



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons

The end of the dive season is now very close. You still have time for a few more dives so be sure to check the Events Calendar for our remaining dive schedule. And, speaking of the Events Calendar, you need to be at the September meeting where we will be discussing and voting on next year's calendar. Your input is needed to be sure we have the events scheduled that you want. The events committee has done a great job of adding some new activities as well as bringing back some of your past favorites that we haven't done lately. And, if you have any suggestions, this would be the time to share them with the club. So, mark your calendars for our September meeting and plan on being part of the decision making process. Plus, be sure to thank Jon Kitts, Pam Romund, Adolph Habich, Dave and Rosana Vemmer and Chris Janas for their hard work on putting together this calendar.

As you know, we are a club of all volunteers. In order for us to function effectively, we need you to help out in whatever capacity you are able. If you wish to volunteer to run a dive or one of our other events, please see any member of the Board and we will help get you set up. We also have various committees where your help is needed. Many of these require very little time but are crucial to the running of the club. Please contact me or any of the Board members to learn more about what you can do to make us better.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our September meeting.

Good diving to all
Randy

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September, 2011

Just a reminder your dues are now payable. Make that check out today, thanks!

Our current membership is:

72 full members 1 associate member
TOTAL 73 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

ENTERTAINMENT - SEPTEMBER MEETING

We are pleased to announce that Jonathan Lavan to present on his experiences on Diving the Sea of Cortez while on board the *Rocio del Mar*. Jonathan Lavan, a citizen scientist, a professional actor and a natural speaker has been SCUBA Diving for over twenty-five years. As a SCUBA Diver he has been a teacher, photographer and research associate for many different organizations.

TRITON 2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

September, 2011		
Tuesday, 9/27	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
October, 2011		
Saturday, 10/1	Long Grove Apple Days	Needs TIC
Sunday, 10/2	Underwater Pumpkin Carving – Haigh Quarry	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com Tritons hosting event for Illinois Council
*Saturday, 10/8	Lake Geneva Dive	Jim Hynan (jhynan74@gmail.com)
Tuesday, 10/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 10/25	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 10/29	Haunted House & Costume Party	Jon Kitts (jon13@voyager.net)
November, 2011		
Saturday, 11/5	Dinner with the Dead Museum Visit & Dinner	Rosana Vemmer (rvmexicana@hotmail.com) 847.698.1727
Tuesday, 11/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 11/19	Food Depository	Food Depository is Booked – we are working on replacing this event with another Community Service activity – TIC Chris Demski
Tuesday, 11/22	Business Meeting -Triton Photo & Video Presentation	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
December, 2011		
Saturday, 12/3	Holiday Party	Triton Board of Directors
Tuesday, 12/13	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com

***Note Date Change**

If you are interested in running an event, contact Jon Kitts [jon13@voyager.net].

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2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

Enclosed with this month's Trib is the proposed 2012 Events Calendar. Please look it over, as you, the membership, will be approving it at the September meeting. We have some old favorites as well as some totally new ones added to the list – Zip Lining, Segway Tours, Minor League Baseball Outing and more!

As always we welcome your input – if you have a favorite or something new please send it along we may still be able to add to the proposed calendar. Many thanks for your suggestions, sorry we can't accommodate everything all in one calendar but we do save them for our future planning.

The Events Committee, Jon Kitts, Chair

Adolph Habich, Pam Romund, Dave Vemmer, Rosanna Vemmer with thanks to Chris Janas

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UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Linda Hayden
New email: hayden_linda@comcast.net
31 Pine Street, #203
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Jonathan Lavan, a citizen scientist, a professional actor and public speaker has been SCUBA Diving for over twenty-five years and taking photographs "underpressure" for about five.

As a SCUBA Diver and owner of Underpressure Diving & Photography he has been a teacher, photographer and research associate for many different organizations. He is currently a volunteer diver & interpreter at the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago where he enjoys having underwater question & answer sessions with school children . He is also an Advanced Assessment Team

Member for the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (reef.org) and works with Discover The Depths (www.discoverthedepts.com) a local environmental organization that turns school kids on to the ocean.

