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SeaDevils!

This past month at DEW Scuba we were treated to a terrific presentation by **Joe Darling** and **Mike Barnett** representing the **Dive Quarters** in Virginia Beach. Joe and Mike brought artifacts and video and wonderful stories and insights about wreck diving, marine life and scuba diving off the coast of Virginia.

There is no question that these men and the Dive Quarters bring a wealth of opportunity to us in central Virginia. Our hoped for excursion this month to visit them has been postponed because of conflicts with their Florida Springs trip, but we will put something together for early May and a more formal and complete trip for July or August.

Do yourself a favor and plan to sneak off for a weekend of wreck diving with us this summer and if you are at the Beach stop in and say Hi to Joe and Mike. The Dive Quarters is located at 1725 Laskin Road (727) 422-DIVE.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 13th. Our very own **Lars Reinhart, MD** will be on hand to lead a discussion on diving medicine. Lars recently put together a presentation for UVa residents and graciously

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volunteered to share that lecture with us, but he promised to keep it short and use small words! If you have any questions about diving medicine come on down!

We haven't had any recent trips completed but we've got a couple going! There's a good group going with me to Freeport April 23rd; **Tammy Johnson, Lars Reinhart, Betsy Cassady and Joe Elder** join me in returning to Freeport. **Sue Smith, Mary Lou Hayen and John Evans** are going with us for the first time. Mary Lou will be doing her first open water dives! We've still got 4 spaces open, so if you're interested give me a shout.

Tony Feldmesser is leading a trip to Bonaire June 24th - July 1st. It's a heck of a deal and a fantastic place to go diving! There are four signed up already so get your reservation in quickly! Give Tony a call at 295-6227 or call Charlottesville Scuba Center. Bonaire is a divers paradise! and a can't miss location for every diver!

Well that's all for now. Please don't forget ... DEW Scuba... See you at Awful's..

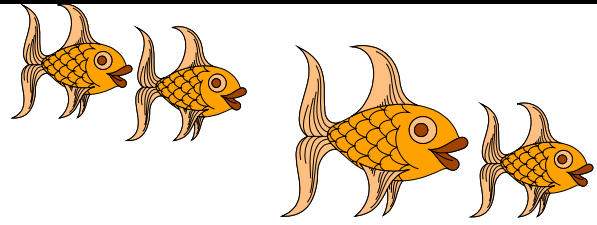
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Dive Trips

“We Schedule, We Go!”



April 23-27, '98 Freeport, Grand Bahama. PADI Cavern Certification Available!! (only 2 spots) Join the **Freeport Gang** for three days of diving and a day of sun on the beach. Airfare from Richmond, accommodations and 9 boat dives! Open Water Certification Dives and Advanced Open Water Course available \$807. Call Chip 984-4489. E-mail chip@SeaDevilDivers.com



June 24- July 1, '98 - Bonaire, NA. Take a trip with Tony Feldmesser to scuba diving's "Garden of the Caribbean". Accommodations at the Sand Dollar, six days of two tank boat dives and unlimited shore diving. \$660 plus airfare of \$585 (may vary). Booked through

Charlottesville Scuba Center.
Contact Tony 295-6227. E-mail amf@cstone.net

June or July '98 (formative) Providenciales, Turks & Caicos
More next month!

August 27-31, '98. Freeport, Grand Bahama. Cap off your summer with three days of diving and a day of sun on the beach. Airfare from Richmond, Accommodations and 9 Boat Dives! Open Water Certification Dives and Advanced Open Water Course available.

October '98 (formative) Utila, Bay Islands, Honduras

November 26-30, '98 THANKSGIVING!! Freeport, Grand Bahama. After that great turkey dinner, relax on the flight to Grand Bahama! Inclusive of airfare from Richmond, accommodations and 9 boat dives! Open Water Certification Dives and Advanced Open Water Course available.

Wanted! Trip Leaders & Organizers

As I'm sure you all can imagine, there are more opportunities to travel and dive than any one or two people can possibly do. We need help!

If you're interested in putting together a trip whether its to some high profile overseas destination, the eastern seaboard for some fantastic wreck diving, or just to go to one of the really great quarries this summer, please give me a call.

Working together we can have a lot of fun and provide each other with diving opportunities we could not have otherwise.

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Want help with dive travel?
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Looking for more information on our trips? ...

You will find complete trip details and links to the dive operators, hotels, island information and much more when you DIVE INTO THE WEB at

<http://www.SeaDevilDivers.com>

More Spanish Treasure Off Virginia's Shore!

NORFOLK (03/13/98-Paul Clancy, The Virginian-Pilot) —In the latest round of a high-stakes contest for ancient Spanish treasure, a federal judge has granted a salvage company the right to seize two sunken ships, the Juno and La Galga, now lying tantalizingly close to Assateague National Seashore.

The Juno, a 35-gun king's frigate, is by some accounts one of the richest treasure ships ever to sink off the U.S. coast. Value estimates run as high as \$500 million.

But the story is not just about treasure. It also involves the rights of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which under federal law owns both ships.

