



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Tritons,

NOTE: The June business meeting will begin earlier – 7:30 PM -

This month is our annual Open House. Know someone interested in diving or perhaps already certified? Ask them to tag along to the meeting – entice them with free pizza. . .if they need some persuading. We will be offering Open Water certification classes beginning July 11th so we can offer them classes right away.

We are now beginning our planning for 2010 – our fiscal year begins October 1. We have a questionnaire on the web-site, it will help us in our planning for next year. Please join us by clicking the link bellow.

<http://www.thetritons.com/forms/questionnaire09.php>

The diving season has begun. Please sign up early and often. Remember we are always looking for a few volunteers.

Safe diving, Steve

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

June, 2009

Congratulations to our newest full member, Jan O'Malley, voted in at the May business meeting.

This month we welcome a new associate member.

Frank Ferko Jan-72 AOW
1096 Savoy Court
Elk Grove Village IL. 60007
Home 312-339-0900
E-Mail frank.ferko@usfood.com

Our membership is:

74 full members 11 associate members
TOTAL 85 members
Adolph Habich- Membership Committee

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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!

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CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

The Board of the Triton Dive Club needs your help. In an effort to plan future events and determine the direction of the club, it is very important that each member of the Tritons respond to this questionnaire. It is not necessary, but would be a help to us if you will provide us with your name and contact information so we can follow up on any questions.. Simply go to the website – www.thetritons.com. Thanks!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Steve Leibovitz

Vice-President – Randy Skiba

Secretary – Pam Romund

Treasurer – David Gross

First Director – Dave O'Malley

Second Director – Renee Tobias

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit – Appointed in Fall

By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak

Entertainment – Dave Vemmer

Equipment & Safety – Board of Ed

Events – Dave Vemmer

Membership – Adolph Habich

Merchandise – Pam Romund

Nominating – Appointed in Fall

Publicity/Web Site –Mike Leibovitz

Director of Training – Rich Schak

Editor of the Trib – Pam Romund

Illinois Council Delegates – Chuck
& Margo Miller

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TRITON 2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

June, 2009		
Tuesday, 6/23	OPEN HOUSE – Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant -7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sunday, 6/28	Dive Charter Waukegan on the <i>Enterprise</i>	Dan Balsam Cell- 312-502-0098 or danielbalsam@yahoo.com
July, 2009		
Saturday, 7/4	Dive and Picnic – Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL	Jim Hynan jim.hynan@occ.treas.gov
Sunday, 7/11 New Addition	SCUBA Classes Begin	Contact the Board of Education: Rich Schak, Steve Leibovitz, Mike Leibovitz, Randy Skiba; or Pam Romund
Tuesday, 7/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 7/18	Milwaukee Area Dive	Needs TIC
*Sunday, 7/26	Jim Haigh Memorial Dive – Haigh Quarry	Needs TIC
Tuesday, 7/28	Business Meeting – Presentation Mountain in the Sea (Cocos Island)	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
August, 2009		
Saturday, 8/1-2	Training Weeked, Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL	Pearl Lake – Board of Education
Sunday, 8/2	Howard/Etherton Day Pearl Lake, South Beloit	Board of Education, Contact Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Tuesday, 8/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Sunday, 8/16	Waukegan Area Charter	Needs TIC
Tuesday, 8/25	Business Meeting – Live Presentation - TBD	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
September, 2009		
Saturday, 9/5	Haigh Quarry Dive & Picnic – Kankakee	Needs TIC
Tuesday, 9/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 9/12	Mexican Independence Day Party - Vemmer Home, Park Ridge	Rosana Vemmer (rvmexicana@hotmail.com) Lourdes Alonso (lalonso@stepan.com)
Tuesday, 9/22	Business Meeting - Video Wolves of the Sea	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
October, 2009		
Saturday, 10/10	Lake Geneva Dive, Lake Geneva, WI	Jim Hynan, Jim.Hynan@occ.treas.gov
Tuesday, 10/13	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Friday, 10/17	Haunted House Tour	Needs TIC
Tuesday, 10/27	Business Meeting – Member Slide/Movies	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

***Denotes Date Change**

The countdown has begun to the end of our 2009 Events calendar and we are beginning to plan for 2010. If you have an idea for an event please pass it along – we are always looking for new and fun venues.

