



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOTE: September business meeting will begin earlier – 7:30 PM

Hi Tritons,

My apologies I had a senior moment in writing last month's column. I wanted to thank the members who have volunteered to join the budget committee and did thank Ed Littel and Diana Skiba but neglected to mention Margy Levenberg. Margy, my sincere apology, I am so very grateful for your contributions to the committee.

As I write this, the summer is almost over, and most of the diving season is behind us. Did you get out and dive? Did you go on any club dives?

As you all know, September is when we discuss and vote on the new calendar. The Events committee reviewed the dives that were scheduled for this year vs. the dives that members went on, and determined that only a few of us are diving locally.

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My question to you is, should we continue to schedule local dives? The events committee and especially the Events Chair spend considerable time scheduling and coordinating these dives, whether they occur or not . Is this time well spent or should we be directing our energies in another direction?

Thanks, Steve
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT September, 2009

Our membership is:

	74 full members	11 associate members
TOTAL	85 members	

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

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ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our entertainment at the September meeting will be video pot luck. We will have one or two ready to go and you, the membership, will decide.

For those of you that didn't attend the August meeting you missed seeing the large tiger shark attempting to eat a boat. And then the great whites trying to ingest the shark cage (and doing quite well). It was a very entertaining presentation.

Don't forget the business meetings now begin at 7:30 PM. Come out early for dinner, Giuseppe's always has some great specials.

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TRITON 2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

September, 2009		
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		
Sunday, 10/4	Underwater Pumpkin Carving – Haigh Quarry	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com , Event is being hosted by the Tritons for Illinois Council
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
*Saturday, 10/17	Haunted House Spooktacular!!	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com , and Jon Kitts
Tuesday, 10/27	Business Meeting – Member Slide/Movies	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
November, 2009		
Tuesday, 11/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 11/14	Ill. Council Presidents' Night Dinner Burnham Park Yacht Club – Chicago, IL	Chuck and Margo Miller – 630-833-6063 buzz_inc@sprynet.com or margommiller@sprynet.com Awards, Raffle, Fun with other Divers and collecting Toys for Tots on behalf of the Marine Corps Reserves
Tuesday, 11/24	Business Meeting – You Don't Know SCUBA Jack Competition	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
December, 2009		
Saturday, 12/5	Holiday Party	Board of Directors
Tuesday, 12/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
*Saturday, 12/19	Community Service	Jim Hynan, Jim.Hynan@occ.treas.gov
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!		No meeting in December, see you in 2010!

*Denotes Date Change

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. We are beginning to accept sign-ups for the 2010 Calendar, lots of events to choose from.

The proposed 2010 Calendar is included with this issue of the Triton Trib. Please look it over and let us know if you see an error or feel something is missing. This calendar will be voted upon by you, the Membership at the September business meeting. Many thanks!

Events Committee – Dave Vemmer, Chair
Steve Leibovitz; Pam Romund, Renee Tobias, Rosana Vemmer

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POP TOP UPDATE

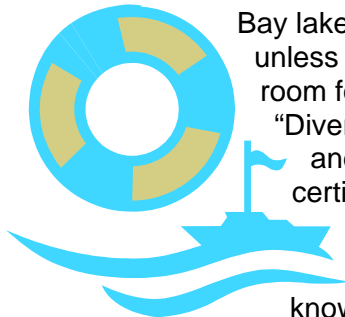
Many, many thanks to everyone for saving their pop tops, we so appreciate your donations. The corner of my garage dedicated to their storage was overflowing so I decided to turn them in. I loaded them all up – 8 large Xerox paper boxes plus a couple of milk jugs and a very large jar. This time I took them to the Ronald McDonald House located near Loyola Hospital. After unloading the car and weighing them in the total was a whopping 119.5 lbs. of pop tops (this is over 151,406 pop tops!). The staff was very grateful to receive such a large quantity. Keep them coming. Thanks! Pam Romund, Chief Pop Top Wrangler

*** * LAKE GENEVA DIVE * ***
SATURDAY OCTOBER 10th

A Whopping \$35.00!

