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## Meeting

**Wednesday  
September 13, 7:30 pm  
Coliseum Bar**

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## Speaker: Kimm Stabelfeldt

Kimm holds one of the largest private collections of Great Lakes books and ephemera in Wisconsin and is the author of five popular Great Lakes dive guides. His work has been published in numerous periodicals. He is a director of the [Great Lakes Shipwreck Research Foundation, Inc](#) (GLSRF) which organizes the annual Ghost Ships Festival in Milwaukee. Kimm holds memberships in Great Lakes Historical Society, Saginaw River Marine Historical Society, Lake Superior Marine Museum Association, Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society, Wisconsin Marine Historical Society, Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association, Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society and Dossin Great Lakes Museum. A certified Dive Master and Tri Mix Diver, Mr. Stabelfeldt is the president of Adventure Diving, Inc., a Great Lakes shipwreck dive charter service. Kimm holds degrees in Business and Computer Science and is an executive business consultant.



Kimm will be covering the 2005 GLSRF dive research season.

## Thanks to Deb Brookhyser

Deb presented a DVD covering her and Glenn's 2005 trip to Fiji. They went with Breezeway Bubbles SCUBA late last October through early November. Deb reported conditions as 20 to 30 foot visibility. Average dive depth was 60 foot with strong current. There were some problems with dive staff but those have been resolved. Deb said that even with the bad conditions and staff problems, this is a trip she would enjoy again.

## Raffle Prize

This month's raffle prize will be a fish mobile procured through unknown sources from south of the border.

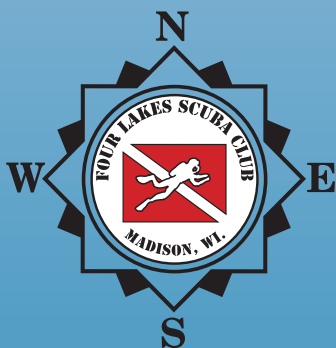
See Howard at intermission for tickets... cost unchanged since at least 1985 - still 2 for a Buck!

## Dive Shop Happenings

### [Wazee Sports Center](#)

September 30<sup>th</sup>: Wazee Cleanup Dive

The annual cleanup dive is where divers get a free day of diving at Wazee Lake, and the Jackson County Park people feeds us a picnic style lunch. All we divers have to do is pick up anything that doesn't belong in the lake. This dive had around 35 divers last year and Wazee Sports gave



door prizes away. Come out and join Wazee Sports and Jackson County Parks to keep Wazee Lake clean.

If you would like to participate, contact

Keith at 715-284-5181 / 715-896-0726 or E-mail keith@wazeesports.com.

### [Fontana Sports](#)

Wes at Fontana Sports has put together an ambitious and interesting Fall and Winter schedule. If interested see Wes's dive calendar at <http://madisonscuba.com/cgi-bin/calendar/calendar.cgi>. Contact Wes at [ledfordw@fontanasports.com](mailto:ledfordw@fontanasports.com) or at telephone 608.219.5075 for additional details.

### [Diver's Realm](#)

**Be part of International Beach Cleanup Day!!!** Join us September 16th to help clean up Red Granite Quarry. Diver's Realm will provide a cookout for those who pre-register (so we can plan for the food). The last 3 years we've collected about 400 pounds of garbage each year and have had a lot of fun doing it. Non-diving friends and family can collect garbage on shore. There always seems to be a lot of stuff floating around the edges too. Retrieving this works best with a canoe or snorkeling. Divers can clean the bottom. It's always fun to see if we can collect more junk than the year before!!!

Contact either Charlene or Mel Goffard at 920-831-0126 or E-mail [charmelm@att.net](mailto:charmelm@att.net). [This is



Lake Wazee sunrise

a worthy cause and a great dive. I think last year netted over 500 pounds of trash! Ed]

### **Underwater relay team cross English Channel**

Six men and one woman are the first people to swim across the English Channel from Britain to France in an underwater scuba relay.

"No problems whatsoever. It went like clockwork actually," organizer Colin Osbourne said after the team reached the French coast and returned to England by boat.

The team took to the sea at Dover on the south-eastern English coast and reached Cap Gris Nez in north-eastern France some 34 kilometres away just over 12 hours later, he says.

"We didn't expect to get across at that sort of speed. We thought it would take at least another four hours," Mr Osbourne said.

"It was perfect weather. There was hardly any wind so there was hardly any swell on the sea. So that made it easier."

He said earlier that the sight of huge ferries passing by and the sound of their giant propellers chopping up the water was terrifying.

"We've seen huge ships going past us. When you're underwater, you don't know where they're coming from and you think God, it's going to hit me!"

Swimming about four metres

below the surface, the seven spent between 30 and 90 minutes underwater each before their compressed air tanks ran out and they handed over the baton - a surface marker buoy - to another team member.

The team had trained for two years.

Mr Osbourne says the team raised 50,000 pounds (\$A124,000) for his Orchid Cancer Appeal, which he founded 10 years ago after discovering he had testicular cancer.

