

Club Rafting Trip and Apres Rafting Cookout 2015!!!

Come one, Come all for the annual club rafting trip on the mighty Delaware

River. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Indian Head Base at 1138 Delaware Drive, Matamoras, PA 18336, 1-800-874-2628.

www.indianheadcanoes.com

Once gathered and checked in, we will be transported upstream to the Pond Eddy base by Luxury Motor-



coach (Ha Ha)! Then it's about a 9 mile trip of beautiful scenery, sun, fun and shenanigans on the river. Usually about 4-5 hours depending on river current



and other activities, such as cliff diving and piracy! Sunscreen, appropriate river shoes, swimwear, a light lunch, and a waterproof container of any personal items are suggested. Don't forget WATER CANNONS!!! Carpooling is encouraged. Hope to see you there. Sing-ups will be by Evite and at the July & August club meetings.

But the fun doesn't end on the River

The Montrones have graciously offered to host a cookout at their Lakehouse in Dingman's Ferry after rafting. More details at the next meeting, and in the August newsletter.

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President's Corner:

Many thanks to Larry Cohen and Olga Torrey of Liquid Images for a dazzling display of cold-water diving across the globe. We really enjoyed the cold water dive photos & tales of their travels.

Special thanks to **Lisa Vesuvio** for hosting our 20th anniversary beach party and picnic

Let's all thank the Exec Board members for staying on and serving another year:

Karen Taylor

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Tom Montrone

Vice President

John Yavorsky

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JoAnne Butler

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Lisa Vesuvio

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Special thanks to *Theresa Willstaedt* for assisting with the club's financial accounting.

--If you have ideas for club activities or dive trips, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Karen Taylor explorersdiveclub@gmail.com

Indonesia 2017

Interested in diving Indonesia? We're looking at Raja Ampat and Lembeh Strait which are reportedly the best dive locations in Indonesia. Raja Ampat (liveaboard diving) is located on the western part of Papua Island. Lembeh Strait (land-based muck diving) lies near Manado, Sulawesi. The date for this trip is not set yet, but best time to dive Indonesia is said to be May – September No obligation at this time. This is just to see if there is any interest. Please contact Karen

at explorersdiveclub@gmail.com.

Dues are Donations...

As a nonprofit group we rely completely on donations in the form of dues to cover our operating expenses.

The Explorers Dive Club would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your donations over the years. Regardless of whether or not you are able to give financially at this time, we welcome you to join us for dinner, attend a meeting or an event any time you are available.

Dues are \$25 for individual and \$30 per family per year (July – June). Please see Lisa Vesuvio at a meeting or mail your check payable to "Explorers Dive Club" to:

Explorers Dive Club c/o Lisa Vesuvio 477 Vicki Drive Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Get out your 2015 calendars, date books, smart phones, underwater slates etc.,

July 14, 2015 - Meeting 7:30 pm @ The Spain Inn August 11, 2015 - Meeting 7:30 pm @ The Spain Inn August 15 Rafting Trip - 9am Indian Canoes Matamoras PA August 15 Apres Rafting Cookout – @The Montrone Lakehouse, Dingman's Ferry PA September 8, 2015 - Meeting 7:30 pm @ The Spain Inn October 13, 2015 - Meeting 7:30 pm @ The Spain Inn December 5, 2015 - Holiday Dinner @The Spain Inn 

2015 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11, 2015 - Stolt Spots Still Available! Saturday, August 1, 2015 - Algol Saturday, August 29, 2015 - Gulf Trade Saturday, September 26, 2015 - Maurice Tracey

Destinations Subject to Change Due To Conditions!

All are aboard the Gypsy Blood, now docked at Southside Marina,

311 Channel Drive, Point Pleasant, NJ

Board and loaded by 6:30AM for 7AM departure.

To reserve a spot, contact Keith Bellamy at keithbellami@optonline.net



Socorro Trip

We're headed to Socorro January 15 - 23, 2016, the beginning of humpback whale season, on a 9-day Solmar V live aboard departing from Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Socorro is the largest of four volcanic islands in the Pacific Ocean, the Revillagigedo Archipelago. Its abundant marine life attracts sharks and other pelagics. While Socorro is known for Giant Pacific mantas, we will be on the lookout for humpback whales, dolphins, whale sharks, Galapagos sharks, silky sharks, silvertips, and scalloped hammerhead sharks.

