for a \$20 Giuseppe's gift certificate. I look forward to seeing all of you at the July meeting.

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Good Diving to All, Randy

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July, 2010

We have one person up for vote at the July meeting:

Brian Clarke

Haigh Quarry Dive: 10/6/2009 with David Vemmer

Haigh Quarry Dive: 6/6/2010 with Jim Hynan

5 meetings plus 9/22/09 10/27/09 3/23/10 5/25/10 6/22/10

Our membership is:

70 full members 6 associate members

TOTAL 76 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

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## ENTERTAINMENT JULY MEETING

The entertainment at the July meeting will be a video on Manta Rays. Come find out about the Giants of San Benedicto, the Manta Rays that frequent the Socorro Islands off the Pacific Coast of Mexico. This video will give you a glimpse into some fascinating research being done on manta intelligence, migration, physiology and movement.

**Business meetings now begin at 7:30 PM.** Come out early for dinner, Giuseppe's always has some great specials.

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## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

If any member would like a copy of the business meeting minutes to review please send a note to Pam Romund (promund@kraft.com)

and she will email them to you before the meeting. Thanks

# TRITON 2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>July, 2010</b>		
Sunday, 7/25	Jim Haigh Memorial Dive Haigh Quarry, Kankakee	<b>Fund raiser for the Diveheart Military Wounded program and SUDS, come out, dive and have fun!</b>
Tuesday, 7/27	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
<b>August, 2010</b>		
Tuesday, 8/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
*Saturday, 8/14	Howard/Etherton Day Dive/Picnic, Pearl Lake	Board of Education – Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
*Sat/Sun 8/14 & 15	Training Weekend Pearl Lake, South Beloit	Board of Education – Offering Open Water, Advanced Open Water and Rescue Classes
Saturday, 8/21	Milwaukee Willie Dive	Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 or <a href="mailto:jhynan74@gmail.com">jhynan74@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday, 8/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
<b>September, 2010</b>		
*Saturday, 9/4	Belated Cinco de Mayo Celebration	Rosana Vemmer ( <a href="mailto:rvmexicana@hotmail.com">rvmexicana@hotmail.com</a> ) 847.698.1727 and Jan O'Malley
Tuesday, 9/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Sunday, 9/19	Oak Park Bike Tour & Lunch	Adolph Habich ( <a href="mailto:AHabich@aol.com">AHabich@aol.com</a> )
Sunday, 9/26	Vintage Thunderbird Show – Lincolnshire Marriott	Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 or <a href="mailto:jhynan74@gmail.com">jhynan74@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday, 9/28	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
<b>October, 2010</b>		
Saturday, 10/2	Lake Geneva, WI Dive	Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 or <a href="mailto:jhynan74@gmail.com">jhynan74@gmail.com</a>
Sunday, 10/3	Underwater Pumpkin Carving – Haigh Quarry	Illinois Council, Tritons Hosting Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Tuesday, 10/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Tuesday, 10/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 10/30	Community Service	<b>Needs TIC</b>
<b>November, 2010</b>		
Tuesday, 11/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Sunday, 11/14	Wine Tasting and Dinner	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Tuesday, 11/24	Business Meeting – Triton Photo & Video Show	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016 Send your photos/video to Dave Vemmer for the show
Saturday, 11/27	Wonderland Express Holiday Lights Festival	<b>Needs TIC</b> Held at the Chicago Botanic Gardens
<b>December, 2010</b>		
Saturday, 12/4	Holiday Party	Board of Directors
Tuesday, 12/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>

\* Note Date Change

Contact Dave Vemmer to volunteer to run an event. We are in the process of putting together next year's calendar, if you have an idea for any new events please contact Dave at [DCVemmer@comcast.net](mailto:DCVemmer@comcast.net)!

# GET OUT AND DIVE THE WILLIE

Saturday, August 21 - Milwaukee WI

1:30 pm - \$75.00



Our last club Milwaukee Area dive, to re-hang the Jim Ehterton plaque, had marvelous conditions. I predict the same thing again, the *Willie* beckons us.