The charity funds research into the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of testicular, prostate and penile cancer.

The other relay team members are Lieutenant John Bainbridge and Lieutenant Commander Mike Leaney from the Royal Navy, and keen divers Warren Brown, Paul Cushing, Mark Evans and Rosemary Lunn. - AFP

### **NCUPS Announces Important Underwater Photographic Competition**

#### **The Northern California Underwater Photographic Society announces the 42nd Annual International Underwater Photographic Competition and the Bob Commer Award of Excellence in Underwater Photography**

August 22, 2006 – San Francisco, California: The Northern California Underwater Photographic Society (NCUPS.org) proudly presents the 42nd Annual International Underwater Photographic Competition, aka: SEA 2006, and the Bob Commer Award of Excellence in Underwater Photography. The

“mail-in” underwater photography and videography competition is open to amateur photographers and videographers from around the world. The SEA 2005 competition brought in hundreds of entries from underwater photographers from as far away as Indonesia and South Africa.

The Northern California Underwater Photographic Society, the oldest and most prestigious underwater photography club in the United States, possibly the world, promotes conservationism and environmental protection through the membership’s shared passion in underwater photography and videography. NCUPS has been active since 1957, sponsoring educational events on both underwater photography and video while promoting awareness of the underwater environment and pertinent ecological issues.

Award sponsors of the SEA 2006 competition include scuba ecotourism resorts and travel agencies and scuba and photography equipment manufacturers, including, but not limited to, luxury live-aboards, such as the Pindito - Irian Jaya; the Nai’a - Fiji; the Kararu - Indonesia; Mike Ball Expeditions - Australia; and manufacturers Sandisk and Stormcase.

The Bob Commer Award, named in honor of a founding member of NCUPS and a pioneer in many aspects of underwater photography, held in conjunction with SEA 2006, is open to all photographers, including industry professionals. The winner of the Bob Commer Award receives \$500.00 and a handcrafted glass trophy of an underwater photographer. [www.ncups.org/commer.html](http://www.ncups.org/commer.html)

The SEA 2006 underwater photographic competition will issue awards for the best work in categories including Macro, Wide Angle, and Underwater California categories in digital and 35mm slide; a traditional print category; creative categories in print and digital; and a video category. New for 2006 is the Creative Digital category where entrants are encouraged to use any and all tools available to express their individual creativity.

Entries must be received by October 13, 2006. Winning entries will be announced on the NCUPS website in November 2006. Download Rules and Regulations, and the Entry Form from the NCUPS website <http://www.ncups.org>

## **undercurrent Dive News** **August 23, 2006**

**[On occasion, common sense needs to be reinforced – think safety; review your personal procedures, protocols and this article! ed]**

**Don’t Wear A Weight Belt:** At least when you’re walking around a dive boat An Undercurrent subscriber told us that she was at the Brac Reef Resort in March and “We were still at the dock and a sturdy young man donned his weight belt and simply got klutzy and fell in. He had

the presence of mind to shuck his belt and pulled himself out of 15 fsw. Later, a diver in his mid 50s, who had already shucked his fins, BCD, and tank but was still wearing his weight belt, walked to the stern, lost his balance, and fell in. He didn’t scream, he only yelped, and nobody noticed except me. He immediately surfaced (through forceful kicking) and grabbed the dive platform. Years ago, we were diving at Grand Turk and a diver handed up her BC but was still wearing her belt. She lost her hold on the ladder and began to sink. Smitty, the legendary Grand Turk divemaster (his BC is full of holes and just holds his tank; he uses rocks if he gets light), jumped in and pulled her to the surface. (A few years ago, Undercurrent reported the death of a diver who, wearing only his weight belt, fell off the boat and couldn’t release the buckle).

## **Red Granite Dive Report**

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Everyone present had a good time. Those not present missed a fun dive. As usual, there’s

lots of trash on the bottom. That issue will be par-



tially resolved September 16th. See calendar and related

story this issue. Howard found

communications, clothing, cash and fake cash. Afterwards everyone traveled to "The Cottage" located on the Mekan River. We grilled out and later with the river running cold, some decided to try tubing. Note Howard's river running attire... air temp's wonderful... river temp's similar to below the second thermocline at the quarry.



### Starting

September 11th. Contact Danny!

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### Calendar 2006

- Sep 11 — Underwater Hockey
  - Sep 13 — General Meeting - Kimm Stabelfeldt
  - Sep 16 — Red Granite CleanUp - Diver's Realm
  - Sep 27 — Board Meeting at the home of John and Ellen. You're invited to help chart the future of the Four Lakes SCUBA Club
  - Sep 30 — Wazee Cleanup Dive - Free entry to park - lunch provided
  - Oct 7 — Fall Picnic & Phoenix Party
  - Oct 11 — General Meeting - Rick Kruger
  - Oct 21 — 2nd Annual WUAA Conference  
[www.wuaa.org](http://www.wuaa.org)
- See text for additional dive shop events and trips.

### Our Four Lakes

*Second Edition*

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