We have immediate openings for a few TICs, no experience necessary. Please contact Dave Vemmer if you are interested in running an event. We need to get TICs for all the events on the calendar. Thanks!

PEARL LAKE DIVE AND PICNIC AND SATURDAY JULY 4TH

Who needs Fort Lauderdale Florida??

Let's celebrate the dive season with some easy local diving at beautiful Pearl Lake. Its beach is just as good as Florida's anyway.

We can eat, dive, eat, dive, and do it all again until they throw us out. Bring guests, non-divers, and any other crazy companions or relatives. Let's have a good relaxing dive day and celebrate the 4th.

I will set up by 9 AM or so, my goal is the east shore of the lake (if not there, just look around). With a little help from my friends I will have all sandwich materials and non-alky beverages that we will need. . . and dessert, of course. Please come prepared to pay the club \$5 or \$10 per person, and bring your own adult beverages. Admission to Pearl is still \$20.

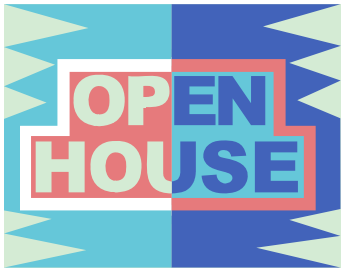
I could use a little help with vittles and other necessities if anyone has time. Sign up at the June meeting, or before, or after.

Jim Hynan

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Jim.hynan@occ.treas.gov

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JUNE MEETING IS THE Tritons' ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

If you know other divers or those interested in learning to dive bring them along to the June meeting. This is our annual open house. There will be a great door prize, entertainment, fantastic raffle prizes, and more! In order to keep our cost contained this year you will need to purchase your beverage of choice but the pizza is FREE! Hope to see you all there!

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Many thanks to Pete Kloga for sending this to our attention - enjoy!



"Now don't anybody say anything. Here comes Karen with her new boyfriend from below 15,000 feet."

WAUKEGAN AREA DIVE CHARTER

Aboard the Enterprise with Captain Dale

Sunday, June 28

Departure is 12:30 PM CDT
Waukegan Harbor, Waukegan, IL
The boat returns to dock at 6:00 PM.



We will dive 2 wrecks. 6 slots are available.
Dry suits are strongly recommended or > 7 mm wet suits for the strong at heart.
Water temps are expected to hover between 43 and 48 at depth.

TIC: Dan Balsam 312-502-0098 or danielbalsam@yahoo.com

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JELLYFISH THREATEN TO DOMINATE THE OCEANS

Posted By [Sara-Lise Haith](#) on Monday Jun 8, 2009 @ 09:44 in [Scuba Diving](#)

Giant jellyfish are taking over parts of the world's oceans due to overfishing and other human activities, researchers say.

Nomura jellyfish are the biggest in the world and can grow as big as a sumo wrestler. They weigh up to 200 kilograms (440 lbs.) and can reach 2 metres (6.5 feet) in diameter!

Dr Anthony Richardson of [CSIRO Marine & Atmospheric Research](#) and colleagues, report their findings in the journal [Trends in Ecology and Evolution](#).

Richardson says jellyfish numbers are increasing, particularly in Southeast Asia, the Black Sea, the Gulf of Mexico and the North Sea.

Richardson and his colleagues have reviewed literature linking jellyfish blooms with overfishing and eutrophication - high levels of nutrients.

The team recommends a number of actions in its paper, published in the journal Trends in Ecology and Evolution and released to coincide with World Oceans Day.

They say it is important to reduce overfishing, especially of small pelagic fish like sardines, and to reduce run-off. They also say it is important to control the transport of jellyfish around the world in ballast water and aquariums.

