

# THE TREASURE CHEST BUCCANEERS SCUBA DIVING CLUB

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## **FEBRUARY 2005**

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The Buccaneer's Scuba Diving Club invites all certified scuba divers and students currently enrolled in scuba classes to attend our next meeting on **March 6, 2005** at Julie's office at 3101 S. Delaware Avenue at 7:00 p.m.

Members present for the February meeting were: Dan Bell, Susan Bellinger, Pam Burton, Kat Davis, Chuck Gillisen, Jitka Hanakova, Tim Koestering, Mike Kron, Wayne Mueller, Jim Prink, Mike Pritchett, Rick Richter, Jack Schafer, Jeff Schulz, Dan VanDorf, and Heiko Zuerker.

As of today's date, the following divers are members for 2005 – Dan Bell, Susan Bellinger, Tom Boyle, Scott Bruss, Pam Burton, Tom Clark, Kat Davis, Rbt. Digate, Chuck Gillisen, Jerry & Sandy Guyer, John Herrenbruck, Scott Huber, Norbert Idzikowski, Todd Janquart, Jerry Joers, Tim Koestering, Mike Kron, Bob Lijewski, Randy Miller, Wayne Mueller, Jim Prink, Mike Pritchett, Rick Richter, Lani Rutenber, Jack Schafer, Bob & Kitty Schaefer, Kathy & Tom Temperly, Matt T., Julie Vance Dan VanDorf, Paul Wisniewski, Tracy Xelowski, and Heiko Zuerker. If you have paid and your name is not on this list, please let me know. An updated membership list will be available at the next meeting.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 5** – Winter Charter  
**March 6** – Movie and Meeting  
**March 19** – Wazee Ice Dive

MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND  
BY READING YOUR NEWSLETTER

## **PAST DIVES & EVENTS**

**January 12 thru 16** – Our World Underwater is now part of the Chicagoland Outdoors. Everyone was concerned about how this change would affect the quality of OWU. The seminars/presentations were just as good as previous years, but the exhibits left a lot to be desired. It found that there were fewer exhibits, and they were squeezed together in the middle of all the other sport show exhibitors. None of the exhibitors seemed to have the variety that they had in previous years. Bottom line was . . . we paid just as much as we did in previous years and got less in return.

**January 22** – In spite of Mother Nature, the annual banquet at Selen's went on. The people who conquered the snow covered roads were Dan Bell & wife, Tom Clark, Chuck Gillesen & wife, Jerry & Sandy Guyer, Jitka, Bob Lijewski & wife, Jim Prink & wife, Mike Pritchett & Susan Bellinger, Rick Richter & wife, Lynn Scott, Jeff Schulz & Ann, Julie Vance, and Heiko Zuerker. The people in my neighborhood must have done something to offend the Public Works Dept., because my streets were still knee deep in snow when it was time to leave for the party. Tom Clark came to my rescue, so the Club checkbook and I finally made it to the party. From the positive feedback that I received from everyone about the food and service, I think Selen's will be our first choice for next year's dinner.

**February 12 & 13** – Pirate's Cove Annual Ice Dive & Dry Suite Clinic was a success. To see the fun and insanity, just check out the pictures on the Pirate's Cove website [http://www.pcdiving.com/club\\_photos.htm](http://www.pcdiving.com/club_photos.htm). I like to thank each and every person for bringing food to feed the troops. All I can say is that it was a good thing I suited up and got into the water before I ate. There was no excuse for anyone to go home hungry. If you sampled some of the goodies, you discovered that some of the men in this club are pretty good cooks. Maybe we should let the men do all of the cooking the next time. What do you say guys?

**Elections** for 2005 Club Officers sort of took place at the February meeting - after the ice dive. It didn't take too much to get the incumbent officers to continue for another year of fun and frivolity in their respective offices. All of the 2004 Officers had just come out of the freezing water and were still thawing so they obviously weren't thinking too clearly yet. It seems the frozen brain theory worked.

## **UPCOMING DIVES, ETC.**

**February 18 & 19** – The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ghost Ship Festival is now history. The programs that I attended rivaled the quality of the presentations at Our World Underwater, and it was clear that the exhibitors put a lot of work into displays. I hope that they are able to get a few more businesses to show their wares next year.

