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## General Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Marty Bailey, Rick Blaine, Andy Dennis, Jeff Dye, Donn Ellerbrock, Glenn Mitchell, Maggie & Steve Ranft, Jim Wickline

**50/50 – Glenn \$7.00**

### Announcements

1. **Ryan Parkevitch** Is putting together a cave diving course. If interested, contact him at [teqdiver@yahoo.com](mailto:teqdiver@yahoo.com).
2. **Club dive trips 2013:** We are trying to plan one or more club trips this year. A calendar was passed around for those present to indicate possible dates they might be available. Current options under consideration include: Beaufort/Moorehead City, NC; Lake Huron or Superior, MI; Lake Erie; Panama City, FL; Florida Keys. To find out more, attend the January and February meetings.

### Treasurer's Report from Exec Meeting

\$6,256.63

### 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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wall), thanks to Andy Dennis.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**2013**

**Feb**

7 General Meeting 8:00PM @ Plank's Sycamore & Parsons. Program; Jeff Dye video on Cave Diving  
21 Executive Meeting, 7:00PM, Plank's @ Sycamore & Parsons.

**Mar**

Scubafest Photo deadline  
7 General Meeting 8:00PM @ Plank's Sycamore & Parsons. Program: Marty on Diving the U85  
8-10 Boston Sea Rovers Clinic 2013, @ the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore (Formerly CoCo Key Hotel & Water Resort) Danvers, MA  
15-17 ScubaFest 2013: Keynote by a member(s) of the elite Navy SEALS! @Embassy Suites, Dublin OH  
21 Executive Meeting, 7:00PM, Plank's Sycamore & Parsons

**Apr**

4 General Meeting 8:00PM @ Plank's. Andy Dennis, East Coast Wreck Diving with the John Jack  
18 Executive Meeting, 7:00PM, Plank's

**May**

2 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Eugene Braithwaite, Lake Erie Update Tentative  
5 Sunday club dive North Point (Newark). Details to follow  
16 Exec Meeting @ TBA house 7:30 PM

**June**

1 Saturday - Club dive & cookout @ Circleville.  
6 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Richard Fishel, Diving SE Asia Tentative  
20 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's

**July**

11 Club General Meeting dive & cookout, @C'ville  
Details TBA 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, C'ville TQ  
15 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's

**Sep**

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**

4 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Nominations for new club officers  
18 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's

**Nov**

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1 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Elections  
new club officers

??Annual Banquet

15 Exec Meeting 7:00PM @Plank's

Dec

6 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

??Annual Christmas Party @ Marty's?

31 7<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Dive-In @Circleville Twin

Q

**Evening Program: Donn Ellerbrock's *Diving the Turks and Caicos* video was well received! Thanks, Donn!**

## ***Executive Meeting Highlights***

**@Planks 1-17-13: Jeff Dye, Donn Ellerbrock, Glenn Mitchell, & Rob Robison**

1. Appointed Jim Wickline to become the club's new Webmaster, replacing Scott Pansing, who has maintained the site for over 6 years. Thanks, Scott!



Jim Wickline & Scott Pansing

2. Firmed up the club calendar (See above), decided on a theme for our ScubaFest table display--Before the SEALS there were the Sea Nags! – and a general display design.

3. Discussed ways to attract new members.

## ***Dive Reports***

Please send dive reports to  
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### **Spasms**

None reported

### **Oral**

**Marty** reported vis. at Lancaster was poor and that Gilboa was OK. **Rob's** report on New Years is below.

### **Written**

The club's **New Year's Eve Dive** was scratched due to inclement weather. The following weekend John Guegold, John Skobel and I attempted to dive into the new year but the Twin Qs were iced over with about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of ice, strong enough to present safety problems but weak enough to not support ice diving. Lacking the pertinent gear and more, we decided to postpone our first dive in the New Year until Saturday Jan 12.