We have 3 paid divers at this writing (June 30<sup>th</sup>), so there is room for 5 more. Jerry Guyer's schedule is fairly full already, thus we had to settle for the PM shift on this Saturday date. We have 8 spots reserved. It is for fairly experienced divers, unless you are diving with an experienced wreck diver or instructor.

More information at July meeting. Come join the fun for a 2-tank dive on our favorite local wreck. Members pay \$75 and guest \$85.

TIC: Jim Hynan 8100 Foster Ln # 310 Niles IL 60714-1159 [Jhynan74@gmail.com](mailto:Jhynan74@gmail.com)

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## HOWARD/ETHERTON DIVE AND PICNIC

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL

This is it, our annual Marsh Howard/Jim Etherton Dive and Picnic. There will be food and fun at beautiful Pearl Lake. By mid August the water has warmed and you won't need to dive with gloves or a hood! Bring the family, this is a day to be in the country and enjoy the great outdoors. David Gross has agreed to be our BBQ chef for the day – he does fire up a grill like no other.

**Time** - be there by 10 to dive or 12:30 to eat.

**Cost** - \$20 entry fee to Pearl - \$10 if you are not diving.

This will be just a very laid back day, no stress, no worry. The biggest decision will be do we toss the Frisbee around, play ball or just sit and relax? I will have directions at the July meeting or go to [www.pearllake.com](http://www.pearllake.com) for directions and more information on the lake and the surrounding area. Please let me know if you will be coming so that I make sure to have adequate food and drink and dessert!



TIC: Pam Romund Hm 847-698-5490, Cell 847-414-4347 or [promund@kraft.com](mailto:promund@kraft.com)

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## CONCERT IN THE PARK – FRIDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

Ten Tritons gathered at Hodges Park in Park Ridge to enjoy the performance of the Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony. The orchestra played hits from the Broadway stage and had two very talented singers with them to perform some of the vocals.

It was a wonderful evening to be under the stars – a beautiful clear night to enjoy some fantastic music. Everyone agreed it was similar to being at Ravinia but a bit more intimate and we didn't have to pay for parking!

As with any Triton event we didn't go hungry: there was wine, beer, bread, cheese, salami and fruit, chips, cookies, olives and pickles. It should be noted that both David Gross and Jon Kitts seem to be somewhat pickle challenged. They had great difficulty in removing the pickles from the container. President Randy Skiba finally came to Jon's aid and was able to guide his hand to a successful extraction.

Many thanks to everyone for coming and contributing to the feast, a good time was had by all. We will do this one again!

TIC: Pam Romund

# FRONTERA FARMER'S MARKET



On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 Tritons and 6 friends attended a Festival of the One True Taste at Frontera Grill Restaurant. This event organized by restaurant owner and Chef, Rick Bayless to benefit The Frontera Farmers Foundation. This is a non-profit organization committed to promoting small, sustainable farms serving the Chicago area, by providing them with capital development grants. We had the chance to meet several of the farmers and enjoy appetizers prepared by Frontera Grill staff using the farmer's ingredients. We all enjoyed the Margarita of the day and were lucky enough and have a cooking demo by Chef Rick Bayless. He prepared Gazpacho, keeping us all entertained as he kept forgetting the order of the ingredients, even the professionals can have an off day. Thankfully his assistant, Deb Silberstein, kept getting him back on track. The banter back and forth between the two them should be televised, it would be another entire show. However the resulting Gazpacho was absolutely superb!

