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Coliseum Bar**

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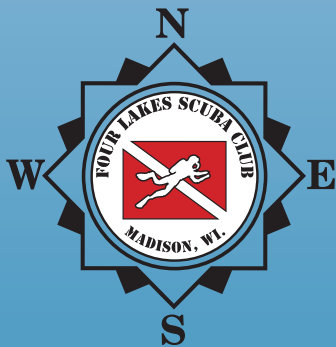
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Speaker: Deb Brookhyser

Our very own Deb will present a DVD covering her and Glenn's 2005 trip to Fiji.

Thanks to George Socha

George took up the challenge and spoke about his and Joyce's recent trip to the NW tip of Grand Cayman. George and Joyce traveled to a week of art, awareness and diving. Art instruction was provided by renowned artist Ron Steven of *Art by Rogest* in a style based on Australian Aboriginal dot painting. (<http://www.rogest.com>). They created two paintings in the Rogest dot style, one to keep and one that was sold during an auction to raise awareness and funds for an environmental cause before returning.

George reported that although the diving was "so-so", Cobalt Coast Resort (www.cobaltcoast.com) operations was great.

Raffle Prize

This month's raffle prize will be the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald jigsaw puzzle and a fish aquarium knick-knack.

See Howard at intermission for tickets... cost unchanged since at least 1985 - still 2 for a Buck!

Club Happenings

John and Ellen will not be able to lead the September trip to Devil's Lake. The club needs someone to pick a September date and say *lets go*. If this person is you, let News@FourLakesSCUBAClub.org know and I will get the word out to our readership.

Please note, if you're going someplace local or distant and would like company, let any club officer know and we will get it on the website and in the newsletter.

Dive Shop Happenings

3 Little Devils

Sundays at 1:30 we offer a super rental deal of only \$20 for everything you need. We will even provide a buddy! Starting May or June 2006.

We also offer the same deal for Tuesday night dives this summer. Call (800) 356-9016 for Availability

Wazee Sports Center

Aug 19:
10th Annual
Treasure
Hunt
plus our
LARGEST
sale of the
year

Sept 9-10:
Mackinaw City Wreck



May not be exactly as pictured

Diving

Sept 30: Wazee Cleanup Dive

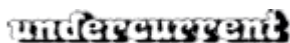
[Fontana Sports](#)

Wes has both weekly and monthly events planned for the summer. Contact Wes at ledfordw@fontana-sports.com for additional details.

Request for Assistance

Four Lakes SCUBA has been contacted by the chairperson for the advisory group for the Big Roche A Cri Lake District in central Wisconsin (Adams County near Necedah) looking for volunteer divers to assist in marking stumps in the lake. The Lake District is concerned that skiers or boaters could be injured. If interested contact Candy Chapman at Stafford Rosenbaum LLP (608.259.2657).

Big Roche A Cri Lake is 205 acres with a max depth of 20'. To view a detailed map, stop by <http://www.uwec.edu/hartnesg/SeanWeb/BigRocheACri/Rocheacri.html>.



Updates

Two Resort Owners Pass:

June 2006

Daniel Tibbetts, 52, who built the Little Cayman Beach Resort in 1991, passed away in June. He also built the Conch Club Condominiums and owned Reef Divers, the dive operation for the Brac Reef Beach Resort, a family-owned business. He purchased Bob Soto's Diving on Grand Cayman in 2001, which became a casualty of Hurricane Ivan in 2004. . . .Coco View founder Bill Evans died in April. He founded Coco View in 1982 and managed the business with his wife, Evelyn, until its sale in 2004.

Dangerous Error in Suunto Computer Software: June 2006

Certain models of Suunto's D6 and D9 wrist computers have a software bug that may cause them to track time wrong when the computers automatically recalibrate to the correct time, or when the user updates the seconds in set mode. Suunto estimates these models will malfunction one out of 167 dives. When the error occurs, the computer shorts a dive by 25 percent and the surface interval by 25 percent. An hour dive would show as 45 minutes, an hour surface interval as 45 minutes. The error could seriously affect decompression requirements.

The products affected are: D9, serial numbers 62102582 and below, and D6, serial numbers 62103693 and below. See www.suuntoservice.com/safetynotice/diving. Return it to your dealer or e-mail the Suunto Help Desk at SuuntoD9-D6@nordictelecenter.fi. Or call 1 800 543 9124 in the USA and Canada. Suunto is also providing the free update for computers purchased through gray marketers such as Leisure Pro.

Big Animal Encounters:

June 2006

No trip leader offers more thrilling trips for serious photographers than award-winning photographer Amos Nachoum. He's offering two in May 2007 to Malpelo and

Cocos Islands, the first led by Dr. Sylvia Earle, a leading marine environmentalist and National Geographic resident scientist, the second by Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, astronaut and environmentalist. Boats are the SeaHunter and UnderSea Hunter. *Undercurrent* subscribers will get a five percent discount and free Nitrox. Contact him at phototrip@biganimals.com or phone 415.923.9865. Visit <http://biganimals.com/newsletters/spring06/page1.html>.



Recently observed, ultra rare *Card Shark*

Oceanic Recall

Oceanic has announced a recall of all Oceanic Versa Pro revision 2A Digital Dive Computers due to reports that displayed Elapsed Dive Time can be in excess of actual elapsed time.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recall announcement, Oceanic authorized dealers started selling the defective dive computers on March 21, 2003.

