



# North Current



Monthly Newsletter of the Aquatic Explorers Scuba Club Inc.  
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[www.aquaticexplorers.org](http://www.aquaticexplorers.org)

## Next Meeting

### **Club Meeting**

August 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 @ 7:30 PM

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

### **Board Meeting**

July 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 @ 7:30 PM

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



## Website Suggestions

We'd like to expand the services available to members on our website. If you have any suggestions regarding what you'd like to see on the website please forward them to [suggestions@aquaticexplorers.org](mailto:suggestions@aquaticexplorers.org), with a subject line of 'website suggestions'. Some of the things under consideration are; dive blog, dive buddy search, activity forums, etc.

## Club Dives

We'd like to encourage more club based dives. The more things we do as a club, the better we will be as a club. Please keep checking in here and on the website in the future to see what dives we've scheduled as a group. If you have any suggestions for club dives, please send an email to [suggestions@aquaticexplorers.org](mailto:suggestions@aquaticexplorers.org). Be sure to include the words 'club dive suggestions' in the subject line.

## Upcoming Events

August 10—12

**Club Camping and Diving at Dutch Springs**

August 18th

**NYSDA—St. Lawrence River Beadle Point Dive.**

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

## Help the Newsletter!

The newsletter is a tool for members to communicate with other members discussing places to dive, providing information about new products, and discussing other topics of interest. It is a great forum to provide valuable information to club members.

Please help us keep the newsletter interesting and valuable to members. Your contributions can make reading the newsletter more interesting for everyone. Send submissions to [newsletter@aquaticexplorers.org](mailto:newsletter@aquaticexplorers.org).



"DON'T EAT THE HARD BIT ON ITS BACK, THEY MAKE YOU FART!"

## *Area Dives*

The club is encouraging members to take part in some of the dives that are being sponsored by local groups and dive shops.

This month, we are highlighting night dives that are being sponsored by Captain Mikes Dive Shop on City Island, New York. These dives go out of City Island every Wednesday and Thursday evening, and cover the Long Island Sound and Atlantic Ocean. Take a look [here](#) for more information, or call the dive shop at (718) 885-1588.

## *Club Associations*

As a club, we are looking to increase our visibility, and, by extension, the types of services that we can offer to the membership.

To that end, we are looking to add professional and trade associations to the portfolio of services we offer the membership.

If you have any thoughts on either services that you would like to see offered to the membership, or suggestions of organizations or entities that you would like to see the club partner with, please send an email to [suggestions@aquaticexplorers.org](mailto:suggestions@aquaticexplorers.org). Be sure to add the word 'suggestions' to the subject line.

## *Trading Post*

### **Dive Flag Stickers**

Anyone interested in Dive Flag Stickers, please contact Faith Cousens via email [fcousens@hvc.rr.com](mailto:fcousens@hvc.rr.com). The cost is \$25 for 10 stickers and are great for dive tanks, log books, and even your car!

### **Advertise your items for sale/trade here.**

If you have any goods or services that you'd like to advertise to the club membership, you can do so here. Please restrict the goods or services advertised to those related to scuba diving.

\*\* Aquatic Explorers, Inc. makes no warranty as to the quality of the goods or services listed here. It is understood that anyone advertising here, or acquiring items here will hold the club harmless in the event of any issues related to the sale or use of items listed here.\*\*

## *Membership Drive*

We're always looking to add members to our roles. The most effective way to advertise our club, and what we do is through 'word of mouth'.

We encourage all of our members to talk about the group and what we do to friends, family, people you meet on dives, etc.

Moving forward we'll be talking about ways to encourage our members to bring new potential members into the group. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on this, please send us an email at [suggestions@aquaticexplorers.org](mailto:suggestions@aquaticexplorers.org). Please be sure to place the words 'membership drive' in the subject line.



## *Board Changes/Vacancies*

We would like to thank all of the members that have either served, or continue to serve, on the board. Your efforts to make this club a better environment for the membership do not go unrecognized, or unappreciated.

We hope to present the membership with more opportunities to enjoy the club moving forward. We'd like to do this through club sponsored dives and activities, such as the upcoming trips to Dutch Springs, and the club sponsored Clam Bake and Swap meet.

There are still some positions available on the board. We welcome any members who would like to help by filling these positions.

If you're interested in helping, contact any board member to discuss your participation.

## *2012 Club Officers*

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<b>Activities</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Membership</b>	Mike Waters	(845) 224-6832	<a href="mailto:mwaters@jimwaters.com">mwaters@jimwaters.com</a>

## *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).

## *Air Shed Maintenance*

We just got a new test report for the air shed. As of 6/8/2012 air shed Chair Mark Habinowski has had the air shed tested and it passed. Thanks to Mark for his hard work in bringing the air shed up to spec. This is a valuable asset to the club, and a great service being provided to the membership. To view a copy of the report, click [here](#).

## *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).