John Skobel & John Guegold inspecting South Q

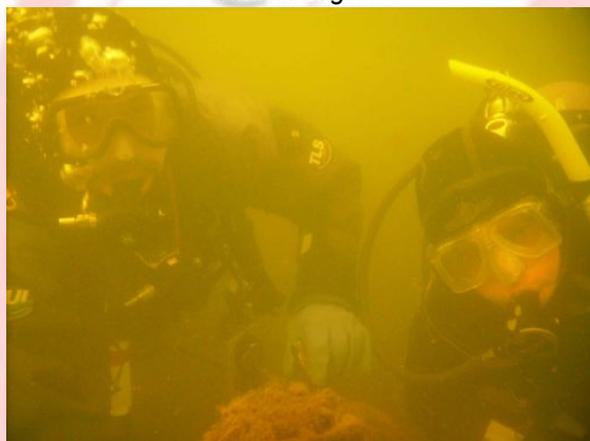
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John Guegold



John S & John G at the Tub Lady



Collage of our 1/12/13 dive day, by Mark Thomas

Mark Thomas and a dive buddy named Chris Medved showed up and made it a five some. Our 41-42 min. dive on a pleasant sunny Saturday (1-12-13) was characterized by balmy 40° H<sub>2</sub>O, 5'-7' milky vis., and few fish sightings. Wrapped in near freezing under water temps, the vast majority of the quarry's finned creatures were hibernating or expending as little energy as possible.

After surfacing and stowing our gear, the two Johns and I celebrated with some charcoal-grilled burgers washed down with hot coffee and juice, sans Mark and Chris who had other commitments. It was a great way to end a beautiful Saturday dive day. 🌀

## ***Environmental News***

### **Warmer seas 'driving sharks towards beaches**

December 24 2012 at 08:15am By SAPA  
<<http://www.iol.co.za/scitech/science/environment/warmer-seas-driving-sharks-towards-beaches-1.1444735#.UPYUPY5djZQ>>



Five people have been killed in shark attacks at western Australian beaches in the past two years and there have been far more sightings of large shark packs near to shore.

Sydney - Sharks are being driven towards

beaches by extraordinary rises in ocean temperatures, fish experts said on Sunday.

The West Australian Department of Fisheries is investigating whether a marine heat wave, in which areas of ocean water reached 30 degrees Celsius in the last few years, caused fish stocks in those regions to almost disappear. This would have driven predators like sharks closer in to shore because fish collect in cooler waters.

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"It may be the sharks are coming in with the colder water or it may be that the things they're feeding on are coming in with the colder water and the sharks are following them," Fisheries director general Stuart Smith told the West Australian newspaper.

Smith said the rise in ocean temperatures in some areas to as much as five degrees above normal was at first considered an aberration, but it is now believed to be part of a broader environmental change.

Rising water temperatures have devastated the region's rock lobster industry. - Sapa-dpa



## Thousands of dead fish wash ashore in S.C.

Thousands of dead fish have washed ashore on the south tip of Pawleys Island, S.C. on Jan. 16, 2013. The fish are menhaden, a common bait fish.

CREDIT: AP Photo/The Sun News, Steve Jessmore

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## Legendary Giant Squid Captured on Video

By ABC News | ABC News Blogs – Tue, Jan 8, 2013, 7:09 AM EST

The elusive giant squid has never been captured on film. Until now.



Discovery and Japanese partner NHK captured the images of the squid deep beneath the Pacific Ocean during a mission that included more than 400 hours in the abyss, more than 100 sub dives, some at depths greater than 3,000 feet, and a crew of scientists, engineers, technicians and submarine pilots. "This latest production, four years in the making, is a world-first achievement for television, and I'm excited to share it," Eileen O'Neill, group President of Discovery and TLC Networks, said in a news release Monday.

The giant squid has for years been at the center of numerous fantastic tales of the sea.

Nearly as long as a school bus and weighing up to a ton, the squid's eight arms and two tentacles are covered in barbed suction cups, which it uses to force prey - fish, other squid, possibly small whales - into its razor-sharp beak.

The footage will be aired for the first time in the Discovery Channel's "Monster Squid: The Giant is Real." The program premieres on Discovery at 8 p.m. ET Jan. 27, and will serve as the season finale for Discovery's "Curiosity" series.

