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ABOUT THE COVERS

Michael Salvarezza and Christopher P. Weaver make up Eco-Photo Explorers, a New York-based organization formed in 1994 to help promote public interest in protecting the underwater environment through knowledge and awareness using underwater photography.

Synowiec has been involved in the diving industry since 1988 when he began as a stock boy for Michigan Underwater School of Diving. His talent for sales and his love for diving led him to where he is today – owner of Divers Incorporated in Ann Arbor, MI and Divers Incorporated-White Star, located at White Star Quarry, Gibsonburg, OH.

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Beneath the Sea Celebrates its 34th Anniversary on March 26-28 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, N.J. with a bevy of activities to mark this auspicious occasion. Join us as we celebrate 34 years of diving enthusiasm at the nation’s largest consumer dive show. By NEDN Staff

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You sank my battleship...and I’m ok with that! Many of the shipwrecks in the Northeast have found their final resting places beneath the waves as a result of tragic circumstances but the USS Algol went willingly and is now resting quietly, providing marine life a home and divers a new place to explore. By Michael Salvarezza and Christopher P. Weaver

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The Buckeye State has great inland diving opportunities, take it from a guy who was born and raised in Michigan, but does a good portion of his dives in the state of Ohio. Why? Because Ohio, especially northwest Ohio, has some of the best inland diving I have ever had the privilege to experience. In fact the diving is so good you might get used to seeing that “Welcome to the Buckeye State” sign. By Rich Synowiec

TROPICAL DESTINATIONS

30 The Lure of Sipadan Island
Dawn barely warmed the horizon as we rolled into the water and descended to the top of the wall on Sipadan Island. Almost immediately, they appeared out of the darkness, like a herd of buffalo galloping across the prairie…bumphead parrotfish on the move. By Sandy Sondrol
March brims with anticipation for the local diving season that is just around the corner. Spirits of even the hardiest of year-round Northern divers pick up as blustery winds blast away the last remnants of winter. Like birds gathering for seasonal migration, divers are flocking to dive shows from the Meadowlands of New Jersey to Milwaukee to meet buddies old and new, and to begin planning summer dives.

Planning is an important step now, and digging into the gear locker can soothe the itch to get wet. Check the hydrostatic testing dates stamped on tanks. Getting any that are out-of-date retested will take the longest time of maintenance tasks. What about your regulators? Looking good on the outside and functioning up to spec are two different things.

This piece of critical life support equipment is supposed to be serviced annually for a reason, and you don’t want to find out why while penetrating a wreck. Look over suits for holes or other wear. Squeeze into wetsuits to start stretching them back into shape.

Beyond gear maintenance there’s skill maintenance. Being comfortable and safe in the water takes time and energy. Are there courses that could help you get more out of diving? This may be the time to get that certification in nitrox, mixed gasses or intro to cave. If it’s been awhile since your last rescue diver course, sign up for a refresher. Some classes have pool sessions, which get you wet before captains put their boats back into the water. The more you anticipate the season’s what ifs the more you’ll grow as a diver.

At Northeast and Midwest Dive News we appreciate your support that is enabling us to grow as a forum for local diving and beyond. When we launched at Beneath The Sea we were met with a show floor filled with quizzical skeptical faces. Five years later, we’re catching up with friends at the show booth. Now make sure to drop by to tell us the stories and show us the pictures that you want to share through these pages with all your buddies in the region’s biggest dive club.
Midwest Dive News Wins Big at Our World-Underwater

Midwest Dive News, the Midwest’s only print and online dive magazine, recently attended Our World-Underwater in Chicago, the Midwest’s longest and oldest consumer dive show. The show was highly successful and well attended by consumers and vendors. The exhibit floor was crowded with attendees on Saturday and Sunday. The many vendors at the show were happy with the crowds and the positive, upbeat vibe of the show.

Midwest Dive News’ promotion at the show was a “fun-raiser” spin-to-win contest to benefit Diveheart, a Chicago, Ill.-based non profit that helps disabled people learn to scuba dive. We had a “wheel of fortune” that contestants could spin when they made a $5 donation to Diveheart. There was a great variety of prizes up for grabs, including Aeris Macro Fins, DUI Weight and Trim Systems, Aqua Lung products and the grand prize Aqua Lung Vyper 2 dive computer, and the Pinnacle Aquatics 3mm wetsuit. New subscriber Dan Ensing, Oak Forest, Ill., was surprised and happy to win the Aqua Lung dive computer, and Gary Stevens from Mokena, Ill won the wetsuit donated by Pinnacle Aquatics. In all, we raised $375 and sold nearly 75 subscriptions, besides handing out nearly 1,000 magazines. Dive News was also happy to co-host a disabled scuba symposium with Diveheart, the International Association for Handicapped Divers and Scuba Diving International-Technical Diving International.

In all, it was a fun and productive weekend for everyone.

Rick Stratton and Dan Ensing show off Dan’s new Aqua Lung Vyper 2 Dive Computer.

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DEAR BOB,

My photo in the December issue of Joe Romeiro and Briana Darcy was incorrectly credited. My picture is the one in which Darcy is in the water at the surface while shooting a photo during her first shark dive. The image of the blue shark was properly credited to Joe Romeiro.

Amanda Cotton
Hudson, Fla.

DEAR AMANDA,

Thank you for calling this to our attention. I got my start in journalism as a photographer and I’m a total nut about making sure photos are properly credited.

Safe diving,
Bob Sterner
The shop is located between two quarries about 45 miles north of Pittsburgh. Though out in the country, so to speak, Tyger said they draw divers from about a 150-mile radius, including Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburgh and Erie. But the best thing about being in business, according to Tyger, is having the water right outside the door. “It’s really helped, especially between that and having stuff in stock. People will come to dive and see something, hold it, and not have to look in a catalog to buy. That’s a big plus for everybody,” he said.

For more information you can contact B&B Diving Specialties at (724) 667-9448.

EARN AMA CREDITS AT DAN WORKSHOP

Attendees of the upcoming Divers Alert Network Diving Fatalities Workshop can now take away more than just information about the causes and prevention of diving fatalities. The fatalities workshop has been awarded accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education for CME credit, and those who attend and complete the two-and-a-half day program can earn up to 20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s). Hosted by the DAN research department, the workshop will be held April 8-10 at Durham, N.C. For info visit www.diversalertnetwork.org or call DAN Research at (919) 684-2948 x.260.