7 DIVERS PAID, ROOM FOR 3-4 MORE

Time for the last local dive of the season. On Saturday the 10th of October we will adjourn at the Williams Bay lakefront on beautiful Lake Geneva and make a 2-tank dive. We will go in one shift, unless we get a bevy of signups at our September meeting. We have 7 paid divers, room for 3 or 4 more to go in one shift. We will gather at 9:30 and depart the Bay in "Divers Delight" at 10 AM. Our charter is run by Ralph Ripple and Co. A very friendly and accommodating bunch. This is always a fun dive, especially for newly certified divers – shallow and easy.



The charge is \$35 for club members and \$45 for guests, payable to THE TRITONS. Tank rentals available from the charter for \$7 per tank. I need to know rental needs by the Tuesday nite before, you will pay the charter for those on dive day. Dive is followed by a stressful afternoon in which we will adjourn to the house, eat a lot of pasta and other food, watch college football, walk to lake, etc., etc.

Hope you can make it. Those who signed, but did not pay, should pay at September meeting. This books your reservation, it is the only way I know you are coming. Milt & Margy Levenberg will take signups and payments at the September meeting. Directions and other particulars at that time.

TIC: Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 jim.hynan@occ.treas.gov
8100 Foster Ln # 310 Niles IL 60714-1159

News from the Illinois Council of Skin and Scuba Diving

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY
Saturday, September 19 – Haigh Quarry, Kankakee, IL



In the over twenty years this event has grown phenomenally – a joint effort of PADI's Project Aware and the Ocean Conservancy. With a unique view beneath the surface, divers see first-hand the effects of harmful debris. Without dive volunteers thousands of pounds of trash would remain "out of sight, out of mind." Last year, nearly 400,000 volunteers collected more than 6.8 million pounds of trash in 100 countries and 42 US states during the 2008 International Coastal Cleanup — the world's largest volunteer effort of its kind. This is a chance for everyone to give back and help out their local marine habitats.

We will again be performing a Zebra Mussel Round-Up at Haigh Quarry. Bring a container to hold the mussels, ideally a wide mouth 32 oz. juice bottle works well - – something with a handle and a bit of a wider opening on the top than a milk jug. The mussels can go in but can't get back out easily.

The Council will provide hot dogs and burgers, so head on out for a fun filled day at Haigh. The clean up dive will get underway early on Saturday afternoon, come on out and grab all the zebra mussels you can!

This is the time of year divers can help their underwater environment and preserve and protect your favorite dive sites – this is a great way for divers to give back to a favorite dive site.

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!

Many thanks to Pete Kloga for forwarding this one on. Reprinted from Yahoo News,
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090818/ap_on_sc/us_deep_sea_reefs_3

PROTECTION PLAN DEEP-SEA CORAL REEFS CONSIDERED

By BRIAN SKOLOFF, Associated Press Writer Brian Skoloff, Associated Press Writer Tue Aug 18, 7:50 am ET

FIFTY MILES OFF CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. – Deep beneath the crystalline blue surface of the Atlantic Ocean off the southeastern U.S. lies a virtual rain forest of coral reefs so expansive the network is believed to be the world's largest.

A 23,000-square-mile area stretching from North Carolina to Florida is just part of that entire reef tract now being proposed for protection from potential damage by deep-sea commercial fishing and energy exploration. So far, it's been relatively untouched by man because of its largely unreachable depths, providing scientists a unique opportunity to protect an ecosystem before it's destroyed.

"Most of the time, science is trying to catch up with exploitation," said Steve Ross of the Center for Marine Science at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Ross is leading a four-part research cruise that began Aug. 6 aimed at studying these deep sea environments, hoping to find new species of fish, crab and corals that could lead to scientific and medical discoveries.

Environmentalists say crab pots and bottom trawling for shrimp are the most immediate threats.

Margot Stiles, a marine scientist for Oceana, an international environmental advocacy group, said other deep water reefs off the U.S. have been severely damaged by trawlers. "In this case, we have 23,000 square miles of known deep sea corals, and it's not too late to protect them," Stiles said. "This particular reef is to the deep sea what the Great Barrier Reef is for the world."

