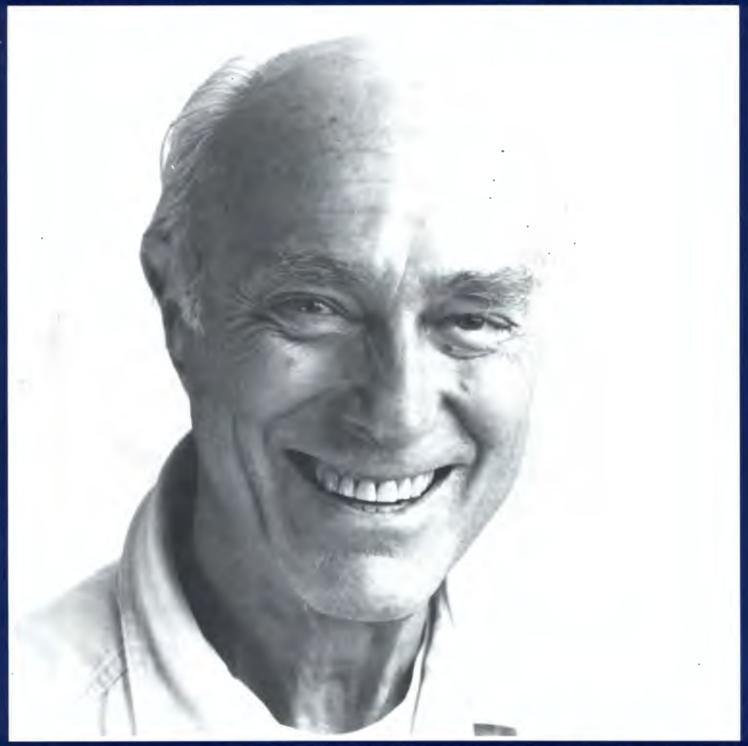
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# "I took one look and I was hooked."

In the past year Sub Aqua has brought you what we've been told are the finest interviews in dive journalism. One question we always ask is "Tell us about your first dive." Without exception, all the dive legends we interviewed, from André Galerne, to Evie Dudas, to Mel Fisher, to Stan Waterman, use virtually the same phrase: "I took one look and I was hooked."

And so it is with Sub Aqua readers. You are a highly visual group. You love looking at sea life, artifacts, dive hardware, historical documents, sunrises, and sunsets.

In this first issue of 1994 we celebrate a man whose name is synonymous with seeing underwater - the "cinematographer laureate" of diving, Stan Waterman. We also triangulate the continent to bring you images and stories from California, New England, Florida, and more. And, don't hold your breath, Bill Stone exhales his inspired thoughts on rebreathers.

We want to thank all our regular and new readers for helping make Sub Aqua the fastest growing and most enthusiastically read magazine on the dive scene.

When you ask divers about why they do it, they have a list of answers: "The freedom... the challenge... the camaraderie... the artifacts... the ocean." But deep inside every diver is that memory of the first glimpse through tempered glass... "I took one look, and I was hooked."

Joel D. Silverstein, Editor

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# Gilliam Joins Explorers Club

The internationally renowned Explorers Club has recently elected Captain Brett Gilliam as a member with additional honors as a Fellow National in recognition of his published works. Founded in 1906, the Explorers Club is dedicated to all the advancement of field research and scientific exploration and has sponsored

expeditions in all corners of the world.

Brett now joins the ranks of such adventurers as Sir Edmund Hillary, President Teddy Roosevelt, astronauts John Glenn and Scott Carpenter and diving luminaries Robert Ballard, Eugenie Clark, and Dr. Sylvia Earle.

Gilliam began diving in 1958 and has since logged over 13,000 dives around the world. He is a twenty-three year veteran of the diving industry, and a Licensed USCG Merchant Marine Master and a recompression chamber supervisor. Author of scores of articles and seven books on diving, he is also a contributing editor and photographer to eight diving magazines, including SUB AQUA.

Through his company, Ocean Tech, Brett provides services in the design and operation of high pressure air systems, recompression facilities, diving vessels as well as training in hyperbarics and technical diving. He is Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of NAUI and Vice President of IANTD.

### They Call Him Flipper

Remember that wonderful faithful and mischievious dolphin Flipper? He was probably the second most famous being other than Sea Hunt's Mike Nelson that encouraged your first diving desires. Well, he's on his way back into our hearts.