FREEDIVING CLASS IN FLORIDA

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FLORIDA SHOP HOSTS SUDS BENEFIT

Divers Discount, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., will host its second Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba Flea Market March 13-14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers from South Florida Divers Inc. will assist at the event to raise funds for disabled heroes. All proceeds go directly to SUDS, a non-profit group helping improve the lives of injured soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. For more info call (954) 761-1426

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Aggressor Fleet, Jean-Michel Cousteau’s Ocean Futures Society and Scuba Schools International are teaming up to offer a Reef Ambassador Certification. The specialty course is intended to build awareness of the importance of reefs in maintaining the health of the oceans. “Reef Ambassador is a collaborative effort to bring awareness to how we all play an important part in our oceans health and well being,” said Doug McNeese, SSI President and CEO. The course is currently offered aboard the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II and Cayman Aggressor IV, but it will soon be available to guests aboard other Aggressor yachts around the world. For information, call (800) 348-2628, or visit www.aggressor.com. Learn more about Ocean Futures Society at www.oceanfutures.org.
March 2: 6:30 p.m., Innerspace Explorers, at the Border Restaurant, Rocky Hill, Conn. Newly discovered shipwreck in Fishers Island Sound. www.innerspaceexplorers.org. Adam Cohen, asckarl@comcast.net

March 3: Free Pool Scuba Experience, 7:30-9 p.m., Skaneateles Community Center, Auburn, N.Y. Sponsored by Finger Lake Scuba, Auburn, N.Y. (800) 764-3483


March 4: Discover Scuba Class, 7:30 p.m., Ocean City Aquatic Center, Northfield, N.J. Call East Coast Diving Supply, Northfield, N.J., to sign up. (609) 646-5090.

March 6: Artificial Reef Association March Symposium at North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, 6-9 p.m. Call Discovering Diversity, Beaufort, N.C., to sign up. (252) 728-2265.


March 24: Finger Lake Scuba is the 19th hole at the United Way Indoor Golf Tournament at Holiday Inn, Auburn, N.Y., 1-9 p.m. Call Finger Lake Scuba for details, (800) 764-3483.

March 25: Seascapes Dive Club, 7 p.m. Syosset, N.Y. Info: 516-433-7757


April 11: Discover Scuba, free, Sunken Treasure Scuba, 664 Geiler Hollow Road, Jersey Shore, Pa. Call for information: (570) 398-1458.

FILM FESTIVAL MARKS A YEAR OF TRANSITION

for Boston Sea Rovers

It is an event steeped in 56 years of tradition, but this year’s Boston Sea Rovers’ film festival serves as a harbinger for a bigger and better 2011.

The Sea Rovers’ goal over the last 56 years has been to bring the “best and brightest talents of the ocean and diving community together for a weekend event focused on education, entertainment and enlightenment.” While the clinic’s format has been reinvented over the years, the club wanted an event that better serves its mission, answering the call to evolve as times change.

With that in mind, the film festival on March 6 will not only provide a fantastic night of entertainment for the diving community, it will serve as the backdrop to unveil the Sea Rovers’ plans for 2011 and beyond. Changes to the clinic’s location and format have been designed to please the diving public and supporters within the diving industry and it will all be revealed during the sold-out film festival.

The Simons IMAX Theater in Boston, the special venue for this year’s event, doesn’t have appropriate space for exhibitors. The group is focused on providing a new and improved venue for the 2011 clinic, which will feature improved exhibitor space, better access for exhibitor set up and more affordable accommodations. In addition, the new space will feature low-cost, or even free, parking, which organizers hope will help draw additional attendees and reduce exhibitor costs.

This year’s event will focus solely on the film festival, which is the stuff of legends. Oceanographer Dr. Sylvia Earle will be on hand. Other presenters include underwater cinematographer Michael Pitts, who will share footage from “Life,” the BBC’s latest national history series; filmmaker and explorer Wes Skiles who will share footage of cave expeditions; ocean activist Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of Jacques Yves Cousteau, with footage from his latest projects; and Dr. Greg Skomal, who will present results of his studies of the recently discovered great white shark population off Cape Cod. The evening will also include a reception after the show aboard the motor vessel Majesty, which will be moored alongside the Aquarium.

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2010 Film Festival Speakers:  

Dr. Sylvia Earle  
Called “Her Deepness” by the “New Yorker” and the “New York Times”, a “living legend” by the Library of Congress and “Hero for the Planet” by “Time” magazine, Earle is an oceanographer, explorer, author and lecturer with a deep commitment to research through personal exploration.

Earle has led more than 70 expeditions worldwide involving more than 6,000 hours underwater. She is president of Deep Search International and chair of the Advisory Council for the a Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies. She has authored more than 150 scientific, technical and popular publications, lectured in more than 60 countries and has appeared in hundreds of television productions.

Michael Pitts  
Regarded as one of Britain’s leading underwater cameramen, Michael Pitts specializes in filming underwater, but is equally happy shooting on the surface or from the air. Pitts has been awarded an Emmy for photography on two BBC landmark series: David Attenborough’s “Private Life of Plants” and “Blue Planet.”

Pitts has more than 20 years of experience making wildlife and science documentaries for the BBC and independent companies. He is HSE registered and holds all necessary qualifications and medical requirements to film underwater, and has trained in Trimix and Rebreather diving.

Philippe Cousteau  
Philippe Cousteau is the son of Jan and Philippe Cousteau Sr., and the grandson of Jacques Yves Cousteau. As a member of the legendary family, Philippe is continuing the work of his father through EarthEcho International, the non-profit organization he founded with his sister and mother and of which he serves as CEO. Philippe is also chief ocean correspondent for both the Animal Planet and Planet Green channels, where he works on various ocean and water-focused documentaries.

Wes Skiles  
Photographer Wes Skiles began learning his craft in one of the most demanding environments on earth – underwater caves. As a teenager, he explored Florida’s underwater labyrinths, capturing images of the unexplored realms. He developed and refined the technique for which he became known: using multiple slaved strobes to dramatically illuminate and photograph this underwater environment. Skiles works as a freelance photographer for “National Geographic” magazine, and his work has been featured in numerous diving publications.

