

The Sea Breeze

New York, N. Y.

SEA GYPSIES Skin & Scuba Club

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This bulletin is intended to be a monthly edition that will try to bring you all the news of what has happened in the past month pertaining to skin or scuba diving. There will be other bits of news and articles such as:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NEW YORK SEA GYPSIES (WE ARE ONE YEAR OLD)

Yes it is official. The annual party was held on Feb. 24, 1973 with a very nice turnout in spite of the cold weather. There were also a lot of non-divers who attended and had a good time. You might say the last dive of the club was into the food and liquor, of which there was plenty, and everybody had gotten their feet wet. Bob P. was awake till way past mid-nite and we all had a ball. There was continuous entertainment on the dance floor. After 2 or 3 people came down with nitrogen narcosis suddenly. Alan I. felt that now would be a good time (if not to late) to make an announcement about upcoming ice dive. Also, the club awarded to Pam Peper a four foot bottle of wine, for all of the work she had done and making a meeting place available to us. Also at this time I would like to thank Chris Lipert, for her time and talent in designing the Sea Gypsies diving patch... (Which cost \$2.00 each if you want to order more). Another Award! Bob Pierce felt that he should receive some kind of mention for attending the most meetings and not knowing what the meetings were about?? So to Bob P. the Spirited Member Award. This coming year the S G planned a dive for every weekend so there will be plenty of time and places to go, for us as divers. Let's try to make this a year that will get us all into the water, so we can get the full enjoyment out of having a diving club. One last word about the party... Great!

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Alan Iscoe, who unselfishly gave of his time to wet nurse the Sea Gypsies during our prenatal period. And not only taking good care of us, but showing us some great places to dive. So from all of us...
"THANK YOU"

LAST MONTH:

Bob Pierce joined Alan Iscoe at the Vanderbilt Y.M.C.A. (47 St) as a student instructor. Sunday, Jan. 28, there was an open house at the 47 St. "Y". Bob gave a demonstration of mouth to mouth rescue in water, while Alan explained the procedure. Meanwhile, Anne and Fred demonstrated buddy breathing under water. Later Alan gave a quick explanation of what some of the gear was used for. Also there was a graduating class at the "Y" that was invited by one of the instructors (Marvin) to the Gas Light Club. There were sixteen of us there. We were spread out a little but we all had a great time. "If only the booze was as old as the broads, the place would be a lot better," someone was heard to say.

HELP:

In this bulletin we will also try to give some pointers to help us all become more at home in the water, (as we are all interested in diving). BUT DON'T depend on us alone, as we are going to depend on YOU to share your experiences or new information with us so we can all benefit and/or enjoy them.

So, if you have anything that you think will be of interest to us and help fill the bulletin, Write:

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Sea Gypsies I. D. CARD!

The N.Y. Sea Gypsies

Certifies that:
**is a member in good standing
for the fiscal year 1973-74**

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Treasurer

- **next meeting** March 14, 1973
- **meet at** 315 E. 70 th St. apt. 12Q
- **time** 7:30 P M
- **next dive**
- **where ?**
- **meet at**
- **time**

DIVING NEWS:

This space will be used to bring you news of past dives . . . The only dive that had taken place last month was Alan diving into the "Y" pool to save one of the graduating members of his class who was being drowned. This all came about during the towing of an inert swimmer that required a 100 yard swim with each wearing and breathing scuba. The inert swimmer was being towed without a mask. On the 3rd. lap we all saw she was in trouble. She began to panic and lost the mouth piece to the regulator. She was being drawn under the water by the person towing her. Alan, could not stop him because the person towing her was swimming underwater. All this was going on while everyone was standing around. Alan, seeing the problem, tore off his tee shirt, jumped out of his thongs and throwing his shirt aside leaped into the water. Anne yelled, "You threw your shirt in the water". Alan was seen to stop in mid-air for an instant. Later, he commented, that he was undecided whether to save the panicked swimmer or to rescue his tee shirt. Also Bob P. and Jim S. were told by Alan that the next class at St. Bart's (50 St & Lex. Av) would be theirs to train. The class started Feb. 22.

NEW ITEMS

A digital depth gauge that lights up when in water and shuts off when surfaced. It can show depths to 300 feet with 1/4 inch increments and runs on a 9v transistor battery for 4 hours. Its integrated circuitry contains 1,483 very small transistors and diodes. Cost \$190.00. It's a good buy because it comes to about 13 cents a diode, or transistor. This is not a depth gauge for us sport divers.

GOOD IDEA:

Check all your diving gear NOW! Do fix or replace anything that is damaged because of winter storage before the diving season starts. Also, if you happen to own a scuba tank with a harness, you may have a lot of trouble with slipping straps when transporting your tanks. Always having to adjust the straps is a problem that can be easily overcome. Simply paint a mark on the straps where they should be on the harness and slip them into place before you don your equipment. For the more mechanically minded, simply drill a small hole through the straps and harness. Then place a 10/32 X 1/2" nut, and bolt through the straps and harness with a washer on both sides. Be sure that the nut, bolts, and washers, are NYLON or GALVANIZED so they will not rust.

NEW READING:

Encyclopedia of Animal Life by M. Cavendish. Part 1 has a nice article on Abalone and the next edition will have in it an article on the following: Anchovy, Anemone, Angelfish, and Anglerfish, just to name a few. The books sell for 95 cents each and a complete set of 96 is rather expensive. Cost \$72.00 by subscription and \$92.25 from your news dealer, with an additional \$21.70 for six binders.

IN PRINT:

Jan. 31, 1973 the New York Post . . .
"Smoking Out Swimmers London (AP)
Dr. Stanley Shefrin wrote in Medical News that people who smoke cigarettes around indoor swimming pools may be gassing their companions. He said carbon monoxide from the tobacco smoke can mix with fumes from chlorine in the water to form small quantities of phosgene, a poison gas used in World War 1."
So, Fran we had better stop smoking around the pool. . . (OK Alan?)

TREASURE HUNT:

Why don't you go treasure hunting this summer? The odds may be against your striking it rich, but there's always the wonderful chance that you will be one of the lucky ones. Some treasure hunters use expensive equipment, such as metal detectors costing from \$100. to over \$2,000.00, or diving apparatus worth thousands. It depends largely on what kind of treasure you seek. Over the years many people have found treasure - - millions of dollars worth. A doctor in Austin, Texas, found an old map, and set out to hunt for the treasure marked on it. He located it on Padre Island, Texas, in the form of two chests full of coins, valued at more than \$75,000.00. A man exploring a Delaware beach after a storm picked up a ragged goatskin bag; it contained over \$50,000.00 in 17th-century coins. And recently, divers off Fort Pierce, Florida, found an old Spanish ship in just 12 feet of water. Their haul? Well over 1,000,000.00!

TREASURE CLUE:

Each month we will print a clue to a good location to look for treasure, it will require some further research for the exact location but will be a start.

Most of Captain Kidd's treasure was seized when he was, but nobody knows how much he may have buried along the East Coast.

Captain Kidd is said to have buried treasure on and around Thimble Island, too, off Connecticut. . .