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February/March 2016



EUC Winterfest

Skating at Colonel Sam Smith Park

Photo by Mike Yano
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DONT MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

2016 Membership Renewals due
Jan 1 2016



ACUC Open Water Diver
Starts March 3 2016. 7:00 PM



March Break Family Night
March 17 2016



Easter Daily Bread Food Bank
Sat March 26 2016



Niagara Divers Shipwreck Symposium
Sat April 9 2016



Scuba Swap
Sat April 23 2013



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Have any good stories that you would like to share? Send them in to euc_fins@euc.ca. Please do not email pictures. The Editor will provide you with Dropbox access to upload picture files.

Text submissions can be sent in Word, plain text or PDF format. JPEG is the preferred file format for pictures.

Note: Do not send or upload anything that you do not want to be published to the members of the Club.

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Any ideas for events or activities that you would like to see the club involved in? Let the Events Chair know.

Dale Johnson
Jennifer Bullock
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NOTICES...

IN A CLAMSHELL



OUC Annual General Meeting Summary

Highlights from Sun Feb 7 2016

- Ron Bogart of the Scarborough Underwater Club continues in his second year as President.
- Sasha Ilich of the Scarborough Underwater Club continues in his second year as Director of Communications.
- Heison Chak of the Ontario Underwater Explorers was appointed the new Director of Sport Safety.
- David Taylor continues as the Director of Finance.
- Ken Boyce continues as Regional Coordinator for Ontario Central West.

Congratulations and much success to everyone.



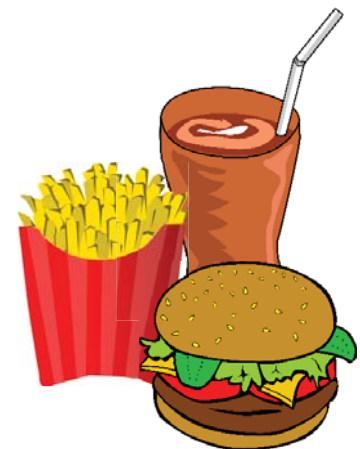
Membership Renewal Reminder

The Early Discount period is now expired. Renewal Form is at the end of the Newsletter. Remember if you renew online you still need to submit the signed Membership Form with initialed Informed Consent. Don't forget you will need your membership to be current in order to book dives or use scuba in the pool.

Good Eats

We will be looking for a new restaurant to quench our thirst after pool on Thursday nights. Stay tuned for updates.

Wally's Grill thanks us for our past patronage.



SHOUT OUTS

Many Happy March Returns to

David Ayres
Wesley Bibby
Alex Stafrace
Boza Andric



If we miss yours, click euc_fins@euc.ca to add yourself to the Birthday List.

TRAINING

OW DIVER REG

OPEN WATER DIVER

When: March 3 2016
Time: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

The 2016 Spring Open Water course is just starting.

As well, we are offering Pool Refreshers to club and non club members, if you have not been wet for 6+ months, come and get a refresher with an instructor. Club members are encouraged to utilize the pool to practice your skills!!

If you have any interest in a particular course, please contact the Training Director (Ron) and we will try to put it together.

Non-card issuing workshop suggestions are most welcome, please send them along.

Please register online for any of these courses in order to ensure that sufficient course materials have been ordered and so that courses are not cancelled due to lack of interest.

Click here to register:

NOTE: Our website is undergoing upgrades.

SCUBA COURSES Reg

TRAINING REGISTRATION

Upcoming Courses and dates:

Spring 2016
To be scheduled
DAN DEMP course



ACUC Rescue Diver

Pool Session Dates:
Thursday March 10, 24, 31 2016
Pool Times: 2030 - 2230
Rescue Checkout Sat Jun 4

ACUC Open Water Diver

Thu March 3 2016
10 weeks 1900 - 2130

Buoyancy Clinic for Open Water students

Thu May 26 2016
1930 - 2200

EUC CHECKOUT WEEKEND

June 4 - 5 2016
Location Windmill Point Park

Ron Seidl
Training Director EUC
euc_training@euc.ca

CREATURE FEATURE...Manatee

Mary Margaret Maguire



Scientific Name: *Trichechus manatus*

Lower Classification: The West Indian Manatee (also known as sea cow) is the largest (13 feet long), weighing more than 2,000 lbs + (adult) is the last remaining member of the Class: Sirenia. Baby Manatees, when born, can weigh up to 66 lbs. Manatees have a prehensile upper lip, which they use to gather food and eat as well as using it for social interaction and communication.