He formally worked at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, in California teaching kids surface SCUBA diving while wearing drysuits in the tidepool on the back deck of the aquarium. Jonathan is committed to making a difference on this planet through his images and his message of goodwill to all creatures. His photos can be seen at websites for National Geographic, Encyclopedia of Life, Florida Museum of Natural History, REEF, Fishwise and Fishbase. His two a main blogs are: www.underpressure.blogspot.com & www.spurdogsothercreatures.blogspot.com. To see additional photos go to:

Underpressure calendar- \$25.00:

http://www.kodakgallery.com/gallery/sharing/shareRedirectSwitchBoard.jsp?token=706323114606%3A723023320&type=product&sourceId=533754321803&cm_mmc=eMail- -Share- -Project- -Sharee

Rocio del Mar calendar- \$25.00:

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"Images of Nature" coffee table book: \$40.00;

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MINIATURE GOLF OUTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

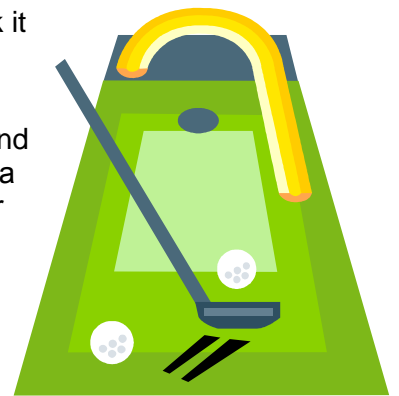
As I was heading to the park it was just a light rain but as I got closer to the park it began raining harder and harder. I talked to the folks manning the ticket booth and short and simple we were rained out!

Eleven Tritons came out in spite of the rain, many thanks to you brave souls. And rather than just give up we decided to head over to Moretti's in Mt. Prospect for a bite to eat and some socializing. Pizzas, sandwiches and salads were the order of the day. Everyone had a good time and we were joined at the very end by Judi Stephens, having fulfilled her duties with the Niles Historical Society.

We will have to schedule this one again.

TIC: Pam Romund

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WARM WATER TRIP SEPTEMBER 15-22, 2012 SEA OF CORTEZ

Our spring warm water trip will not be a spring trip as usual but it will be an unusual trip. I have booked all 20 spots on the Rocio Del Mar, a liveaboard, departing from Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. Here is the information regarding the costs for this trip.



- Dates:** September 15-22, 2012
- Dive Vessel:** Rocio Del Mar (a liveaboard with 4 dives/day, 2 night dives during the week, and meals)
- Port of Departure:** Puerto, Peñasco, MX
- Cost:** \$2295.00/diver
- Marine Park Fee:** \$25.00/diver
- Shuttle Cost from Phoenix:** \$100.00/person roundtrip
- Optional Nitrox Fee:** \$100.00 for the week
- Not Included:** Transportation to Phoenix and gratuities for the crew.
- Water Temps in September: 80-85°!!!**

The first deposit of \$575.00 is due

when you sign up. The second deposit of \$575.00 will be due March 1, 2012 and the final payment will be due June 1, 2012. If you are interested, please contact me to make payment arrangements. You can pay either by check, credit card or even PayPal. I also have a limited number of brochures from the dive operator if you would like to see more plus there is a web site for the operator.

Space is limited so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join us.

Randy Skiba
Global Access, Inc.
(847) 312-9208 my cellphone if you would like to discuss this trip
r_skiba@comast.net for email questions

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.



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LAKE GENEVA DIVE SATURDAY OCTOBER 8th Cost - \$35.00

Put it in your calendars! Cost is a whopping \$35 for members and \$45 for guests. This also covers dinner at the house after.

Very easy charter dive (2 tank dive with a 10 AM start), shallow and fun. Ideal for your first charter dive, if you are a newer diver. Lots to eat after, back at the house. Eat, drink, watch college football, and walk to the lake after. A real stressful afternoon.

I need your payment at the September meeting. I hope we end our local dive season in style. Note this one change: the Williams Bay lakefront is closed for the fall, due to reconstruction work. We will launch from either the city of Lake Geneva, or from Fontana. More info at the meeting.

I have 3 paid divers, there is room for 7 more. So sign up at the September meeting

Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 jhynan74@gmail.com

UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011

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). After carving your pumpkin, simply place on the judging table. Judging will take place at 1:45 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 1:30 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@Kraftfoods.com



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CLEVER DOLPHINS USE SHELLS TO CATCH FISH

Already famed as Earth's first tool-using marine mammals, the bottlenose dolphins of Australia's Shark Bay have proved handy yet again, by using conch shells to trap tasty fish, then shaking them into their mouths like sardines from a tin.

Unlike sponging, however, in which dolphins use sponges to find fishes hiding in mud, conching isn't yet widespread in Shark Bay. It appears to be a relatively new innovation, pioneered by a few individuals and finally catching on.

"The extent to which the conch shell is manipulated and the rarity of the behavior suggest that 'conching' takes some skill and practice and might thus be another rare individual foraging tactic in Shark Bay," wrote biologists led by the University of Zurich's Michael Krutzen in *Marine Mammal Science*.