SUB AQUA talked with Metro-Goldwyn Studios who confirmed that the Lassie of the sea will be returning sometime next summer in a full length feature film.

The film is currently in production and is tentatively titled "Flipper - The Adventure of a Lifetime."

#### Spielberg - Style

Darwin the Dolphin, who talks through a voice synthesizer, is one of the stars of Steven Spielberg - produced "Sea Quest DSV," on NBC Sunday night television.

Sort of a cross between "Star Trek" and "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea," Sea Quest (DSV stands for Deep Submersible Vehicle) is finding popularity with its high tech look at next century ocean exploits.

Woods Hole research guru Bob Ballard is technical consultant on the show. So look for interesting bits of tech-lore.

Everyone's favorite shark hunting sheriff Roy Schieder, helms the squid-like sub, and



Roy Scheider @ NBC

you'll want to tune in to see just when he and the beautiful doctor (Stephanie Beecham, *Dynasty*) get together. Or is that Jean-Luc Picard and Dr. Crusher?

O.K. so you think "Lois and Clark" are adorable? Get a VCR. ■

#### **NEXT ISSUE**



You asked for it — an equipment issue. During the next six weeks SUB AQUA editors will be scouring the marketplace in search of the new hot stuff.

Our first stop will be the Tek Conference where we will explore high-tech gear for specialized diving. We will find the latest in full-face masks, underwater communications gear, heads-up digital displays and rebreathers, and report on them.

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## Today's The Day!

by Hank Garvin

A cold Sunday in November — we were on our way to the *Oregon* for the last time this season. The *Oregon* had been turning up all kinds of artifacts this year ever since a group of divers from Connecticut uncovered a spot this past March.

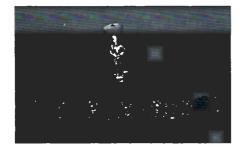
This spot became known as the Connecticut Hole. Each time we would go out this year I would find myself digging for goodies in the Connecticut Hole, so it only made sense that on this last dive we dig there.

I would be diving today with Captain Bielenda; he had not been to the famous spot yet. Captain Janet made Captain Phil's tie-in a cinch, just ten feet from the desired target. The boat was humming. Everyone wanted in fast to get their opportunity at digging. One team was even using a scooter to speed the process.

As Steve and I reached 80 fsw we just stopped and looked at the beautiful wreck. Visibility was over fifty feet — a scene not to be missed. From where we were almost the entire bow could be seen. I dropped down to the spot and started digging. Twenty five minutes later I was putting what felt to me like a little figure into my goodie bag. It turned out to be made of brass and as far as I can determine it is mounted on a piece of jade.

As I started to reach back into the hole, out of the corner of my eye I saw something sparkle. I stopped and picked it up. I knew instantly that this was a bracelet made of gold. Needless to say the water instantly felt much warmer. I completed the forty minute dive and started up. All I could think of throughout the hang was Mel Fisher's famous line... "Today's the day!"

The bracelet is being preserved now. Jewel experts have determined that the stones, each about 3/4 the size of a 25 cent piece are hand carved from jet and the ornate links are about 22 carat gold. Quite a valuable piece.



Eight divers went in first that day. Thousands over the years. I realized that it doesn't matter who gets there first. When you get lucky you get lucky — Today's the Day!

### Up the Downline by Michael Flynn

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#### MARCH

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Divers can select from over 50

seminars, by such speakers as Steve Bielenda, George Buckley, Gary Carvonneau, John Chatterton, Jerry Comeau, Cathie Cush, Evelyn Dudas, Pierre Henry Fontaine, Brett Gilliam, Ed Hernsdorff, Henry Keatts, Ken Loyst, Andy Martinez, Wes Pratt, Bill Quinn, Terry Rioux, Bradley Sheard, and Brian Skerry.

60 exhibits from manufacturers, dive travel agencies, dive clubs and charter services will be in the exhibition hall throughout the weekend. For more detailed training, workshops are offered on Basic and Advanced Photo Techniques, Nikonos First Aid, DAN Oxygen Administration, IANTD Nitrox Diver, Dry Suit Repair and Maintenance, Tank Inspections, and three different workshops on Mixed Gas and High-Tech Diving.