Dr. Gregory Skomal  
Dr. Gregory Skomal is a marine biologist, underwater explorer, photographer, aquarist and author. He has been an avid scuba diver and underwater photographer since 1978. His research the last 25 years has focused on sharks. His most recent book is “The Shark Handbook.” In September, 2009, Skomal was the head biologist in charge of tracking and tagging a group of great white sharks congregating close to the islands off Chatham, Mass. He will share stills, film footage and data.
The Beneath The Sea Exposition is generally regarded as the kickoff for the local dive season, and is attended by thousands of Long Islanders who want to check out what is new in the industry, rub elbows with other members of the dive community, attend seminars, workshops, social events, and much, much more. In fact, even if you spent all three days at the event, it would be impossible see it all.

For us at the Long Island Divers Association, BTS holds many of the same attractions as it does for the rest of the dive community, especially the chance to reconnect with people that we may not have seen since last dive season, or even since last BTS. In past years, we have used the show as an opportunity to display artifacts our members have brought up from local wrecks and beaches, show videos and slide shows of local diving events, take reservations for the annual AquaWoman dive and maybe sign up a member or two. We also take the opportunity to distribute promotional material in support of all of our local dive boats, shops and clubs, who are the backbone of the local dive industry.

The 2010 Beneath The Sea Expo will find LIDA once again joining forces with groups that we have had the pleasure of working very closely with during the past year. Working alongside Aaron Hirsh from the graphic design company AEROX, LIDA, Cultural
Research Divers and the Historical Diving Society have created a 50 foot long multi-dimensional display that will be jam packed with local artifacts recovered by local divers, the Dreamland Bell, the pride of Coney Island, recovered by Gene Ritter and the CRD team, and a vintage dive gear display by Bob Rusnak and the Historical Diving Society, straight from the Long Island Maritime Museum in Sayville. Also featured in the HDS section of the display, visitors will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win a brand new Desco MK V diving helmet, valued at over $5000.00.

As if all of this were not exciting enough, our members will be featured in the Dive Voyager Productions video documentary “MK V Diving On The Black Warrior”, premiering Saturday morning. Dive Voyager Productions videographers Steve and Maureen Langevin and Bjoern Kils will also be presenting their video “Raising the Anchor of the Stolt Dagali” on Saturday afternoon. The Dive Voyager Productions crew has been incredibly strong supporters of LIDA and Northeast diving. They are frequent presenters at the Long Island Divers Association Film Festival, featuring fresh, contemporary documentaries on a wide array of topics of interest to all divers. All in all, this promises to be a very exciting weekend, the culmination of a year of very hard work for all of these organizations, and the start of a new year filled with lots of exciting new projects.

We would like to thank Zig and Joanne and the staff of BTS for their generosity and support, without which this success story would not be possible. See you at BTS!

Bill Pfeiffer is the President of the Long Island Divers Association and we at Northeast/Midwest Dive News count ourselves lucky to work with him (and LIDA).
Beneath the Sea Celebrates its 34th Anniversary on March 26-28, 2010 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center Secaucus, N.J.

Act I: Noon, Friday, March 26th ... Places everybody, Places ...

Beneath the Sea begins its 34th year focused on the local tech/wreck diving community by offering a seminar series with Divers Alert Network and Public Safety Diver that explores risk management for public safety teams. New technology and new information can minimize risk and keep teams safer and stronger, longer. These two Friday programs present the timeliest topics focused on public safety diving. Each is designed to keep you safer in the water while doing difficult jobs.

Technology, surface supply, incident command, physical fitness and communication each play an important role in maintaining the focus, fitness, and final success of the Public Safety Diver. On hand will be the top names from each of these business sectors, including Faith Ortins from Diving Unlimited International; John Hott, Ocean Technology Systems; Jon Jackson, a public safety diving veteran of the Charlotte Fire Department; Steve Orusa, field team manager from Chicago; John Carner, field expert from Ohio; and Jeff Snyder of Sea Visions. The DAN section of the Public Service Diving Friday explores controversies and trauma management.

Also on Friday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Beneath the Sea Ocean Pals, Marine Careers Day will host a series of lectures, discussions, and workshops explaining how to achieve success and a future in a marine career. The 2010 Marine Careers program is an opportunity to learn just what it will take for students to create a successful career in one of the many related marine fields. Here’s a preview of some of our outstanding speakers:

Dr. Phil Nuytten: Underwater technology inventor, author, publisher, manufacturer
Dr. Joe Maclnnis: Advisor to the Titanic Discovery teams, deep-sea explorer with James Cameron, author, Scientist
Dr. Eugenie Clark, World-class authority on sharks and shark behavior
Zale Parry: Instructor, environmentalist, actress, underwater photographer, author
James Caldwell: Navy diver who assessed atomic bomb tests, leader in underwater communications
Barbara “Bobbie” Scholley, Capt. (Ret.) and Nancy McGee: Women Divers Hall of Fame representatives
Jim Clark: Civil engineer designing and using underwater technology
Dr. Sylvia Earle: National Geographic explorer, former chief scientist of NOAA, 2009 TED winner
George Buckley: Assistant director, Harvard Extension School, and director of Marine Ecology Project, Bonaire, Netherlands, Antilles
Captain Donovan Withers: Assistant director of Maritime Technology at Kingsborough Community College
Keith Ellenbogen: Professor at Parson’s School of Design, Underwater Photographer, researcher of the endangered Atlantic Bluefin Tuna.
Throughout the day, workshops promote Marine Careers perspectives, as students are encouraged to learn by having fun. The fun comes when students participate in workshop activities that are also challenges to their skills and mental agilities:

- **Commercial Diving Simulation**: Lenny Spegeen of L.S.Industries and Silver Screen Marine simulates a mechanical construction project taken straight from the movie “Men of Honor”. Students will have an opportunity to do a valve assembly, bared-handed, wearing gloves, and then blindfolded, while being timed! And, then, the students will “dress up” in a commercial diving rig and practice doing an inspection along a mural of pier structure. Teams will compete for prizes!

- **Scholarship Tips**: Learn about the marine-related scholarships that are available and the requirements needed to apply; and, participate in an exercise to help guide you in writing your own application essay.

