



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

Did we all have fun at you last meeting? For those members that were not there, The Tritons won the ICSSD Club of the Year Award. I asked if we deserved it. My question seemed to irritate several members, and provoked some comments of course we do, why we do, and thanking Pam for the excellent writing of the submission.

I asked the question because both the August and September meetings lacked a quorum; therefore the club was not able to conduct official business. The club was unable to vote on the calendar of events or the budget. Luckily we did not have to vote any new members in. If we had, how would it have looked.

We currently have 90 full members. To establish a quorum we need to have 23 full members present (I know that $90 \cdot .25 = 22.5$ but we do not have any half members).

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Now if we have the resources to teach classes, hold dive events, hold social events, perform community service events, assist in supporting a women's shelter, why can't we get our local members to come to meetings?

Stay safe,
Steve 847-253-5933

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

November, 2008

No new members to report this month.

Membership: 90 full members

9 associate members

TOTAL 99 members

Adolph Habich- Membership Committee

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UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Margy Levenberg remove her business email, she won't be there any longer – she has retired. New email: margyspec@comcast.net

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

If any member would like a copy of the business meeting minutes to review please email Pam Romund (promund@kraft.com) and she will email them to you before the meeting. Thanks!

TRITON 2008 EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2008		
Tuesday, 11/25	Business Meeting	Guiseppes' 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
Saturday, 11/29	Train/Light Festival Chicago Botanic Garden	Rosanna Vemmer and Lourdes Alonso
DECEMBER 2008		
Saturday, 12/6	Holiday Party	Board of Directors – Windhaven Condominiums
Tuesday, 12/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 12/13	Food Depository	Jim Hynan, Jim.Hynan@occ.treas.gov

We have immediate openings for a few TICs. 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!

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UPDATE ON STATUS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS FOLLOWING HURRICANE PALOMA

Update - November 13, 2008

The Cayman Islands is comprised of three islands: Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. Grand Cayman, the largest of the three islands which accounts for the vast majority of the tourism properties, has resumed business as usual. Grand Cayman continues to welcome guests to sun drenched shores and pristine turquoise waters. Having felt few effects from Hurricane Paloma, with the system passing 30 miles to the east of Grand Cayman, the island is busily receiving guests at air and sea ports. Travelers are advised to confirm their accommodation reservations prior to arrival. All dive operators in Grand Cayman are operation and running 'business as usual' and report no reef damage.

The Sister Islands of Little Cayman and Cayman Brac are located 89 miles northeast of Grand Cayman and were impacted by Paloma. On Little Cayman, tourism accommodations received only minimal damage and expect to re-open early next week by which time Cayman Airways Express will be operating regular flight schedules.

Cayman Brac was directly impacted by the storm and sustained significant damage. Tourism properties there are undergoing assessment and recovery efforts. As assessments are completed, updates will be provided on the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism's website: www.caymanislands.ky. Visitors with plans to travel to the Sister Islands should contact their travel professional or the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism at 1-877-4CAYMAN.

Reprinted from Scuba Diving Magazine On-Line:

http://www.scubadiving.com/article/wreck_diving_destination_bikini_atoll_closes_doors

ICONIC WRECK DIVING DESTINATION BIKINI ATOLL CLOSES ITS DOORS *Micronesia's remote Bikini Atoll shut down in June.*

To the dismay of hard-core wreck divers and off-the-beaten-track dive tourists everywhere, diving & fishing operations on Micronesia's Bikini Atoll shut down in June. "We have made this decision due to the situation of our local airline, Air Marshalls, & also because of the rapid rise in the world price of fuel, which has made all our operating expenses just skyrocket beyond our means," says Jack Niedenthal, Bikini Atoll's tourism manager. "At this point in time, the prospect of opening next year appears very doubtful."

Since opening as a dive destination in 1996, Bikini Atoll hosted nearly 2,500 divers who made the long trek to this central Pacific island to dive the more than 15 historic shipwrecks sunk here during U.S. nuclear weapons tests. These ships, both Japanese & American, were not only major players in World War II, but they also unwittingly helped usher in the Cold War by showing the world the strength of the U.S. nuclear arsenal. "Lost Wrecks" is a sample of the shipwrecks yet again lost from view.

