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General Meeting Minutes

Present: Marty Bailey, Josh Carney, Andy Dennis, Capt. Bob Dougherty, Jeff Dye, Donn Ellerbrock, Danny & Yung Holt, Ryan and Karla (new member – Welcome!) Jones, Glenn Mitchell, Ryan Parkevich, Rob Robison, Michelle & Rick Thomas, Jim Wickline, Tom Zelanin

50/50 & Member Raffle Not held Announcements

1. **Marty** discovered former Sea Nag **Stan Johnson**, from the '70s, lives just seven houses away from him. He was instructed by **Bob Nose** (deceased), a founding Sea Nag.
2. **Andy Dennis** is looking for a diver to complete the June 1-2 charter on the John Jack in New Jersey. For more info, contact him at < andrew@dennis.org >
3. **Ryan Parkevich** Is putting together a cave diving course. If interested, contact him at teqdiver@yahoo.com.
4. **Club dive trip 2013: Panama City, FL.** Week of July 11-15. Departing PM June 10 by car. Stay at Sunset Inn (\$140/night); diving with Panama City Dive Center. Return on June 15. Contact Donn Ellerbrock: <dge1970@live.com>.

Treasurer's Report

Checking	\$6,252.79
Petty Cash	\$71.07
Grand Total	<u>\$6,323.86</u>

Additional Announcements

1. 2012 Club membership dues are \$20.00. 2012 Ohio Council dues are \$9.00.
2. Club logo patches and decals are available to new club members as a part of their membership dues. Returning members can purchase extra decals/stickers at a cost of \$1.00 each—these are plastic/waterproof--and extra patches for \$2.00 each.
3. Facebook: You can find the Club Facebook forum by going to: <http://en-gb.facebook.com/pages/Columbus-Sea-Nags-SCUBA-Divers-/289276535926?v=wall>, thanks to Andy Dennis.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2013

June

- 8 Saturday - Club dive & cookout @ Circleville
- 6 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Stone Lab, Lake Erie Update Tentative or Wrecks of Lake Superior - Rob
- 20 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's

July

- 7 Sunday Club General Meeting dive & cookout, @C'ville Details TBA
- 11-15 Club dive trip to Panama City. See *Announcements*
- 18 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's
- 20-21 Dan BBQ @ Portage

Aug

- 1 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Social, no official program
- TBA Corn Roast, Swap Meet & club dive, C'ville TQ
- 15 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's

Sept

- 5 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Members Summer Diving Exploits
- 19 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's
- 22 Club dive & cookout .White Star Details TBA

Oct

- 3 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Nominations for new club officers
- 6 Club dive & cookout season finale @ Lancaster. Details TBA
- 17 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's

Nov

- 7 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Elections new club officers
- ?? Annual Banquet
- 28 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's

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Dec

5 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA
??Annual Christmas Party @ Marty's?
31 7th Annual New Year's Eve Dive-In @Circleville Twin

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Evening Program: Special thanks to **Donn Ellerbrock** for an informative session and video on diving Palau.

Executive Meeting Highlights

@Planks 5-12-13: Donn Ellerbrock, Glenn Mitchell, & Rob Robison. Firmed up program activities.

Dive Reports

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Spasms

While checking to ensure **Ryan Jones'** air supply was turned on at the recent North Point Club dive, **Brent Bautista** accidentally turned it off! Ryan unexpectedly discovered this as he was about to descend into North Point Quarry.

Oral

No notes.

Written

May 19 – Lancaster

Hi Everyone,

No one signed up for training last weekend, so I made arrangements to dive with Ken Roth and Ryan Toledo. Ken had recently purchased some used gear and then completed his kit with items from AAO, and Ryan, who gradually purchased gear during his specialty classes, also completed his kit with items from DD. Both wanted to test everything out, Ken also wanted me to take a few pictures, and I just wanted to dive my RB again, so we met at my

house Sunday morning where I topped off their tanks and we headed to Lancaster.