The Saturday Evening Film Festival will be hosted by Frank Scalli, and features such notable speakers and cinematographers as Nick Calyoianis, Al Giddings, Dr. Joe MacInnis, and John McKenny.

Tickets are available by contacting The Boston Sea Rovers, c/o Bunky Hodge, 174 Beech Street, Rockland, MA 02370, or call The Boston Sea Rovers Information Line at (617) 424-9899. ■

#### Beneath The Sea Dive Show

Beneath The Sea's three day program with 50 speakers and 170 exhibits will present wonders from the world beneath the sea. The daytime programs and exhibits will be at the Westchester County Convention Center, White Plains, New York. The matinee and evening Film Festivals feature Steve Frink's magic produced through the eyes of Nikon's multi-media team. Al Hornsby's "Expedition to the Indian Ocean" and Stan Waterman's always-beautiful images will be presented.

Panels, video and slide shows, and seminars on Dive Computers, Women in Diving, Underwater Photography, Hyperbaric Medicine, diving in Africa, the Red Sea, the Caymans, Micronesia, New England, and Wreck Valley, are a few of the planned adventures. And there will be 170 exhibits showing the latest equipment, and incredible new places to dive around the world. The new Diving Discoveries Pavilion will focus on Atlantic Diving off New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Fun will begin Friday night with the new Beach Party. Saturday's events include the Endless Summer fashion shows and then following the Underwater Film Festival will be the Cayman Islands' Decompression Party. Sunday's special added all-day program, March 27th will be for kids and their families, Beneath the Sea's national children's Ocean Pals program and awards. Contact: BTS 94, POB 644, Rye, NY 10580. Phone: (914) 793-4469.

#### MAY

#### Diving Physiology in Plain English

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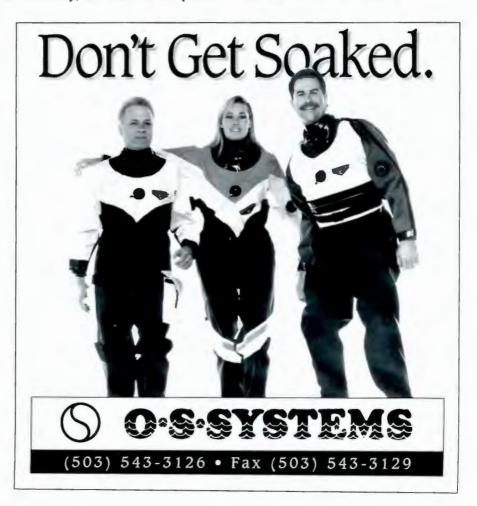
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# **An Otter Place to Dive**

## The Joys of Monterey Bay

by Tom Baker

winter: In the Northeast, the docks are quiet. Dive boats are not running; one has like the birds, fled south. Not 'til spring will we hoist our doubles and gear crates for another descent to the mysterious shipwrecks now sleeping in peace, undisturbed, dreaming of ports never reached.

For some, there will be diving in the Caribbean, Florida or other warm southern destinations. But there's an alternative in the west. One of diving's great meccas is in Monterey Bay, California, eighty miles south of San Francisco, a cold water region of spectacular kelp forests and teeming sea life. There is not only great diving, but a host of other activities that anyone who loves the sea will enjoy.

The diving occurs along the edge of the Monterey Canyon, a trench deeper and more extensive than the Grand Canyon. Many of the best dive sites are on reefs and seamounts a stone's throw from the abyss. This proximity to the deep ocean enriches the waters with nutrients, creating one of the world's healthiest and most elaborate ecosystems.

Last summer, a pod of oreas cruised the bay for a couple of days, at times only ten yards off the beaches. A week later, a grey whale surfaced just off a seaside restaurant, startling the lunch crowd. A few lucky divers saw it as it wove through the kelp.

Even without oreas and whales, no dive is dull. The thick kelp forests provide a habitat for an incredible diversity of creatures. Sea lions and harbor seals are present on almost every dive. Divers also are encountering the growing numbers of sea otters. In the kelp hide schools of fish, and just outside can be found swarms of squid, coming in during winter to mate and lay eggs. The rocky reefs hide octopus, crabs, abalone and the amazing wolf eel, ferocious looking but gentle with divers.