Ben Benson, the president of Sea Hunt, received a permit last March from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to salvage the wrecks. In agreement with the state, the company would turn over one-fourth of the proceeds from the ships and give the state first choice of artifacts.

As evidence of ownership, Benson turned over to the court ancient Spanish coins found in the vicinity of both wrecks and part of an encrusted flintlock found near the suspected site of the Juno.

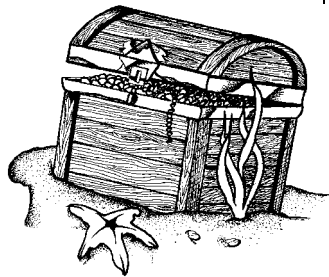
The whereabouts of the Juno is a subject of vigorous dispute because a Virginia Beach company claims also to have found it, not right off the coast but 40 miles offshore.

In finding for Sea Hunt, the treasure company, Judge J. Calvitt Clarke Jr. indicated that there is reason to believe that the Kingdom of Spain and Assateague Island National Seashore may assert that the wrecks have not been abandoned and may claim an interest in them.

The National Park Service, which owns Assateague, showed no interest in the wrecks until last fall when news surfaced that Benson had found the coins and was close to beginning salvage operations.

In January, 1802, the Juno left Veracruz, Mexico, once the mother lode of Spanish treasure in the new world. Battered by storms and demasted, it retreated to Puerto Rico for repairs.

When next it set out for Spain, it was late October, a time of notorious for storms on the Atlantic. Indeed, severe weather in the vicinity of Bermuda pounded the frigate and forced her toward the Virginia coast. According to accounts of the day, all 425 passengers and crew went down with the ship



La Galga sank in 1850 close to what is now the Virginia-Maryland line. Its mysteries include the possibilities that officers' horses swam to a shore and became the famous wild ponies of Assateague Island.



Congress Urged to Take Ocean Stewardship Lead

Environmental News Network staff (20-MAR-98) In recognition of United Nations declaration of 1998 as the Year of the Ocean, the United States government must take responsibility for protecting, preserving and providing stewardship for vital marine resources to meet current and future needs of Americans, according to Roger E. McManus, president of the Center for Marine Conservation.

The marine areas under U.S. control are the largest in the world. Referred to in legislation as the Exclusive Economic Zone, these rich marine areas extend within 200 miles of our coasts and comprise a significant array of ecosystems containing enormous resources and opportunities for the United States. "Yet the U.S. government has no one agency in charge to lead U.S. ocean policy," said McManus.

McManus presented Congress with a challenge in the form of a 10-point action plan for ocean protection.

McManus pointed out that, "half of the 268 million U.S. population live in coastal counties which represent some 10 percent of the continental United States. Despite this, we know more about the moon than we do about the ocean floor."

McManus also said "This is the time to dedicate ourselves to responsible administration, management, allocation and above all the protection of our ocean resources and all the life it contains."

McManus testified before the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans of the House Resources Committee on H.R. 2547 and H.R. 3445, the Oceans Act of 1997/1998.

Related Web Sites:

•**Year of the Ocean**

<http://www.yoto.com/>

•**Center for Marine Conservation**

<http://www.cmc-ocean.org/>

Check out CNN Interactive at
<http://cnn.com>





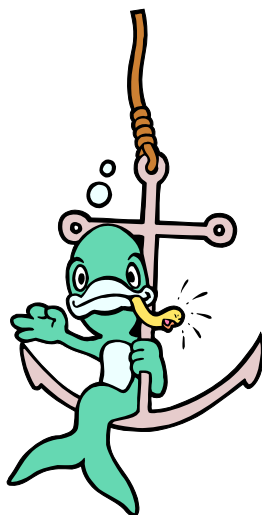
Class Info & Schedule

To register for any class or to inquire about any facet of the training, please contact Chip at 296-0455 or Email: chip@SeaDevilDivers.com

PADI Open Water Scuba Diver	June 9th
PADI Advanced Open Water	
Freeport, Grand Bahama	April 23-27
PADI Medic First Aid	
PADI Rescue Diver	
PADI Divemaster	May 12th
PADI Master Diver & Specialties	

PADI Open Water: This entry level program is designed to develop a competent recreational diver. The program consists of 5 classroom modules and 5 confined water (pool) modules after which certification is awarded upon completing 4 Open Water training dives. These dives are usually done on the weekend at one of the local quarries although they can also be accomplished on one of our local or Caribbean dive trips. It is also possible to arrange a referral to another PADI instructor at a dive destination of the student's choice. The program costs \$300 and includes all course materials, confined water dives, equipment rental and certification fees. The cost of the Open Water dives depends, of course, on where they are done. Students need to provide mask, fins, and snorkel.

PADI Advanced Open Water: This class provides a sampler of five specialty areas of diving. The core dives include navigation, night and deep diving. Two other dives are selected from among numerous specialties including multilevel, computer, naturalist, peak buoyancy, search & recovery, photography, boat, etc.



We Promise...You'll Get Hooked

The course fee which includes the book, C-card and instruction, is \$150 locally or \$100 if done as part of one of our Caribbean trips. The cost of equipment and the cost of the dives are not included.