TIC: Rosanna Vemmer

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## MEMORIAL DAY BIKE RIDE

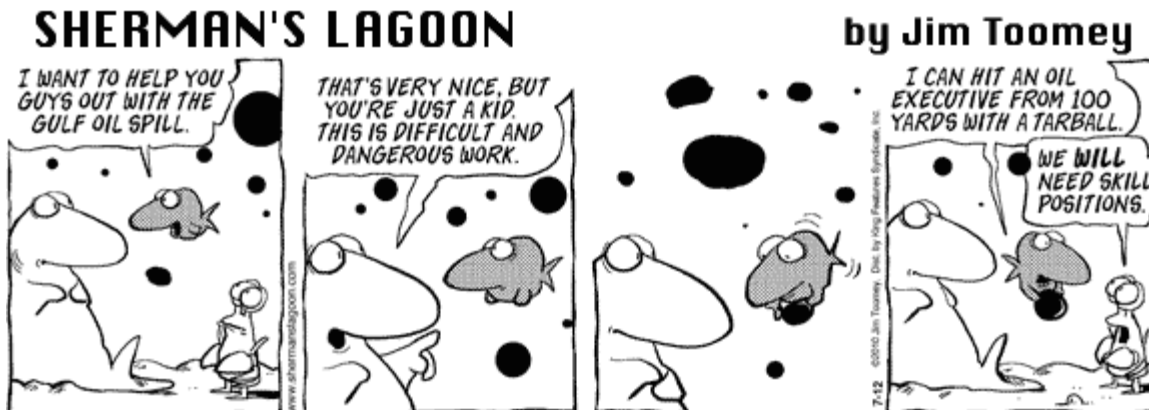
The sky looked very threatening at 10 AM when lots of Tritons and friends arrived at Margy and Milt Levenberg's house for the Memorial Day Bike Ride. The group knew to protect the donuts, so everything was efficiently moved to the garage to wait out a very heavy storm. As the two canopies filled with rain water and were emptied by Jon Kitts and Diana Skiba, Steve Leibowitz cautioned Jon not to empty one near his chair. You know how that turned out!

After the storm, nineteen Tritons and friends biked the twenty miles on the Des Plaines River Trail from Gurnee to Wisconsin, and nine walkers enjoyed the lake trails at Independence Grove Forest Preserve.

The group grew to 35 to eat, talk, and enjoy the excellent after-storm weather. Frank Binz brought an enormous bag of asparagus from his sister's farm in Michigan, and Master-Chef Dave Gross did a gourmet cooking demonstration as he prepared them. In response to Milt's pleading, Randy Skiba made two key lime pies. After Margy's Sloppy Joes and Chris Demski's Chicken Tacos, as well as a fantastic pot luck from the rest of the Tritons, the group could barely waddle home. Thanks to all for coming, it was a fun Memorial Day celebration.

TIC: Milt and Margy Levenberg

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## A DAY AT THE RACES

On Sunday, July 11, nine Tritons gathered for an afternoon of fun and chance at Arlington Park Racetrack. The sun was shining and spirits were high as we took our chances on horses with names like Jingle Jangle, Sweet Tizzy Lizzy, Cruise, Ocean Cruise and Gilded Treasure. Hmm... was there a theme, Randy, with those last few names? And "All the Way Renee" was definitely a topic of conversation, right Renee? At the end of the day, we decided that Chris was the big winner – she left the park \$2 wealthier than when she arrived! The rest of us considered our losses well worth the sun, fun and good company.

As an added bonus to the day's activities, it was "Fiesta in the Park" Day at the park. Fiesta in the Park is a Latino celebration highlighting multiple aspects of Hispanic culture and heritage. This event featured music and dance demonstrations throughout the day with a featured vendor village in the park area. Every Sunday is also Family Day at Arlington Park. The picnic tables were filled with families with coolers and blankets, with the happy sounds of children everywhere.

A Day at the Races was fun and relaxing - thanks to Diana Skiba for putting this outing together!  
TIC in Training: Lea Hotton

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## TRAINING WEEKEND

August 14 and August 15  
Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL

The Board of Education will be conducting training at Pearl Lake on Saturday, August 14 and Sunday August 15. We will be offering Open Water certification dives as well as more advanced training. Have you been thinking you would like to improve your diving skills?

- **Advanced Open Water Training** - Get more comfortable in the water by completing five adventure dives. If you're looking to build your confidence and gain more experience, this is the natural next.
- **Rescue Diver Training** - Expand on what you already know about how to prevent problems, and how to manage them if they occur. Learn techniques for self rescue, rescuing panicky divers and unresponsive divers.
- **Master Scuba Diver Rating** - Join the best of the best in recreational scuba diving. Earn your Master Scuba Diver rating, which distinguishes you for acquiring significant training and experience in a variety of dive environments.
- **Specialty Rating** - The Club offers many specialties. Are you interested in wreck diving, deep diving, night diver, enriched air, boat diving, dry suit diver and many more.