While that study came out in April, an August 24 press from Australia's Murdoch University, home of co-authors Simon Allen and Lars Bejder, reported that conching has been observed at least 6 times in the last four months. That's as often as conching was seen between the first sighting in December 1996 and the afternoon of July 31, 2007, when during a survey of western Shark Bay the researchers spotted an unfamiliar dolphin.

As they lingered nearby, hoping to dart a biopsy sample from her skin, the dolphin dived and then surfaced with her beak lodged in a conch shell, which she waved back and forth above the water. She dove again. Before she surfaced, four more dolphins arrived. When she returned with the conch, they were waiting and watching. So were the researchers.

"Photographs were taken, with two of these clearly revealing the posterior portion of a fish protruding from the conch aperture and held in the dolphin's jaws," they wrote in *Marine Mammal Science*. "The dolphin lifted the conch out of the water and manipulated it in such a manner as to drain the water and the fish from the shell." It appeared to be an emperor fish.

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Until the researchers photographed CON — sort for “Concher,” as they code-named the dolphin — the purpose of conch-wielding was unknown. From their handful of fleeting glimpses over the years, the researchers thought it likely that dolphins were simply eating conch snails inside their shells, or perhaps showing off, as do stick-wielding, clay-throwing dolphins in the Amazon.

Almost two years later, in April 2009, the researchers saw another conching dolphin, this time in a shallow, seagrass-covered spot where a wildlife observer had seen dolphins digging through seabed with shells of baler, another large marine mollusc.

Exactly how the shells are used underwater isn't yet known. Fish might swim into them while being chased, unwittingly turning themselves into packaged snacks. The dolphins could also use the shells like nets or containers, a possibility suggested by the wildlife observer's report of seabed-digging.

Also unknown is how conching emerged: as a variation on sponging, perhaps, or in flashes of insight from creatures whose intelligence may rival our own but happen to lack fingers and hands. Because Shark Bay's dolphins are very territorial, however, and conching has been witnessed in disparate locations on both of its sides, the researchers believe conching was discovered several times independently.

That conching is being witnessed with more frequency suggests Shark Bay's dolphins are learning about it. Perhaps those four who watched CON were taking a lesson. If, as with sponging, conching is taught primarily by females to other females, then conching was likely an invention of single mothers trying to feed their families

So far, only one male dolphin, the individual spotted in 2009, has been seen conching. While his name among dolphins is unknown, the researchers dubbed him WIM, short for William the Concherer.

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NEW SHARK SPECIES FOUND IN FOOD MARKET

Fish taxonomists found the previously unknown shark at a market in Taiwan—no big surprise, according to study co-author William White. "Most fish markets in the region will regularly contain sharks," White, of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization in Hobart, Australia, said via email. In fact,



he and a colleague had headed to the Tashi Fish Market specifically to "collect some material and to see whether there were noticeable differences in the [shark] catches from previous decades," he said. "Amongst a number of other species, we collected a number of *Squalus* species—one of which was this new high-fin species."

The new species, *Squalus formosus*, is a three-foot-long (one-meter-long) short-nosed dogfish. It's distinguished from other dogfish species in the *Squalus* genus by a particularly upright first fin on its back, a strong spine, and a very short, rounded head, White said. *S. formosus* ("Formosa" being a former name for Taiwan), likely wound up in the fish market in the same

way most deep-ocean sharks do—as bycatch, accidentally ensnared during hunts for other fish. In fish markets, "it is unlikely people would know the difference between the new species and other sharks, said White. "Similar species in Indonesia are salted and dried for human consumption and fins used as filler in the shark-fin soup trade," he said. "But that doesn't necessarily reflect what they do with the sharks in Taiwan."

The new species is currently known only from waters around Taiwan and Japan and is unlikely to be found much farther afield, White said, since *Squalus* species tend to have narrow ranges.

Many thanks to Lynn Funkhouser for sending this to our attention.
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HAITIAN DIVERS HOPE TO AID AILING REEF

Jessika Laloi, front, before a dive off Haiti's coast. Behind her was Gregor Hodgson of Reef Check.

Photo Brent McDonald/The New York Times

CÔTES DES ARCADINS, Haiti — It was an immaculately clear midsummer morning, a perfect day for diving. No trash had yet washed up on the beach. A dozen volunteers, all excited, some a bit apprehensive, donned flippers and masks and shimmied into the bathtub-warm sea, eager to join a team of eco-divers responsible for surveying, and perhaps one day helping save, Haiti's endangered coral reefs.