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is pushing the proposal to protect the region, about the size of West Virginia, in depths down to 2,500 feet and below, creating the largest deep water coral protected area off the Atlantic Coast.

Specifics on regulations and restrictions are still being reviewed, but if approved by the U.S. Commerce Secretary, the plan could take effect by next year. "As far as we can tell, there's relatively little damage," Ross said. "That's very different from other parts of the world. In Scotland and Ireland ... there's been significant damage mostly from fishing and now those reefs are being protected."

While fishermen have for centuries dragged up corals from the deep sea, it wasn't until the early 1900s that scientists discovered these extensive cold-water reefs existed. And it wasn't until the 1970s that researchers were able to use submersibles and cameras to reach the sea floor to document them. It had long been thought coral reefs only formed in shallow, warm waters.

Deep water reefs and pinnacles are much more slow-growing and can take several million years to form. Ross said science is only now beginning to understand these underwater "frontier zones."

Out on the research ship, scientists gather corals, sponges and fish samples by sinking deep to the ocean floor in a four-man submersible about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle. The team is comprised of researchers from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Florida Atlantic University, the U.S. Geological Survey and others.

"We've barely seen the tip of the iceberg in terms of new species out here," Ross said. "We'll find out five or 10 years from now that we made an amazing discovery and we just didn't realize it ... A lot of our pharmaceuticals come from a tropical rainforest environment. The same people are looking for these in the deep sea, and there are expectations that there will be drugs made that could potentially provide cures for some types of cancer.

"There is just a great deal of concern that once these habitats are gone, the potential for realizing those discoveries are eliminated," Ross added. The deep water reefs also are seen as indicators of the ocean's overall health; because they are so remote, it takes longer for phenomenon like climate change to affect them.

"Science is questions, it's not answers," said Liz Baird of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, cautioning that it may be years before researchers realize the full potential of the reefs.

Most in the fishing industry agree that protecting these reefs is good for business, said Steven Wilson, owner of International Oceanic Enterprises in Alabama. Wilson has been shrimping in the Atlantic for 30 years and has been working with officials preparing the protection plan.

While law enforcement says some fishermen will drop crab pots or drag nets near fragile corals to score big catches, regardless of the damage, Wilson said it's mostly accidental.

"We can't make any money trawling over coral. In fact, we lose money," he said, noting that it destroys the nets.

Woody Moore, a commercial fishermen out of Jacksonville, Fla., has been trawling for shrimp in the Atlantic for three decades and also has been helping develop the deep reef protection proposals.

Moore puts it simply: "We don't want any closures but you gotta give them something or they'll take it all. You gotta play the game."

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Many thanks to Lynn Funkhouser for sending this one to our attention. Reprinted from the Monterey Bay Aquarium newsletter. The Aquarium has a new white shark, collected August 12 near Malibu, California, and placed in the Outer Bay exhibit on August 26. This is the fifth white shark. The first was with them for 6 ½ months; the second, for 4 ½ months; the third, for 5 months; and the fourth, for 11 days. All were successfully returned to the wild.



WHITE SHARK CAUGHT AUGUST 2009

For the fifth time, the Monterey Bay Aquarium has placed a young white shark on exhibit. The five-foot, three-inch shark was collected by Aquarium staff August 12 near Malibu, California with the help of a spotter plane and a commercial fishing crew using a purse seine net. The shark remained in an ocean holding pen for almost two weeks while we confirmed that she was feeding and swimming well.

On August 26 we brought her to the Aquarium and placed her in the million-gallon Outer Bay exhibit. We hope she'll remain on exhibit for several months as a way to change public attitudes and promote protection for this magnificent and much-maligned ocean predator.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium's Juvenile White Shark Project is promoting innovative study, awareness and conservation of these magnificent animals. By tagging and exhibiting white sharks we can promote public understanding and protection of this ecologically important and threatened species.