- **Marine Careers Exhibitors**: Our Marine Careers Exhibitors share great information about marine careers, internships, community activities, and academic opportunities. Speak directly with representatives from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Southampton College at Stony Brook, Kingsborough Community College, Seacamp Association, Maritime College SUNY, Barry University and University of Rhode Island Ocean Engineering and Oceanography Departments.

- **Marine Creatures Identification Competition**: Rogest will challenge your knowledge of marine creatures – hot competition, prizes, and lots of fun learning!

Six hours later the exhibition floor opens to those who have been attending the Public Service Divers conference and the public. Nearly 400 exhibitors fill the floor of the Meadowlands Exposition Center and spill into the entrance hallway until 9 p.m. Now go on over to the Tech/Wreck Party, it’s free with your ticket, and meet all those guys you dove with all summer, pounding off-shore in some six-pack, or in the luxury of a 36-foot cutter. Meet friends, share experiences or maybe find a new dive buddy. The party is a place to meet the Pioneers of Northeast
dive,
The Exhibit floor opens at 9 a.m. Vendors will be ready to tell you all about their product, services or destination. Speakers and workshops are in full swing in conference rooms scattered about the Meadowlands.

At 5 p.m. the Diver of the Year Awards Reception and Banquet begins. Industry leaders gather to honor those singled out for honor and recognition. The Women Diver’s Hall of Fame will introduce its inductees, and a tribute to the achievements of this year’s Legend of the Sea: Dr. Phil Nuytten will be showcased. Diver’s Alert Network and Rolex present their scholarship winners and the DAN/ROLEX award.

Following the awards Banquet, everyone heads across the hall to the International Film Festival, (part of your dinner ticket), this year hosted by Mike deCamp, filmmaker, reporter and humorist.

What a special film festival it will be this year: Stan Waterman and Leandro Blanco listen to “Voices,” then we see a rarely shown, so seldom seen, retrospective of the Williamson brothers underwater photography beginning in 1916 when they were the first to photograph Beneath the Sea.

Also featured will be Nancy McGee introducing the collaborative efforts of herself and Anna Deloach in the world premier of “Sensational Seas II,” Terry Maas’ “Last Sardine,” and Bill Fisher and Joe Romero take a stand for sharks in: “Death of a Deity,” while the illustrative Dr. Joe MacInnis takes us on a voyage with James Cameron.

Following the film festival, is the Cayman International Scuba Divers Hall of Fame decompression party, which is included in your dinner ticket. There you will meet the stars of the film festival as well as all the other VIP’s when everyone gathers to celebrate the hall of fame’s 10th Anniversary. Then we’ll all dance the night away.
Sunday is Ocean Pals Day at Beneath the Sea. Children under 12 accompanied by a parent admitted free. Ocean Pals will display the winning posters from this year’s poster contest: “Global Warming: Help Keep Our Oceans Cool.” Then, from 10 a.m. to mid-afternoon, Ocean Pals is having a daylong party and special program for children called “A Sea of Sweets Party.”

Ocean Pals is an environmental education-through-art program for the children of the world. To build their interest in oceans and the environment, Ocean Pals and Beneath the Sea conduct an international oceans environmental theme poster competition. The annual theme is presented in class study, then, with only their imagination as their guide, children create their impressions of this theme.

The theme this year is: Global Warming: Help Keep Our Oceans Cool. The children create insightful art and 12:30 p.m. Sunday is when they are presented with their awards. Ocean Pals also hosts the Sea of Sweets party with family fun stations where the whole families can paint each others faces, do arts and crafts, get tattoos, toss rings and compete at games. If that’s not enough, there will be singing, raffles, prizes given away, arts and crafts to learn.

The Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at Westchester Medical Center has been an important part of the Ocean Pals program for many years. Beneath the Sea is a “not-for-profit” public service, membership organization. Ocean Pals is a special project of Beneath the Sea.

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Although many of the shipwrecks in the Northeast have found their final resting places beneath the waves as a result of tragic circumstances, some have made their way to the bottom intentionally and are now resting quietly in the noble service of providing marine life and human beings with new reef environments to inhabit and explore.

The **USS Algol** is one such ship.

On Nov. 21, 1991, the **USS Algol** (AKA-54) became part of New Jersey’s artificial reef program. At 12:30 p.m. that day a series of explosive charges tore through her hull as if it were made of thin sheets of paper. Minutes later, the *Algol* was resting almost silently at 120 feet on the soft, sandy bottom 14 miles off of New Jersey’s Shark River Inlet. The serenity beneath the sea was disturbed for many hours by the sounds of belching air escaping from the holes and other cracks and crevices of her hull.

Launched and christened the *James Baines* on Feb. 17, 1943, in Oakland, Calif., and affectionately known as the Steamin’ Demon, she was converted months later on Dec. 3 to an auxiliary cargo attack vessel and renamed the **USS Algol**. With eight decks, 459 feet of hull and rising nearly 100 feet high, the *Algol* was truly a massive sight to see. Being well designed, she was able to carry a wide assortment of equipment such as tanks, trucks and other needed artillery hardware as well as to ferry troops to and from shore during amphibious beach assaults. This was accomplished by her 14 LCVP boats complete with two 30-caliber machine guns and eight LCM boats, which sported two 50-caliber machine guns. These landing craft were not going out unprotected! The *Algol* itself carried a wide array of armament, consisting of a five-inch mount, four double 40-millimeter mounts and six double 20-mm mounts.

After being fully commissioned on July 21, 1944, the *Algol* was hastily pressed into active duty. On Jan. 13, 1945, she successfully transported reinforcements for the 25th infantry division that was making an amphibious assault in the Lingayan Gulf. Sixteen days later, she was finally able to return to service somewhere in the Pacific, but on the way back, she ran aground off the coast of Japan on Aug. 26, 1945. She was salvaged and sent to New York where she spent the next four years as a target for training exercises.

On Nov. 21, 1991, she was finally put to rest as a new reef for the citizens of New Jersey and the many species of marine life that call the ocean home.
later, she was putting other U.S. troops ashore in the Zamabales of Luzon. The Algol also participated in and survived three amphibious invasions of Okinawa in April of 1945 without sustaining any damage to herself or loss of life.