**March 6** is Sunday Night at the Movies. Rick has already provided us with a review of the movie "Open Water". Now we get to see the movie. Join us at 4:30 p.m. at Julie's for the movie. Afterwards we'll get some pizza and have our March meeting – also at Julie's.

## MORE UP AND COMING EVENTS

**March 19** – Lake Wazee ice dive. Contact Jitka for details.

**April 3** – Free VIP's at April meeting.

**April 15,16,17** – Bonne Terre Mines with Rick Richter. \$310 covers 4 dives, plus lodging in the bunkhouse. Let me stress, accommodations in the bunkhouse are no frills. Consider yourself lucky to have a roof over your head and a bed to sleep in. You can call Rick for a map and the itinerary at 414-761-0317. If you can't reach Rick, contact Bonne Terre directly at 314-209-7200 or go to their website <http://www.2dive.com/2dive.html>

**July** – Join two local sea goddesses (one young & vibrant, and one aging but not quite over the hill yet) for four days of diving in Isle Royale. Jitka and I checked out the availability of chartering a live-aboard to dive the wrecks of Isle Royale this summer. For \$175 per day, you can dive as much as the laws of physics allow. The \$175 also includes air (Nitrox) fills and food and lodging. Divers check in Thursday in Grand Portage MN with the boat leaving for the Island first thing Friday a.m. There will be enough time to get in 2 dives on Friday. Then plan for approximately 3 dives on both Saturday & Sunday, and 2 more dives on Monday before heading back to Grand Portage. Dry Suits are a must. Contact either Jitka or Pam if interested.

May – Rick will offer a CPR certification class before our monthly club meeting.

### **\$ \$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$ \$**

\$2,970.87..... Balance – December 5, 2004  
\$460.00..... Deposits – Charter Payments \$160, & Dues \$300  
\$1,067.00..... Deposits - Charter Payments \$390, Dues \$235, & Dinner \$442  
\$1,187.28..... Disbursements – 1/8 Charter \$440 & Selen's \$747.28  
\$2,970.87..... Balance – February 13, 2005

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### **NEWS FROM PIRATES COVE**

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#### **More Winter Charters Ahead**

Our goal is to make two single dive trips per day on or about the first and third Sunday of March. Departure times are 9:00am and 1pm. Due to the overwhelming interest in our winter wreck diving program we must have everyone pre pay for the charters. A package of 4 dives will also work. We will supply hot water and hot drinks and of course pretzels and goldfish.

Remember - Dry suits and a redundant air supply are required. Make sure you have a good cold-water regulator and dry air in your tank.

Cost for the one dive trip is \$60.00. Bad weather and high waves are also a concern in the winter. We will do our best to cancel early if it looks bad. The day of the charter you can call the boat phone 414-588-6764 by 6:30am to get a last minute message.

## **New Charter Rates for 2005**

### **Len-Der**

#### **Club, Group, and Dive Store rates**

- Half boat (8 divers) 2 dives \$600.00 with a \$200.00 deposit.
- Half boat (8 divers) 1 dive \$400.00 with a \$100.00 deposit
- Whole boat (12 divers) 2 dives \$800.00 with a \$200.00 deposit
- Whole boat (12 divers) 1 dive \$500.00 with a \$200.00 deposit

#### **Individual Rates**

- One-dive trip: \$60.00 per diver. 3 hours on boat. (includes 1 air fill)
- Two-dive trip: \$90.00 per diver. 5 hours on boat. (includes 2 air fills)

## **Shipwreck Hunting 101**

Join us in the excitement of discovery. See how the latest in high definition side scan sonar provide a clear window of the bottom. Learn how to identify what shipwrecks look like in the varied topography of Lake Michigan. This workshop will also give you the opportunity to see many whole shipwrecks and their debris area.

- Times: 2 workshops each 1 hour long
- Cost: \$75.00
- Includes a copy of Jerry's Shipwrecks book and CD with a 900 Kz scans of Milwaukee wrecks