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## **President's** Corner:

I'd like to thank Captains Steve & Maureen Langevin for presenting a fantastic video on Diving Antarctica at the September meeting.

Special thanks to Keith, Melissa & John Y. for arranging and hosting our Jersey dive boats this season.

If you have ideas for dive trips, you can reach me at explorersdiveclub@gmail.com.

Karen Taylor

### Come One - Come All - to the Explorers Holiday Party!

When: Saturday, 7 p.m. December 5

Where: The Spain Inn

Free Sangria, 7 to 9 p.m., courtesy of the

**Explorers Dive Club** 

See Tom Montrone to make your reservation and select your entrée. This year you can choose any of the following main courses:





- \* Sirloin Steak \$36
- \* Stuffed Flounder \$33
- \* Broiled Salmon \$32
- \* Chicken Franchise \$30
- \* Pork Chops in garlic sauce \$30 All entrees come with a salad appetizer, rice,

potatoes, steamed vegetables.

Soda, Coffee, Tea and ice cream are included. The club will also provide a holiday cake.

Payment is required at the time you make your reservation.



BENEATH THE SEA

Meadowlands Exposition Center SECAUCUS NEW JERSEY April 1-3, 2016

Host of the Largest Consumer Scuba & Dive Travel Show in America at the Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, New Jersey

9am.-9pm. 914.552.0734

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### **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. We will set the date based on input from people who sign up for the trip. No obligation at this time. This is just to see if there is any interest. Please contact Karen

at explorersdiveclub@gmail.com.

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

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 Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest

Are you an artist with a knife? Prove your underwater skills by taking part in the Divers Two UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST! Saturday, October 17th at 9:30am Meet at Maclearie Park (the dive steps) at 9:30am on Saturday, October 17th. Please come with your pumpkin already gutted. Also, bring a flag if you have one. Prizes will be given out light refreshments to warm up with afterwards! Besides your standard diver gear, remember to bring along a knife to carve up your pumpkin. If you need a great pumpkin, stop by Sharon's Farm, Patterson Greenhouses in Howell.

For more information, please call us at 732-776-7755 or stop in the store! Divers Two Inc. 1 Main St, Avon, NJ 07717

#### **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 The Surface Interval Page 3



## **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: <a href="mailto:explorersdiveclub@gmail.com">explorersdiveclub@gmail.com</a> for further information or visit – <a href="https://www.SolmarV.com">www.SolmarV.com</a>

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# **October's Presentation**

Lembeh Strait: World's Best Critter Diving

Lembeh Strait plays host to a cornucopia of weird and wonderful creatures not found anywhere else. There are seahorses and nudibranchs



in abundance, inimicus devilfish, pegasus sea moths, frogfish, flying gurnards, wonderpus, mimic, blue ring and coconut octopus, flamboyant cuttlefish, hairy frogfish, Ambon scorpion fish, ornate ghost pipefish, ribbon eels and many other species. Although most divers go there for the muck diving, Lembeh also has four wrecks, all within limits for recreational diving. The Mawali Wreck, a 70m Japanese World War II ship that was scuttled, lies on its port side in 100' of water. It's about 250' long, intact and heavily overgrown. Join us for a tour around Lembeh's wonderland and let it thrill you with its magic.