Advanced class trip is planned for:
Freeport, Grand Bahama April 23-27

PADI Medic First Aid: This is a very good all around first aid course including CPR with particular emphasis on diving related injuries. The course takes one full day (8 hours) and is usually held on the weekend. The cost is \$95 including all course materials and certification card.

PADI Rescue Diver: This course instructs the student on how to handle and assist in handling dive emergency situations. It sets the stage for PADI leadership training by incrementally encouraging the diver to take responsibility for others in the group and for the diving environment. The course includes academic modules and open water skills development followed by scenario enactment by the candidates to simulate real rescue situations. PADI Medic First Aid is suggested and a current CPR certification is required for certification as a Rescue Diver. The cost including the textbook, C-card and instruction is \$200.

PADI Divemaster: Full professional qualification with the world's largest certification agency. Class forming for spring. Please call for more information. Begin the self-study portion today!

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Please contact Chip.

The University Dive Center

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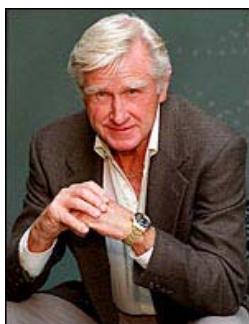


Call Joe Schwar: 978-3800

In Memorial Lloyd Bridges 1913-1998

Few men have made such a contribution to our sport of scuba diving as Lloyd Bridges. As Mike Nelson on the series "Sea Hunt", he inspired a generation of enthusiasts to take to the sea.

Lloyd Vernet Bridges Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1913, in San Leandro, near San Francisco. A star athlete in college, he trained as a classical actor and got his first movie role in the early 1940s. He played Gary Cooper's vengeful deputy in "High Noon" in 1952 and other important roles followed until he was caught in Hollywood's Red purge.



Lloyd Bridges (1989)

he said in 1971.

In 1957 after he cleared his name with the FBI and the congressional committee, Bridges took the role that changed his career: Mike Nelson, a Navy frogman turned undersea investigator in "Sea Hunt." The networks turned down the series as being too limited in scope, so producer Ivan Tors offered it in syndication a year later. Soon it drew bigger ratings than the network shows and it lasted for 156 episodes.

His sons, Beau and Jeff, started acting as youngsters on "Sea Hunt" and became stars in their own right.

Bridges went on to star in numerous TV series including "The Loner" and "San Francisco International Airport", TV mini-series of "Roots", "East of Eden" and "The Blue and the Gray", other appearances include "Seinfeld". His most recognized movie accomplishment was "Airplane"

Bridges and Dorothy, his wife of 50 years, received the Ralph Bunche Peace Award in 1994 to commemorate the United Nations Year of the Family.

Bridges favorite charities were listed by the family as: the American Oceans Campaign, Whales Alive, Heal the Bay and the Earth Trust.

During the 1940s, Bridges had been a member of the Actors' Lab, a radical theater group that staged plays in Hollywood. At the height of McCarthyism in the 1950s, his name was added to the industry blacklist.

"I was always against prejudice of any kind, and when I was a member of the Actors' Lab, there was an opportunity to do something as part of a group to stop prejudice and help people,"

Pingers Warn Marine Mammals of Deadly Nets

Both fishermen and environmentalists in California are enthusiastic about the use of an acoustic device that saves the lives of marine mammals. Attached to fishing nets, the orange devices called pingers send out an underwater alarm that alerts whales and other marine mammals to the presence of a net, helping them to avoid it. What began as an experiment has resulted in the National Marine Fisheries Service issuing a regulation, effective as of November, requiring that the orange alerts be attached to shark and swordfish nets fished off the west coast.



Already strictly regulated with season and area closures and net size restrictions, California's swordfish fleet encounter very few marine animals in their nets. The results of 1996 pinger testing brought observed interactions to zero.

"It's a proactive approach in meeting the goals of the MMPA," said Diane Pleschner of the California Seafood Council which provided the program with substantial funding. "It's a real encouraging effort done with the broad scale support of scientists, environmentalists, legislators, and the fishing industry."

According to participating fisherman Tony West, "We all had a tremendous feeling of accomplishment that we were able to put this together."

For more information, contact Diane Pleschner, California Seafood Council, (805)569-8050.

Underwater Archeology Training Program: April 25

April is Maryland Archeology Month and everyone interested in underwater archeology is invited to join the Maryland Historical Trust in their unique Wreck-a-wreck program. Scheduled for April 25 at Guppy Gulch in Delta, PA.

This one day seminar will introduce you to the techniques and theories of underwater archeology. Join this fun, educational experience!

Call Jody Hopkins of Aquatic Connections at (410) 319-9190 for further information. Pre-registration is required so sign up now!

Visit their website at www.aquatic-connection.com.

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Monday, April 13th - 7 PM

Guest Speaker: Lars Reinhart, MD - Any questions about dive medicine or diving related injuries? Our own Lars Reinhart is fresh off a speaking engagement at UVa Hospital. The residents screamed for MORE!.....well, they screamed anyway. Seriously, this should be well worth your time and very entertaining!

Come have dinner and share good times with old friends and new.

Everyone with an interest is welcome, so please bring a friend. Remember, SeaDevils...

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