Jellyfish are considered simple jelly-like sea animals, which are related to the microscopic animals that form coral. They generally start their life as a plant-like polyp on the sea bed before budding off into the well-known bell-shaped medusa. Jellyfish have tentacles containing pneumatocyst cells, which act like little harpoons that lodge in prey to sting and kill them.



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JIM HAIGH MEMORIAL/DIVER APPRECIATION DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 26
HAIGH QUARRY, KANKAKEE, IL

Get together with your fellow divers, enjoy some diving fun for a very good cause. There will be bands, raffles, SCUBA Radio and more! The Illinois Council will be in attendance, come on out and dive, or just hang out and enjoy the topside festivities. You won't be disappointed. Remember no non-divers under the age of 12 and no pets please. More information will be posted here in the here in the coming months, or you can go to: <http://www.haighquarry.com/> for additional details.

ARCHEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE OF HUMAN ACTIVITY FOUND BENEATH LAKE HURON

More than 100 feet deep in Lake Huron, on a wide stoney ridge that 9,000 years ago was a land bridge, University of Michigan researchers have found the first archeological evidence of human activity preserved beneath the Great Lakes. The researchers located what they believe to be caribou-hunting structures and camps used by the early hunters of the period. For the full story and pictures go to: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/06/090608182543.htm>

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TRAVEL WARNING: TRINIDAD & TOBAGO NOW MURDER CAPITAL OF THE CARIBBEAN

SPEYSIDE, Tobago — With a steady rise in violent crime including an alarming increase in homicides, Trinidad & Tobago has overtaken Jamaica as the "murder capital of the Caribbean". While homicides increased 2% in Jamaica in 2008, murders were up a staggering 38% in Trinidad & Tobago. Although much of the violence is gang-related, tourists have increasingly become targets for robbery, sexual assault and murder. Both the U.S. & the U.K. have issued warnings to travelers about increasing violence & the failure of police in Tobago to apprehend & prosecute criminals.

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CAPTION CONTEST IS BACK!! LAST CALL



A great way to being the dive season - by putting captions under a dive related photo!

This picture was taken on the recent trip to Bonaire. It is a picture of the Prez at the back of the dive boat.

Think you have a clever caption for the picture? Send it on to the editor:

Pam Romund
promund@kraft.com

or to:
1031 N. Northwest Hwy
Park Ridge, IL 60068

The top three captions (as determined by the judges) will win a fantastic prize!

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Many thanks to Sam Polonetzky for sending this one on.

LISTEN TO THE LIGHTHOUSES

This year, the World Lighthouse on the Air event will be held of Saturday July 04th, 0600 UTC to Sunday July 05th, 1200 UTC. Ham radio operators can contact hundreds of lighthouses around the world, and short wave listeners can hear the conversations. To listen in on the conversation go to the web site:

<http://www.wlota.com/rulec.htm>



TIMELY FISH TALE: HAWAII FISH COUGHS UP GOLD WATCH

ELEELE, Hawaii – Hawaii resident Curt Carish boasts a timely fish tale: a 10-inch reef fish he caught by hand in shallow water coughed up a ticking gold watch.

Carish says he was enjoying a picnic Wednesday on Port Allen beach when he saw the nenuke fish awkwardly swimming close to shore. He says a friend gave him a bamboo stick and told him to get the fish. So he jumped into the waist-high water and hit the nenuke until it went limp. He noticed the fish had an abnormally large belly as he tossed it into a cooler.

A friend opened the cooler later to discover a gold watch next to the fish's mouth. Carish says the watch was ticking and keeping correct time.

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(AFP/Getty photo by Stefan Hogerborn / June 9, 2009)

A diver examines the deck gun of a Soviet submarine that was sunk during Finland's winter war in 1940.