The original plan called for Ken, Ryan, and I to dive and then Ken and Ryan would do a second dive after I left (Maggie and I had an appointment with a roofing company at 4:00). We began our set-up with everyone trying to figure out how much weight we would need. Both Ryan and Ken were diving with their new wetsuits for the first time and I was trying to dial in the weight I would need with my 6.5mm suit (last week I was a little light with 25lbs). I left the planning of the dive to Ryan and Ken. They decided that we would do the photos at the truck and then head for the airplane. Unfortunately a lot of details were left out.

Once in the water and at the truck confusion began. I thought we were going to start with the photos, but as I sat ready to take the photos, Ken stashed his basket (he was going to disassemble the basket so that when the photos were ordered in reverse it would look like he was taking a course in underwater basket weaving), and Ryan headed off towards the east. Eventually he wrote on his slate asking "where is the line heading to the airplane." I pointed over my shoulder and to the west. We turned around and found the line, after reaching the platform Ryan again asked which way. I pointed out that he could on two different lines and still reach the airplane. He chose the line via the culvert. Both Ryan and Ken were swimming faster than me (with a rebreather raising your CO2 can put you in a dangerous situation). They would wait for me when the lines came to a tee, but after indicating the right direction, they were off to the races again.

We eventually reached the airplane; I had hoped to take a few photos of the guys during the dive, but with them swimming so far in front there was no time to take a shot and once at the airplane Ken swam to the right side while

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Ryan swam to the left. I stayed in front of the cockpit and was able to get one photograph of Ryan as he exited the plane. It was time to turn around. Ryan led again, but this time they didn't wait for me. As I swam I could see the line moving up and down, so I knew they were still on it until I reached the split to either the culvert or the boat. At that point both sides were moving, and the line to the boat seemed to have more motion so I headed in that direction. But once at the boat, I could tell from the vis that no one had passed that way. I wasn't worried, I figured we would meet at the platform, but again no one was there. I decided to search for them by heading back to the culvert, not finding them, I turned and returned to the truck. I was again surprised when they weren't there. I knew they were on their way (there was a big cloud of silt between the platform and the truck). I guessed that they had already exited, so I swam for the dock. Once I surfaced I found them surface swimming towards the truck. It turned out that after swimming from the platform they took a wrong turn at the barrels, and not finding the truck they surfaced to get their bearings. We reunited at the truck descended and took Ken's photos before ending our dive (28'/60min).

I spent some time in the entry area, pounding the stake with the line into the mud about two feet lower. Joey asked me if I could do that, since with the water at its current level, it was a potential hazard for launching small crafts.

Also I straightened out a large piece of carpet and held it down with many rocks. It is going to be used as a launching area for the use of a water jet pack. They look pretty cool, one of these days I'll have to try one out.

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May 6 - North Point Quarry – Newark.

By Chuck Jackson & Rob Robison

Brent Bautista, Karla and Ryan (AKA Mongo) Jones, John Skobel, Jim Wickline,

and I met at North Point on a gorgeous Sunday morning to make the first club dive and cookout of the season. Vis was 1 – 4', water @51°; depth @ 30'. Operator Chuck Jackson summed up the day nicely:

A beautiful Sunday this past week enticed the Columbus Sea Nags Dive Club to visit and dive North Point Dive Quarry, and to enjoy a great lunch cooked by Club President Rob Robison. Not only is he a good Club President, but an excellent griller of hamburgers and hot dogs!

On behalf of North Point Dive Quarry, I would like to thank the Sea Nags for the nice compliments they gave us about the Quarry while they were here. (http://www.northpointquarry.com/?page_id=70)



Photo by Chuck Jackson. See more photos in Parting Shots. Thanks ,Chuck, for your hospitality.

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Environmental News

By Donn Ellerbrock & Laurel Sheppard

Sea Turtles Benefiting from Protected Areas

Apr. 29, 2013 — Nesting green sea turtles are benefiting from marine protected areas by using habitats found within their boundaries, according to a U.S. Geological Survey study that is the first to track the federally protected turtles in Dry Tortugas National Park.



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A green sea turtle, sporting a USGS satellite tag, swims the waters of Dry Tortugas National Park, Florida, USA. (Credit: Andrew Crowder , USGS)

Green turtles are listed as endangered in Florida and threatened throughout the rest of their range, and the habits of green sea turtles after their forays to nest on beaches in the Southeast U.S. have long remained a mystery. Until now, it was not clear whether the turtles made use of existing protected areas, and few details were available as to whether they were suited for supporting the green sea turtle's survival.