For video, go to <http://gma.yahoo.com/blogs/abc->

[blogs/legendary-giant-squid-captured-video-120917545-abc-news-tv.html](http://blogs/legendary-giant-squid-captured-video-120917545-abc-news-tv.html)>

For more videos and related article, see:  
<<http://news.yahoo.com/kraken-wakes-first-images-giant-squid-filmed-deep-050944910.html>>

## Log Book

### Ancient Shipwreck Reveals 2,000-Year-Old

**Eye Medicine** *By Charles Choi, LiveScience Contributor | LiveScience.com – Tue, Jan 8, 2013*

Ancient gray disks loaded with zinc and beeswax found aboard a shipwreck more than 2,000 years old may have been used as medicine for the eyes, researchers say.

These new findings shed light on [the development of medicine](#) over the centuries, scientists added.

Scientists analyzed six flat gray tablets approximately 1.6 inches (4 centimeters) in diameter and 0.4 inches (1 cm) thick that were found in a round tin box aboard the so-called Relitto del Pozzino shipwreck, which was discovered about 60 feet (18 meters) underwater in 1974 on the seabed of the Baratti Gulf off the coast of Tuscany. The hull, only 50 to 60 feet (15 to 18 m) long and about 10 feet (3 m) wide, dated back to about 140 B.C.

The [Roman shipwreck](#) lay near the remains of the Etruscan city of Populonia, which at the time the ship foundered was a key port along sea trade routes between the west and east across the Mediterranean Sea. A number of artifacts were unearthed during the excavation, including wine jars, an inkwell, tin and bronze jugs, stacks of Syrian-Palestinian glass bowls and Ephesian lamps. [[Shipwrecks Gallery: Secrets of the Deep](#)]

"Such objects suggest that the ship, or at least a great part of its cargo, came from the east, probably the Greek coasts or islands," the researchers wrote in a study detailed online Jan. 7 in the journal the Proceedings of the

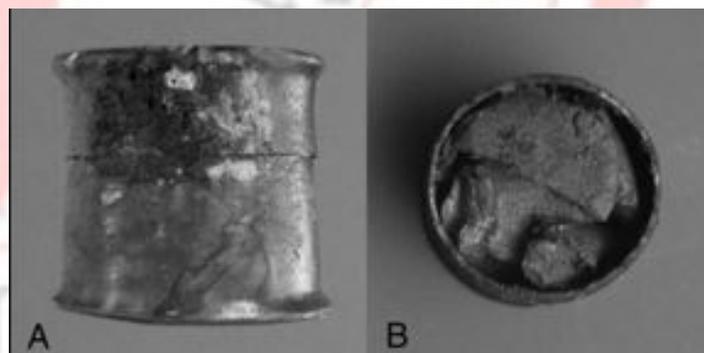
National Academy of Sciences.

The cargo also included medical equipment, such as an iron probe and a bronze vessel that may have been used for bloodletting or for applying hot air to soothe aches. These findings suggest a physician was traveling by sea with his professional equipment, the researchers said.

To learn more about these potentially medicinal tablets, researchers investigated the chemical, mineralogical and botanical composition of fragments of a broken tablet.

"In archaeology, the discovery of [ancient medicines](#) is very rare, as is knowledge of their chemical composition," the researchers wrote. "The data revealed extraordinary information on the composition of the tablets and on their possible therapeutic use."

The disks were about 80 percent inorganic, with zinc making up about 75 percent of the inorganic components. Zinc compounds have been known since ancient times to serve as medicines, with the ancient Roman naturalist [Pliny the Elder](#) writing that they could help treat the eyes and skin.



A round tin box holding what may be 2,000-year-old tablets from the Roman shipwreck Relitto del Pozzino. (Right: contents of the tin box.)

The tablets also contained starch, pine resin, beeswax and a mix of plant- and animal-derived fats, perhaps including olive oil. Starch was a known ingredient of [Roman cosmetics](#), olive oil was used for perfumes and medicines, and pine resin may have kept the oil from

going rancid and fought microbes due to its antiseptic properties.

Pollen grains were numerous, with about 1,400 grains per gram seen in the tablets. These came from olive, wheat and many other plants, such as stinging nettles and alder trees. However, about 60 percent of this pollen came from plants that are pollinated by insects such as bees, suggesting they may inadvertently have hitched along in a bee product such as beeswax instead of getting intentionally added to the medicine.