SOVIET SUB FOUND

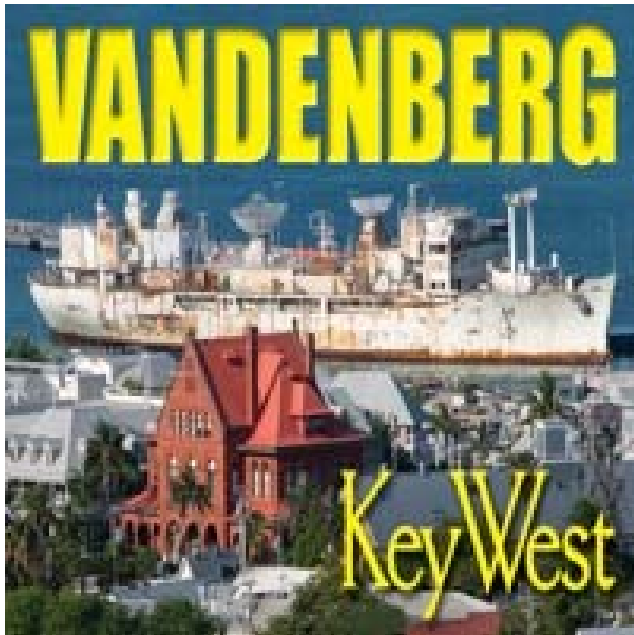
ALAND ISLANDS, Finland — Divers have found the wreck of the S-2 Soviet submarine after a decade-long search in the Baltic Sea between Sweden and Finland. The team of divers that found the World War 2 wreck informed Russian and Finnish authorities about their discovery but declined to reveal its location to protect it from scuba looters.

According to Markus Lindholm, curator of maritime archaeology at Finland's National Board of Antiquities who helped identify the wreck, the sub was last seen at the ocean's surface by a lighthouse keeper on Market Island, west of the Aland archipelago. The lightkeeper's log, which stated that an explosion was heard after the sub headed north and dived into a Finnish minefield, helped divers locate the wreck after nearly 70 years.

"According to all available sources no other submarine has sunk in those waters," said Lindholm, curator of maritime archaeology at Finland's National Board of Antiquities. Photos taken by the divers confirm that the sub hit a mine. "The mine must have hit the submarine hull near the torpedo tubes and then the whole thing blew up," he said. The submarine sunk with all 50 hands on board on January 2, 1940 after hitting a mine.

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Many thanks to Nancy Boucha for sending this one on. Excerpted from <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,522209,00.html> After a decade of planning and an \$8.6 million, the *General Hoyt S. Vandenberg* was finally sunk on May 27 and is now a public dive site. Forty-four explosive charges sent the 524-foot-long boat 140 feet to the bottom seven miles south of Key West.



USS VANDENBERG SUNK USING EXPLOSIVES TO FORM ARTIFICIAL REEF OFF

A ship last used by the U.S. Air Force to track missiles and spacecraft became the world's second-largest intentionally sunk artificial reef Wednesday.

Using explosives attached to the hull, crews sank the decommissioned *Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg* about seven miles off Key West, Fla.

The scheduled 10 a.m. blast to force the hulking vessel to the ocean floor was delayed by about 20 minutes because of sea life in the vicinity — specifically, sea turtles.

Officials hope the newly sunken ship will attract fish and divers and relieve recreational pressure on nearby natural reefs.

Explosives attached to the vessel's hull were detonated to flood the 17,000-ton, 523-foot-long vessel that was first built as a cargo ship in World War II. It was expected to settle on the sandy bottom in 140 feet of clear water only minutes after it was sunk.

The project has been years in the making. The cost is about \$8.6 million, from acquiring the ship to cleaning it. Officials in the Florida Keys expect it to pay dividends, up to \$8 million in annual tourism-related revenue, mostly from divers flocking to get a look at the underwater spectacle and related businesses. The idea is to not only to attract tourists, but to help protect the Keys' natural reefs, already suffering from excessive diving, snorkeling and fishing along with warming ocean temperatures.

Joe Weatherby, project organizer at an artificial reef company called Reefmakers, said people — and fish — will now be drawn to the wreck from nearby natural coral, "giving the reef a breather, which is what it needs."

Preparation for sinking has taken months of inspections and cleanup to remove contaminants. Workers hauled off more than a million feet of wire, 1,500 vent gaskets, dozens of watertight steel doors, 81 bags of asbestos, 193 tons of potentially cancer-causing substances, 46 tons of garbage that could come loose and float to the surface, 300 pounds of materials containing mercury and 185 55-gallon drums of paint chips.