Contact Rich Schak, Mike Leibovitz, or Steve Leibovitz for details on any of these classes or to sign up.

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## WARM WATER TRIP 2011

### Come Dive the Caribbean's Hidden Treasure

It is that time of year, we have begun to plan our escape to warm, clear water after the awful winter that lies in wait for us. We are hoping to go to St. Eustatius, affectionately known as Statia. Together with sister islands Saba and St. Maarten, Statia forms the Windward Islands of the Dutch Caribbean. Statia lies just 17 miles from St. Maarten, just a short 20 minute flight.

No matter what you want to dive: walls, pinnacles, reefs or an old archeological shipwreck site, Statia has them all. The abundance of fish, coral and color makes this truly a divers dreams come true. Statia is also a paradise for nature lovers. Wonderful hiking is plentiful.

We are looking a two different weeks, March 19 to March 26, 2011 or March 26 to April 2, 2011. We should have more information in about two weeks. Interested? Drop me a note and I will be sure to send you all the details.

Randy Skiba r\_skiba@comcast.net

## DAN NEWS

### Aqua Lung America Recalls Apeks WTX Power Inflators Due to Drowning Hazard

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, in cooperation with the firm named below, have announced a voluntary recall of the following product. Consumers should stop using products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

**Name of product:** Power Inflator

**Units:** About 1,380 in the U.S., 530 in Canada

**Importer:** Aqua Lung America of Vista, Calif.

**Hazard:** The oral inflator button is not properly bonded to the oral stem and can fall off during use, posing a leak of the buoyancy compensator contents. This poses a drowning hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Aqua Lung America has received one report of a consumer's oral inflate button falling off during use. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The power inflator is the black mouthpiece with the two brass buttons at the end of the corrugated hose. The recall involves all models of the Apeks WTX power inflators. Some of the recalled components were included on complete air cells. Those model numbers are: 388032, 388060, 388080, 388145, 388260 and 42775. The model number of the air cell can be found on the tag sewn on the center of the air cell or bladder.

**Sold at:** Diving stores in the United States and Canada from November 2006 through March 2010 for between \$53 and \$70 for the component and between \$280 and \$520 for the air cells.

**Manufactured in:** California

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop diving with their recalled power inflator and bring it or send it to an authorized Apeks dealer. The dealer will apply a free fix. Consumers may also ask for and receive a free replacement product.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact the firm toll-free at (877) 253-3483 or visit the firm's website at [www.aqualung.com](http://www.aqualung.com).

To see this recall on CPSC's website, including pictures of the recalled product, please go to <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml10/10286.html>.



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## ADVENTURE IN THE BAHAMAS

Check out the latest Adventure report on the National Geographic website: <http://adventure.nationalgeographic.com/adventure/?source=NavAdvHome>. It reports on diving the deep underwater caves in the Bahamas. The text is great and there are some fantastic photos by Wes Skiles, one of the pioneer's in underwater cave photography.

## **LIONFISH FOUND IN BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK**

Lionfish continue to turn up in unlikely waters in the Florida Keys, apparently willing to go wherever currents take them. Tim Hannah of Grassy Key was returning from a June 19 fishing trip near Flamingo when he stopped at a favorite snorkeling spot where the Gulf of Mexico merges into Florida Bay. "It's a nice little spot where you can see tropical fish and maybe turtles," Hannah recounted.

He dipped to the bottom, only about 7 feet down, to peer into a hole. "This lionfish came flying out of the hole and got right in front of my mask," Hannah said. It was the first one I've seen up close and personal, so it was quite a surprise."

The lionfish measured only about 4 inches, but it bristled with a worrisome array of venomous spines that safeguard it from virtually every other predatory fish in the ocean. After being startled by the lionfish in the bay, Hannah retrieved his landing net from the boat and returned to the hole. He captured the fish and turned it over to authorities, who now have about 150 lionfish taken from Keys waters in their freezers, awaiting scientific analysis.

"Lionfish have been found in Florida Bay, near Marathon, including several juveniles," said park spokeswoman Linda Friar. "It's not clear if they were [within] the park's boundary [but] it's not really important because fish swim and could easily be in the boundary 1 day and out the next," she said.