They are mostly herbivorous, chewing plants with poorly differentiated teeth and plate. Their snouts are shorter than their sirenian cousins, the Dugong (Australia). They have widely spaced, round eyes. They have paddle-shaped tails, which are different from the fluke tails (like a whale) of their Dugong cousins.

Females have two teats, under their flippers, to feed their young. Manatees are mostly solitary creatures except for nursing mothers and breeding adults. Manatees have a hide and toenails, like their distant relative, the elephant. They use their fins (flippers) to walk along the bottom, hold their young and gather food. They use their tails to swim. They spend most of their time in river estuaries and when ocean temperatures drop below 68 degrees, they move to fresh water springs and power stations where the water is warmer. The major threat to Manatee survival is man, or human related activities, like boating, fishing, habitat destruction and pollution.

CLUB EVENTS...



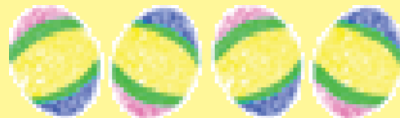
Join us for FAMILY NIGHT on March 17!

Take a March break with the kids & join us for a splash.

8:30 - 9:30 PM
swim



Daily Bread
Food Bank



Lend a helping hand for the Easter Food Bank. The event will take place on Sat Mar 26 2016 at 9:00 AM until 12pm at 191 New Toronto St. Meet up in the parking lot.

Everyone is invited to participate in this worthwhile community event. The Food Bank will give out community volunteer hour forms to those who require it for school purposes.

Thanks,
Kenneth, Community Events Coordinator

Spring Community Clean-up

Coming soon....annual EUC shoreline cleanup in a park near you.

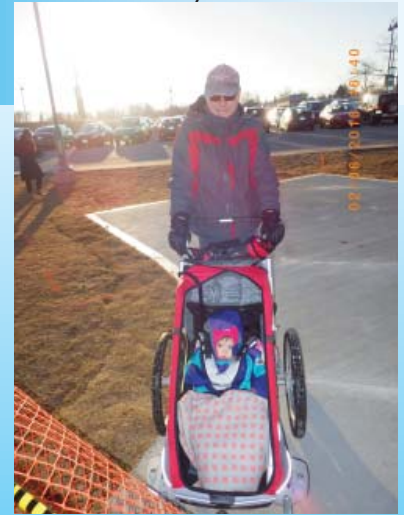
Contact Ken to participate.

Kenneth Boyce,
Community Events Coordinator



SUC Winterfest

Photos courtesy Mike Yano



TRY SCUBA

Photos courtesy Mike Yano



WHAT'S ON?

A FULL DAY SYMPOSIUM ON SHIPWRECKS



Saturday, April 9 2016
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Centennial Secondary School
240 Thorold Road, Welland, Ontario

NOTE: \$5.00 early registration discount if you register on-line or postmarked by March 9th.

Speakers & Presentations

Jill Heinerth:
Master of Ceremonies & Story
Teller

Eric Seals:
Graveyard of the Great Lakes:
A Shipwreck Hunter's Quest to
Discover the Past

Scott Stitt:
Clandestine Dives on the Wrecks
of the "Hamilton and Scourge"

David Trotter:
Ghost Ship of the White Hurricane
(THE 30 YEAR SEARCH)

Mike Fletcher:
A Promise Made Dennis Hale
and his ship The Daniel J. Morrell



Tom Kowalczyk:
Discovery of the "Argo" – The
Great Lakes' Top Environmental
Hazard

Valerie Van Heest:
Fatal Crossing – The Mysterious
Disappearance of NWA Flight 2501

Cris Kohl and Joan Forsberg:
The Wreck of the Griffon - The
Greatest Mystery of the Great
Lakes

Tickets

\$49 up to March 9 2016
\$54 after March 9 2016
(Lunch & Refreshments Included)
on-line registration available
For More Information Please Visit

<http://www.niagaradivers.com/shipwrecks/sw2016/sw2016index.html>

Latest Updates

Shipwrecks/2016 commemorative
clothing is now available online.
Ordering online gives you a greater
selection of product and colours
while allowing us to limit our
inventory the day of the show.

the 24rd Annual

SCUBA SWAP



KEEP CALM AND SWAP ON

NOTE this year's location at the Argonaut Rowing Club!