HAUNTED HOUSE SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday, October 17, 7:00 PM

Meet at Jon Kitts' Home 13 Orchard Lane, Hawthorne Woods

We did reschedule this event from Friday to Saturday evening, so hopefully more of you can make it. We will be attending one of the best Haunted Houses around, St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Hawthorne Woods (Quentin and Old McHenry Road) – this is their 18th year! They have over 15 rooms with over 30 actors. This is the adult house version and this is not recommended for children under 12. They do feature a more kid friendly version at other times (check their website: <http://www.stmatts.net/haunted/>).

New this year we are able to get our tickets in advance and reserve a place in line – believe me this is worth it, the crowd can be huge. Please sign up at the September meeting or send the TIC's a note, we will be purchasing the tickets in advance for anyone signing up and paying in advance. We must have your paid reservation no later than Monday, October 12 to get the tickets.



We will be gathering at Jon Kitts home, 13 Orchard Lane, Hawthorn Woods and then will carpool from there over to MLC for the Haunted House. We will have maps at the September meeting. Cost to be scared out of your wits is a mere **\$15.00** – you might want to think about Depends, this should be the garment of choice for the evening.

TICs: Jon Kitts jon13@Voyager.net
Pam Romund promund@kraft.com
847-698-5490

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DIVE NEWS

Leaking Mares Nemo Air Computers Recalled: The Italian dive gear manufacturer has recalled the Nemo Air due to "quality issue" with the O-rings on the computer's quick connector hoses. The O-ring can fail, causing a slow but continuous air loss. Mares has created a replacement O-ring and divers owning the computer can take it and the hose to a Mares dealer for a replacement O-ring -- the new one is a green color to replace the old black and brown ones. Find a dealer at www.mares.com, or call customer service at Head USA, Mares' owner, at 800-874-3236 and give them your computer's serial number.

Lost Red Sea Diver Swims 60 Miles to Safety: Four Russian divers were found alive a day after currents separated them from their liveaboard; one managed to swim to shore, 60 miles from where the dive started. On August 17, a group of six divers from the *M/Y Bohemia* were doing a noon dive at Little Brother Island in the southern Red Sea when the four Russians went missing. When night fell, Vitaly Ivanov decided to swim and drift to shore, and was found the next afternoon 25 miles south of the town El Quesir. The three other divers were found by a search boat that evening. That's a much happier ending compared to 2007, when five Russians died in separate accidents on Red Sea dive trips.

Australian Liveaboard Company Fined \$30,000 for Abandoning Divers: In May 2008, divers Allyson Dalton and Richard Neely who were separated from the *Pacific Star II* while diving the Great Barrier Reef and spent the night in the open sea. While OzSail, the *Pacific Star's* owner, initially argued it was not at fault for the divers being stranded and perhaps they may have even staged their own disappearance, the courts ruled that the boat crew didn't manage their dive safety system properly. In mid-August, OzSail pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined AUD\$30,000.

UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

HAIGH QUARRY, KANKAKEE, *IL 10:30 AM START



Quarry entrance fee is \$20.00 per Diver, \$10.00 for Non-Divers
(Please - No pets or non-diving children under the age of 12)

The Triton Scuba Club along with the Illinois Council of Skin & Scuba Divers invite you to join them for a fun filled day of Diving, Picnicking, and Underwater Pumpkin Carving.

Come enjoy a relaxing day at Haigh Quarry, *"The Caribbean of the Midwest."*

Let your imagination run wild - Try your hand at Underwater Pumpkin Carving!

Prizes will be awarded based on the number of votes received from attendees (Divers and Non-Divers may vote). There will be three categories; **CREATIVE, SCARY, and FUNNY**. After carving your pumpkin, you pick which category to enter. Judging will take place at 3:00 P.M.