"What's clear is that [lionfish] are here -- southern Florida Bay, Dry Tortugas National Park and all over Biscayne National Park."

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Many thanks to Jackie Heirbaut for sending this to our attention. Reprinted from CBSNews.com. reported by Kelley Coiella, June 15, 2010. <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/06/15/eveningnews/main6585811.shtml>

## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN OIL COLLIDES WITH CORAL?**

Thirty feet below the surface marine scientist Meaghan Johnson showed reporter Kelley Cobiella row after row of coral alive and growing after decades of being battered by disease and warmer water. All of it was planted here by scientists and each fragment started out as only a couple of inches tall.

It all started in Ken Niedemeyer's backyard in the Florida Keys. His daughter needed a 4-H project so they decided to try growing coral. "Good thing I never read about it because everyone said it couldn't be done," Neidermeyer said.

Their technique worked. They took it to researchers and nine years later it has blossomed to this - the largest man-made nursery project with 5,000 coral colonies growing underwater from Fort Lauderdale to the Virgin Islands. Scientist clip and plant new coral just like pruning a tree, and anchor it with underwater glue. When the coral is big enough, it's moved to a reef to replace dead or dying coral.

"It's just amazing what happens," Neidermeyer said. "A lot more habitat for fish, for juvenile fish, for large fish, for invertebrates."

But they're now facing a new threat - BP oil. Every day, Johnson anxiously checks the forecast for the Gulf "loop current," the system that seasonally carries water, and anything in the water, eastward through the Florida Keys.

"It's definitely devastating to watch what's happening in the gulf and know that it could come here,"



Johnson said. "I think we are all worried about what's going to happen in this project."

There's little they can do to protect the nurseries. If the oil is weathered and weakened enough, Johnson thinks the young coral just might pull through.

"Those are our little babies, you know," Johnson said. "We put those guys out there. And it's nice to come back in a month or two and see them actually growing. And feel like, 'Wow, I did that. You know, I'm helping. I'm doing something good.'"

With oil coming a little closer every day, she's hopeful at least some of that "good" will survive.

A man-made coral reef project off the coast of Florida. (CBS)

Those of you at the June meeting heard Scott Reimer's recap on diving on the wreck the Sunday following the sinking and saw some great photos of the newly sunk *Buccaneer*. Reprinted from the Chicago Tribune, article by Duaa Eldeib, June 18, 2010, <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/ct-talk-lake-michigan-boat-sinking-20100618,0,4531192.story>

## CHEERS RISE AS SHIP SINKS



The goal was to create Chicago's next shipwreck for divers to explore, and the process required approval from a number of agencies.

After three hours and 30,000 gallons of water, the *M/V Buccaneer* met her fate at the bottom of Lake Michigan.

And the crowd of onlookers cheered.

The loss of the *Buccaneer* was a gain for Chicago-area divers, who have a new destination on the lake bed, said Capt. Jim Gentile, a scuba diving instructor who led the operation Friday to sink the 98-foot ship.

Planning for a new shipwreck began about two years ago, Gentile said, and required approval from a number of agencies, including the Army Corps of Engineers, the state Department of Natural Resources, the Coast Guard and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The entire process, including the cost of the ship, ran about \$20,000 and was paid for largely by donations from local divers and dive shops, said Gentile, who also runs Windy City Diving. His company is among a handful in Chicago that can take divers out to the boat for a fee.

Before crews on Friday pumped the thousands of gallons of water that caused the boat to go under bow first, Chicago had only 11 known shipwrecks — and only a few of those ships are actually intact, Gentile said.

An upside to the downing of the boats is the creation of reefs in an area void of the underwater ridges, he added.

"Fish like structure for habitat," he said. "What we are creating is an artificial reef."

The last time a ship was intentionally sunk in the area was in 2003, Gentile said.

The *Buccaneer*, which served as a World War II vessel and was later converted into a cruise ship before being sold at an auction three years ago, is now sitting upright in 70 feet of water about 10 miles off Burnham Harbor, Gentile said.