Swimming in the kelp is like exploring in a dim forest of redwoods. Even under the kelp canopy, the reefs glow red and pink from blankets of strawberry anemonies and cup corals. Swimming in the cuts and groves of the reefs feels like flying.

In spring and summer, the plankton blooms create the rich stew that supports this life. Visibility is much like the pea soup we often encounter on the Northeast wrecks. But in fall, and especially winter, it can open up to 75 feet or more. The water is cold year-round so drysuits are best. There's lots to do on the surface. Sea kayaking and biking are easily arranged, as is hiking at the Point Lobos National Park just south of Monterey. The redwoods of Big Sur are a short drive along the world's most spectacular coastline.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium brings the underwater world of Monterey to life for non-divers. It is the most interesting facility of its kind, anywhere. — A must to visit. Built in the remains of the Hovden Sardine Cannery, it is situated in the very heart of Monterey on famed Cannery Row.

A few doors down stands the old Pacific Biological Laboratory, where John Steinbeck once hung

out with Ed Ricketts, the famous character "Doc" in Steinbeck's novel, Cannery Row. To this day, Ricketts' classic work, Between Pacific Tides, first published in the 'thirties, is a standard text of west coast marine biologists.

There are shipwrecks, too, but they're thousands of feet deep. So divers have to be content with the unbelievable sea life, best seen in winter.

Dive boats like the Silver Prince and



Cypress Sea operate year-round. There's a wide variety of shops, restaurants and hotels and motels for all budgets. (For wine lovers, the Napa Valley is a two-hour drive.) Monterey truly has it all: world class diving, fishing, kayaking, whale watching, the aquarium and historical landmarks like Doc Ricketts' lab and one of Steinbeck's homes.

So, if you're thinking of a winter dive trip, maybe it's time to follow Horace Greeley's advice and "Go West"! ■

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# Surface Interval with: Captain Kevin Brennan

by Barb Lander

A smoke filled room crowded with U-Boat officers; the din nearly drowns out the singer in the red silk dress. Most of the officers far gone on a drunken debauch that marks their final night before sailing. Many of their comrades who left for patrol never returned.

Das Boot was playing in Captain Kevin Brennen's mind as he knelt in the sand, staring into the knife-edged bow of a newly discovered German U-Boat.

Being involved [with the late Captain Bill Nagel] in the discovery of the *U-Who* was the culmination of Kevin's childhood dreams. But growing up in landlocked West Chester, PA, he spent more time playing in the orchard on the Bartram Farm than he did on the water. Not until 1983, when he traveled to Jamaica and learned to free-dive and spearfish did Kevin think about scuba diving.

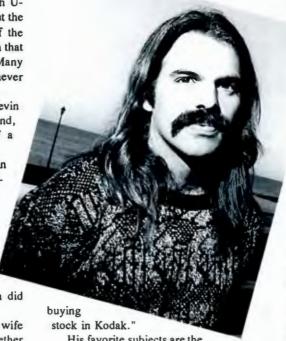
January 1984 found Kevin and his wife Barbara enrolled in a scuba class. Together they braved an icy certification at Hamburg Quarry. Every penny Kevin could lay his hands on went to buying gear for himself and Barbara.

His first few New Jersey wreck dives under his weight belt, Kevin began looking around at other divers on the boats. They were all wearing doubles. A set of bands and Barbara's tank, and Kevin was diving doubles too.

Many of his dives that first year were off the Sea Lion. A year later Kevin was a regular mate on the Sea Lion and on other boats when he could; Kevin was logging sea time at every opportunity. In June 1990, Kevin earned his Ocean Operator's license and began freelancing as an alternate Captain; a business that he readily admits has its ups and downs.

But, Captain Kevin's first love is his diving, and he knows the wrecks of New Jersey like few others. Most often, you will find him splashing over the side and reaching back for his camera. Kevin has been photo-documenting area wrecks almost as long as he's been diving. It was through the lens of his camera that the rest of the world learned about the newly discovered U-Boat.

His first camera was a used Nikonos II. Both the camera and strobe flooded the first time he took them into the water. Kevin recalls, "I learned by the trial and error method. . . I could shoot myself for not



His favorite subjects are the wrecks and the marine life of New Jersey. Captain Kevin's advice to would-be underwater photographers: "Get close to your subject matter; the water here is not the clearest."

