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Members are encouraged to submit articles, dive plans and dive reports.

Visit club web site at [diversanonymous.com](http://diversanonymous.com)

Photographs can be viewed at the above noted website.

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### **Next Meeting Notice**

Next club meeting is Monday, July 30, 2007.

We will have our regular business meeting at 730PM followed by a presentation on "Choosing a dry suit" by DA members

### **The DA Dutch Springs Weekend**

The DA DS weekend is Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15. We will have treasure hunts, fun dives, lunch, rescue training, dinner, night diving, camping, breakfast, fun diving, more rescue training, and lunch plus lots of fun together.

Those who plan to attend are asked to contact Tom G at: [gormleydmd@aol.com](mailto:gormleydmd@aol.com) He is coordinating the activity.

### **Pic of the month**

To catch up on some unpublished news months we opened the "Pic of the month" to any photo taken underwater by a DA member this year. There were 3 photographers who entered photos: Mike Granado, Gary Mullen, and Tom Gormley. Their photos are shown below. To enter for next month, please send a copy of an underwater picture you have taken in July 2007 to Mike Dox at: [madox31@hotmail.com](mailto:madox31@hotmail.com). Mike will select an appropriate photo that will appear in our newsletter. If you can, please reduce the file size to 200kb or less. If your picture is not selected for the pic of the month, Mike will post it on our web photos, so get underwater and start snapping.

June 07



“Diver on South Carolina wreck” by Mike Granado with his Canon Powershot.

May 07



“Giant Clam”

Taken by Gary Mullen in Eliat with his Canon S510 in underwater mode using the housed strobe.

April 07



“Manasquan Toadfish” by Tom Gormley with his housed Canon Powershot.

## **Peggy’s News**

Great News for the Coast and Ocean!  
Congress Defeats Attempt to Open America’s Coasts  
to Offshore Gas Drilling  
From COA

This morning, the US Congress declared its commitment to protecting America’s pristine beaches and coastlines from dirty oil and gas drilling.

Members of the US House of Representatives Appropriations Committee voted 39-25 to overwhelmingly defeat an amendment introduced by US Representative John Peterson (R-PA) that would have opened coastlines to natural gas exploration--a move that would have opened the floodgates for both gas and oil drilling up and down our coasts. Natural gas exploration and drilling have most of the same destructive and polluting impacts as offshore oil activities.

We need to leave polluting, risky offshore drilling behind and focus on readily available and cleaner alternatives. The real solution to addressing our nation’s energy problems is energy conservation and efficiency.

The New York and New Jersey coast has been protected from offshore oil and gas activities since 1982. Citizens and local, state, and federal officials have vehemently opposed drilling and worked to maintain these protections to protect the environmental and coastal economies.

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## DA Dive Log

The big trip of the spring was made to South Carolina by several DA divers. Mike Granado led Ben, Hannah, Michelle, Cara, Jamie, R Mullen, and Ed B on a weekend of diving the Sherman and Governor. They did 2 dives on each wreck and all reports were good. Hannah recovered a nice piece of wood from the wreck, and she is already working on its restoration. Other divers brought up some shot and bullets which are the usual items recovered from those wrecks. The Vis was 20 to 30 feet and the water temps were suitable for 3 mil suits even on the bottom. Everyone piled into a big van and Mike did the driving of the sleepy group. Ben said it took a week to recover from lack of sleep, but the trip was well worth being tired.

Gary Mullen has become our most avid local diver. This week alone he plans to dive every day. He has been going out on the Stingray out of Belmar and also to the Shark River Inlet, Back Bay, and RR Bridge. He dove the 120 wreck and pulled up some keeper fish. He also went to Eliat for some exotic diving there and sent some photos for the DA site.

Pierre G has the most extensive list of exotic places where he was diving. From Brunei to the Philippines he has left a trail of bubbles too numerous for me to remember. He gave a good report at our last meeting. He has also been out on the Stingray to the 120 wreck and NE Sailor recently to round out his diving with some local stuff.

Declan has been out on the Gypsy Blood this past week and plans to go out this coming Sunday. He reports that the boat is well run and equipped for lots of divers though he and 3 others were the only ones aboard. He went to the Stolt at 60 to 130 for some touring and others got fish and lobsters.

Tom G dove the Bluffs Wreck last Sunday and saw that more sand was moved off the wreck. The Vis was 8 to 10 feet and the temp was in the mid 60's. Art got to see the boiler in spite of some gear problems.

A trip on the Moon Tide was made in May by several DA divers including Ben, Mike G, Tom G, Gary M, Hannah, Mike D, Cara, Declan, and R Mullen. The day was a bit cool but had some sun. The captain couldn't find the wreck. The Vis was quite poor. Otherwise the trip was real fun for all.

Greg Collucci went to Mexico for some reef, wreck, and cenote' diving. He gave us a report at the last meeting and has some pics to show us as well. Hopefully we will get to see them at the next meeting.

Way back in April there was an April Fools dive with Gary M, Mike D, and Tom G diving into the Shark River Inlet. Norva and Luke provided shore support.

There were several divers who got into the water but no other reports were sent. If anyone was missed in the reports, the editor apologizes.

## DA Dive Plan

Our next highlight dive is the DA Dutch Springs Weekend. It's Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15. We will have treasure hunts, fun dives, lunch, rescue training, dinner, night diving, camping, breakfast, fun diving, more rescue training, and lunch plus lots of fun together. Those who plan to attend are asked to contact Tom G at: [gormleydmd@aol.com](mailto:gormleydmd@aol.com) He is coordinating the activity.