WINGS - HOLIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

As part of the Tritons ongoing Community Service efforts we provide gifts to those less fortunate than ourselves. We will again be “adopting” families from the WINGS program. WINGS is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community agency whose mission is to provide a continuum of integrated services in an effort to end domestic violence and homelessness one family at a time.

We will need to provide for a Mother and her children, primarily their day to day living items –pillows, blankets, boots, jackets, etc. Don’t want to shop? Consider a cash donation we can do it for you.

If you would be interested in participating please contact Chris Demski (847-255-9342) or Pam Romund (847-698-5490) for more information.

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GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH 1:30 TO 4:30

I have room for 7 more helpers at this event, 8 are signed so far. We package non-perishable food and drug store items for later distribution to the needy. This is a very fun and active exercise. At the end of the day we tally the number of pounds or boxes that we packaged for later reporting in our Trib. At the end of the day we replace all lost calories and then some by hitting a local restaurant afterwards.

Hope you can join us, there is no cost. I can’t make the November meeting. Sign up with Pam at that meeting. Or send me an e-mail or ring my phone, and I will sign you up. Directions and other particulars at the November meeting. Come join the fun.

Jim Hynan 847 – 967 – 1738

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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE UPDATE

We thank everyone for their efforts to collect the pop tops on behalf of the Ronald McDonald Houses in the Chicago area. Their newest facility, at Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital in Oak Lawn, will officially open on Monday, December 15 at 11:00 AM. The home is directly across the street from the hospital and will encompass 16 bedrooms with private baths. Four of these rooms will be one-bedroom suites with separate bedroom and living areas. These rooms were designed for families who will be staying for extended periods of time.



Plans are underway for two new houses. They have purchased land at 211 E. Grand in Chicago and plan to develop a new house when Children’s Memorial Hospital moves to the Streeterville area in 2012. This house will serve the new Ann and Robert Lurie Children’s Hospital (as CMH will be renamed), Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Prentice Women’s Hospital and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. The house will be designed with 90 guest rooms making it the largest Ronald McDonald House in the world!

Much needed additional space for families has been the driving force for this decision. At the current house near Children’s all 21 rooms are consistently occupied and there are over 20 families on the waiting list at any given time. Also included in the future plans is the opening of nine bedroom units within the new hospital. The ‘House in the Hospital’ concept is intended to serve those families whose children are in the neo-natal intensive care unit.

There are always volunteer opportunities at the houses – cooking a meal for the guests, cleaning/reorganizing the pantry, gardening, helping in the office or perhaps helping to fulfill their wish lists. You can go to: <http://www.rmhcni.org/> for more information on any of the houses. Keep those pop tops coming, they will be put to good use.

ICSSD PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

As we reported in last month's Triton Trib at the Illinois Council of SCUBA Clubs Presidents' Night the Tritons were awarded the Club of the Year honors. Here is a photo of all the winners that evening.



From left to right: Bob Rushman, UASC Named Diver of the Year – Steve Leibovitz, Triton Scuba Club, Named Club of the Year – Bob Gadbois, Named Humanitarian of the Year

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VANDENBERG MONEY HINGES ON CONTRACT

State hasn't released funds yet

Key West city officials have been banking on \$1.6 million from the state to keep the Vandenberg artificial reef project afloat, but despite cheers from local officials that the deal is done, that's not yet the case.

Gov. Charlie Crist's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development did send a letter to Mayor Morgan McPherson Nov. 10 saying the money has been allocated -- but that's far from a check actually being written. Still, McPherson and others take the letter to mean the money is coming. "This has been an incredible effort," he said. He thanked the Tallahassee officials "for coming through during tough economic times."

The city of Key West owns the Vandenberg and has contracted with Reefmakers, a New Jersey company, to get the ship prepared for scuttling six miles off Key West. Norfolk, Va.,-based Colonna's Shipyard placed a \$1.6 million lien on the Vandenberg in April. Colonna's -- and three other contractors -- say Reefmakers hasn't paid them for services rendered in preparing the ship for sinking, including such things as removing wiring and contaminants. Because the money hasn't been paid, a federal judge in October ordered the ship to be auctioned, most likely for scrap, to pay the debt. That's scheduled for December.

