

The Sea Breeze

May 1976

The New York City Sea Gypsies, Inc.

Anne Iscoe, Editor

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 5 May 1976

PLACE: DiPinto DiBlu Restaurant
54 West 45th Street, N.Y.C.

TIME: 7:30 pm

CPR SESSION

Not sure what it means? It could mean your life!! Tuesday at 7:30 pm
Vanderbilt YMCA, 224 East 47th Street, on the main floor level East Room.
Pool session to follow - bring bathing suit, vest and towel.

Proficiency in CPR is important. Take advantage of this opportunity. Mr. Rene Biourd, Director of the YMCA, and Dr. Jack Hirsch, Cardiologist and Sea Gypsy, will oversee our efforts. In the pool we will learn resuscitation of a non-breathing diver. This might be your only opportunity to get your hands around a Club Member.

Alan Iscoe

BY POPULAR REQUEST...

We are including once again the dive schedule for the first part of the diving season 1976, as requested by many of our new or probationary members. Please keep this copy handy. If you have any requests or suggestions for dives you would like to see in our schedule, don't hesitate in mentioning them to either Pete or Pam. Just as a reminder to new members, a check out dive is mandatory before you can sign up for a wreck dive. Safety Committee members will be present on all dives listed as "check-outs" and for your diving pleasure take your check-out as soon as possible, update your status to "member" and join the fun!

Highlights of the April 1976 Meeting

1. Roberto Varga presided at the meeting.
2. People owing dues were asked to pay as soon as possible in order to bring their membership status to that of "active".
3. The St. Croix trip scheduled for the summer has been cancelled.
4. John Falk reported on his visit to the N.J. Council. Anyone interested in attending one of the Council's meetings should contact John.
5. Roberto advised everyone to check their diving equipment now for malfunctions, deterioration etc. The dive site is too late!
6. Roberto suggested that the number of people with dive trips to offer is getting a little bit out of hand, and confusing to say the least. If you have a dive suggestion or package, please discuss it with the Board before presenting it to the Club.
7. The ice dive film didn't make it to the meeting again!

NOVA SCOTIA

Paul Beck is continuing on from the New Hampshire 4th of July weekend to Nova Scotia. If anyone is interested in joining him, please call Paul at UN1-9556 or see him at the May meeting.

SURVIVAL QUIZ

Laveda King has contributed the very interesting "Survival Quiz" attached to this issue. The answers will be in the next issue.

For contributions/enquiries regarding the SEA BREEZE, contact Anne Iscoe
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In accordance with the by-laws of the New York City Sea Gypsies, Inc., the following are active members in good standing:

Charles McFaul	Zoi Aponte	Roger Feuss	Thomas McGinnis
James McFaul	Bill Barton	Christopher Frost	Leon Ohana
Steven Doherty	Paul Beck	Ken Gilmore	Pamela Peper
Sue Benjamin	Joel Biblowitz	David Gould	Robert Pierce
Ron Bellucci	Bill Brown	Jacob Hirsch	Maria Salma
Stanley DeLisser	G. Peta Carrera	Alan Iscoe	Ramon Silva
George Lyons	Eric Cropper	Anne Iscoe	Elaine Smay
Alan Lippert	Bruce Dearborn	La Veda King	Peter Van Nuys
	John Dowdell	Neal Klemens	Roberto Varga
	Ronald Drumheller	Denise LeVien	Sam Wong
	John H. Falk	Laura Liscum	
	Charles Fedor	Peter McDowell	

The following are probationary members in good standing:

D. O'Neil	Cary Afric	Adrienne Kmiecik	J. Scott Saib
A. Friedheim	Carl Bronnell	Michael Manning	Ed Heilman
P. Petito	Josephine Grajales	John McKervey	J. Speck
M. Scharf			

According to the Club by-laws, after 3 months non-payment of dues, a member will be notified that he is in arrears and subject to suspension. After 6 months of non-payment, the membership can be terminated following a review by the Board of Directors. If your name does not appear on the above list (you are hereby notified) please contact the Treasurer, Zoi Aponte, so that we can bring your active status up to date.

Home phone: 682-5362 Work: 974-4016

GEAR TO BUY OR SELL

1. FOR SALE

1975 New Twin Aluminum 50's
 \$125 the set

Contact: Paul Beck
 home phone: UN1-9556

2. FOR SALE

Nikonos Flash unit, case and accessories
 (used twice) \$50.00

Zodiac watch with depth gauge and compass
 \$100.00

GiddingsFelgen Strobe Housing with Bar
 \$25.00

Chance of Nikonis 2 Camera for \$150.00

Contact: Ron Bellucci for the above
 Monday to Friday at 424-6600 between 9am and 5pm

THE SITUATION

Handout II-2a

It is approximately 10:00 a.m. in mid-July and you have just crash landed in the Sonora Desert in southwestern United States. The light twin engine plane, containing the bodies of the pilot and the co-pilot, has completely burned. Only the air frame remains. None of the rest of you have been injured.