The recall affects Oceanic Versa Pro 2A modules sold from March 2003 through April 2006.

Owners should immediately discontinue further use of Oceanic

Versa Pro 2A dive computers affected by the recall. Units should be returned to their local dealers or directly to Oceanic for an Upgrade to Versa Pro revision 2B.

Carl Brashear dies

Divernet News, dateline 27 July 2006

Carl Brashear, the US Navy diver made famous by the 2000 movie *Men of Honour*, has died, aged 75.

Brashear was the US Navy's first black diver, and the first US Navy diver to return to full active duty as an amputee.

Brashear joined up in 1948 - a challenge so soon after the US military's desegregation. He qualified as a diver in 1954 but lost his lower left leg after an underwater accident in 1966.

He fought back to a fitness level sufficient to return as a diver, and qualified as a US Navy Master Diver in 1970.

Retiring from the Navy in 1979, he joined a select band in being honoured by a major naval archives volume documenting his life and career.

Fish Health Advisory

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; Division of Animal Health recently released a fish health advisory concerning Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus (VHSV) in Great Lakes Muskies. This is a very serious virus-caused disease of world-wide concern. In many cases, it kills the majority of infected fish. VHSV was believed to be mainly a trout based. With this outbreak, it's apparently a new strain. The Division of Animal Health reports, "*There is*

no evidence of human health risk from eating infected fish." For more information see <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us>

Yukon wreck diving death reminds divers pushing limits can be fatal

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Network by TERRY RODGERS

SAN DIEGO, California (1 Aug 2006) -- Steven Donathan's accidental drowning was shocking to his friends in the local diving community because it was so preventable.

Donathan, 49, of Ocean Beach was a scuba expert who had earned more than 20 specialty diving certificates. He made his living teaching advanced diving techniques.

But he largely was seen as a brazen risk-taker.

A little more than a year ago, Donathan descended to the Yukon, a sunken warship about 1.8 miles off Mission Beach. It would be his last dive.

His drowning has been the only diving death in the Yukon, a 366-foot destroyer escort retired by the Canadian navy. The ship is now part of a San Diego-owned underwater park.

It didn't take long for police to conclude that Donathan caused his own demise by going into the boiler room, an off-limits area.

But after Donathan's death, scuba enthusiasts feared that city officials might

place the Yukon off-limits to recreational divers.

Volunteer divers would monitor the boiler room entrance to ensure it is barricaded securely, said Dick Long, former president of the San Diego Oceans "If the lifeguards are open to (making changes), I'm open to it," he said. "It's their call."

According to investigators, Donathan began his last dive June 25, 2005, with a student partner. He eventually abandoned the student while inside the wreck.

Donathan entered the boiler room, a narrow compartment cluttered with corroded pipes and catwalks. Someone – likely Donathan himself – pried open the metal plate welded over the room's entrance, allowing the diver to squeeze his way inside.

Investigators theorize that Donathan's primary underwater light flooded and failed. Silt kicked up by his movements created "blackout" conditions that further impaired his ability to get out.

Donathan couldn't find his way out, and ran out of air.

He put himself at risk when he entered the wreck without marking his route with a guide line, a common safety procedure. A reel containing a guide line was found on his belt when his body was recovered.

Donathan violated another basic safety rule when he abandoned his dive partner,

investigators said.

For local divers, Donathan's drowning is a reminder of how pushing the limits can sometimes prove fatal.

"No reasonable person is going to do that again," said Long, past president of the San Diego Oceans Foundation. "This guy knew better. He died from his own arrogance."

Complete text at <http://www.cdn.info/news/safety/s060801a.html>.



Calendar 2006

Aug 9 — General Meeting - Deb Brookhyser on Fiji

Aug 27 — Board Meeting at the Northern location - diving at Red Granite 10 a.m. Need directions? Contact News@FourLakesSCUBAClub.org

Sep ?? — Devil's Lake (State Park sticker required) see page 1 (Club Happenings)

Sep 30 — Wazee Cleanup Dive - Free entry to park - lunch provided

Oct 7 — Fall Picnic & Phoenix Party

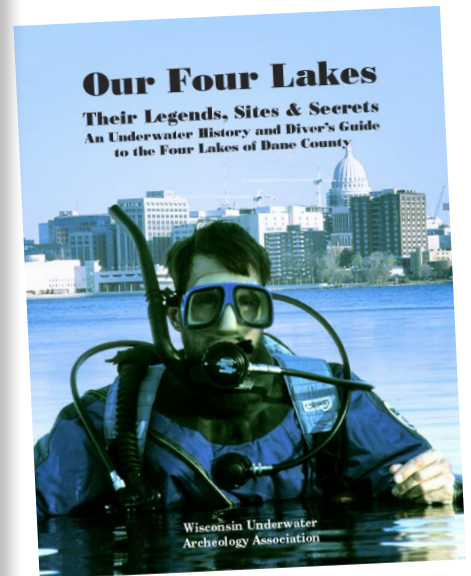
Oct 21 — 2nd Annual WUAA Conference
www.wuaa.org

See text for additional dive shop events and trips.

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