Trouble for the Vandenberg started when a three-bank consortium led by BB&T cut funding. The banks initially agreed to put up \$4.6 million in financing, but cut funding at \$3.2 million. "They weren't just over budget, they were significantly over budget," said Bob Denham, the head of corporate communications for BB&T. The current estimate for sinking the 520-foot former military ship is \$8.2 million. The original estimate, generated in 2001 by Jeff Dey of Resource Control Corp., was \$2.18 million.

TRITON DIVE TRIP TO BONAIRE

MARCH 6, 2009 TO MARCH 14, 2009

If you have never been diving in Bonaire or even if you have, you will want to take a look at what we have to offer for next winter. You may remember winter. It's that nasty, cold, snowy, icy time of year that we put up with each December to April. Well, here's your chance to get away from it for a week and do something you can't do here in Chicago – namely dive in warm water.

If this sounds good to you, here are the details of the trip.

Where: Bonaire, NA

Resort: Plaza Resort/Toucan Diving

When: March 6 to March 14, 2009

Cost per diver: \$1239.00 based on double occupancy

Cost per non diver: \$932.00 based on double occupancy

What is included: Seven nights, standard suite room with either a lagoon or garden view. Full breakfast daily. 5 days of 2 tank boat diving and a 1 tank boat dive on the last day due to our next day flights. Unlimited shore diving. Airport transfers and taxes.

In addition, I am holding group space on Continental Airlines from Chicago to Bonaire through Houston (only two spots left). If you want to do your own air using points etc, just let me know. If you would like to be part of the group air package, the price is \$685.00/person. This price is subject to change if there are any changes in the taxes.

We will also be arranging rental trucks to use for the myriad of shore diving locations. I will have details available for those who might be interested.

If you are interested in joining us, here is what you need to do. For the resort and diving I will need a deposit of \$100.00/person payable by check to Global Access, Inc. If you are going to be part of the air group, I will need an additional deposit of \$100.00/person payable by check to Global Access, Inc. If you are doing both, you can send in one check for \$200.00/person. Final payments will be due in December 2008 and I will send out an invoice to each participant with the final amount due around the first of December. Final payments will need to be paid by check.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please call or email me. Space is filling up very fast (**19 out of 24** spots gone to date) so please let me know as soon as possible so that I can put your name on the group list. Also if you are interested in purchasing trip insurance please let me know, I can provide you all the details. I hope you will be able to join us next year.

Randy Skiba

Global Access, Inc.

309 E. Rand Road, #138 Arlington Heights, IL 60004

(224) 392-2131 (local number) or globacc@quixnet.net

The value of any freebies generated by the group will be shared on a proportional basis by all participants after the completion of the trip in the form of a rebate. This event is being run by Global Access, Inc., a profit based travel agency, Randy Skiba, Owner.

Want a sneak peek? Go to:

<http://www.bonairewebcams.com/TheWorks.php> There are several web-cams located on the island including one mounted under the pier.

It updates every 4 minutes so you can see first hand what is happening. It also does have north and south beach views, beach bar, yellow submarine as well as a donkey cam view. . .you can tour the island from in front of your computer.





Come on out to the annual
TRITON HOLIDAY PARTY
Saturday, December 6, 2008

As always loads of food, fun & frivolity to be enjoyed by all – join in the celebration.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Time: 7:00 PM

It Will Be a Triton Food Fest, Come Hungry!

Where: Windhaven Condominium Clubhouse
Dundee Quarter, Palatine, IL 60067

This event is BYOB.

We will provide the soda and mixers.

TIC: Your Board of Directors

Directions to the Party:

From Chicago and Vicinity: Travel North on 94 to Dundee Road, Exit West – See below

From Inner City: Take 90 West through tollbooth to Route 53, Exit North to Dundee Road West – See Below

From North Suburban Area: Take Dundee Road West to – See Below

If you feel adventurous you can take Rand Road North to Dundee Road, turn right (East) to the first light, Baldwin Road (Mobil Gas Station on the northwest corner), turn left (North) and follow the directions to the condo clubhouse.