Another of Kevin's hard-earned lessons will benefit deep-diving photographers. "Mixed gas," he says. On the *Chopa* (210

fsw) and the *U-Who* (230 fsw) Kevin relates that his head is clear and he is able to concentrate on composition, bracketing and can even do the math for changing f-stops at depth. The same dive on air led to frequent photographic surprises,

usually unpleasant ones. "It wasn't exactly the way I remembered it," Kevin laughs.

The example he uses was his first U-Boat dive. As he struggled in the current to return from the bow to the anchor line, his vision narrowed to a tunnel. He thought of the U-Boat sailors who never went home. It took all his physical and mental power to reach the anchor line and ascent. Kevin returned to shore and went on a diet and fitness regime and learned to dive mixed gas.

One of the industries biggest proponent of fitness in diving, Kevin says he's forty pounds lighter and is "wired for energy." His now trim figure with its long dark ponytail is a regular sight on the beaches, as he jogs five miles a day. Says the Captain, "A lot of things you ask your body to do are just mind over matter, but if you are physically out of shape, natural law will prevail.

Good advice for us who need to stay in shape for the dive season. ■



# NORTH FLORIDA KEYS WRECKS

by Daniel Berg

he Coast Guard cutters Bibb and the Duane lie on the sandy bottom beneath the crystal clear warm waters of the North Florida Keys. These two vessels did not go down in a storm or due to a collision at sea but were sunk intentionally by local dive operators to create a dive site and an artificial reef. The two wrecks once considered obsolete to the Coast Guard now continue to serve, not the government, but rather the adventures of scuba diving tourists who explore their fascinating remains.

The Coast Guard Cutter Bibb, was built in the Charleston Navy Yard, in, South Carolina. Her keel was laid on August 15, 1935. She was launched on January 14, 1937 and commissioned on March 10, 1937, as the George M. Bibb. She was 327 feet long, had a 41 foot beam and displaced 2,658 tons. The Bibb was powered by two Westinghouse double decker reduction geared turbines and would cruise at ten knots. Her maximum speed was 19.5 knots. Her armament consisted of one 5-inch gun, one 3-inch gun, six 40-mm and four 20-mm guns. During active duty she had a complement of ten officers, three warrants and 134 crew.

On one of the Bibb's early cruises, she patrolled the North Atlantic's first weather station. She also served as convoy patrol during World War II and was involved in the Okinawa assault. During World War II, the Bibb rescued over 300 survivors from six torpedoed vessels. She was was also



USCGC BIBB Photo by Geo Toth, Wreck Valley Collection

deployed to Vietnam. As with most Coast Guard vessels, one of her main roles during peace time was search and rescue missions. One of her most notable missions was the rescue of almost 70 survivors during gale force winds from the airliner Bermuda Sky Queen which crashed in October, of 1948. On September 30, 1985, this fine cutter was decommissioned.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Duane, was built at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, in Pennsylvania as the William J. Duane. Her keel was laid on May 1, 1935, and she was launched a year latter on June 3, 1936. The Duane was commissioned on August 1, 1936. A sister ship to the Bibb, she was also 327 feet long, had a 41 foot beam and was powered by two Westinghouse double reduction geared turbines. The Duane's armament consisted of three 5-inch guns, three 3-inch guns, fourteen 40-mm and eight 20-mm guns.

The Duane was originally stationed in California until being transferred to the East





USCGC Duane

coast in 1939. During World War II, the Duane was credited, along with her sister cutter Spencer, with sinking the German submarine U-175. The Duane also served as a flagship in the 1944 allied invasion of Southern France and was sent to serve as coastal surveillance during the Vietnam war. On another occasion, the Duane rescued 250 survivors from the Dorchester. The rescue lasted for three days from February 3rd through the 6th. The Duane also escorted boats full of refugees during the 1980's Cuban boat lift. On August 1, 1985, the Duane was decommissioned.