The pilot was unable to notify anyone of your position before the crash. However, ground sightings, taken before you crashed, indicated that you are 65 miles off the course that was filed in your VFR Flight Plan. The pilot had indicated before you crashed that you were approximately 70 miles south-southwest from a mining camp which is the nearest known habitation.

The immediate area is quite flat and except for occasional barrel and saguaros cacti appears to be rather barren. The last weather report indicated that temperature would reach 110°, which means that the temperature within a foot of the surface will hit 130°. You are dressed in light weight clothing--short sleeved shirts, pants, socks and street shoes. Everyone has a handkerchief. Collectively, your pockets contain \$2.83 in change, \$85.00 in bills, a pack of cigarettes, and a ballpoint pen.

THE PROBLEM

Before the plane caught fire your group was able to salvage the 15 items listed on the right side of the page. Your task is to rank these items according to their importance to your survival, starting with "1" the most important, to "15" the least important.

You may assume that the number of survivors is the same as the number on your team, and the team has agreed to stick together.

Step 1: Each member of the team is to individually rank each item. Do not discuss the situation or problem until each member has finished the individual ranking. Once discussion begins, do not change your individual ranking.

Step 2: After everyone has finished the individual ranking, rank order the 15 items as a team.

Your team will have until _____ o'clock to complete this step.

___ Flashlight. (4 battery size)

___ Jack knife

___ Sectional air map of the area

___ Plastic raincoat (large size)

___ Magnetic compass

___ Compress kit with gauze

___ .45 caliber pistol (loaded)

___ Parachute (red & white)

___ Bottle of salt tablets (1,000 tablets)

___ 1 quart of water per person

___ A book entitled Edible Animals of the Desert

___ A pair of sunglasses per person

___ 2 quarts of 180 proof Vodka

___ 1 top coat per person

___ A cosmetic mirror

DIVING IN HAWAII

Joel Biblowitz

Based upon a recent two week diving trip to the Hawaiian Islands, here are some of my experiences and (in case you are interested) recommendations for the area.

I dove eight days with Central Pacific Divers in the town of Lahaina on the east side of the island of Maui (the western side of the Hawaiian islands has calmer water and much less rainfall than the eastern side of the islands). Central Pacific has a two tank dive in the morning for \$30; the afternoon dive, also two tanks generally goes to a submarine in 110 feet of water, and is a little cheaper.

The morning dive leaves at 7:45am sharp and the destination depends upon the water conditions and the weather. For my first five days we dove different locations around the island of Lanai (about an hours boat ride west of Maui). Depths ranged from about 50 to 110 feet with visibility about 75 feet. There was a great assortment of fish including many varieties of butterflies, wrasses, tangs, surgeonfish, puffers, trunkfish and angels, unlike any I had seen in the Bahamas and Caribbean. On my sixth day the water conditions changed and we went to Molokini, a dive spot off the southwestern tip of Maui, where we spotted a group of about twenty electric rays. In addition, at a depth of 120 feet, the dive master alerted us to a cave containing two white tipped sharks about six feet long and another cave containing one white tipped shark (obviously a loner). As exciting as this was, however, it was just a prelude to the next day when we went to Mokuhooniki, on the eastern tip of Molokai. Shortly after entering the water we encountered an enormous manta ray. A little later as we settled down at about 110 feet I looked to my left and saw a group of hammerhead sharks about 75 feet away. In attempting to inform the others by tapping my tank with my knife I almost stabbed myself in the excitement. Being a rapid breather (even in normal, non-shark situations) within a few minutes I had to return to the boat, but one of the other divers informed me that there were twelve hammerheads in the group.

In Kona, on the west coast of the island of Hawaii (the "big" island) I dove with Hawaiian Divers and the Fair Wind. Both took snorkelers as well as divers and therefore, not surprisingly, did not measure up to the diving with Central Pacific.

To summarize, the visibility isn't as great in Hawaii as in many areas of the Caribbean and Bahamas, nor is the water as warm. But you stand a good chance of seeing sharks, rays, dolphins and maybe even whales (during the winter months). And if you do go, stay in Maui and dive with Central Pacific Divers; they're the most "professional" shop I've seen. Oh, one other possible advantage of going to Hawaii - you may even see Steve McGarrett of "Hawaii 5-0" saying - "Book him".