The cleanup was performed at two

May 26: The USS Vandenberg is towed out of Key West harbor in preparation for its sinking Wednesday to form an artificial reef.



Norfolk, Va., shipyards before the boat made the 1,100-mile voyage, arriving in Key West on April 22. Permitting was required from 18 local, state and federal agencies.

The *Vandenberg* began as the *Gen. Harry Taylor* and was later commissioned by the Army as a transport vessel, ferrying troops and supplies from San Francisco to island bases in the western Pacific Ocean in 1944. In 1945, it carried troops home from Europe near the end of World War II. It was later used by the Navy as a transport ship, and was transferred to the Air Force in 1961, when it was renamed the *Vandenberg*.

For about 20 more years, the ship served as a missile tracker throughout the height of the Cold War and was retired in 1983.

Organizers say it will serve as "the anchor" to the region's wide array of existing sunken vessels and wrecks from Key Largo to Key West, where some estimate there's a shipwreck about every 300 yards.

The *Vandenberg* sinking apparently went more smoothly than that of the *Spiegel Grove* off Key Largo in 2002.

That 510-foot decommissioned landing ship dock partially sank upside-down, hours before an attempt to scuttle it to create an artificial reef. The sudden sinking sent 40 workers onboard scrambling for safety and left the ship's bow sticking out of the water for three weeks.

The first-largest intentionally sunk artificial reef is the *USS Oriskany*, which was sent to the bottom of the ocean three years ago off the coast of Pensacola Beach in the Florida Panhandle.

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DAN CHALLENGES DIVERS: 10,000 DIVES IN 2009

Once again, DAN® is calling all divers who use compatible [downloadable dive computers](#) to share dive profiles with DAN Research. This year DAN is raising the stakes – **divers are challenged to come together and collect 10,000 dives this summer.**

Participation is easy:

- Visit the [DAN website](#), click on the PDE Extravaganza button on the homepage, and follow the instructions.
- Complete the Diver ID form to be entered into the PDE database, and receive a Diver ID code.
- Go diving, have fun, and save your dives electronically using the computer manufacturer's software.
- Enter your DAN Diver ID in place of the name, and export the dives to DAN.
- If you are using a non-compatible computer, please contact DAN Research at research@dan.duke.edu for more information.

Submit 10 or more dives completed between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2009, and receive a specially designed T-shirt at the end of the challenge and one automatic entry into a drawing for a DAN gift certificate worth \$250 (some redemption restrictions apply). Divers will receive another entry for every additional five dives submitted. There's no limit to the number of entries a diver can earn.

All eligible dives must be submitted to DAN no later than Sept. 30, 2009; the winner will be announced Oct. 31, 2009.

For additional information on PDE Extravaganza 2009, visit www.DiversAlertNetwork.org or call (800) 446-2671.

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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Aurora IL 60504
630-820-2531

BERRY DIVE CENTER

3042 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

SEA LION DIVE CENTER

1158 Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60107
630-289-1680

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1620 Pebblewood Lane, # 124
Naperville, IL 60563
630-579-1150

CHICAGOLAND SCUBA

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Lake Zurich, IL 60047
847-540-7211

DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER

7840 W. Ogden, Suite #9
Lyons, IL 60534
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

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

LAST CALL - STILL LOOKING FOR TRIVIA

Do you amaze and amuse your friends with seemingly useless knowledge & fun facts you can pull out of the recesses of your gray matter? If so pass it on! We are looking for all sorts of marine trivia: items relating to marine life, oceanography, seaports, currents, pirates, the Great Lakes, you name it, if it is at all related to water send it on. Our hope is to gather enough information to put a small contest together. So as you read dive magazines, peruse various dive sites or otherwise pass the time remember to send in your fun facts. All submissions can be sent to the editor, promund@kraft.com or to the PO Box. Thanks!



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June, 2009

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2008 Illinois Council Club of the Year

The Tritons



June Meeting will begin at **7:30 PM**

See you June 23, 2009 at

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