SCUBA SWAP & SALE



www.scubaswap.org

Ontario Underwater Explorers Scuba Club's 24th Annual **SCUBA SWAP & SALE**

USED & NEW SCUBA GEAR

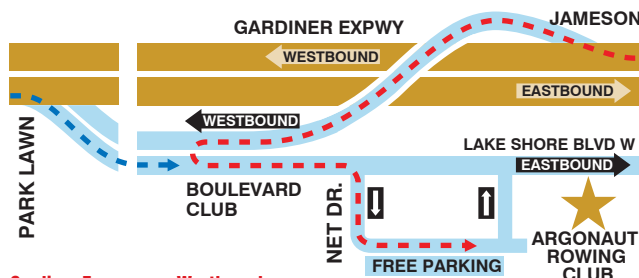
- Dive Shops and Services
- Incredible Bargains
- Cool Prizes to be Won!



Children under 12 free when accompanied by adult

Gear Registration and Drop Off:
Friday, April 22
6 pm - 9 pm

Saturday, April 23, 2016 • 9 am - 3 pm
Argonaut Rowing Club, 1225 Lake Shore Blvd West, Toronto



Gardiner Expressway Westbound:

Exit at Jameson, go Westbound on Lake Shore Blvd. Make U turn opposite the entrance to Boulevard Club. Proceed Eastbound, keep in the right lane - 1st traffic light is Net Dr.

Gardiner Expressway Eastbound: Exit at Lake Shore Blvd right after Park Lawn, follow instructions for Lake Shore Blvd Eastbound.

Lake Shore Blvd Eastbound: Proceed carefully after Parkside, keep in the right lane - Net Dr. is 2nd traffic light after Parkside.

Details and alternate routes: www.scubaswap.org



About Ontario Underwater Explorers

The OUE scuba club has been run by volunteers since 1965. We've been hosting a yearly Scuba Swap and Sale since 1992.

During the year we plan an extensive dive schedule - favourite dive sites in Ontario, Quebec, U.S., as well as lesser known gems. Diving together, we rely on each other and learn from our buddies - we find it the best way to gain confidence in diving, while having a lot of fun!

For the ones interested in training, the club can arrange various courses — without any pressure to buy goods or services. Thursday nights are pool nights — in the 16ft. deep end of the Etobicoke Olympium pool. Drop by: check www.ouescuba.com for times and other information, or contact us at info@ouescuba.com.

OUE membership includes the membership in Ontario Underwater Council (www.underwatercouncil.com) as well as discounts at select local dive stores.

EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3 Club Pool Night OW Course	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Club Pool Night OW Course ACUC Rescue Diver course	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Family Night Albion Pool	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Club Pool Night OW Course ACUC Rescue Diver course	25	26 Easter Food Bank	27
28	29	30	31 Club Pool Night OW Course ACUC Rescue Diver course			

EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

April 2016

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25	26	27	28 Club Pool Night Albion Pool OW Course	29	30	

Schedule is subject to change and is correct as of Jan 1 2016

Annual Physical Condition Checklist

If any of the following apply to you, please check:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Headaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Trouble |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Coughs | <input type="checkbox"/> Claustrophobia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Frequent Colds | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness or Fainting | <input type="checkbox"/> Operation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohollic Addiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Serious Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalized | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Sickness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies to Drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumothorax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Medication | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glasses / Contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sinus Trouble | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ear Trouble | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hay Fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Tranquilizers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chest Pains | |

If you checked any of the above, please explain: _____

Any Serious injury or accident, or illness not mentioned above, please explain: _____

Date of last medical examination: _____

Are you registered with Medic Alert, please specify: _____

Waiver, Liability Release & Statement of Understanding

Initial each statement of understanding & sign at the end.
Parent or guardian must initial each statement as well as the member, if the member is under 18 years of age.

Insurance Waiver

(The specifics of the Liability Insurance Policy is posted on the EUC website for review.)

I, _____ understand that the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC.'s Liability Insurance Policy has specific Requirements for supervision, recreational & certification limits, as outlined in the Club Policy Manual, which must be met in order for coverage to apply to Club sanctioned events.

I acknowledge that if at any time, I do not dive according to these Requirements, I am not included in the sanctioned event or covered by the Liability Insurance Policy & I am diving at my own risk.

Statement of Understanding

_____ I acknowledge that SCUBA diving involves exposures to certain abnormal conditions: underwater submersion, changes in ambient pressure, changes in pressure of inhaled air & increased stress levels.

