



# North Current



Monthly Newsletter of the Aquatic Explorers Scuba Club

July 2014

[www.aquaticexplorers.org](http://www.aquaticexplorers.org)

## Next Meeting

### **Club Meeting**

August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30

Club Meetings are held at the American Legion Post on Overlook Rd.

### **Board Meeting**

July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM

Board Meetings are held at the American Legion Post on Overlook Rd.



## ***New Members***

We've been getting a tremendous amount of new member joining the club! They've been joining both directly into the club via word of mouth and other resources as well as through our Facebook and Meetup pages. Please take a moment to welcome all of our new members when you can.

Welcome to you all!!

## ***Club Hours***

We are also looking for people to send dive journals for trips taken for the web site. Dive journals help members learn about new dive locations and provide insights about where to stay, eat and dive. You can earn time toward your work hours for each dive journal you submit. Send your dive journals to Mike Rodriques at [mrodriques@gmail.com](mailto:mrodriques@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

July 28<sup>th</sup>

**Board Meeting**

August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Full Club Meeting**

For updates and the full club event calendar visit the club web site at <http://www.aquaticexplorers.org/calendar.htm>

## ***Your ideas are welcome!***

If you have any ideas for dives, or activities that you'd like to see the club pursue, please contact any board member to discuss them. We are always looking for ways to present more activities or group dives for the club membership to enjoy. If you'd like to submit ideas for activities, you can do so via email to [activities@aquaticexplorers.org](mailto:activities@aquaticexplorers.org).

## ***July 2014 Club Activities***

**Saturday, July 26th**—We will be having a club sponsored Memorial Dive to remember all of the members that we lost this season.

The club is encouraging as many members as can attend to come to Dutch and join us in a day of diving fun and time spent as a group remembering these great club members who gave so much to the organization.

For more information on what will be going on that day, please contact Dave Weiss.

## ***2014 Clam Bake***

Yes, it's that time of the year again! We need to begin planning our annual clam bake/dive. The past couple of years have seen us combing the clam bake with a group dive, generally to do a cleanup of a beach, or some other type of "community service"

If you have suggestions on what we can do this year, please send them to [board@aquaticexplorers.org](mailto:board@aquaticexplorers.org), speak to one of the board members at the upcoming club meeting. We look forward to participation and ideas from the general membership.

The club will be providing food, and non-alcoholic beverages for the event.

It is not currently clear, what, if any, charge there will be for members and guests to attend the event. We'll keep you posted as the time for the event draws closer.

## *Holiday Club Dinner*

We're beginning to look for a planner for you holiday club dinner. This dinner is open to all members in good standing and their guests, and is generally held at the December club meeting. We generally mate this event with our annual elections for new board members.

We have several positions opening on the board this year, and would really like to see some of the new members step up and help out with the management of the club. Open positions will be forthcoming.

## *Deceased Members*

We should take a moment to remember the club members who we lost this year. It is always sad to lose group members, and we extend our heartfelt condolence to all of the members that passed away this year.

**Brent Williams**—Brent was very active in the club. He has been responsible for the last two Christmas dinners along with helping with last years clambake and the canoe race. He was also a board member of the club.

Many of our members were taught to dive by Brent. Most of us will not remember him for all the things he did for the club but mostly for him being a really good guy. He will be truly missed. Club meetings and events will not be the same without his smile (and dreadlocks).

**Bill Hammond**—Longtime life member Bill Hammond passed away. Bill served our country as a Marine where he learned to dive. Although he was no longer living in the area, he would reply to some of the club emails with his thoughts and comments. Although Bill had moved out the of the area, and was no longer very hands on with the club, he still showed interest and a dedication to the success of the group.

**Brad Burchell**—Although Brad had not been a member of the club for very long, he was a well respected member of the local dive community for many years. Brad was a retired detective with the New Patlz PD and a volunteer fireman.

He worked at Dutchess dive center as an instructor and taught many people to dive. His easy going yet always professional personality made learning and diving with him safe and enjoyable. He also ran an underwater pool repair service. After leaving Dutchess Dive center Brad started a dive travel company. Many local divers not only had the pleasure of diving with Brad but also travel the world with him.

## *How to contact the board*

If you have any need to contact a board member, the best way to do that is via [this group email](#). This will insure that the mail is received by all.

## *2015 Canoe Race*

We should all thank everyone who worked on the 2014 Canoe Race for helping to make it such a success.

Moving forward, we need to begin planning for our next race. The 2015 Wappinger's Creek Water Derby will be held on Saturday, April 18th 2015. We're going to need a lot of help planning the next Derby. We're hoping to make 2015's derby the best and most highly attended event of them all.