**Source:** <http://news.yahoo.com/ancient-shipwreck-reveals-2-000-old-eye-medicine-160107876.html>

### **3-D sonar provides new view of Civil War shipwreck**

By the AP Jan 19, 2013

GAVELSTON, Texas – The remains of the only U.S. Navy ship sunk in the Gulf of Mexico during Civil War combat now can be seen in 3-D sonar images from the Gulf's murky depths, revealing details such as a shell hole that may have been among the ship's fatal wounds.

The high-resolution images of the 210-foot, iron-hulled USS Hatteras are being released this month to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the battle where the ship was lost. Besides the shell hole, they also show previously unknown details like a paddle wheel and the ship's stern and rudder emerging from the shifting undersea sands about 20 miles off the coast of Galveston.

"This vessel is a practically intact time capsule sealed by mud and sand, and what is there will be the things that help bring the crew and ship to life in a way," said Jim Delgado, the project's leader and director of maritime heritage for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

"You can fly through the wreck, you're getting a view no diver can get," Delgado said.

The Hatteras had sat mostly undisturbed and

unnoticed from January 1863 -- when a Confederate raider sunk the ship and took most of the crew prisoner -- until its discovery in the early 1970s.



*This image provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows a view of the USS Hatteras as it fought and sank in 1863, depicted in a drawing by Civil War artist Francis H. Schell, above a 2012 high-resolution 3-D sonar image from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. A team of archaeologists and technicians spent two days in September 2012 mapping the wreckage of the USS Hatteras, the only U.S. Navy ship sunk in the Gulf of Mexico during Civil War combat. (AP Photo/NOAA, Northwest Hydro Inc., James Glaeser)*

Recent storms shifted the sand and mud where the Hatteras rests 57 feet below the surface, exposing more of the ship. So archaeologists and technicians, racing to beat any potential seabed movement that could conceal the Hatteras again, spent two days last September scanning the wreckage using sonar imaging technology for the first time at sea.

Divers used the 3-D gear to map the site in the silt-filled water where visibility is from near zero to only a few feet. The water's murkiness

doesn't affect sonar technology like it would regular photography equipment. Sonar technology produces computer-colored images by analyzing sound waves bouncing off objects.

"We have very crisp, measureable images that show the bulk of the steam machinery in the engine room is there," Delgado said. "Some of it is knocked over, been toppled, which suggests we probably have 60 percent of the vessel buried."

Also revealed were platforms for the ship's 32-pounder guns, named for the size of the cast-iron shell the cannon delivered, and the bow.

"Very exciting," said Jami Durham, manager of historic properties, research and special programs for the Galveston Historical Foundation. "We knew the ship was out there, and to finally see the images. It seemed to make it more real."

The imaging plots the paddle wheel shaft, which appears to have been bent when the ship capsized, and damage to engine room machinery, including the shell hole that likely helped doom the ship, Delgado said.

The Hatteras site is in waters administered by the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The ship itself, even 150 years later, remains U.S. Navy property.

The 1,126-ton Hatteras was built in 1861 in Wilmington, Del., as a civilian steamship, according to the Navy Historical Center. It was purchased by the Navy later that year, commissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and assigned to join the blockade of the Florida coast to keep vessels from delivering supplies and war weapons and ammunition to the Confederacy.

The ship had an active tour in Florida, raiding Cedar Keys. It destroyed at least seven schooners and facilities before being transferred to the Gulf.

On Jan. 6, 1863, the Hatteras joined the fleet commanded by David Farragut, of "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" U.S. Navy fame, for similar assignments off Galveston. At the time, Galveston was the most prominent city and port in Texas, which had joined the Confederacy.

Days earlier, Union forces had been expelled by Confederate troops in the Battle of Galveston, considered the most significant military event in Galveston history.

On Jan. 11, the Hatteras spotted and tracked down a three-masted ship that identified itself as British, then opened fire from 25 to 200 yards away and revealed it actually was the CSS Alabama, a notorious Confederate raider credited with some 60 kills.