_____ I acknowledge that SCUBA diving involves more risk than ordinary swimming.

_____ I am aware that in some circumstances, participation could result in physical injury.

_____ I am in proper physical condition to participate in SCUBA diving activities.

_____ I understand that an annual physical examination is advisable when taking part in SCUBA related activities.

_____ I have completed the annual physical check list & understand that should my physical condition change, it is my responsibility to inform in writing, the Secretary of the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. of these changes.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to make the Convener of an event, Divermaster, Event Coordinator aware of any medical condition that might require special medication or treatment. Should a guest have special requirements, it is my responsibility, as their sponsor, to inform in writing, the Convener of these conditions.

_____ I acknowledge that solo diving in the pool or open water, is not sanctioned by the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. nor covered by the liability insurance carrier.

_____ I understand and give my permission to use my image for club purposes.

Liability Release

_____ I am hereby willing to assume the above mentioned risks of injury or health risks for myself & assume full responsibility during & after my participation in any ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. sanctioned activities & I therefore hereby release & forever discharge the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. & the ONTARIO UNDERWATER COUNCIL, their officers & any other organizers, sponsors, representatives, their agents & employees & any other person or organization assisting them in respect to any claims for damages or injuries suffered by me as a result of my participation in or traveling to or from any ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. sanctioned activities.

I declare that I have read, understood & agreed to the contents of this Membership Renewal Form.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____

Signature _____
Parent / Guardian (if individual is under 18 years of age)



www.euc.ca

2016

Membership Application &

Annual

Renewal Form

Return completed forms & applicable fees in person or mail.
Or make your payment online by Logging In to the website Membership section & return the completed form to:

Etobicoke Underwater Club
c/o Micheal Yano
43 Twelfth Street
Toronto, ON M8V 3G8

Local EUC phone number: 647-723-6382

EUC Member #: _____

Message from the Secretary

- Please fill out both sides of the following form **COMPLETELY** & return it to the Secretary along with your membership fee.
- Included in the form is a self sign medical. For your safety & that of the Club, we ask that all members complete the annual physical checklist.
- All members are asked to update their online profiles through the website. All information submitted is confidential & available only to the members of the Board on a need to know basis.
- Initial & sign the Waiver, Statement of Understanding & Liability Release.

Membership Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: MM / DD / YYYY

Check if you do wish to receive **FINS Below Newsletter** notification by email: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Relationship: _____ **Phone#:** () _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Certification Information

I hold the following certification:
(Please check the highest applicable box)

- Basic Open Water Diver
- Advanced Open Water Diver
- Rescue Water Diver
- Other _____

Professional level certifications:

- Divermaster
- Assistant Instructor
- Instructor
- Is your supervisor/teaching status active? Please provide proof of active status.
- Do you need a Proof of Insurance certificate?

List All Highest Level & Specialty Certifications

Agency	Level	C-Number

Additional Certifications

Description	Expiry Date
First Aid	
C.P.R	
O2 Provider	

Fee Schedule

Club Initiation fee
Payable by new members who were not originally trained & certified by EUC.

Regular Membership
Entitles you to all member privileges including mailings, voting rights, subsidized activities.

Family Membership
Entitles you to all Regular membership privileges minus paper mailings.

Associate Membership
For non-diving members that live a considerable distance (100+ km) from the Club for Club mailings only. No SCUBA diving or pool privileges. No OUC membership or Liability Insurance coverage.

Swimming Membership
Allows the use of the pool for swimming & snorkeling only. No SCUBA diving or other privileges with this membership.

Ontario Underwater Council Membership Fee
Mandatory. EUC is an OUC Member Club & complies with OUC regulations. EUC Club members are Blue OUC members.

Liability Insurance Fee
Mandatory. Club members are covered while engaged in sanctioned & supervised diving, training & non-diving activities.

OUC Gold Membership Upgrade
To upgrade your membership from the standard Blue OUC membership to the Gold OUC membership.

	Member Dues	OUC Fee	Insurance Premium	Sub Total	Fees
Initiation Fee (New Members)	\$0	-	-	\$0	
Regular (Principal) Member	\$83	\$20	\$20	\$123	
Regular Member early payment discount before Feb 1	(\$5)	-	-	(\$5)	
2nd Family Member	\$48	\$20	\$20	\$88	
Each additional Family Member	\$28	\$20	\$20	\$68	
Swimming Membership	\$38	\$20	\$20	\$78	
Associate Membership	\$35	-	-	\$35	
Life Membership (active)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Deductions / Additions					
OUC Life Member	-	(\$20)	-	(\$20)	
OUC Gold member upgrade	-	\$17	-	\$17	
				Total Monies Due:	
OFFICE USE	CASH \$	CHQ#			