After a brief rest and being inactive in November 1947, the Algol was once again thrust into harm’s way. This time the place was Korea, Aug. 30, 1950, and the task was to ferry vital supplies and personnel to awaiting U.S. Marine troops. She also took part in two more invasions. The first was at Inchon on Sept. 17, 1950, and the second at Wonsan in October. On Dec. 4, 1950, the Algol assisted in the evacuation of Chinnampo. Years later on Jan. 2, 1958, she was finally put to dry-dock and de-commissioned but not after receiving two World War II battle stars and five Korean War battle stars.

In 1983, the late Senator Edwin B. Forsythe petitioned the U.S. Maritime Administration for a surplus Liberty Ship to be used as part of New Jersey’s Artificial Reef Program. When no such ship was found, the USS Algol was substituted. The Algol was about to begin her final tour of duty.

The sinking was finally arranged for Nov. 21, 1991. The Steamin’ Demon was truly an unbeaten hero to many and scores of loyal crewmembers came from across the country to say their final goodbyes and witness the sinking of their ship as she began to proudly serve.
her final duty as a living artificial reef, a permanent home to local marine life.

As part of the artificial reef program, the Algol was cleaned of all pollutants and floatable material prior to its sinking. Portholes and other large objects were removed as well.

Seven months after the sinking, the Algol was still easily recognizable, sitting perfectly upright on the bottom. She lies in close proximity to several other prominent New Jersey shipwrecks, such as the Stolt D’Agali and the Coney Island. The Algol still appeared pretty much as it did when it was sunk, with little or no marine growth to disguise its features. Although still sterile, the Algol was just beginning to attract some aquatic life.

Today, the Algol’s superstructure has been completely covered with mussels and other shellfish, and schools of blackfish, bergall, Pollack and black sea bass are routinely spotted on the wreck. Macro Photographers have been delighted to spot several colorful nudibranchs on the forward boom control structure. Like all of the shipwrecks in these waters, the Algol’s exterior has also become covered with anenomes, shellfish and other various plants and animals, and a thriving fish haven has been created.
Divers who descend to the Algol will generally find visibility of 20 to 40 feet. Because the ship is intact, and sitting upright, navigation along its exterior is not difficult. Swimming along the main deck at a depth of 100 feet divers will pass over open cargo bays, past pieces of the ship’s superstructure and will notice various items such as gun turrets, winches, boom control structures and cable reels. For the more experienced diver, penetration is possible into the main superstructure and below decks. Because of the orientation of the wreck, and because of the preparation of the vessel for intentional sinking, navigation is relatively easy. However, penetration of any wreck requires specialized training and equipment.

In 1991, the Algol began the next phase of her distinguished career as part of the New Jersey Artificial Reef program. Today, this “intentional” shipwreck appears as any other shipwreck in these waters would: covered with marine growth and serving out the remainder of her existence in the seclusion of the ocean world. As a wreck, the Algol has plenty to offer. Divers new to wreck diving will enjoy seeing a recognizable shipwreck with all its features intact. More experienced divers can explore the deeper recesses with numerous interesting passageways, rooms and compartments. Photographers have many opportunities to photograph an intact wreck. People interested in studying the creation and development of marine habitats are able to witness the Algol’s transition from a military vessel to an artificial reef. The USS Algol, on final duty 14 miles off the coast of New Jersey, has truly become one of the area’s diving hotspots.

Michael Salvarezza and Christopher P. Weaver have documented a world of adventure topside and underwater through their Long Island, N.Y.-based business Eco-Photo Explorers. They are popular lecturers and their work has been published in leading diving and general interest magazines. Learn more at www.ecophotoexplorers.com.
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BOOK CHRONICLES 40 YEARS OF OW-U

Our World -Underwater has announced the release of a new book celebrating the popular dive show’s anniversary this year. “Forty Years of Our World-Underwater” chronicles four decades of this show with historic and recent pictures and text written by Cris Kohl, the Chicago-based author and Great Lakes historian. He also has served as a presenter at many of the shows. Proceeds from sales of the book will go to the non-profit Tim Early Foundation. For info visit www.ourworldunderwater.com.

MONEY, CNN FEATURE DIVEHEART

Diveheart is hoping a feature this month in “Money Magazine” and a segment on Cable News Network will increase awareness of its scuba therapy program, and spark interest in the sport of scuba diving around the world. “The angle is I left a successful career in the media to become a volunteer and pursue my passion for growing adaptive scuba diving around the world,” said Jim Elliott, Diveheart’s president and founder. The Downers Grove, Ill., organization helps individuals with disabilities and wounded veterans through scuba diving, which can help them improve their range of motion, circulation and self-esteem. It also aids children with autism, who benefit from the pressure aspect of the sport. Learn more at www.diveheart.org.

NY SHOW TO SPOTLIGHT REVOLUTIONARY DISCOVERY

The discovery of the Great Lakes’ oldest confirmed shipwreck – a British warship used in the American Revolution – will be the keynote presentation for the March 6 Great Lakes Underwater conference at SUNY Oswego, N.Y. Underwater explorer Jim Kennard will share the exciting story of how he and diving partner Dan Scoville located the HMS Ontario, considered an underwater “Holy Grail”. For information, call SUNY Oswego at (315) 312-3042, or visit www.oswegomaritime.org.

MARES RECALLS NEMO CONNECTOR.

The o-ring in Mares’ Nemo Quick Connector can fail and cause a slow leak of breathing gas through the Quick Connector. For this reason Mares is recalling the unit and advising divers to stop using the unit immediately. The company the gas leak “could require a diver to surface quickly and face possible risk of injury or running out of air.” The o-rings in some units may have been replaced in an earlier service campaign, but this recall requires replacing the entire metal quick connector female fitting at the end of the high pressure air hose that holds the o-ring. Contact an authorized Mares dealer / service center in your area to schedule the removal and substitution of the Nemo Air computer Quick Connector Assembly Female with the new Nemo Air computer Quick Connector Assembly Female. For detailed information visit www.mares.com.
By Scott Evans, NAUI Midwest Territory Representative

The Ohio region offers great opportunities for local diving. Area stores promote local diving and fund raising – all in one.

With numerous dive sites, including quarries, lakes and rivers, there are plenty of chances for divers to explore their own backyard; and many shops are using those local opportunities to get their customers diving. And as our current economic situation improves, shops are focusing efforts on goodwill and becoming part of the community. Several National Association of Underwater Instructors dive stores have been actively fundraising for the community.