Divers will be able to swim through the doorway, the engine room and even up a stairwell, he said. "Every diver would like to find a ship at the bottom looking like a ship in a bottle, but it's a long time getting there," Gentile said. "Now I can't wait to dive it."

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**UNEXSO**  
DIVE FOR A CURE  
Fundraiser Event  
2010 Sept 24-28



## DIVE FOR A CURE

### Raise money for cancer research

UNEXSO is hosting the 2010 DIVE FOR A CURE fundraiser to raise money for cancer research and cancer organisations. Great activities and diving events are planned to make this an unforgettable affair; raising money for both local and international

associations.

Diving industry sponsors will be donating prizes to be won in a grand raffle. Seminars daily -- Shark Awareness, Photography, Grand Bahama Diving, and a Photo Competition. Daytime events and Barbecues, The Marathon Diving Event and more. In addition, there will be Dolphin Dives, Shark Dives, Tow-Tank Dives every morning, and Night Dives. On the last day the Dive for a Cure party to celebrate the funds raised and awards ceremony. For full details on the various packages please visit:

[www.unexso.com](http://www.unexso.com) and look at Unexso News for a flyer with all the information



Many thanks to Pete Kloga for sending this one to our attention. Reprinted from: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100614/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/us\\_camera\\_s\\_odyssey](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100614/ap_on_re_us/us_camera_s_odyssey), now if only the camera lost last year by a certain Triton in Bonaire would show up!

## **CAMERA SURVIVES OCEAN TRIP TO FLORIDA**

MIAMI – Paul Shultz was walking along the pier of a Key West marina when he saw what looked like a rotting tomato pounding against the rocks.

The Coast Guard investigator waded ankle-deep into the water to fish out the ocean rubbish: a bright red Nikon camera, small enough to fit in the palm of his hand. Its waterproof plastic case was covered with six months' worth of crusty sea growth, but the camera itself was almost pristine when he found it May 16.

However, clues to tracking down its owner were few. So Shultz decided to test his investigative skills. There were photos of two men preparing to scuba dive and a towheaded family nestled together on a couch. There was a mysterious relic settled deep into the sea floor. And even a puzzling video clip of splashing water that appeared to have been taken as the camera thrashed around under the control of something that wasn't human.

"There was nothing on the pictures that said this camera belongs to so and so," Shultz said. After looking through the pictures, Shultz adopted the screen name of "Aquahound" and took his hunt online. He uploaded the images on [Scubaboard.com](http://Scubaboard.com), hoping some diving aficionados could help identify where they were taken. Within days, the Internet sleuths had parsed the pictures and found some clues all pointing to Aruba, a Dutch island off Venezuela's coast that's 1,100 miles from Key West.

There was a plane's tail number; and a computer search showed the aircraft was in Aruba the day the photo was taken. There was a blue-roofed building that searchers pinpointed to the island using Google Earth. And there was a school poster written in Dutch.

But could the camera make such a trip? Villy Kourafalou, an associate professor of physical oceanography at the University of Miami, said such an odyssey is possible. The buoyancy of the plastic case combined with various currents could have taken the camera to Key West, she told The Associated Press in an e-mail.

With Shultz's search narrowed, the resolution came quickly. He posted the pictures on the travel websites Cruisecritic and [Aruba.com](http://Aruba.com), and within two days was contacted by an Aruban woman who said she recognized the children in some of the photos as classmates of her son. She contacted the family, the de Bruins, and all the pieces came together. "I have a smile on my face ... I can't stop laughing about it," Dick de Bruin said in a phone interview from Aruba. "It's really big news (on the island) and in Europe."

De Bruin, a sergeant in the Royal Dutch Navy, has been stationed with his family in Aruba for three years. The camera floated away from de Bruin while he and a dive team were salvaging an anchor from the USS Powell for a World War II memorial. The American ship protected Aruba, a major oil producer, from German forces during the war. "There's a big connection between America and Aruba ... first with the anchor, and now the camera brings us together again," de Bruin said. The camera is on its way to the de Bruin family via FedEx and should be there any day.