Pumpkins will be provided courtesy of Haigh Quarry (or bring your own.) If you are going to picnic, bring a dish to share and your non-alcoholic beverage of choice, we will have plenty of water on hand. You will need to bring a complete set of dive equipment (rentals are available. Contact Haigh for reservations.) Also be sure to bring your certification card. www.haighquarry.com

RULES

- 1) **PUMPKIN MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER.** Bring a spoon to scoop out the inside, and newspaper to set the pumpkin on while cleaning. You might want to bring a container or baggie to place your seeds in, so that you may take them home and bake them, or feed them to your backyard wildlife.
- 2) **ALL CARVING MUST BE DONE UNDERWATER.** Except for opening the top and cleaning out the inside.
- 3) **DIVERS MUST REMAIN IN BUDDY TEAMS.** Only one prize per pumpkin. Each member of the buddy team may want to carve his/her own.
- 4) **NO TIME LIMIT.** However carving must be completed during one dive.
- 5) **DESIGNS MAY BE DRAWN ON PUMPKIN PRIOR TO THE DIVE.** Bring a Sharpie
- 6) **PROPS OR ATTACHMENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE, BUT MUST BE ADDED UNDERWATER.**
- 7) **INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BUDDY TEAMS PUMPKIN(S), WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
- 8) **WEIGHTS MAY BE PLACED IN THE PUMPKIN TO HOLD IT DOWN.**
- 9) **DIVE KNIFE OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF CARVING TOOLS MAY BE USED.** Bring whatever you need.
- 10) **IF YOU PLAN TO ENTER THE CONTEST, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PUMPKIN(S) ON THE JUDGING TABLE BY NO LATER THAN 2:30 P.M.**

FINAL NOTE: You must take your pumpkin(s) home with you! These are the rules . . . If you want to change them, we invite you to host the event next year. Then you can make up your own rules, and the rest of us will be happy to follow them! After the event, photos of all entries will be posted on the ICSSD website. **Organizer – Triton Scuba Club and ICSSD.**

If you plan to attend, please contact Pam Romund via e-mail and she will be happy to add your name to the list. promund@Kraft.com





Diveheart invites you to join us in our
Fourth Annual Golf Outing!

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

The Links at Carillon - 21200 S. Carillon Drive - Plainfield, IL 60544

(815) 886-2132

18 Hole Golf with Cart and Dinner \$125

Dinner only \$25

Registration 10:00 AM

Shotgun start 11:30 AM

Dinner 5:00 PM

With a shotgun start all golfers will begin at the same time. We anticipate finishing play around 4:30 PM and can then meet in the clubhouse for dinner and prizes. Dinner is planned as The Links Grille American grill with a Cash Bar.

Please make checks payable to the Diveheart Foundation and return the [registration form](#) (available at www.diveheart.org) by September 1, 2009 to:

Diveheart Foundation 900 Ogden Ave. P.O. Box 274 Downers Grove, IL 60515

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SEND US YOUR PHOTOS



We are planning to have an evening of members' photos at the October meeting. We would like to include as many as possible. Please consider this request and provide me with electronic copies of some of your favorite UW photos/videos that you have taken so they can be put in the October Member Slide show. This is your chance to share your best photos with your fellow Tritons!

Please send electronic copies to: David Vemmer [dcevemmer@comcast.net]. I would like to receive your best 8 to 10 photos and snippets of video. I will be putting them into a presentation for the entertainment that evening. It should make for fun time to see everyone's contributions. Many thanks!

Dave Vemmer, Entertainment Chair

A big *Triton* THANK YOU!

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

BELOW H20

2950 Ogden Avenue
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

BERRY AQUA PARADISE

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

CHICAGOLAND SCUBA

732 S. Rand Road
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

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

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

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

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

The annual **Illinois Council of Skin and SCUBA Diving Presidents, Night**, will be held on **Saturday, November 14th at Burnham Park Yacht Club**, 1500 S Linn White Dr, Chicago, IL 60605. This is their annual dinner dance and awards will be presented to the Club, Diver and Humanitarian of the Year. There is a fantastic raffle throughout the evening featuring trips, charters, gear & more! This is always a fun evening and a great way to get to know other divers and perhaps win a prize or two. The evening features the very best raffle around, you won't be disappointed. Tickets are available through the Millers.



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2008 Illinois Council Club of the Year

The Tritons

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

Video Presentation:

Video Pot Luck – Membership Decides What We Will See!

See you September 22, 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