After sitting in moth balls for a couple years both the Bibb and the Duane were purchased for \$160,000. The money was raised by the Monroe County Tourist Development Council as well as local dive shop donations. The vessels were stripped of their armament, and hatches and their main masts were removed. The ships were cleaned and sunk at an Army Corps of Engineers approved location one day apart near Molasses Reef. The Duane was scuttled on the evening of November 27, 1987. She now sits upright and intact with a slight starboard list in 118 feet of water. The Duane's crow's nest is first reached at 60 feet, while her wheel house is in 80 feet. Her main decks are at 98 feet, and her bow points southeast. With the Clear Gulf Stream washing over the site, visibility can be as good as 200 feet. Her sister ship was sunk the next day. She now sits on her starboard side with her bow facing north in 130 feet of water. Divers will reach the upper portions of the Bibb in only 90 feet of water. The two Coast Guard vessels now rest only 100 yards apart.

These two wrecks have become one of

the most popular dive sites in the area and are a favorite destination for underwater photographers. The site and has attracted a huge assortment of marine life including schools of huge barracuda, three to five feet in length. Keep in mind that a strong current is usually present. This site is considered and advanced dive and I would highly recommend advanced training due to the depth and current before descending to either the Bibb or the Duane.

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# **DECOMPRESSION ILLNESS IN THE 90'S**

by Stephen J. Lombardo, M.D.

with recent developments concerning decompression illness it is important to become familiar with the new terminology. Due to the similarity in initial symptoms of arterial gas embolism (AGE) and classic bends (DCS) as well as the need for prompt first aid rather than lengthy diagnostic debates which may begin at the dive site and continue in the Emergency Room, both AGE and DCS have been grouped together as DCI.

Decompression illness is classified by organ system involvement. Most commonly we see a diver experience pain in an arm or leg, usually described as an ache in a joint.

LIMB PAIN DCI - Recreational divers are usually affected in the upper extremity, and most commonly the shoulder. LIMB PAIN DCI, decompression illness, can be differentiated from musculoskeletal injury because the limb pain of decompression illness is generally not worsened by movement of the affected joint. Indeed, in the early stages the victim may get some relief by moving the limb or by application of local pressure (eg: inflated pressure cuff).

GIRDLE PAIN DCI - Closely akin to limb pain DCI, but more ominous, is GIRDLE PAIN DCI, characterized by an aching or constricting sensation in the abdomen, pelvis or chest. Girdle pain DCI frequently evolves to neurological deterioration. Both of these types of DCI will require recompression treatment.

common type of decompression illness, CUTANEOUS DCI [skin bends], involves a

reddish rash, often preceded by severe itching around the shoulders or over the trunk, which may progress to mottling or marbling of the skin. Heat may also be a presenting symptom, although this is less frequent. Cutaneous DCI usually disappears within an hour, but may sometimes last for a day or more. It is not generally followed by more serious symptoms and by itself does not warrant recompression.

NEUROLOGICAL DCI - The next most common form of decompression illness is, NEUROLOGICAL DCI where symptoms are usually referable to the spinal cord rather than the

brain. Previously known as DCS type II, neurological DCI is more often associated with short, deep dives than with long shallow exposures. It has been estimated that up to 80% of DCI among sport divers is neurological. Retrospective studies have indicated a greater incidence of Patent Foramen Ovale, (a communication between the atria of the heart which is found in up to 30% of the population) in divers with serious decompression illness. It is postulated that micro bubbles may bypass

the lungs, which act as an excellent filter, and proceed from the right side of the heart to the left and out into the systemic

"It must be borne in mind that the promptness with which pressure is applied has a most definite bearing on the effect of treatment.

This is a fundamental rule..."

Underwater Salvage Operations - 1944 causing sudden neurological DCI. Other factors allowing bubbles to bypass the lungs include pulmonary hypertension, cold water immersion. oxygen toxicity, the u s e o f bronchodilator and by bubble compressions during the recompression

circulation.

of divers. This is thought to explain the latent period between the appearance of bubbles in the tissues and the development and subsequent progression of symptoms. An important subset of neurological decompression illness is AUDIOVESTIBULAR DCI, characterized by vertigo, ringing in the ears (tinnitus), jerking movements of the eyes (nystagmus) and loss of hearing after a dive. These symptoms may be accompanied by nausea and vomiting.

PULMONARY DCI - also known as DCS III by prior nomenclature, may have two distinct presentations, which may be difficult to distinguish initially despite completely different mechanisms.