Shultz said he's thrilled the story is ending well; for a brief moment when he first viewed the mystery video, he feared the camera's owner had met a tragic end. There was footage of the divers recovering the anchor, and then in the next video, "the camera started thrashing around and a fin came into the picture," Shultz said. "Then 20 seconds in I realized there was no blood."

The culprit: a hungry sea turtle trying to take a bite out of the floating camera in January, two months after it was lost. The camera's leash apparently got caught on its flipper, and the animal's splashing turned on the video camera. Shultz's best guess is that the episode happened off the coast of Honduras.

Paul Schultz & Nikon camera.



That video clip has been seen more than 200,000 times on YouTube, with viewers everywhere from Alaska to Africa to Australia. It's de Bruin's favorite part of the whole story. "When I told people what Paul had done, they were astonished. They didn't believe it," he said. "But we have the sea turtle on film proving the camera floated from Aruba to the U.S. It's unbelievable, but it's true."

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The following is a press release from Great Lakes Shipwreck Research.

## **112 YEAR OLD SHIPWRECK MYSTERY SOLVED**

A group of Wisconsin marine historians and divers have announced the discovery of the missing steamship L.R. Doty, which vanished in a violent Lake Michigan storm 112 years ago, on October 25, 1898.

The Doty was the largest wooden ship still missing on Lake Michigan, with an overall length of 300 ft. She was bound from South Chicago to Midland, Ontario with a cargo of corn and the four-masted schooner Olive Jeanette in tow when she was struck by a tremendous storm several miles north of Milwaukee. Waves reportedly reached 30 ft, with 70 mph winds. The Olive Jeanette was severely damaged, but survived the storm. The Doty however, was never seen again.

On June 16, 2010 a group of explorers led by marine historian Brendon Baillod and charter captain Jitka Hanakova relocated the site, which had been snagged by a commercial fish tug in 1991, nearly 20 miles off Oak Creek, Wisconsin. Technical divers descended to the site in over 300 ft of water and filmed the wreck extensively. The discovery team included technical divers Jitka Hanakova, John Janzen, John Scoles, Tracy Xelowski, Lubo Valuch, Ron Benson and maritime historians Brendon Baillod and Peter Scotland.

Video reveals that the ship is upright and intact with the remains of her corn cargo still present in her hold. She is in an amazing state of preservation due to the cold, fresh water and extreme depth.

For detailed information about the discovery, the dive team and photos of the ship and the wrecksite, please visit :



<http://www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/doty/>

For additional information or interviews, please contact:  
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Watch for a public program about this historic shipwreck, its crew and its loss at Milwaukee's Discovery World Museum and at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc.

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*Left to Right: John Janzen, Lubo Valuch, John Scoles, Tracy Xelowski, Jitka Hanakova, Ron Benson*

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## **NEW PROMPTNESS PAYS REALLY PAYS!!!**

At the May meeting we began offering some great new prizes for Promptness Pays. The lucky winner of the \$20.00 gift certificate to Giuseppe's at the June meeting was Adolph Habich. Congrats Adolph!! Come on out 7:30 PM to on July 27 to catch up with old friends. You could be a winner!

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## **KITTIWAKE TO MAKE A SPLASH IN CAYMAN**

It will be an exciting week in Grand Cayman beginning July 24th! The Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA) is pleased to confirm that the ex-*USS Kittiwake*, a US Naval Submarine Rescue Ship (ASR-13), which has been a work in progress for over seven years is going to be sunk this July. The project was spearheaded by CITA and supported and funded by both the Cayman Islands Ministry of Tourism, Finance, Investment and Commerce, the Department of Tourism, CITA and many sponsors.

Subject to weather and other factors beyond our control, public topside viewing of the ship will take place on Monday, July 26th from 9am to 2pm. God Willing, the Sinking will occur the following day on Tuesday, July 27th between 10am and 1pm. Spectators will be able to view from a distance. On Wednesday, July 28th the new Cayman *Kittiwake* Wreck Attraction will be closed for safety inspections and final preparations. The following day, Wednesday, July 29th between 9am and 11am the first dive, snorkel and semi-sub trip will take place. Stay tuned to our newly launched website [www.KittiwakeCayman.com](http://www.KittiwakeCayman.com) for more details and updates!



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