Baldwin Road (3rd Stop Light after Route 53) (Mobil Gas Station on Northwest Corner), turn North (right) to Windhaven Condominium (on left). Enter complex and turn to the left, follow the road to the CLUBHOUSE

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WTTW CHANNEL 11 FUND RAISING
SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th
4 PM to 9 PM

I have reserved room for 10 to help with fund-raising at Channel 11 on Sunday December 14th from 4 PM to 9 PM. This is a fun event where we take phone calls from many donors who pledge to Channel 11 during their various programs. The headline program during that shift will be Jeffrey Baer Chicago lakefront tour, he will be in studio with us during the fund-raising breaks. One small difference from past events of this type: we enter the donors' names, addresses, etc into a key pad rather than writing them on a form. Did they have problems reading the writing of the Tritons?

We have room for 9 beside myself. Sign up and join the fun. There should be a light-fare cafeteria meal before we start. Then we man the phone lines and raise thousands and thousands. I will not be at the November meeting. Some one will handle signups for us then. Or just give me a jingle or an e-mail.

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Those of us who have been diving for some time will know of Vern, one of the true pioneers of diving and promoting Midwest diving in particular. He worked with DACOR for many, many years.

VERN PEDERSEN

It is with deep regret we announce the passing of Vern Pederson on October 28, 2008. Vern was a diving pioneer here in the Midwest. He worked for DACOR for many years and had one of the first dive shops in the city. Vern won several Dive industry awards from DEMA and OWU and patented many innovations that revolutionized diving equipment through the years.

According to the book: Diving Pioneers: An Oral History of Diving in America (By Eric Hanauer, Published by Aqua Quest Publications, Inc., 1994) Vern and Dick Bonin, after running into difficulty accessing the Lakefront, called a meeting of the local dive clubs. This was the beginning of the Illinois Council of SCUBA Diving Clubs.

He was one of a few to ever earn the Lifetime Technician Award from Diving Technologies International, Inc. the International Register of Scuba Technicians. This honor is dedicated to technicians and historical figures who have improved and defined the craft. Members of the Hall of Fame include:

Bob Axelrod
Paul Caputo
Rex Cardenas
Humberto "Chino" Castillo
Sam Ichikawa

Jacques-Yves Cousteau
Emile Gagnan
Jim Habersky
Enzo Dagnino
Neil "Jake" Jacobson

Vern Pedersen

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U.S.S. KITTIWAKE TO BE SUNK IN CAYMAN



The Cayman Islands will augment its reputation as one of the top Scuba diving destinations in the world with the sinking of the USS Kittiwake, slated for June 2009. With this new development, the Cayman Islands will create an exciting new dive attraction and artificial reef, while providing much needed relief for some of the most frequently visited dive sites.

The USS Kittiwake, a de-commissioned naval ship, will be sunk on the north end of Grand Cayman's world famous Seven Mile Beach, providing underwater enthusiasts of all skill levels with a new year-round diving destination that is both easy to access and a thrill to explore.

Minister of Tourism, Hon. Charles E. Clifford, said the acquisition of the USS Kittiwake will add diversity to

Cayman's diving attractions and promote the preservation of marine life. "Our sea-faring heritage, our strong interest in presenting varied tourism offerings and our belief in preserving the environment, all played a major role in the decision to acquire this latest diving attraction."

The USS Kittiwake was originally commissioned as a Chanticleer-class submarine rescue ship in the United States Navy during World War II. Now it will join the MV Captain Keith Tibbets, a Russian Frigate sunk off the coast of Cayman Brac in 1996.



Many of you will be heading to exotic destinations during the winter months. Even with the new limits on baggage this kit takes up a very small space – you can find travel sizes of many of these items at your local drug store or discount retailer. Reprinted from the CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/TravelHealthKit/>

TRAVELERS' HEALTH KIT

There's a lot to think about when you are preparing to travel to a different country! When you're planning what to take on your trip, don't forget to pack a Travelers' Health Kit in your luggage. It's a good idea to keep all medicines, especially prescriptions, in your carry-on bags. Because of airline security rules, sharp objects and some liquids and gels will have to remain in checked luggage.

