



Aquatic Voyagers Scuba Club

GRAND CENTRAL STATION, P.O. BOX 42, NY, NY 10163

Welcome one and all to AVSC's pre-dive season MEET & GREET social

We created this event to focus on another benefit of membership in AVSC. Not only do we enjoy the reputation of being a great NE dive club, we are also very much founded in the camaraderie that this sport fosters.

The event gives our current members an opportunity to mix and mingle after our short winter hiatus and it also gives new and interested folks a chance to see what we are all about. You may have been able to stop and chat at the BTS event or you might have just stopped by, we encourage you to come out and join us. There will be talk regarding our new dive season by our club dive coordinator and he has indicated that we are in for some great adventures. We also have great dive destinations planned for our members and friends on the calendar for 2006, 2007 and 2008. It's always been said, "AVSC is Ahead of the Tide".

To our current members we are asking that you bring a friend and a dish to share. To coordinate, please contact Ivan at bear.essentials@verizon.net.

To our new and interested invitees please bring yourself and a sense of expectation that you will be starting a relationship that I promise you will be very excited about.

The event will be held in Valley Stream, Long Island (Western LI) at 5pm. To RSVP contact Ivan at bear.essentials@verizon.net. For address and directions contact Annette at ameyers4scuba@hotmail.com.

AVSC Youth Program in Partnership with the Community

As a charter club of the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS), an important part of the AVSC's mission is to develop and provide educational experiences that enhance and promote awareness and appreciation of diving and the aquatic environment. The club has been active in providing avenues for youth to

Ready-Set-Get Wet!! Dive IN!

March 24-26 – Beneath The Sea Expo at the Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, NJ

April 15 – IRS Dive (Taxman Dive) Prep Time: 9am, High Tide 10:20am @ Beach 9th Street, Far Rockaway

April 15 – Meet and Greet, 5pm @ Valley Stream, NY (Western Long Island) location. Contact: ameyers4scuba for address and directions Food will be served.

All Are Welcomed!

April 22 – Discover Scuba for members and those interested in joining the club 11am – 3pm @ York College Pool

May 6 – Club Dive Gary's March at Coney Island, Brooklyn, Prep Time: 2:50pm, High Tide: 3:50pm

May 7 – Club Pool Check Out 2pm – 5pm @ York College

May 10-14 – NABS 2006 Southern Mini-Summit @ Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Hosted by Tampa Bay Aquanauts

May 20-21 – DUI Demo Weekend; AVSC campout @ Dutch Springs, PA Youth Program Raffle Drawing @ Dutch Springs, PA

June 17 – Club Meeting, 1pm, @ York College

July 8 – Club Dive Prep Time: 7pm, High Tide: 8:17pm @ Ponquogue Bridge, LI

June 24 – Club Night Dive Prep Time: 7pm, High Tide: 8:17pm @ Ponquogue Bridge, LI

July 15 – Club Family Day 11am @ Christopher Morely Park, Nassau, Long Island

July 23—Local Boat Dive on Jeannie II dive site: Pinta, 80ft, 6:30am departure Contact Steven to reserve your spot

For the complete club schedule and directions, the club calendar is posted on AVSC's website: www.avscdivers.org



AVSC Youth Program (continued)

explore and develop new skills through scuba. AVSC initiated programs in 2001 and 2002 in partnership with the St. Alban's Congregational Church and the Roy Wilkins recreational Center in Queens NY. Through their sponsorship and with the support of a grant from the NY Dept. of Youth and Community Development, AVSC dive instructors and dive masters were able to teach youth basic water skills and offer a six week scuba certification program.

For the past two summers, AVSC has partnered with the EXPLORE! Queens Bridge to Medicine program at York College to offer a two week summer enrichment program to provide students with new experiences in marine and environmental sciences, and introduce them to the fundamental scientific concepts and skills in the sport of scuba.

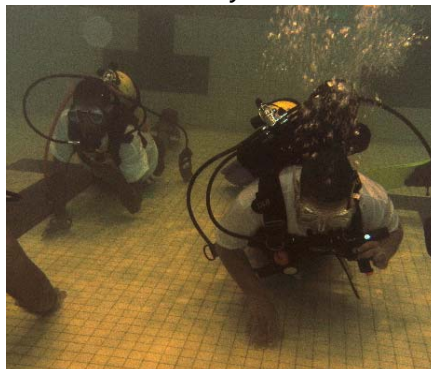
As part of the curriculum developed by the EXPLORE! co-directors and faculty, twenty students participated in a one-day "Discover Scuba" class taught by certified scuba instructors and dive masters at York College.



Students were introduced to the physics and chemistry concepts fundamental to scuba diving and experienced the use of underwater breathing apparatus during a two-hour pool session. A special "Discover Scuba" session was held for parents prior to the start of the program with great success.

The first week of the program focused on environmental science laboratory and field research led by Dr. Kabba Colley at Brookville Park and at York College. During the second week, the Aquatic Voyagers sponsored a visit to the Marine Sciences Research Center at Stony Brook University, where students learned about current research to protect the coastal environment of Long Island and NYC. The students accompanied researchers on the Seawolf, the university's laboratory at sea.