Only one thing stood in their way: For most of them — like Jessika Laloi, 21 — this was their first time swimming in the ocean. Until a few months ago, Ms. Laloi had not even known how to dog paddle. Now she was wading into the ocean in shorts and a tank top, with a life preserver strapped to her torso, a welcome distraction from the tumult of life since her home collapsed in the earthquake a year & a half ago. "Diving and swimming is a way of showing you that you are in the environment," Ms. Laloi said. "You are part of it. You don't have to destroy it.

Environmental degradation is rife in Haiti — deforestation, erosion, pollution — and for the most part it is hard to miss. But for decades the country's marine environment has suffered unseen. Its extensive coral reef system, an attraction to foreign scuba divers in the 1970s and '80s, has largely died off — partly from sedimentation and climate change, but mostly from overfishing.

"It's probably the worst overfishing I've seen anywhere in the world," said Gregor Hodgson, the director of Reef Check, a nonprofit organization in California that monitors reef health around the globe. Mr. Hodgson, who has been leading the training of Ms. Laloi and her fellow Haitians, said his organization had worked on reefs in 90 countries.

Months after the earthquake that devastated Port-au-Prince, this nation's capital, Mr. Hodgson flew to Haiti to inspect reefs, checking for quake damage. Instead, he found something more alarming: dead coral as far as the eye could see, and almost no fish. He estimates that about 85 percent of the coral reef has died.

In Haiti 54,000 fishermen rely on the ocean for their livelihood, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, which oversees fisheries management. In recent decades, as their usual catches of Nassau groupers and snappers have dwindled and disappeared, many of them have subsisted by netting and spearing small reef fish that keep coral clean of algae. Now those too are almost gone, and the algae have taken over.

On a recent dive near La Gonâve Island, Mr. Hodgson floated through a wasteland of intact, dead coral, overgrown with algae and sponges and nearly devoid of fish. Haiti has the second-longest coastline of all the Caribbean countries, yet it is the only one that has not established marine protected areas where fishing is restricted or off-limits, according to the United Nations Environment Program. So Reef Check



decided to survey the reefs and propose that the Haitian government create marine parks where fish can feed, grow and reproduce.

"It's an unusual situation to come into a country where there are no marine ecologists with respect to coral reefs and no marine biology programs in universities," Mr. Hodgson said. "We're starting from square one."

Pierre Guy LaFontant, Haiti's director general of fisheries, acknowledged that overfishing was a problem and said that officials were receptive to the idea of establishing protected waters. But if the government cannot enforce its existing fishing regulations, can fishermen be persuaded to abide by an invisible line in the water? "That would be my deepest dream," Mr. LaFontant said, "but the reality is totally different. For fishermen, there are no alternatives. Poverty is the law."

Henry Hilaire, who has fished for 36 years, gathered nets from a sailboat with several other Haitians in waters that Reef Check hopes will eventually be protected. "We don't find enough," Mr. Hilaire said of his catch, "but we have to take what we found. It's not enough fish for us to make a living." Mr. Hilaire pulled two small fish, each about five inches long, from his basket. "It's really too young to keep," he said, but "circumstances are such that if we didn't keep them, we'd go hungry."

Many of Reef Check's divers in training were sympathetic to the fishermen's plight. "They're desperate, trying to survive, so how do you tell them not to fish here?" asked Romain Louis, 37, a literature teacher hoping to become part of the eco-diver team. Mr. Louis suggested that the fishermen would need an incentive. "You know, this is free," he said of his training through Reef Check's program, adding: "It's a good trade-off. How much would I have to spend to do this? Maybe, if these fishermen got a trade-off, they'd stop fishing on overfished reefs."

Mr. Hodgson argued the fishermen could, in fact, become the project's strongest supporters. "Once they see the fish coming back, see the fish growing, see a beautiful reef coming back, then they become the ones who protect the reef," he said.

Under Reef Check's guidance, once volunteers demonstrate proficiency in swimming and snorkeling, they will eventually be taught to scuba dive, map the reefs foot by foot and count crucial species of fish, urchins and lobsters — basically, anything people like to eat. The organization began recruiting volunteer divers earlier this year. Yet the going has been slow. According to Mr. Hodgson, only one of 30 applicants selected for a pool test in April could swim half its length. The rest could not swim at all.

But what the volunteers lack in experience, they make up for in passion and curiosity. "It's exciting," Melissa Barbot, 24, an architecture student, said after a snorkel outing. "This is my first time, and naturally, I'm having this wow feeling."