Here are a few items you might want to include in your kit.

1. Basic First-Aid Items

- Adhesive bandages
- Gauze
- Elastic wrap for sprains
- Antiseptic
- Tweezers
- Scissors
- Digital thermometer
- Antibacterial and antifungal ointments/creams
- 1% hydrocortisone cream
- Moleskin for blisters
- Aloe gel for sunburns
- Lubricating eye drops
- First-aid quick reference card



2. Medicines

- Acetaminophen, aspirin, ibuprofen, or another medicine for pain or fever
- Antacid
- Over-the-counter antidiarrheal medicine (such as bismuth subsalicylate or loperamide)
- Antibiotic for self-treatment of moderate to severe diarrhea
- Oral rehydration solution packets
- Mild laxative
- Antihistamine
- Decongestant (alone or in combination with antihistamine)
- Cough suppressant/expectorant
- Throat lozenges
- Personal medicines:
 - Any prescription or over-the-counter drugs you take on a regular basis
 - Epinephrine auto-injector (such as EpiPen), if you have a severe allergy
 - Anti-malaria drugs, if needed

3. Other Important Items

- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen (at least SPF 15)
- Antibacterial hand wipes or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol)
- Other items, depending on your destination and possible activities:
 - Water purification tablets
 - Mild sedative (such as zolpidem) or other sleep aid
 - Anti-anxiety medicine
 - Medicine to prevent or treat altitude illness
 - Latex condoms

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4. Contact Card

- Address/phone numbers of area hospitals or clinics; see Doctors/Hospitals Abroad (US Department of State)
- Address/phone number of the American Embassy or Consulate in your destination; see Web sites of U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Diplomatic Missions (US Department of State)

When you travel with medicines:

- Make sure you carry them in their original containers with clear labels, so it's clear what medicines they are.
- If you are taking any prescription medicines, carry along copy of the prescription, including the generic names medicines.
- If you are carrying any controlled substances or injectable medicines, carry a note on letterhead stationery from your doctor to explain your reason for having this medicine.
- Remember that CDC recommends you talk to a doctor familiar with travel medicine 4-6 weeks before your trip to make sure you have any vaccines or medicines you need to stay healthy. See the Travelers' Health Web site at the CDC for more information.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/TravelHealthKit/>



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- Integrated microprocessor allows for push button control of click wheel and touch screen iPod devices
- Over the Ear Speakers designed to be attached to a mask strap or tucked under a dive hood
- Built in amplifier provides high quality stereo sound
- Watch movies while decompressing
- Recommended for SCUBA diving and snorkeling
- Lanyard loop allows for easy attachment



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On the bottom: Maui Dive Shop's 'Kai Anela' dive boat filled with water and sank because the captain did not understand that the inspection hatch of the vessel's jet propulsion unit was located below the waterline. (photo by Dylan Matheson)

Maui Shop fined nearly \$400,000 for damaging Molokini Coral

KIHEI, Hawaii (15 Sep 2008) — Maui Snorkel Charters Inc. will pay the state nearly \$400,000 for damaging coral within the Molokini Shoal Marine Life Conservation District under a settlement approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources. A \$386,297 administrative fine against the company, which does business as Maui Dive Shop, is the largest ever issued by the state in a case involving coral damage within a marine life conservation district.

The company also must pay for \$10,618 in administrative costs incurred by the Department of Land and Natural Resources during its investigation.

DEEPEST SUBMARINER DIES

Swiss scientist and underwater explorer Jacques Piccard, who made the deepest-ever manned dive to 11km in the western Pacific's Mariana Trench, has died.

The engineer and deep-sea explorer Jacques Piccard, who has died aged 86, made many contributions to the development of deep-sea exploration and marine conservation, but he will be best remembered for one remarkable feat: on January 26 1960, in the bathyscaphe Trieste, he and Lieutenant Don Walsh of the US navy reached the bottom of the Challenger Deep, east of the Philippine Islands. At 10,900 metres (35,761 feet), located in the Mariana Trench, this is the deepest point on the globe.