The first involves lung rupture due to barotrauma, and may occur in any dive regardless of depth or duration. This will release undissolved gas into local tissues and blood, and can result in arterial gas embolism and possible neurological DCI. Symptoms usually develop within five minutes of surfacing and may begin as subtly as a cry, gasp or a grunt, or as dramatically as convulsions, paralysis or other stroke-like symptoms. Resolution of symptoms is in direct proportion to speed of initiation of recompression therapy.

The second presentation of pulmonary DCI used to be known as "chokes," and can present as sore throat and cough on deep inspiration in its early, milder form.



Unfortunately, untreated it can progress to severe chest pain, shortness of breath and unconsciousness. This form of pulmonary DCI is thought to be caused by massive venous gas embolism and treatment is accomplished by prompt recompression. Pulmonary DCI is seen less commonly recently, except in cases of rapid uncontrolled ascent. Perhaps this is due to the emphasis on slower ascent rates.

LYMPHATIC DCI - describes the swelling of one or more lymph nodes, or the unusual phenomenon of extensive swelling of one or more limbs. This is thought to be due to the obstruction of lymphatic vessels by bubbles. The breast, abdomen or face can also become involved, and pain is often a symptom. Although recompression treatment may relieve the pain rather rapidly, it usually takes several days for the swelling to subside.

Although the aforementioned manifestations of decompression illness are most important to delineate, it is also significant to comment on the evolution (eg: progressive, static, spontaneously improving or relapsing), time of onset, gas burden and presence or absence or barotrauma. Thus a description of a victim of DCI might be "Acute progressive limb pain and neurological decompression illness presenting at the 30 ft stop with a minimal gas burden and no evidence of barotrauma."

Of symptoms in 1249 cases of DCI in Recreational Divers reported to the Divers Alert Network, over 50% of symptoms develop within the first hour and 90% within 6 hours of the dive.

It is essential for us to be familiar with the symptoms of DCI in order to maintain a high level of awareness, and it is only through this form of informed vigilance that the seductive and deadly syndrome of DIVER DENIAL may be eliminated.

Noted diving physiolgist and decompression expert Dr. R.W. Hamilton states; "Decompression Sickness is not an accident; a certain incidence of it is expected from practical diving." It is with this basic understanding that there should be sufficient cause for us to redouble our efforts to safely and intelligently prevent DCI from coming our way.

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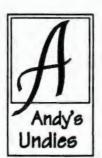
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# STAN WATERMAN Man With A Camera

an exclusive interview by: Jeffrey J. Silverstein

I shall be telling this with a sigh ages and ages hence, two roads diverged in the yellow woods and I took the one less traveled by and that made all the difference.

- Robert Frost

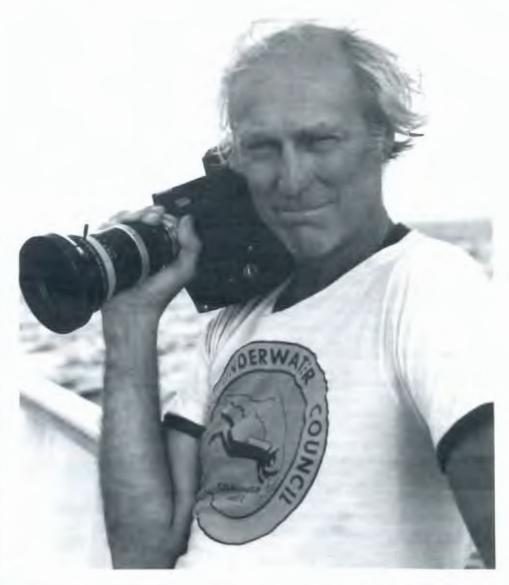
How did you start diving? "Hanging on my office wall just over there, that mask was given to me in 1936 and is a Japanese ama diver mask... I put it on, went off the beach, off of Palm Beach, opened my eyes and was hooked. Of course, that ability to see well under water is perhaps the greatest challenge of all. . .

After the War, when I was a blueberry farmer in Maine and living on the ocean, I read about this man, Cousteau, first tidings of a self-contained breathing unit and was so excited I could hardly stand it. . . I must have had the first aqua lung in the State of Maine, ordered from U.S. Diver's."

At this time, was diving recreational or business? "It was recreational... just to get under water and see, even in Maine, which does not have a terribly active eco system, but I was so enthusiastic about the aqua lung that I tried it out ... and I started interesting other people in my area in scuba diving and began selling equipment. I found that I could earn some money too, \$25.00 a shot by diving up lost moorings and repairing some fishing weirs and recovering drags, so I earned some part of my keep using the tank — a complete novelty in that area."

