



FEBRUARY 2009

Staten Island Sport Divers

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JOIN US for our

Next Meeting

Wednesday,
February 4, 2009
At 7:00pm
Ocean 3
2481 Richmond Road
www.ocean3.net

New members are
always welcome!

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January 2009 Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the January meeting of the Staten Island Sport Divers! Our special guest speaker was author Mike Monahan, who wrote the book Barracuda, a fictional story about a 20-foot creature of the same name.

Monahan, who is a retired NYPD detective, shared his advice about writing and publishing your own book. His book, which he autographed at the meeting, can be found on Amazon.com as well as for download on Kindle (the E-book reader.) Be sure to keep your eyes

open for the sequel Barracuda 2: The Return.

Also, just a reminder that it is the new year and club dues are due. The cost is \$40 for the year. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

The February 2009 meeting will be featuring a SISD favorite – Gary Gentile, who will be discussing local wreck dives. We look forward to seeing you there! Members \$10, Non-Members \$20 to defray costs.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

THE SISD WILL BE HOSTING A
FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE AT
EVERY MONTHLY MEETING.
PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS
POSSIBLE TO HELP THOSE IN
NEED.

Announcements

The April 2009 meeting will be lead by the FDNY CPR Training Unit, who will be coming to teach a non-certifying CPR class. We need a headcount for this free class, so please email us if you plan on attending.

2009

Calendar of Events

February – Gary Gentile
March – John & Anita Ares
April – CPR Workshop

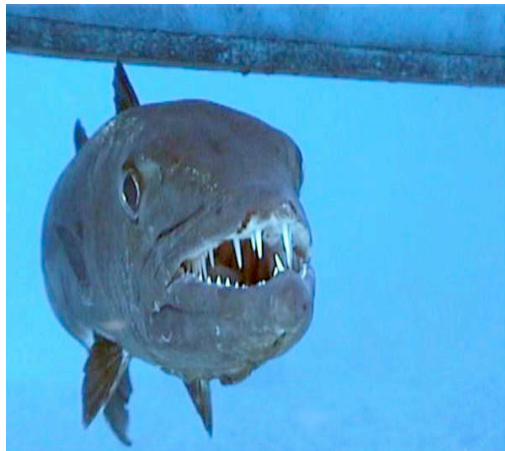
TAKE NOTE!

Please note that our new meeting place is Ocean 3, which is located at 2481 Richmond Road. If you need directions, you can call the restaurant directly at 718-979-5100 or visit their webpage at www.ocean3.net. Please note that if you Google the restaurant, the address is listed at Richmond Avenue. This is an error. The restaurant is on Richmond Road, just south of New Dorp Lane.

FOR DIVE NEWS,
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Barracuda by Mike Monahan

Mike Monahan, who began diving as a hobby, started the NY Finest Divers in 1989. While diving, he wrote stories for non-divers, so they'd be able to experience the adventure and thrill that divers felt. The book Barracuda was written based on the photo (the cover photo.) It was written in December of 2007 and self-published. If you have read the book, Monahan asks a favor of you – please post a review on Amazon.com to help others seeking a good read!



PADI Advanced Open Water Dive Course

Looking for something dive related to do during these cold Winter months? Why not check out PADI's Advanced Open Water Course, which is being offered online. Check out their elearning webpage at padi.com/elearning or contact your local PADI Dive Center to get started!

Garloo Dive Schedule-

OCEANBLUE, SISD &
SEA GYPSIES

June 14 – San Diego
August 23 – Oregon
September 6 – San Diego
September 20 – Oregon
October – San Diego (Date TBA)

All dives are to be booked directly through Captain Hank Garvin.
<http://www.garlooent.com/>

Find us on Facebook!

The SISD are now a part of the ever-growing Facebook world. Search for us using the name "StatenIsland SportDivers" (note the spacing- that is not an error) and keep your eyes open for postings and messages from members. If you are already on our mailing list, check your email for a request to join the page.

Tank Service

Need info on servicing your tanks? Check out
www.scubatanks.us



Reminder:
**Club dues are \$40
for the year.**
**Please see our
webpage for
details.**

Club Email:
**[Sisportdivers@
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Club Webpage:
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SISD Photo News

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**FEBRUARY
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Your monthly Underwater Photography News page, featuring the following topics:

New York Underwater Photographer Society (NYUPS) News

New & Interesting Equipment

Photography Techniques

Resource of the Month

Please contact John Ares at John@johnaresphotographic.com or Sara at SISportdivers@yahoo.com if you have anything you'd like to contribute, or any topics you'd like to see addressed in this column.

