




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.

November/December, 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

 Thank you to all who attended the annual Presidents' Night dinner and bringing Toys for Tots. Beside the many winners of the raffle prizes, the big winners of the evening were:

- Club of the Year: Chicago SCUBA Meet-Up
- Humanitarian of the Year: Rich Schak (Tritons)
- Diver of the Year: Mary Schmitt (CASA)

This is the final newsletter of 2019. Since we don't have any meetings or events occurring in December we have decided to combine the November and December newsletters. And it will save the council a bit of money.

On behalf of the entire board we wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving and safe, happy and healthy Holidays!

Wishing You Safe Diving,
Chuck Miller

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Excerpted from Undercurrent On-Line, November, 2019

NEW FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS COMING FOR U.S. LIVEBOARDS

The U.S Coastguard is reviewing new safety regulations following the disastrous *Conception* fire, including eliminating double bunks where one occupant is against a cabin wall, making it difficult for that person to exit in an emergency. While current regulations require one crew member to be on night watch, this might be increased to two.

Ken Kollwitz, the owner of California's Channel Islands Adventure's *MV Magician*, said the single-bunk only rule would reduce the capacity of his 65-foot vessel from 20 to 14, with a resulting 20 percent increase in price. Requiring a two person night watch would also increase costs.

Kollwitz says that passengers may no longer bring hard dive cases aboard as they could block escape routes. Anything with a lithium battery must be stored in a fireproof container, and divers may not charge batteries between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.


The *MV Spectre*, which is based in Ventura, CA, will no longer make overnight trips. Its owner, Ted Cummings, said that divers "no longer feel comfortable in a bunk room."

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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.

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 **January 3, 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 October due to the annual Presidents’ Night festivities. 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 following three articles are reprinted from Undercurrent On-Line, November, 2019

A PILL TO TREAT THE BENDS?

The U.S. . Navy has announced it’s researching the possibility that the common malaria prophylaxis, the antibiotic Doxycycline, may work as a treatment for decompression sickness, preventing severe effects. Studies are just beginning.

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MORE FULL-FACE SNORKELING MASK BANS

The *Pride of Maui* joins a growing list of tour boat operators that have decided not to allow full-face snorkel masks on board while a state committee continues to study whether they may contribute to snorkeling deaths. In September, a 64-year-old Texas man drowned while using a full face mask in calm waters off Kaanapali Beach in Maui . In another incident in October, a 33-year-old Canadian man died while snorkeling with a full-face mask at Hanauma Bay.

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MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

Egypt’s tourism authority has announced that visiting divers will be instructed not to feed the fish, break coral, or throw garbage, food leftovers or chemicals into the sea, and they will strictly monitor the work of companies that organize dive tours. The Reef-World Foundations says that in its first year in Egypt it hopes to reach 30 operators, train 150 dive-guides, and through them, raise awareness of sustainability best practice among 30,000 tourists.

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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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News from ICSSD

The Illinois Council of SCUBA Diving Clubs

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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!