Inspired by his father, Auguste, an adventurer and engineer who in 1931 became the first man to take a balloon into the stratosphere, Jacques looked not to the sky for his exploration but to the greatest depths of the ocean. At a time when Hans Hess and Jacques Cousteau were inspiring others to follow them into the shallow sub-aquatic realm, and only two and a half years after the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1, was launched into orbit, Piccard made the deepest possible human descent into the abyss.

Today, when we have a manned space station in orbit and send robotic missions to Mars, it is easy to overlook the magnitude of Piccard's feat. In space, the pressure difference between the inside and outside of a spacecraft is one atmosphere. At the bottom of the Challenger Deep, the Trieste had to support 1,000

times that; the equivalent pressure of more than eight tonnes per square inch. To make such a pioneering dive to these extreme depths required the utmost courage and determination. Piccard and Walsh's moment of greatest resolve came four hours into the Challenger Deep dive. At a depth of 9,000m, with a resounding bang, one of their Perspex windows cracked. Remarkably, they chose to continue their descent, arriving at the bottom 40 minutes later.



Walsh left, Piccard, center

"By far the most interesting find was the fish that came floating by our porthole," Piccard said afterwards. "We were astounded to find higher marine lifeforms down there at all." Their discovery of living organisms at that depth led to a ban on the dumping of nuclear waste in ocean trenches.

Piccard was born in Brussels, Belgium, into a Swiss family of inspirational explorers and engineers. He attended the École Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande in Lausanne, Switzerland, and in 1943 enrolled at the University of Geneva, where he studied economics, history and physics. Putting his education on hold for a year, in 1944 he served with the French First Army. Upon leaving the service, he resumed his studies and went on to receive his licentiate in 1946.

He began his career at the University of Geneva, where he taught economics, but his destiny lay elsewhere. Enthralled by his father's adventures - Auguste had already set altitude records in his balloon - the young Jacques began helping him develop a new type of submersible vehicle called a bathyscaphe, using buoyancy techniques he had developed for his balloons.

Between 1948 and 1955, father and son built three bathyscaphes, reaching a record depth of 6,000m. Inspired by their success, Jacques abandoned his career in economics to focus on improving the bathyscaphe's capability for deep-ocean exploration.

The Trieste was to be Auguste's ultimate bathyscaphe. Built in Italy, it was launched on August 26 1953. In 1958, the Trieste was bought by the US navy and prepared for Project Nekton, a series of extreme dives into the Mariana Trench. For these, a new, 13-tonne, five-inch-thick steel sphere, made by the Krupp steel works in Essen, Germany, was fitted to provide the protective capsule and life support for two people. Flotation was generated by suspending the pressure sphere below huge tanks containing 20,000 gallons of petrol. Nine tonnes of iron pellets were carried as ballast, like sand bags, enabling the bathyscaphe to descend and then return to the surface. Thus the Trieste had come full circle, being more reminiscent of one of Jacques' father's pioneering stratospheric balloons than a conventional submarine.

Although the Trieste was retired from service in 1961, a year before his father died, Piccard continued to design and build submersibles and make underwater expeditions. He built several m soscaphes, vessels for use at medium depths that were unveiled as "the world's first tourist submarines". In 1964, during the Swiss National Exhibition, in Lausanne, Jacques's submersible the Auguste Piccard took more than 33,000 tourist passengers to the bottom of Lake Geneva.

In another of his submersibles, the Ben Franklin, Jacques and five crew members spent four weeks exploring the Gulf Stream during August 1969. They drifted north from Florida for more than 3,000km at a depth of 300m. The mission captured the imagination of Wernher von Braun at Nasa, who used it as an analogue to study the possible effects of prolonged manned space flight. Piccard went on to make a further 2,000 scientific and educational dives in his mini-submersible, the F-A Forel. His final submersible was the PX-44, the prototype for a new generation of passenger submarine, designed for series production.