U.S. Geological Survey researchers confirmed the turtles' use of the protected areas by tracking nesting turtles with satellite tags and analyzing their movement patterns after they left beaches.

"Our goal was to better understand what types of habitats they used at sea and whether they were in fact putting these designated areas to use. This study not only shows managers that these designated protected areas are already being used by turtles, but provides insight into the types of habitats they use most," said the study's lead author, Kristen Hart, who works as a research ecologist for the U.S. Geological Survey.

Hart's team made the discovery by fitting green sea turtle mothers with satellite tags after they came onto beaches within Dry Tortugas National Park to nest. After tracking their movements and analyzing their time at sea, the team located the areas turtles used

between their nesting events and determined where turtles traveled after the nesting season was over.

They found green sea turtles spending much of their time in protected sites within both Dry Tortugas National Park and the surrounding areas of the Florida Keys Marine National Sanctuary.

"We were thrilled to find that these turtles used some areas already under 'protected' status. The ultimate goal is to help managers understand where these endangered turtles are spending their time both during the breeding period and then when they are at feeding areas. Given that worldwide declines in sea grasses -- one of the most important habitats they rely on for food -- has already been documented, this type of data is critical for managers," said Hart.

The team learned about the turtle's habitat needs during the nesting season by using ATRIS, a geo-referenced, under water camera system developed by the USGS to collect over 195,000 seafloor images. Researchers surveyed the areas frequented by turtles within Dry Tortugas National Park by photographing the seafloor in a series of parallel lines totaling 70 kilometers (over 43 miles). Using a habitat map derived from those images, they found that the turtles most commonly used shallow sea grass beds and degraded coral reefs that have been overgrown by a mixed assemblage of other organisms, such as sea fans, sponges, and fire coral.

"Our synergistic approach of combining satellite telemetry data with an extensive habitat map proved to be an effective way to find out exactly what habitats these nesting turtles were using in the Park," said Dave Zawada, a USGS research oceanographer and co-author on the study.

The Dry Tortugas' population made shorter migrations than that typically seen among other

green turtle populations around the world; this was only the second published study showing green turtles taking up residence at feeding grounds located quite near their breeding grounds.

"We hope to keep pushing the frontier of what is known about in-water sea turtle habitat use, as this type of scientific information is vital for understanding whether conservation measures are effective," said Hart.

The study, "Habitat use of breeding green turtles *Chelonia mydas* tagged in Dry Tortugas National Park: Making use of local and regional MPAs," was published this week in the journal *Biological Conservation*.

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Fishermen collect 35 tons of lobster gear from coast

By **Suzanne Laurent**
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Nearly 35 tons of lobster traps and fishing gear were cleared off the beaches of Rye and Hampton by fishermen and community volunteers on Saturday.

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RYE — It's been a harsh winter with many storms ravaging the Seacoast.

More than 75 fishermen from Seabrook to Portsmouth and about a dozen community volunteers on Saturday converged on the

beaches of Rye and Hampton to clean up nearly 35 tons of lobster traps and fishing gear. "We started at low tide about 7:30 (Saturday morning)," said Eric Anderson, president of the New Hampshire Commercial Fishermen's Association. "The cleanup went along quickly with the nice weather. There was a lot more debris this year."

The cleanup, now in its 20th year, usually nets about 10 tons of traps and gear.

This year's cleanup effort is a partnership between the fishermen's association, N.H. Fish and Game Department, the N.H. Division of Ports and Harbors, Hampton Public Works Department and the Fishing for Energy Partnership, which funded a UNH Sea Grant for large equipment and dumpsters at the cleanup.

"It's our responsibility as fishermen to clean up after the winter," Anderson said.

The event took place at the state marinas at Rye Harbor and Hampton Harbor. Following the cleanup, the fishermen and volunteers had a cookout at the Rye location.

Redhook Brewery brought along samples of its newly released Black Lobstah Lager to the cookout, Anderson said. "They actually make it with lobster. Everyone loved it."

Black Lobstah Lager is Redhook's take on old-world-style oyster stout, which is traditionally made with oysters added to barley and hops during the brewing process. The lager is made with New Hampshire-caught lobster and Redhook has partnered with New Hampshire Fresh and Local to source the local shellfish.