Dale Kreiner, owner of Deep Six Specialists (NAUI Tec Facility) in Akron hosts an annual cookout and overnight dive at White Star Quarry, to be held July 17. Call (330) 724-8737 or email dale@deepsixspecialists.com.

Pirates Day, complete with treasure hunt prizes, raffle and food will be held Sept. 18 at Lake Anna in downtown Barberton. Proceeds from these events go to the Great Lakes Historical Society.

A little further south, Cincinnati Dive Center (NAUI Pro Platinum facility) owner Scottie Fahey hosts an annual event that raises money for a theater fund at area schools. “The previous owner of the store established this event and we have kept it going,” said Fahey. “We have a foundation that supports local school schools and many other great causes.” Contact Fahey at (513) 521-3483.

“Fundraiser events just make good sense. Divers get a chance to dive and help a local cause,” said Jeff Rice of Portage Quarry and Recreational Facility, near Bowling Green. Portage Quarry (NAUI Resort Location), one of the oldest continually operating quarries in Ohio, hosts Mid-Ohio Dive Club each September. The event is focused on getting handicapped people diving. “This is a great event,” said Rice. “Last year we were able to take a dozen handicapped divers diving. We have made the site handicapped accessible and our staff has the necessary experience to make their dives enjoyable.” Call (419) 352-9203 for information.

So as the season approaches and you begin to plan your local dives, consider participating in a good cause. To locate a NAUI facility in your area, visit www.naui.org.

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By Rich Synowiec

Funny thing, while I was born and raised in Michigan, I find that a good portion of dives I’ve logged is in the state of Ohio. Why Ohio? Well a couple of different answers come to mind but the easiest one is “convenience.” While I love diving shipwrecks in the Great Lakes and enjoy diving the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers, and I REALLY enjoy trips to exotic destinations I am sometimes privileged to take, I am not always able to get away to do that type of diving. Ohio, especially northwest Ohio, has some of the best inland diving I have ever had the privilege to experience.

Even after hundreds of dives in each of the quarries near my home, the convenience, excitement and comfort never seem to wear off. While it is easy to get friends and family excited about a “fabulous tropical getaway,” they sometimes look at you with disbelief when you tell them you are going diving in Ohio this weekend. Divers from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky regularly flock to the quarries in Ohio to practice, train, enjoy the social atmosphere, and most importantly keep active in between those “fabulous” adventures. I KNOW you want to join us so here’s a bit more about them.

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White Star Quarry Photo by Rich Synowiec
White Star Quarry, Gibsonburg

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White Star Quarry is part of an 800-acre park managed by the Sandusky County Park District. It is a fantastic inland dive site with a lot to offer experienced and novice divers. It is open from April 1 through Dec. 31 with some other weekends dedicated in the winter to ice diving. The visibility is typically “good” to “fantastic,” even with a lot of new divers training there. On weekends and Wednesday evenings in the summer there is a scuba concession on site that has air fills, nitrox fills and gear rentals. At any time the park is open divers can enter the water after filling out the “on-your-honor” fee envelopes available at the main dive entrances. Weekday diving has the best visibility on average.

The most unique feature in the bottom is a building that is a remnant of the dry days of the quarry. This concrete structure is one of the most fantastic underwater sites in any inland lake or quarry that I have ever seen. The “Crusher Pit,” as it is known, is an underwater building foundation that used to house the gravel crusher of the quarry. The basement of the pit is at a depth between 70 and 80 feet and has a spiral staircase, artifacts and machinery scattered on its bottom. This underwater room also has a tunnel, accessible by permit during the summer, which once was the path of the conveyor that passed the gravel through a block house out of the quarry. This 14-acre lake is filled with fish, underwater forests and more quarry remnants as well as some other items placed there just for divers. White Star has five sunken vessels, two vehicles, a trailer, a motorcycle and training platforms – lots of cool places to explore. Except for two spots with depths of more than 60 feet, most of the quarry has a bottomland averages 45 feet, making it perfect for novice to intermediate divers.

For the rest of the family, since White Star Quarry is part of White Star Park, hiking trails, a swim beach, children’s playgrounds, camping and picnic pavilions are all part of the park experience. There is lots of parking, a nearby campsite, picnic tables and lots for the outdoor enthusiast to explore.

Stairs underwater at White Star Quarry in Gibsonburg, Ohio. Photo by Glen Hall.
Gilboa Quarry, Gilboa

www.divegilboa.com

In 1991, Dan Diller had the fantastic idea of turning a little inland lake into a diving Mecca, and it was an instant hit. Its fantastic abundance of fish and the fact it is one of the deepest inland lakes in the area has made Gilboa Quarry a magnet for divers from around the country.

Today Gilboa is one of the most popular dive sites in Ohio. According to owner Mike Williams, more divers are drawn to Gilboa each year than all other Ohio quarries combined. Instructors from around the country go there to teach deep and technical diving courses because almost two-thirds of its bottomlands has depths over 120 feet, and some parts of the deep side reach nearly 140 feet. The wall at Gilboa Quarry is one of the coolest dives in Ohio and the water clarity is good most of the time.

On the shallow side of the quarry, Williams has put together an underwater maze of dive sites including one of the largest training platforms imaginable. In all, there is over 10,000-square-feet of topside and underwater platform. Within easy reach of the training platform are a number of underwater sites that are close together and easy to navigate. The crown jewel is a Gulfstream airplane on its gear that divers can explore inside and out. Along with the plane, divers can visit a school bus with clouds of fish, a helicopter, sailboat and lots of other underwater sites in depths ranging from 15 to 60 feet.

Among the aquatic creatures are paddle fish. These magnificent creatures are found in shallow water on the deeper side, so care and a briefing by Williams can make it an awesome diving experience.

Diver underwater at Gilboa Quarry in Ottawa, Ohio. Photo by Will Graham.
Portage Quarry, Bowling Green
www.portagequarry.com

Located just one mile south of Bowling Green in northwest Ohio, the Portage Quarry Recreation Club is a complete recreation facility that caters to divers and non-divers. Visiting divers can see some very cool underwater structures, wall diving and plenty of fish. The on-site dive shop includes tank rentals, nitrox fills, equipment, and PADI instruction. Annual events include the DAN barbecue, country blowout, Handicapped Scuba Association barbecue weekend, and International Legends of Diving. Recreation includes concerts, beach swimming and beach volleyball.