The program culminated with a weekend trip to Project Oceanology at the University of Connecticut, Avery Point. The weekend included fun, hands-on events and activities aimed at stimulating interest and awareness of the ocean environment, including a chance to check out a variety of marine



animals and utilize marine research instruments to sample the ocean waters and floor.

In the summer of 2006, AVSC hopes to expand our community outreach through the Roy Wilkins Recreational Center. Our goal is to raise awareness of the sport of diving and to increase understanding and appreciation of the underwater environment.

AVSC 2007 Club Trip AQUA CAT



Come with the Aquatic Voyagers and dive off of Aqua Cat, the Rolls Royce of liveaboards.

We set sail out of Nassau Bahamas from June 9th 2007 to June 16th 2007, from Saturday to Saturday. It takes us diving thru the Exuma Keys of the Bahamas for some of the most spectacular, exquisite and pristine diving a diver could ever want to see. Wrecks, walls, unspoiled lush and plush mountains and canyons of coral, drift dives, night dives; something for everyone.

For additional information contact Corey @ Cjoyner28@hotmail.com. Visit AVSC's on the web at www.avscdivers.org There you can get much more info on the Cat and the trip and see pictures and a video or have many of your other questions answered. Deposits are accepted now—payment schedule available.

So come on board and experience the majesty and beauty of diving in Exumas on board the Aqua Cat!

Communication!!

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AVSC Travel Log

Feeling the urge to get wet and become one with nature in some exotic locale? In addition to perusing your favorite scuba magazines and websites, you may want to check in with some of our well-traveled members.

Before heading down to the heavenly Bahamas, consult Corey Joyner, who can give you the inside scoop on both land and sea. Corey coordinated a fabulous trip for AVSC

members and friends on the live-aboard Aqua Cat last summer and is planning another live-aboard adventure next summer. Dreaming of more far away destinations? Corey has also experienced diving on the volcanic reefs and black sand beaches of the beautiful Hawaiian Islands.

Do you enjoy locales with a Latin flavor? Travel buddies Jimmy Moyan, John Hickey and Rudy Taylor favor getaways in sunny Santo Domingo, and recommend the Dominican Republic for a fun

and affordable dive vacation.

Ready for the "BIG TRIP" to the South Pacific? Chat with Annette Meyers about the trip of a lifetime to Malaysia with fellow NABS members, or ask Sujon Lowe to share his own wonderful underwater video of the Lowe's trip to Fiji and Palau.

Looking forward to hearing from Ivan Donovan about his trip to South Africa at our next AVSC get-together!

Kudos to.....

AVSC members who have recently advanced their dive training and skills by completing certification programs. We applaud you and encourage all members to continue their dive education.

AVSC members who have contributed their leadership, organizational skills and support to club activities throughout the year.

2005 Achievement Awards

IDC Staff

Advanced Open Water

Rescue Diver & Emergency First Responder

Enriched Air Diver

Open Water Diver

Open Water Diver, NABS 2005 Youth Summit

Gary Sullivan

Mel Betty

Traci Lennon

Ty Forte

Steven Miller

Andrea Marble

Naomi Wright

Carl Wright

George W. Ellis

David Hippolite

Monica Davis

Judy Berhannan

Annette Meyers

Samuel T. Skeete

Dorsey Hillard

Tameika Goode

Joel Briscoe

2005 Awards

Ivan Donovan

Corey Joyner

Judy Berhannan

Ty Forte

Sujon Low

Cynthia Taylor

Janet Simon

President/Leadership Award

Most Improved Diver Award

Club Advocate Award

Diver of the Year

Bulls-Eye Award

Special Award – Intro to Scuba

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2005 Service Awards

Judy Berhannan

Zelda Betty

Ty Forte

John W. Hickey, III

Margaret Low

Jimmy Moyan

Norman Berhannan

Reggie Callender

LeRoy Haynes

Corey Joyner

Sujon Low

Pat Rocourt

Mel Betty

Ivan Donovan

Pat Haynes

Traci Lennon

Steven Miller

Gary Sullivan

**AQUATIC VOYAGERS SCUBA CLUB (AVSC)
OF NEW YORK, INC. -NABS Affiliate Club
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
YEAR 2006**



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY CERTIFIED? YES ____ NO ____

SCUBA CERTIFICATION LEVEL: _____

CERTIFICATION AGENCY: _____

NUMBER AND TYPE OF DIVES LOGGED: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PROFESSION: _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF NABS? YES ____ NO ____ **NABS MEMBERSHIP #: _____

2006 DUES	
___ \$40 New Individual Membership	___ \$60 New Family Membership
___ \$30 Renew Individual Membership	___ \$50 Renew Family Membership
	___ \$30 Student Membership

*Please note that AVSC has created a 3 level membership status. Full Membership=a certified diver who has paid AVSC and NABS dues. Voting privileges are granted at the full membership level. Associate Membership=a non-certified diver who has paid AVSC and NABS dues. Voting privileges are not granted at this level. Supporter=a person who contributes \$40 or more to AVSC. This person may be a diver or non-diver.

Payment enclosed (check, money order made to cash), canceled check or money order receipt is proof of payment. For more information and where to send application, contact:

*Aquatic Voyagers Scuba Club
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**Final approval of AVSC application is contingent upon NABS membership application and dues submitted to NABS headquarters.

I _____, will support and promote The Aquatic Voyagers Scuba Club (AVSC) an affiliate of the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS).