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Monthly Newsletter of the Aquatic Explorers Scuba Club Inc.
P.O. Box 180, Connelly, NY 12417

September 2012 www.aquaticexplorers.org

Next Meeting

Club Meeting

September 10th 2012 @ 7:30 PM

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

Board Meeting

August 27th 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, 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. Be sure to include the words 'club dive suggestions' in the subject line.

Upcoming Events

September 7th—
10th **Rogers Rock Weekend—Diving Northern Lake George** —Hosted by Albany Aquanauts

September 29th **Club Clam Bake—Sylvan Lake Campgrounds**

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.

How to Avoid Shark Attacks:

- Never Leave Utah
- Roll in manure before diving. Sharks hate anything breaded
- Always dive with a buddy. On sharks approach, point to buddy
- Dive with a briefcase. Shark may mistake you for an attorney and leave you alone out of professional courtesy.

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. Be sure to add the word 'suggestions' to the subject line.

Trading Post

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. 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

President	Joe Rinaldi	(845) 677-6683	ishoa1@gmail.com
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Entertainment	TBD	TBD	TBD
Activities	TBD	TBD	TBD
Membership	Mike Waters	(845) 224-6832	mwaters@jimwaters.com

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.

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

All voting members—Please be advised that we have 2 separate by-law amendments on the docket for the September Club Meeting. They have been properly proposed to and accepted by the board. We have had a club discussion on them, and they will be presented to the general membership for an up or down vote at the coming September meeting. We urge all members to take an active role in the management of the club, and vote on these amendments.

They Are:

- 1—An Amendment Proposed by Dennis regarding placing limits on discretionary spending by the club officers without prior consent of the general membership.
- 2—An Amendment proposed by Andy regarding placing a limit on the timeframe for voting people into the club once a person has not been accepted for membership.

The text of each amendment follows for your review.

Section X - Amendment to By-Laws

Spending Limitations by the Board of Directors

Spending by The Board of Directors shall be limited to the amount of \$250.00 in any one calendar month without the **prior approval** of the general membership.

The exception to this rule would be for the emergency repair to the club air compressor for which the Board may vote to spend up to maximum of \$400.00.

Receipts for any and all expenses must be presented to the general membership for their approval at the next regularly scheduled club meeting

Proposal for Change to the Bylaws of the Aquatic Explorers Scuba Club

Proposed by Andy Viviano

Changes are printed in Italics.

The intention of this change is to be effective both forward and backward in time of its acceptance.

Section 3 – Requirements to Become a New Member

Following are the steps which a prospective member must follow in order to attain membership in the **ORGANIZATION**:

Prospective members shall not have been denied membership by into the club in the past five (5) years.

Prospective members must obtain, from the membership an application form

A completed application form will be presented to the Membership Committee. The

Membership Committee will review and give a recommendation to accept or reject the application. The accepted applicant will be notified of such and be invited to a regular meeting for a final vote; the rejected applicant will be notified in writing.

The Treasurer collects the initiation fee and dues based on the prorated time remaining in that calendar year.

Associated Dive Opportunities

As you may know, we have some members who are affiliated with multiple clubs. Whenever possible, we like to inform our members of activities that are being sponsored by another club, and with the approval of the other group or club, encourage our members to participate.

To that end, Bob Bak has extended an invitation to go on a couple of late year dives that are being sponsored by The Scuba Sports Club of Westchester. They are a couple of really exciting looking dive trips detailed below.

A Cozumel trip that will take place from October 6th to the 13th. We will be staying at Scuba Club Cozumel, an all-inclusive resort that caters to scuba divers. Five days of two-tank boat dives, and unlimited shore diving is included in the package. ([more info](#))

A Roatan trip going to Fantasy Island Dive Resort from November 10th to 17th. This is another all-inclusive dive resort with six days of three-tank boat dives, and unlimited shore diving. ([more info](#))

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.