




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.

October, 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

 Thanks to everyone for participating in the annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving at Haigh Quarry. Many thanks to Atlantis Divers for hosting, an outstanding job.

Applications were distributed to member Clubs for the Diver, Club and Humanitarian of the Year awards. Who will be the big winners? Come out to PRESIDENTS' NIGHT on Saturday, October 19 to find out. Details are listed on page 4 of this newsletter. Hope to see you all in Elmhurst at Mack's

Wishing You Safe Diving, Chuck Miller

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Excerpted from Undercurrent On-Line, October, 2019

DYING CORAL CLOSES MUCH OF COZUMEL DIVING

Cozumel's reefs are under severe danger from the rapidly progressing white band disease, and beginning October 7, the southern part of the Cozumel Marine Park will be closed until further notice, seriously limiting where dive boats can go.

The closure has sparked tourism operators to protest outside the Cozumel offices of the National Protected Areas Commission (Conanp) in San Miguel, claiming that 500 families will lose their sole source of income

But in the mind of researchers and Conanp, the fast spreading disease is out of control, not only in Cozumel but throughout the Caribbean, and if something is not done quickly, most of the coral will be permanently destroyed in just a few years. This is not coral bleaching, from which many corals recovers, but a far more lethal disease

The areas where most diving in Cozumel occurs -- from Palancar Gardens (on Cozumel's southwest quadrant) to Maracaibo, and Playa Bosh in the extreme southeast (including dive sites like Colombia, Punta Sur, and Chun Chacab Reef) will be closed so government scientists may investigate the causes of 'white syndrome' affecting hard corals there and gauge the amount and effect of pollution, especially from the large hotels.

Local dive operators say they can visit Barracuda Reef on the extreme northwest coast and popular sites like the wreck of the C-53, Paraíso, Tormentos Reef, San Francisco Reef, Santa Rosa, El Cedral, and Punta Delila on the west coast . The harder to reach more northern and eastern sites -- from El Mirador on the exposed east coast to Baja de Molas at the most northerly point -- will be open, but these are best for experienced divers who can tolerate lengthy boat journeys in possibly rougher water and handle tough currents when they arise


If you have plans to go to Cozumel – or are considering it -- contact your dive operator for more information about where you can dive . Also keep in mind, that the disease has no park boundaries . Human activity seems to be the source, and we all have a responsibility to protect our reefs and our oceans . --

2019 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.

October* November 21 December*
 *No meeting

October 19 **PRESIDENTS; NIGHT** - Mack's Golden Pheasant Restaurant, 668 W. North Ave, Elmhurst Annual dinner and awards presented to the Club, Diver & Humanitarian of the Year. We will be collecting Toys for Tots to help ensure that underprivileged kids receive a toy for the Holidays. Fantastic raffle throughout the evening featuring trips, gear & more! This is always a fun evening and most go home with a prize!!

 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 **November 8, 2019**.

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CHECK OUT THE POSTINGS PAGE

There are new postings – be sure to check them out. Visit: <http://www.illinoisscubacouncil.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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

CLUBS AND PEOPLE PRESENT:

People	Clubs
*Chuck & *Margo Miller	Tritons, CASA, UASC
*Claire Gadbois	UASC, CSM, Atlantis
*Scott Reimer	UASC, CASA, Tritons, CSM

(Note: * denotes Board member.)

CLUBS NOT PRESENT: None.

NOTE:: This meeting was a teleconference.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Margo reported she had both trophies for engraving. Scott will check with CASA, UASC, and the Tritons about the awards applications. The online applications should be sent to Chuck's e-mail.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The cleanup dive was sparsely attended. People may have been spooked by the weather. Thanks to Chuck and Margo for the good food.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Claire Gadbois reported a balance of \$3558.21. There has been no activity since April. The bank requires all signees to the account to be present to update signatures. The bank also suggested that the Council have its State of Illinois papers on hand. Chuck said he would check with Dave Cohen about this. Margo told Claire she would have cleanup dive receipts as well as the P.O. box bill in the mail on Monday, September 23rd.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

PUMPKIN CARVING-----October 5, 2019, Haigh Quarry

Atlantis Divers will co-host.

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT DINNER-----October 19, Mack's Golden Pheasant

Chuck thanked Scott Reimer for his help with the tickets. Chuck said he would handle final details such as the menu with the restaurant. The board should be there about 4:30 p.m. to help set up. Toys for the Toys for Tots Foundation will also be collected.

BUDGET MEETING-----November 5, Mr. Beef and Pizza

UNDERWATER COMPETITION-----March 22, 2020, tentatively

Will be finalized after the budget meeting.

ELECTIONS: This is the slate of officers up for reelection:

President-----Chuck Miller

Vice President-----Margo Miller

Delegate-----Scott Reimer

Because there were no opponents running the slate was approved by acclamation.

DCA COMMITTEE

OWU: Chuck said he would try to get a booth at OWU, contingent upon cost.

CLUB REPORTS:

CASA:

12/13/2019-----Christmas Party at Fellini's, Golf Road east of Arlington Heights Road.

CSM:

October 21, 2019-----Show and Tell Atlantic Bar & Grill, 5062 N. Lincoln, Chicago 60625

Tritons:

Meetings 4th Tuesdays, 7:30pm, **(New Location)** Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Street, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines, IL.

September 28, 2019-----Chicago Maritime Museum

October 5, 2019-----Lake Geneva Dive

October 13, 2019-----Mini Golf

October 22, 2019-----Business Meeting

October 26, 2019-----Ghost Walk

November 2, 2019-----Ethnic Dinner

Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago:

Meetings on the last Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Chicago Maritime Society Headquarters, 1200 W. 35th St, Suite OE 5010, free parking in back, enter back door & down the stairs.

Special Thursday night charters for research purposes

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The two items below have been reprinted from Undercurrent On-Line, October, 2019

DAN FUND FOR CONCEPTION FAMILIES.

Divers Alert Network, in conjunction with a number of sponsors, including Undercurrent, has set up a relief fund to help the families of those who lost their lives in the tragic fire that destroyed *MV Conception* on September 2 . All donations are tax-deductible, and one hundred percent of all donations goes directly to the families in need . www.diversalertnetwork.org/TheConception

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SOME MACBOOK PROS BANNED ON FLIGHTS.

Apple says the battery in the 15-inch model (sold between September 2015 and February 2017) can overheat, potentially swelling or igniting . The FAA has banned them from carry-ons and checked luggage on U .S . airlines, including cargo carriers, and airlines flying to or from the U .S . To see if your laptop is affected, visit Apple's recall page for details .

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PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Cocktails (cash bar) 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM



Mack's Golden Pheasant Restaurant

668 W. North Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630)-279-8544

www.macksgoldenpheasant.com

- **A buffet-style dinner.** Package price \$35.
- **Awards for Diver, Club, and Humanitarian of the Year**
- **Giant Raffle!!** – Over One Hundred Prizes
- **Toys for Tots** – The Illinois Council supports this program. Please bring a toy to donate at the dinner. They should be unwrapped and non-violent. The Marines can no longer accept stuffed animals.

This is always a great, fun evening.

Your club reps have tickets.

Or you can mail a check made out to "ICSSD" to the Treasurer, Claire Gadbois, 2650 N. Lakeview, #2008, Chicago, IL 60614-1820. Tickets will be held at the door.

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 in November, This month please attend our annual **Presidents' Night Dinner on Saturday, October 19** at Mack's Golden Pheasant in Elmhurst. Full details can be found in the newsletter. See you there!