

The Sunday Dive Club

The Club That Dives

Hello Divers.

Now that The Lockness Dive Boat and crew have been tucked away for the winter what are we to do? I asked myself that very question the other day and the answer, Bottle Dive! A quick call to Captain Frank of the Seahawk and my spot was reserved. This was to be a test dive for the New Years Day Dive and a way to extend the dive season. The results were excellent!

The day started at a leisurely 9:00 am in Port Washington (Manor-Haven). We were to arrive by 8:30 load and go. It was quite pleasurable to be in bed at 5:00 am on a dive day. Parking was close and the gear load much lighter than our usual needs. We left the dock on time, motored out across the Western Long Island Sound to New Rochelle, a 15 minute ride. The dive site was inside a small picturesque cove, calm water and about 20 feet deep. The sun was shining and the water temperature was a very comfortable 62^of. The air temp was a bit cooler in the 50^os. Excellent conditions considering it^s almost December. This is a very do-able dive in a wet suit or dry suit.

We were 9 divers. Each spent in excess of 40 minutes in the water and everyone had a full catch bag. Full of what you ask, why bottles of course. Captain Frank got out the bottle gauge, Ned, and measured them up. The shorts got thrown back. In total there were more than 100 keepers. We took turns on the swim platform clearing the mud. The most interesting pieces were passed around for all to see. There were two bottles from the 1800^s with dates cast in the glass. One was a precious round bottom. Several bottles found had bulb necks. There were dairy bottles from pre homogenation days with two chambers to hold the separated cream. There were vintage beer and soda bottles from the early 1900^s through 1960^s. Non-bottle recoveries included a boat battery (6 volt) and a broken camera. The discovery of a plastic ship wreck also made this a wreck dive.

What do you bring on a dive like this? Not much! You will need proper exposure protection, wet or dry. A single Al80 is more than enough air supply. A BC or plate and wing whatever you^{re} happy with. A safety sausage and a finger spool would be over kill but could double as a lift bag

for a heavy load of bottles, so why not. Bring a knife because you should always have one. That's it!

This brings us to New Years Day. The Sunday Dive Club and LIDA will be doing a joint dive with Captain Frank on the Seahawk. The day will start in Port Washington at about 8:00 am. We will meet for breakfast at one of the diners on Main Street. Captain and crew will then escort us to the boat with an intended 10:00 am departure time. Once loaded we will sail to one of Captain Frank's great bottle sites, and the fun will begin! The day will wrap up around 1:00 pm leaving enough of the day to keep even the most demanding of families happy! Space is limited so contact me early to save your spot!

The Holiday Party

The holiday party has been planned and the invitations have gone out. Natalie called many of you and I sent several emails. The party will be Wednesday December 2nd at 8:00 pm. The restaurant is Christiano's in Syosset. We need a final head count Monday, November 30th. Please contact the club by email info@sundaydiveclub.com as early as possible if you would like to come. Sorry if this is short notice!

The Sunday Dive Club - email contact

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