NY Underwater

Photographer Society

(NYUPS) www.nyups.org

TUESDAY Feb 3 @ 7:00pm

**at Arctica Bar & Grill, 384 3rd Ave
NYC**

Meeting Topic: Editing still Photos using Photoshop vs Lightroom

NYUPS member John Ares will be presenting two approaches to editing using Adobe products

We will look at the differences and speed of Adobe Photoshop Lightroom with respect to "One-stop-shopping" as opposed to the battleship of editing power in Adobe Photoshop CS4 and Photoshop Elements. We will also touch on simple retouching tools and B&W conversion. **Bring a laptop if you want to follow along.**

The January meeting featured Ron Chau and showed us **Video editing techniques for Windows using SONY Vegas software.**

Techniques

Focus point selection

Most SLR cameras, film and digital, and some point-and-shoots, have some means to detect where you want the camera to focus. For MOST but not all underwater situations, you will want to use the **CENTER FOCUS POINT**, especially for macro. This will assure that the camera will not be fooled by distractions. Example: shooting a shrimp on an anemone. With the focus point on the shrimp, the camera will not focus on the waving tentacles that could be closer and throw you main subject hopelessly out of focus. See your camera manual if you are not familiar with this adjustment.

Equipment

UNDERWATER - Check out the latest from friend and Ikelite dealer Dave Haas at: <http://www.ikelite.com/blog/0blog.html>

Dave has pix featured from a recent Cayman trip plus results from someone that just got a new Canon XSi and an Ike Housing. The Ike Blog has blurbs on new point and shoot housings as well.

SURFACE - Friday, December 5, 2008
DIGITAL CAMERAS

Nikon D3X 24.5-megapixel digital SLR announced

<http://blogs.zdnet.com/digitalcameras/?p=370&tag=nl.e505>

Nikon has finally announced its **new 24.5-megapixel D3X dSLR**, according to Digital Cameras blogger **Janice Chen**. Priced at a cool eight grand, the professional shooter replaces the Nikon D3 at the top of the Nikon dSLR lineup.

You may not care about buying an \$8000 camera, but the features will begin to trickle down in the next couple of years to lower priced models.

Resource of the Month

[HTTP://WWW.ALEXKIRKBRIDE.COM/](http://www.alexkirkbride.com/)

**SEE HIS STUFF AND WEEP.
HIGHLY ORIGINAL.**

Club Watch!

Keep your eyes open for any events of interest, and please let us know of anything that you think should be added!

Please email Sara at Sisportdivers@yahoo.com.

January 15, 2009 – 7pm

Oceanblue Divers – Opal Bar & Restaurant (251 E. 52nd Street) – Special guest speaker Marine Biologist Marianne McNamara. The topic of her presentation is “Everything you Never Knew about our Amazing Local Critters.” Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, games, etc. are being collected for club member Liz Murray who is in the hospital due to a bad accident. Acro-Tech Scuba will also be on hand selling gear at greatly discounted prices.

February 3, 2009 – 7pm

New York Underwater Photographic Society – Artica Bar & Grill (384 3rd Ave.) – Topic focus is using Photoshop & Workflow. *Please note that their regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month – the day before our meetings. All are invited to attend!*

February 11, 2009 – 7pm

New York City Sea Gypsies – Clancy’s (986 2nd Ave. btw. 51st & 52nd) – Special guest speakers John & Anita Ares

February 15, 2009 – 9am to 2pm

Ocean Wreck Divers Scuba Flea Market – Toms River Intermediate School North, located at 150 Intermediate North Way in Toms River, NJ 08753. Admission is \$5.

March 27-29, 2009

Beneath the Sea – Meadowlands Exposition Center. Check the webpage for details. <http://beneaththesea.org/> Look for club members & SISD Director of Photography John & Antia Ares on Saturday at 9am, where they will be doing a presentation on Silawesi.

The Offenders Dive Club Trips 2009

The Offenders Dive Club is a Pennsylvania based club. Below is a list of their upcoming dives. Please note that all weekend trips leave on the Friday and return on the Sunday.

May 1 to 3 - Cooper River, South Carolina – Shark tooth Dive!!!

June 12 to 13 - U-853

July 13 to 16 – North Carolina Wreck Search

Jul 25 to 26 – Summerville, WV

August 14 – The John Marvin

September 18 to 20 – St. Lawrence (Canada- Fresh Water)

October 2 to 4 – Mt. Storm, West Virginia

Visit their webpage at <http://www.offend-u.com/cms/> if you are interested in any of these dives and to view the complete schedule.