The general public is reminded that lobster pots and traps are private property. State law prohibits anyone but the gear owner or a N.H. Fish and Game conservation officer from possessing or moving them.

"The traps are totally destroyed from the winter," Anderson said. "There were large

clumps of them on the beaches. They'll be sent to a landfill.

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Log Book

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Nova Scotia shipwrecks swallowed by sea, ignored by government

KATRINA PYNE, The Globe and Mail

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The rugged coastline of Nova Scotia is home to more than 10,000 shipwrecks – a coveted treasure of sailing ships, steamships and paddle wheelers, most from the 1700 and 1800s.



The wrecks, valuable in their own right, are priceless monuments to human exploration. Yet, if the delicate vessels are left unrecovered for too long, they risk becoming lost to the frigid Atlantic

Now the area once fought over by pirates has become the scene of a battle between a cash-strapped government and private enterprise over who has the right to explore and salvage these treasures. It's an underwater echo of space exploration in the United States, which has seen a major decline in federal funding since its heyday of the 1960s, before companies such as Virgin and Red Bull

stepped in.

The Nova Scotia government, struggling to balance its books, says it cannot afford to make such exploration a priority. Private explorers, meanwhile, are keen to step in.

At the forefront of these private interests is Terry Dwyer, who has created the first shipwreck school in Nova Scotia.

The seasonal school will be run by five part-time instructors and will teach everything from underwater photography to detecting objects through sound technology. It's adventure tourism and professional training all in one, except for one glitch: Shipwreck salvaging is illegal in Nova Scotia. And while the school itself will not be stripping wrecks of their artifacts, the initiative is one step forward for the private sector in this final frontier of exploration.

The southeast winds are famously unforgiving on the coast, where ships hoping to follow the 49th parallel to England misjudged the rocky ledges, crevices and gullies extending to the shore.



Private treasure-salvaging operations were made illegal in Nova Scotia about three years ago, after the province bowed to pressure to “match the spirit of the UNESCO Convention on Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage,”

according to a news release from 2010.

Now, to do any kind of reconnaissance work, divers must obtain Category A heritage research permits through the Department of Natural Resources. Only two were handed out in 2012, and the department was unable to comment on whether those were for exploration or environmental assessments.

Laura Bennett of the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage says the government does not have the funds for shipwreck salvaging.

“There’s a desire for this kind of thing,” she said, “but government has many competing priorities at any given time.”

The province put an end to private enterprise treasure salvaging to maintain control over Nova Scotia’s wrecks – but cannot afford to do the work itself.

David Christianson, former manager of collections at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, looked after the vast number of shipwreck artifacts in the museum’s archives for years. In an interview in November, he said that under the Treasure Trove Act, which gave salvagers the ability to cash in on their finds, the general interest of Nova Scotia was not being reflected in the “commercialization and the selling of historical objects.”

“We would rather see archeological sites left undisturbed until such time that there is good research design, the proper questions asked and the resources to recover the wreck objects in a way that’s done to archeological standards,” Mr. Christianson said.

But Mr. Dwyer believes that if the province keeps waiting for money to come around, there won’t be any wrecks left to find.

“The ocean will destroy anything within the continental shelf level. It’s very much a caustic soup – whatever you put in it will become destroyed,” he said.

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Mr. Dwyer says the worldwide demand for the skills involved in shipwreck hunting is insatiable. He ran a similar program in the 1990s that took tourists out in Zodiacs to locate and explore underwater treasure – before the Treasure Trove Act was repealed, effectively putting a halt to legal private exploration.

“They’re not going to stop private exploration. They’re not going to stop people from going out and taking scuba lessons and looking for shipwrecks,” Mr. Dwyer said. “The freedom to explore and look for shipwrecks is one of the last great adventures left on Earth.”

Source:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/nova-scotia-shipwrecks-being-swallowed-by-sea-ignored-bygovernment/article11717862/?cmpid=rss1>

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NEXT MEETING: 8:00 p.m., Plank's Café, Thurs., June 6. Stone Lab presentation on Lake Erie or Wrecks of Lake Superior - Rob

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