There are literally dozens of underwater attractions a diver can explore. I enjoy diving on the Hansa Jet, a sunken plane that is sitting on its gear complete with the forward sweeping wings. Another favorite is the silo, a remnant of the dry days of the quarry and one of the gathering places for hundreds of fish. All around the quarry are unique sites that have been placed by the Great Lakes Wrecking Crew, who are imaginative and creative in their underwater sites.

For topside recreation, there are convenient camp sites, swimming with a combed sand beach, sand volleyball and hydro bikes for rent. Portage Quarry is the home of the annual topside events including the July 4th BlowOut, and HotSand Volleyball tournament. The quarry is also close to the Slippery Elm Trail, which provides a relaxing opportunity for leisurely walking, jogging, biking, or roller blading if you want to get off the property for a while.
Circleville Twin Quarries 
www.twinquarries.com

The Circleville Twin Quarries (actually four quarries in all) were formed during the construction of the US-23 bypass around Circleville. The quarries are the remains of “borrow pits” for aggregate to build the railroad overpass, as well as road foundation material. These pits filled with water, and formed the small lakes on either side of the highway.

I know a number of people with whom I have dived frequent the twin quarries because of their convenience. I have not yet been there for diving. I got a lot of the information below from their website.

Three of the four quarries on the east side are part of the Circleville Twin Quarries site. Although only about 25 feet deep, the quarries offer an excellent area for training as well as gear checkout, or even just a day of splashing around. A dive shop offers air fills and sales.

The South Quarry has the most items submerged: a couple of buses, training platform, catamaran, plane, kayak, ambulance, bowling pins, a memorial to a fallen sheriff’s deputy and more. This body gets the most divers, and thus, visibility often suffers. The bluegill are numerous.

The North Quarry also has a bus and a few cars, and doesn’t get as much traffic so visibility is much better.

A small quarry to the east of the North Quarry is open to fishing. Camping sites are also provided in this area.

When asking my dive buddies about this quarry and the best time to dive there, they say when the freshwater jellyfish are there.
Typically found in the fall, these tiny creatures are fun to watch and difficult to photograph.

When you are trying to keep actively diving and want to avoid the problems associated with diving in the Great Lakes or when you are between dive trips, taking a trip to a quarry in Ohio can be a fun “mini vacation” for you, your dive buddies and families. The summer dive season is approaching quickly. Put an Ohio quarry on your schedule and see what inland diving is like! ■

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Dawn barely warmed the horizon as we rolled into the water and descended to the top of the wall on Sipadan Island. Almost immediately, they appeared out of the darkness, like a herd of buffalo galloping across the prairie...bumphead parrotfish on the move.

Bumpheads spend the night in the shallows and move into deeper water to feed at sunrise. Once they reach the wall, the herd breaks up and the hundreds of big fish head off, but for now the school moved along the top of the reef in an unending stream. I positioned myself ahead of the herd and was surrounded as they flowed by without even a glance. I lost count of the number of photos that I shot.

By sunrise, the show was over; the bumpheads had cascaded over the edge of the wall and disappeared into the depths. The morning brightened and as the divers broke into smaller groups, I watched a swirl of travelle jacks begin to work the area for breakfast. Beyond them, a large school of barracuda was visible, doing the same.

Sipadan Island lays about 10 miles off of the northwest coast of Malaysian Borneo. In order to reach it, we had traveled by air and road, but the final portion of the trip was by small boat, covering the final 10 miles to Mabul, Sipadan’s closest neighbor, and the location of the area’s dive resorts.

The island of Sipadan has no resorts, with only a small contingent of Malaysian military and a few marine park rangers living there. It once held multiple resorts, but they closed and moved to Mabul several years ago to conserve the pristine beauty and turtle nesting sites on Sipadan.

The Malaysian government actively works to conserve Sipadan and its surrounding waters. Dive operators must reserve space, by individual diver name, far in advance, and each diver must personally go ashore to check in each day before they dive.

Once in the water, it is clear that conservation efforts have paid off. Long visibility, high numbers of very large turtles plus the vast schools of fish intertwine for a breathtaking underwater experience. During the five days that we dived Sipadan, the scene seldom varied in the frequency and number of fish and critters.
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The walls there are truly vertical, many of them beginning only feet below the surface and dropping straight down beyond sight. Routinely, large turtles came up along the wall from deep below us, and leveled out near by before continuing up for a breath. There are very few predators and they seemed to mostly disregard us.

The northeast portion of the wall is the area known as “Barracuda Point.” It is there that we saw the bumpheads during that early morning dive, and also where most of the schooling travalle and barracuda are found. During the second day of diving, my dive buddy, Bill Sarro, swam right through the school of travalle, with them swirling around him. It made a great photo opportunity, and he said that the experience was breathtaking, looking from the inside out.

Like most of diveable Asia, Sipadan and Mabul are great spots for small creatures, as well. When you are not diving at Sipadan, the
sites around Mabul provide plenty of critters. Straight off shore from Borneo Divers resort is a steep mini wall that makes a great night dive. Every night brought stories of mandarin fish, and one of our group even shot rare video of their mating dance.

An afternoon drift dive along one of the walls near Mabul brought me face to face with a crocodile fish that seemed willing to pose for me as long as I stayed there.

Borneo Divers built their Mabul resort about six years ago; after the government had closed Sipadan and they had to move.

Even though Mabul is small enough that I could walk around the entire island in less than 30 minutes, there are four resorts, a village, a school and a regional police barracks located there. Everything edible, except fish, must be brought in from the mainland, 10 miles away, and garbage is shipped back the same way. However, it is notable that...
when Mabul Divers built the sanitation system for their resort, they made it large enough to handle the sanitation needs of the village, as well, and offer connections to the villagers at no cost. It is that sort of community awareness and ecologic concern that bodes well for the future of both Mabul and Sipadan.

Once back on Borneo, we still had a great adventure ahead. Our trip had been planned by Scuba Travel Ventures, a dive travel company based in San Diego. They strongly recommended that we spend some time during the trip experiencing Malaysia above the surface. This was my first trip to Malaysia, and there is much to see. In keeping with a theme of preservation and conservation, once dry, we spent the ensuing days exploring the Kinabatangan River and Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary.