Shore Dives: Ongoing. If you wish to dive on any Sunday or Thursday, please contact Tom. Diving depends on the weather and conditions. As the season cools, there are still more opportunities even when ocean conditions are poor.

Boat Dives: Please contact Ian or Tom to reserve your trips on the Sea Lion out of Brielle.

Individuals doing dives can contact Tom, who will send out a message to all DA's so they can join the trip.

Check our DA Calendar online and at the bottom of this DA News for 2007 dates (not scheduled yet). The number will be limited to 8 divers on each charter. Cost is \$75 depending on fuel cost by the date of sailing. First come first served with full payment.

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Other club members have indicated that they will be arranging charters. As dates are set, they will be added to the calendar.

### **Individual DA members seeking dive buddies**

Below are some DA members who may be available for diving opportunities. Meet them at the next DA meeting to arrange diving or contact Mike and Tom for email contact. Mike, [mmgrand@verizon.net](mailto:mmgrand@verizon.net), and Tom, [gormleydmd@aol.com](mailto:gormleydmd@aol.com), can assist you in contacting these members so you may join them for diving or just meet them at the next meeting.

Mark Russomanno works as mate on the Stingray out of Belmar. Contact Mark if you wish to go on any Stingray dives, if space is available.

Wanda M is always looking for a dive buddy to do quarry diving at Dutch Springs. She can often go mid-week and has a season pass that is burning a hole in her BC pocket. See her at a meeting to make arrangements for diving.

This is John Nardone. I would be interested in diving on the Emerald or Mohawk, day trips to Dutch Springs, and other dive spots. Call me at 973-256-0455 or cell 862-686-3649 or email at [john814@verizon.net](mailto:john814@verizon.net) Also, if anyone is interested in getting together for a dive trip to South Carolina or Florida I would definitely be interested. There is an excellent Dive Shop in Myrtle Beach, SC called Coastal Scuba. They have dive sites from the beginner level with practically no experience to technical dive requiring only knowledgeable advanced divers. However total sites are limited to about 25. Would like to explore more about Florida diving.

#### **Boat Diving Requirements**

Everyone please be advised that the following are required to dive on any of the charters:

Logbook indicating northeast boat diving experience or arrangements to do a guided dive.

Pony bottle and regulator with pressure gauge or other suitable redundant gear.

Compass, wreck reel, safety sausage, safety whistle and power surface audible signaling device, cutting device as well as other mandatory scuba gear.

[NAUI](#) Waiver and Release signed before boarding naming Tom Gormley, Ian Fryer, Mark Russomanno, Kurt Ebler, Pierre Guibor, Mike Granado, and Ben Gualano as Instructors and Divemasters.

[NAUI](#) medical form

[DAN](#) or equivalent insurance

### **The Artifact Bag**

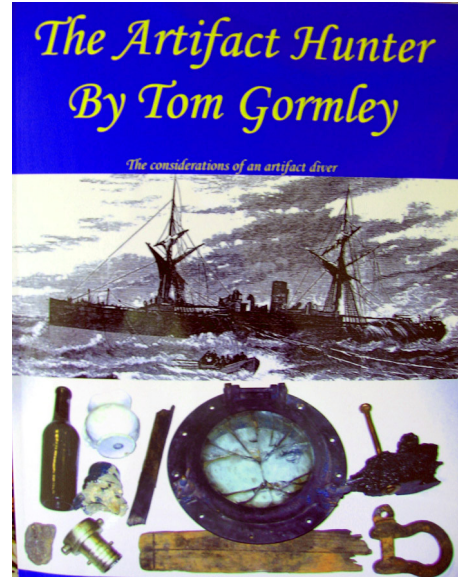
This section is devoted to artifacts brought up by our DA divers. Send in a pic and background, and we may see it in DA News.

This month we feature "The Artifact hunter" book by Tom Gormley. Tom gave a presentation at our June meeting that included a DVD about Mel Fisher and a powerpoint presentation about some of the new book.

"The Artifact Hunter" by Tom Gormley provides details of artifact diving and restoration projects. Tom reports on the techniques he and his associates use to both find and restore various artifacts in a responsible way. The book stresses that no artifact should be recovered unless there is a plan to see that it is conserved, researched, and presented for others to appreciate. Beyond finding artifacts while diving, there is lots of work to be done that is fun, interesting, and rewarding. Details of processes commonly used to conserve and restore marine artifacts are provided.

The new book is presented in 116 black and white 8 ½ by 11 pages with numerous pictures and illustrations, and is bound in laminated color soft cover. It was published by Safe Scuba Publishing in Clifton, New Jersey. The ISBN number is 978-0-9795925-0-8.

Copies are available thru Tom's website [www.safescuba.com](http://www.safescuba.com). Or, ask Tom to bring a copy to our next meeting



## Member News

June brought 2 new members into the DA club. Carl Enriquez was newly certified only a few days ago and has joined DA. Kurt Ebler on the other hand is a very seasoned diving veteran and dive instructor who works part time in RJ's Westfield shop. DA will benefit with both and hopefully they take advantage of all we have to offer.

DA member, Christine Nesterok, and tech diver, Seth Dorenbush, were married this past Saturday. They are honeymooning in Cozumel with scuba gear.



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The National Association of Underwater Instructors now promotes DAN as the NAUI recommended dive insurance organization. Contact DAN or NAUI for more information. [www.naui.org](http://www.naui.org)