Forty-three minutes later, the Hatteras was burning and taking on water. Cmdr. Homer Blake surrendered and he and his crew were taken aboard the Alabama as prisoners, eventually winding up in Jamaica. Of the 126-man crew, two were lost and are believed entombed in the wreck.

The two crewmen, William Healy, 32, a coal heaver, and John Cleary, 24, a stoker, were from Ireland.

"Two of those guys paid the ultimate price," Delgado said. "This is a place where history happened and people died ... giving their all, making a choice to follow their captain and likely die, to try to do their duty and to serve."

Read more:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/01/19/3-d-sonar-provides-new-view-civil-war-shipwreck/#ixzz2ldXedjk9>

Also, <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/01/19/3-d-sonar-provides-new-view-civil-war-shipwreck/#ixzz2ldZGWDYS>

## ***Parting Thoughts***

***From a founding Sea Nag, Dave Ramey,***

...this is the reason Bob Nose, Archie Stokes, Tom Finneran, I and others started the Sea Nags: To teach folks that the diving flag was

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not a slalom buoy.

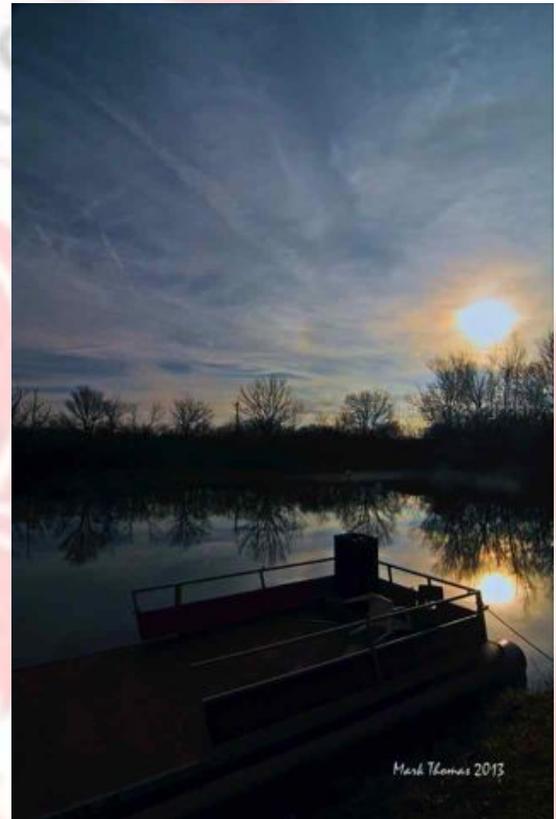
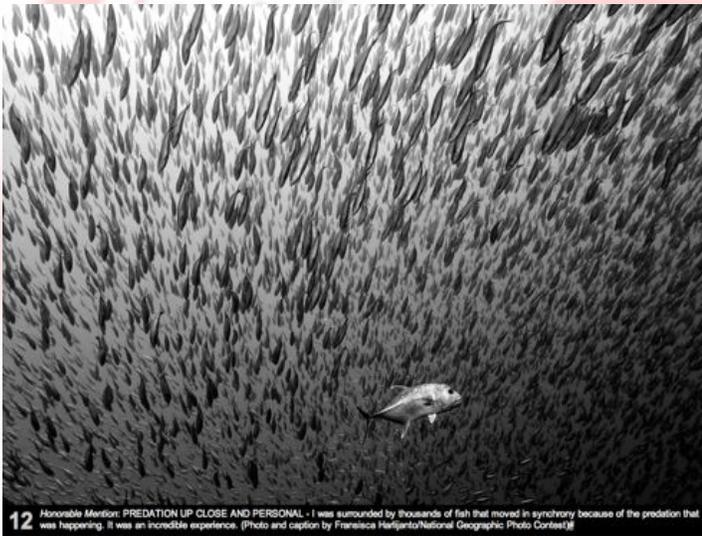
The history started in Michigan in the 1950's - here is a site that talks about it: <http://www.dive-flag.com/>

Photo above & below by Mark Thomas

January Sunrise @ CVTQ



## & Shots



Capt Bob Ice Diving White Star, 2010

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**NEXT MEETING: 8:00 p.m., Plank's Café, Thurs., Feb 7, 2013. Program: Jeff Dye video on Cave Diving**

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