The river is a wildlife preserve with a group of small eco-lodges. At the edge of the preserve, we were met by small boats and ferried up river several miles to Sukau River Lodge. Built along the bank, it permits access to the river and the surrounding wildlife preserve, the home to Proboscis and Leaf Monkeys, Civet Cats, Otters, Crocodiles and (although we didn’t get a chance to see them on this trip) Pygmy Elephants.

The wildlife is best seen by boat. During late afternoon and sunrise boat trips, we saw clans of the monkeys and a multitude of forest birds and smaller critters.

The proboscis monkeys were fascinating. Their distinctive noses give them both their name and gender identity. The males have noses that are wide and rounded, much like a stubby trunk, while the females’ noses are very pointed. They live in clans high in the trees, near the river bank and create a noisy backdrop both to the resort and on the boat trips.

We also spent a night at Sepilok Nature Resort, doing both night and daytime rainforest hikes and enjoying the beautiful
resort. The number of smaller creatures within the rainforest is fascinating, and hiking there after dark is truly an experience not to be missed. Our guide found everything from tree frogs to sleeping birds to reptiles to civet cats and shared a multitude of information about the eco-system of the rainforest.

The following morning we moved next door to the Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, where young orangutans are raised and integrated with older ones before moving into the sanctuary. Since orangutans are normally solitary creatures, the rehabilitation center is the only place that they can be seen and photographed in group settings, and with any predictability. We spent several hours with the orangutans, and it was really intriguing. Although they are fed by humans, the orangutans are free to roam at will, and several times individuals came up quite close to us, apparently just being curious.

Having been there once, do diving Sipadan and Mabul warrant a second trip? Absolutely yes! Now that I know what magnificent diving these islands offer, I know that a second trip will yield even more rewards. Plus, the array of fascinating opportunities draws me back to the land as well.

In fact, I leave in May of 2010 for my second trip. Besides diving Sipadan and Mabul, this next trip will include a trek to the top of Mount Kinabalu, the tallest peak in Southeast Asia. Stay tuned.

For more information, please see:
Scuba Travel Ventures
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A flashy way to dive

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Dive a compact BC

Mini-B takes a new approach to streamlining dive gear with its all-in-one buoyancy vest and regulator kit. Unlike most vests, the Mini-B mounts the scuba tank horizontally instead of vertically on the back, which it asserts is easier the back. Models are available to hold cylinders from 11 to 74 cubic feet of compressed air, enough for shallow excursions or short dives to deeper depths. Regulator and gauge hoses tuck away in a back-mounted rucksack that also contains the bladder and power inflator for buoyancy compensation. The unit is fitted with internal pockets for trim weights. Between uses all gear can stowed in the pack to ease storage and transportation. All components are mounted to backboard with a one-size-fits-all harness system. The company is offering a course in “micro diving” to acquaint consumers with its product. www.mini-b.com.

Apeks lightens up

Travelers facing weight restrictions will appreciate Apeks’ new Flight regulator. Said by the company to be the lightest reg in the world, the yoke valve version weighs in at 25 ounces and the DIN model, only 21 ounces. In water, the unit is nearly neutrally buoyant. Weight was cut by the use of high-tech polymers that are as rugged and corrosion resistant as they are light in weight. Yoke first stages were designed with a unique knob that does not extend outward as it is unscrewed. Keeping it flush maintains a compact size and minimize entanglements. The second stage is pneumatically balanced and small in size to minimize drag. Women’s models have slightly narrower mouthpieces to accommodate the smaller jaw structure of women. Pliable braided hoses are used for safety and practicality. Although flexible and lightweight, the hoses are twice as strong as conventional ones, Apeks says, and kink resistant. The company claims that air flow remains unobstructed even if the hose is knotted. Flight regulators are available in green/black, pewter/black and pink/black color combinations. www.AquaLung.com.

Poseidon grows in USA

Poseidon’s Discovery rebreather isn’t new, but its commitment to marketing the unit in the United States, Canada and Mexico is. The Swedish company began the year by establishing Poseidon Diving Systems Inc., with a warehouse at Woodlands, Texas, and a corporate office at Los Angeles. The move is intended to support customers and distributors in the Americas, and ease cooperation with training agencies and their instructors. The Discovery rebreather earned the Best of What’s New Award from “Popular Science” after it was introduced in November 2008, touted as the world’s first rebreather for recreational divers. Some 10,000 instructors worldwide have been certified on the unit. Poseidon hopes the expansion into American markets will further popularize the Discovery and other Poseidon products. www.poseidon.se.

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“Hammerhead” nails shark facts  
Of all the sharks in the sea, hammerheads have to be the strangest with their unique wide snouts. Learn why scientists feel the creatures developed this hammer formation and a myriad of facts about the species in “Hammerhead Sharks” by Alessandro de Maddalena and Alex “The Sharkman” Buttigieg. The 128-page book from Ireco Press is filled with color photos and black and white drawings of hammerheads that the authors have produced over decades of studying sharks. de Maddalena is president of the Italian Ichthyological Society and a member of the Mediterranean Shark Research Group. The book is a compendium of centuries of shark research by scientists around the world. Although the authors present information in scientific terms, they explain everything in laymen language that is easy to read yet highly informative. The text is bilingual (Italian and English). The foreword was written by Ron and Valerie Taylor, the Australian shark experts who helped produce classic films such as “Jaws” and “Blue Water, White Death.” The book can be ordered directly from the publisher, which is accessible through the author’s Web site.

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If your young guppies are becoming interested in scuba diving, consider getting “Scuba School.” The 50-page soft cover from Hameray is one of a series of books Elizabeth Cook wrote to draw interest to the sport among the younger generation. Its six chapters introduce readers to the Underwater Zoo of creatures and plants. They then progress through Classroom, Learning About Gear, More Things to Learn, First Open Water Dive and Earning the C-Card. The book closes with appendices on protecting the planet, fun facts, a glossary and an index. Cook says the text is aimed at third- through eighth-graders, although it seemed more fitting to the youngest readers of that age spread. She covers scuba basics, the fun and the hazards without getting too technical or scary. The layout is breezy, lending a fun mood to the contents. Adding to its sense of excitement are color images of underwater photographer Robert Yin.

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