



Illinois Council of Skin and SCUBA Divers, Inc

is a state-wide coalition of skin and scuba diving clubs and individuals with interests in the sport of skin and/or scuba diving or interest in the prudent preservation and conservation of our marine environment.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

 Happy New Year to everyone. Wishing you all the healthiest and safest 2020!

Most of you know by now that Our World Underwater has been cancelled for this year, even though this would have been the 50th anniversary of the show. There is hope they will bring the show back next year. Go to: <http://ourworldunderwater.com/>

Our first meeting of 2020 will be Thursday, January 16 at 7:30 PM at Mr. Beef and Pizza, directions can be found on the last page of the newsletter,

Wishing You Safe Diving,
Chuck Miller

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WAVE film fest
a wave of change

Start your decade off with something different. Join us for the inaugural Wave Film Fest, where we'll take you below the water line in this new film festival on February 29. We created this experience for you and filled it with film screenings, Q&A panel sessions, roundtables, and an after party where great minds can connect.

As you may know, Our World Underwater 2020 has been cancelled according to the show website. Those of us who have been involved with the show as volunteers, presenters, and attendees are saddened by this news and hope the show will indeed return in 2021.

As we understand it, several presenters have booked flights to Chicago for the weekend of February 28-March 1. In an effort to still bring everyone together to celebrate the ocean, we are organizing an event called **Wave Film Festival**, a showcase of film and photography, and sponsored by Columbia College of Chicago and Microcosm Project.

Wave will take place **Saturday February 29th at Columbia College Chicago** (Downtown). The number and length of photography/film submissions will determine the format, so we ask that you respond as soon as possible with your interest.

ACTION: Please respond to this survey as soon as possible. If you would like to be a presenter, please submit **no later than Friday, January 31st:**

[Wave Film Festival Interest Survey](#)


Please be patient as we work out the fine details.

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2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

Meetings: Usually third Thursday of every month is the Illinois Council Business Meeting. Until further notice all will be held at Mr. Beef and Pizza in Mount Prospect. Exit I-90 (Northwest Tollway) at Elmhurst Road (Illinois 83) northbound. Go north 2 lights. Meetings begin promptly at **7:30 PM (Note time change)**. Directions can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

November* December*
*No meeting

 Any comments or items you would like to include in the next newsletter send to the editor, Pam Romund, 730 Creekside Dr. #210, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 or promund@gmail.com. Deadline is **February 1, 2020**.

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CHECK OUT THE POSTINGS PAGE

There are new postings – be sure to check them out. Visit: <http://www.illinoisclubcouncil.org/> and click to open the **POSTINGS** section on the left side. Be sure to also look for recent event photos, such as the Underwater Competition, Pumpkin Carving or Underwater Beach Clean-Up. Also posted there are our newsletters so if you want to revisit something you read in an earlier edition you can do so easily. There is also our up-to-date Calendar of Events so if you are planning to dive or otherwise participate in a Council activity you will always have the latest information at your fingertips. Check it out!

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ICSSD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

There was no meeting in November or December due to the holidays. Our next meeting will be held January 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM at Mr. Beef and Pizza. Directions ay be found on the last page of the newsletter

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The three articles below are reprinted from Undercurrent On-Line, January,, 2020

A MASSIVE GHOST FISHING NET

A massive net was found floating off the coast of the Cayman Islands in mid-December has trapped and killed hundreds of sharks and a host of other marine life that got caught in its embrace. Attempts by divers who spotted it to free trapped fish proved fruitless, and it was towed into Harbour House Marina, where it was subsequently lifted out of the water and disposed of.

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YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO DIVE.

Those oldies are still battling it out: Bill Lambert (Rockford, IL), now 99 years old, made a dive in Pearl Lake last September, in his quest to be the Guinness Book of Records' oldest diver . The official record is presently held by British veteran Ray Woolley who, at 96, dived this year to 140 feet deep on the wreck of the Zenobia, close to Larnaca in Cyprus where he now lives.

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WE'LL DRINK TO THAT!

At the height of the First World War, a German submarine stopped and sunk the Swedish steamer SS Kyros in the Baltic Sea, after allowing the crew to return home to neutral Sweden. The reason was because the ship was loaded with cognac and liqueur for Petrograd (modern-day St. Petersburg). In October of this year, Swedish and Icelandic salvage divers teamed up with MV Deepsea Worker to retrieve the cargo, and, recovered around 900 bottles of booze in good condition, resulting in some very happy Scandinavians.

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THANK YOU to the following businesses
for their support of the Illinois Council!

BELOW H20

554 S. Route 59
Naperville, IL 60540
630-820-2531

CHICAGOLAND SCUBA

890A South Rand Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047
847-540-7211

DIVE CHICAGO CHARTERS

586 E Waldron Dr
Chicago, IL
312-922-5090

DIVE RIGHT IN SCUBA

24222 W. Lockport St.
Plainfield, IL 60544
815-267-8400

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF DIVING

245 W. Roosevelt Road, Bldg 2 Ste 8
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-469-3483

PIRATE'S COVE DIVING

1103 West Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-482-1430

SCUBA SENSATIONS

2475 W. Pratt Blvd
Chicago, IL 60645
312-404-7785

BERRY DIVE CENTER

200 Northfield Road
Northfield, IL 60093
847-827-3100

DD DIVE SHOP

552 E. Northwest Hwy
Palatine, IL 60074
847-657-3483

DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER

9301 W. Ogden Avenue
Brookfield, IL 60513
708-442-4388

HAIGH QUARRY

2738 E 2000 North Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
815-939-7797

PEARL LAKE RESORT

Highway 251
South Beloit, IL 61080
815-389-1479

SCUBA EMPORIUM

16336 S. 104th Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60467
708-226-1614

TOUCAN DIVE CENTER

756 Frontage Road
Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-356-7826

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

611 N. Addison Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181
630-833-8383

COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

**Ongoing
Community
Service**

Toys for Tots – New Toys, non-violent, not gift wrapped and no stuffed animals
Council member clubs collect Toys for Tots throughout the year. We present them to the
U.S. Marine Reserve at the annual Presidents' Night Dinner. Ask your Membership bring a
new toy to an event – an easy way to collect a lot of toys for a worthy cause.

Pop-Top Pull Tab Collection

The clubs collect the pop-top pull tabs from aluminum cans. The tops are donated to the five Ronald
McDonald Houses in the Chicagoland area. The homes provide a supportive residence for families
while their child is being treated at a nearby hospital. The proceeds from the tabs go to the wish list
for the Houses.

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Check Out Our Website
www.illinoisscubacouncil.org

Directions

The next regular business meeting will be held **January 16, 2020** at **7:30 PM** at **Mr. Beef and Pizza**. Directions to Mr. Beef and Pizza: Exit I-90 (Northwest Tollway) at Elmhurst Road (Illinois 83) northbound. Go north 2 lights. Mr. Beef is located just north of the intersection of Algonquin Road and Elmhurst Road on the left side. Hope to see everyone there!