Live aboard cost with taxes: \$4059 per person for Standard cabin and \$4175 per person for Superior cabin. For 6 or more divers, the 10% group discount pricing would be: \$3653 per person for Standard cabin and \$3758 per person for Superior cabin. For 11 or more divers, there is a free spot discount that we will share.

Price includes double occupancy accommodations on live aboard, meals, snacks, beverages including soft drinks, beer and wine with dinner. Not Included: Airfare, airport transfers, hotel, gratuities, \$15 chamber fee, Nitrox.

Contact Karen Taylor at: explorersdiveclub@gmail.com for further information or visit – www.SolmarV.com



Protect Ocean Recreation Workshop in Belmar

You are invited to a workshop in Belmar on July 30. Event page here: https://www.facebook.com/events/925178507525179/

Surfrider Foundation is gathering surfers, divers, kayakers, kitesurfers, wildlife viewers, beach goers and other "non-consumptive" recreational users in New Jersey to discuss ways to increase protection for the ocean and beach activities that we love.

Please join us on July 30 from 6:30-8:30PM at

the Belmar Surf Taco. (1003 Main Street, 07719) Food provided!

Our coastal and ocean pastimes are threatened by rising sea levels, ocean pollution, and offshore oil and gas exploration. Surfrider will lead workshop participants in a discussion about where data shows non-consumptive recreation taking place in New Jersey and opportunities to increase protection of these activities.

Participants will then have the opportunity to voice their thoughts and experiences and recommend which areas of New Jersey need the most protection for their particular recreational activity.

Please RSVP to <u>mgove@surfrider.org</u> if you would like to join us, and let me know if you have any questions. Also, feel free to forward to other surfers, divers, kayakers, etc. that you know--hope to see you there!

Technosport Recalls Omersub Scuba Mask Due to Injury Hazard

Non-conforming glass was used for the lens, which can shatter during normal use, posing an injury hazard.

Recall date: June 30, 2015 Recall number: 15-173

Recall Summary

Name of product: Omersub Zero Cube scuba diving mask

Hazard: Non-conforming glass was used for the lens, which can shatter during normal use, posing an injury hazard.

Consumer Contact: Technosport at (800) 853-1911 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, by email at info@technosportinc.com or online at www.omerdiving.com and click on "click here for Technosport Recalls" at the bottom of the homepage for more information.

Recall Details

Units About 2,600

Description The diving mask is designed to cover the eyes and nose. The mask and strap are made with soft black rubber, with hard rubber around the two glass lenses. "O.M.E.R." appears on the forehead area of the mask in raised letters. The UPS Code 801 773 612 2298 and Omersub MFG Part #603NCF appear on the original packaging.

Incidents/Injuries Twelve incidents have been reported to the firm in which the lens has shattered. No injuries have been reported.

Remedy Consumers should immediately stop using the mask and contact Technosport for a replacement mask.

Sold at Technosport Inc. and local diving equipment retailers, and online at amazon.com and www.omerdiving.com from April 2012 through June 2015 for about \$80.

Importer(s) Technosport Inc., of Virginia Beach, Va.

Manufactured in China

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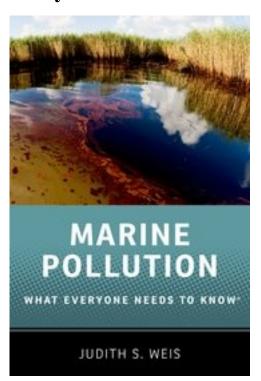






July's Presentation & Book Signing

"Marine Pollution: What Everyone Needs to Know" by Judith S. Weis



Written by leading authorities in their given fields, each volume in Oxford's acclaimed What Everyone Needs to Know® series offers a balanced and authoritative primer on complex current event issues and countries.

Marine Pollution: What Everyone Needs to Know® is an engaging overview of the many facets of marine pollution, written in a lively question & answer format. The book covers sources and effects of different types of marine pollution, including toxic chemicals (metals, pesticides etc), excessive nutrients, oil, marine debris, invasive species, and ocean acidification. The book also discusses major historical instances of pollution, such as the Exxon Valdez, and presents ideas on how to fix (or at least reduce) many of the pollution-related problems surrounding marine ecosystems.

Books will be available at the meeting for purchase & signing.