For some students, learning to dive has also proved to be therapeutic. "When I saw how amazing it is," Ms. Laloi said of her time in the water, "I just forgot that I live in a very ugly zone."

Before the quake, Ms. Laloi had been a university student majoring in medicine. When the quake struck, she recalled, she leaped from the second story of her house as it was collapsing around her. Afterward, she lived with her aunt in a tent and volunteered with the Red Cross, tending to the injured.

"My hair began falling out, and I gained lots of weight — I was big," she said. "The psychologist said it was stress." At the end of her third day of lessons with Reef Check, Ms. Laloi climbed out of the water, elated and slightly out of breath.

"It was like a relief," she said, looking back at the ocean. "When I was down there, I just forgot about the earthquake. I forgot everything, my sadness, everything. It was like I was living a new life."

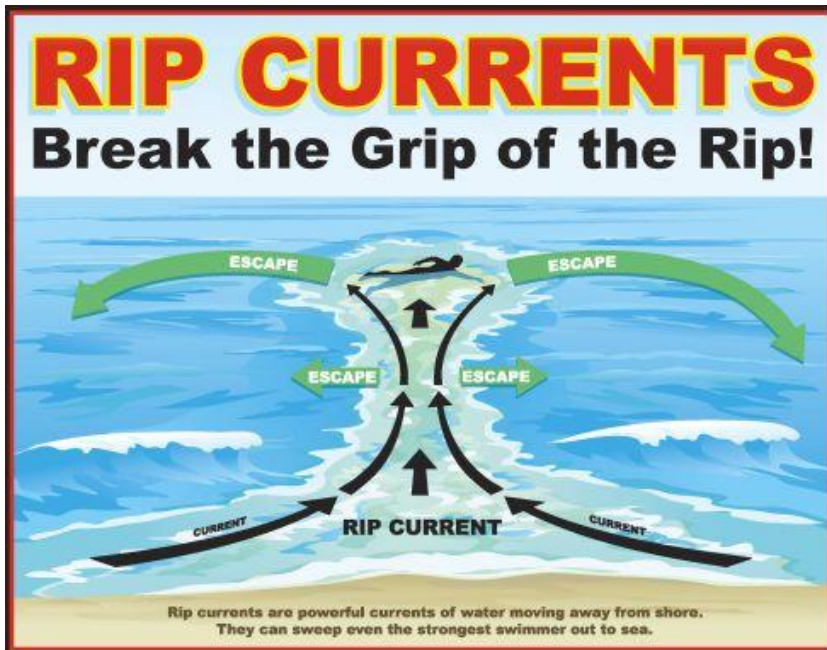
"I will come here very, very often so I can see the ocean," she added. "I think the fish are happy to see me."

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PLANNING AHEAD

Our club is going to celebrate our **55th Anniversary in 2012**, what a milestone! So what could make the occasion extra special? How about a way to share and remember all the pleasant moments, fun times and great people? If every member shares one story / pictures, with the rest of the group we can make a nice CD or DVD. Don't keep all these experiences just in your memory, share with your fellow Tritons. Send your input to: LAlonso@stepan.com Deadline February 15, 2012. Thank you, Lourdes Alanso

There have been stories in the news that last several weeks about rip currents at various spots around the lake. The proper procedure when encountering a rip current: do not swim against the current, swim parallel to the shore and once you find yourself out of the current, swim back toward shore. Share this information with your family & friends, anyone you know who spends time in the water.



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:
www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org



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Divers Alert Network (DAN) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit medical, education and research organization dedicated to the safety and health of scuba divers and is associated with the diving and hyperbaric medical centers at the University of California at San Diego and University of Pennsylvania. <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>

HAND SIGNAL QUIZ FROM D.A.N.

Think you know your hand signals? *The Alert Diver* from D.A.N. has posted on their website a quiz running through the most common and some not so common hand signals. This is a good review for both you and your buddy and included one I hadn't seen before (at least not underwater). Take the couple of minutes to take the quiz, go to: http://www.alertdiver.com/Hand_Signals_Quiz

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A big *Triton* THANK YOU!

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

BELOW H20

2950 Ogden Avenue
Aurora IL 60504
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DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER

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HAIGH QUARRY

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Skokie, IL 60076
847-674-0222

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Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-356-7826

BERRY DIVE CENTER

3042 N. Milwaukee
Northbrook, IL
847-358-3848

DD DIVE SHOP

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Glenview, IL 60025
847-657-3483

ENTERPRISE MARINE

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Des Plaines, IL 60016
847-640-8113

PEARL LAKE RESORT

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815-389-1479

SCUBA EMPORIUM

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Orland Park, IL 60467
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