In 1961, Piccard, with his friend and geologist Robert S Dietz, published an account of the Challenger Deep expedition in their book Seven Miles Down. In it, they predicted that the deep ocean floor would become the new frontier for resource exploitation - a prediction that is becoming increasingly true.

Piccard's love of the aquatic environment went beyond exploration, and he founded and chaired the Foundation for the Study and Protection of Seas and Lakes, based in Cully, Switzerland. Eight months before his death, he was honoured with a Doctor honoris causa at the Catholic University of Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve).

For his fellow ocean explorers, scientists and engineers, his legacy will remain an inspiration and example of courage and determination.

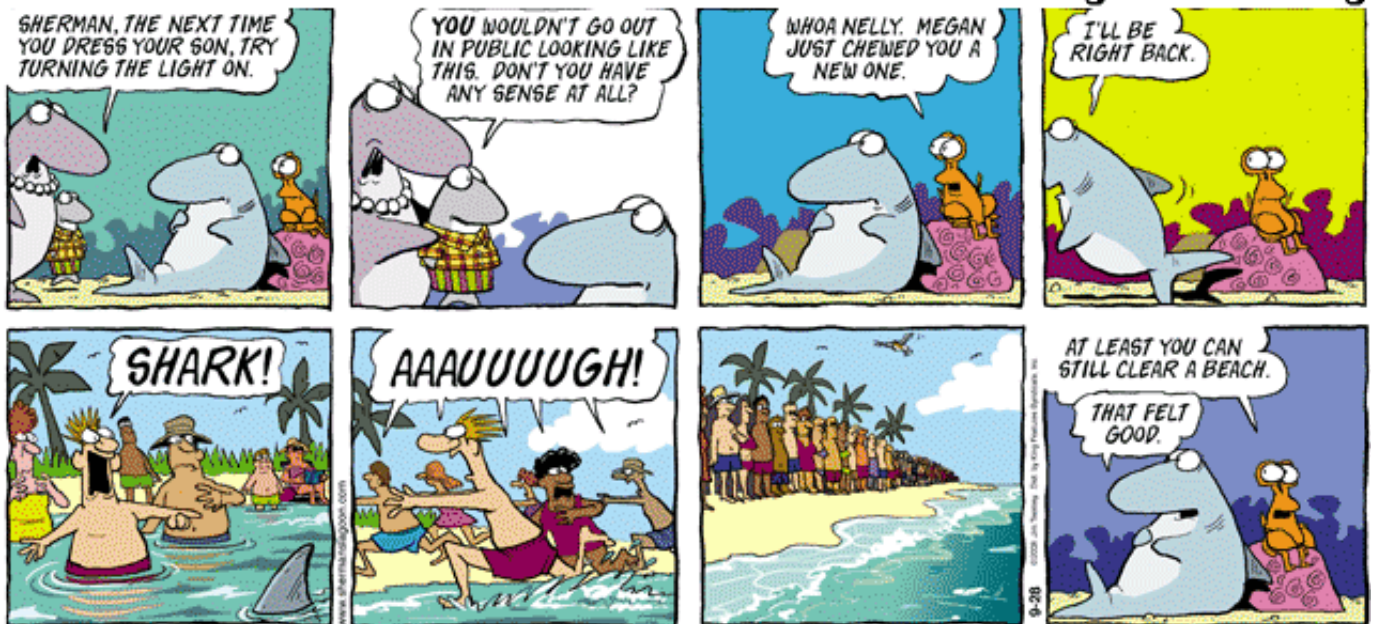
Piccard married Marie-Claude Maillard in 1953: she survives him along with two sons and a daughter. In 1999 Bertrand, his son, together with a Briton, Brian Jones, continued the family tradition of adventure by completing the first circumnavigation of the globe in a hot-air balloon.

- Jacques Piccard, deep-sea explorer and engineer, born July 22 1922; died November 1 2008

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON

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THEATER OUTING

Saturday, November 8

Sorry to report this event did not happen. The theater kept changing the times of the show until finally we were left with only 11:30 AM showing. And as luck would have it the day of the show, they did offer a 2:30 viewing. This just wasn't meant to be, we will try this one again.

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