Had you at that time been interested in photography and film making? "(This was) really before my interest in photography, but I had a 16 mm home movie camera. I had done some still photography, but never considered using a camera for earning my bread."

Are you a diver who photographs or a photographer who dives? "When I first



started, I was certainly a diver who photographs, but I would like to think that over the years I have gained some proficiency with the camera and I hold both parts equal now, because a person who does not dive easily and is not at home with his equipment, is able to act spontaneously to problems, crises and so on, cannot be easy with a camera, so they really go together."

Tell us about your decision to make diving your life's career. "It happened on one of those long winter evenings in Maine in 1953. . . I opened up the new National Geographic and there was Cousteau's article

on the Red Sea and I ate it up. I thought:
"Who is this man who has carved out this
life of adventure and goes into the sea, and
earns a living doing it?" I thought "Perhaps
it means stepping out and taking a chance
and doing something about it." I conceived
of building a boat up on the Maine coast in
a little lobster boat yard, designing it for
what I knew I would need for diving, and
starting to teach diving. A company that I
had been getting my tanks from, the Fin
John Company, had the earliest 16mm
underwater movie system for sale off the
shelf. They loaned me one of their cameras,
hoping some of my customers might want to

buy one and I started shooting. It was a surplus Bell and Howell gun camera with a 50 foot magazine."

That was the first time that you ever took a camera under water? "That's right. When I got the film back I observed a great deal, I did not learn it as fast as I would have with video, but by the time I finished three years of shooting in the Bahamas, I developed my housings and got other cameras and lenses... I knew what I was doing and I started lecturing with my films in the off season and making the filmmaker's pay. I lectured all over the country, Kiwanis Spring Tours, Canada, Hawaiian Islands, through the Mid-West, the Bible Belt, seven shows a week, every evening from one little town to the next. . . living out of the trunk of the car. But it was the only game in town before television developed a capacity for underwater films."

In those days, were you also editing and doing all the post-production? "The whole thing. I made my own A & B rolls for my dissolves, did everything in a little editing room at home in Princeton, but I had to deliver my voice live. Film lectures meant standing up and talking for 90 minutes against the background of the film and rendering the music on the tape recorder and synchronizing it with the film."

Had you taken any kind of class or training for film making? "I was self-taught and I had help from a dear old friend, Herman Kitchen, who was the head of editing for CBS News. Herman taught me how to edit."

How did you make the transition to television? "The first television purchase was made by Jack Douglas, for one of the very early documentary series called "Bold Journey" . . . a lot of us who were film lecturers found a market there and for beans, and by beans I mean, for \$800, we would sell the television rights to our entire film to Jack Douglas and Bold Journey. But we were on television!"

# Is there a difference between documentary nature shooting and feature film work?

"What you are referring to is the difference between docudrama in which you are doing documentaries, but you have human beings involved... and the story, or scripted films. I have done a number of scripted television films, but the only theatrical release film that I shot was The Deep and that, of course, required stage sets, scripting, direction and heavy lighting."

"I was a second unit Director of Photography, Al Giddings and I were credited with directing the second unit from The Deep and also the underwater cinema



Jaqueline Bisset on location for The Deep.

tography. We shot in 35mm. . . and spent over three months just doing the underwater work for *The Deep*, a whole month and a half on the wreck of the *Rhone*, which was a very difficult shoot because some of it was as much as 80 feet deep, as many as six dives a day, . . . extended decompression, as many as 22 people involved in the underwater team with mike holders, grips, safety men, three camera men, script girl, that was a big, big deal. Al Giddings had a great deal to do with the direction of that work."

Did you work with Giddings and (director) Yates to decide upon a look, an emotional feel and style of underwater shooting? "Very much, and before each take Al and I would set the lights for the set

and then take Peter Yates down. . . He was on location underwater for every shot and ultimately, used a DESCO face mask so he could actually communicate through the surface and bounce back through a hubell speaker and give the directions or call for a second take."

We'd guess that half the male readers of Sub Aqua got into scuba diving hoping to find Jacqueline Bisset. . . "She was a lovely, a lovely lady. She was afraid of the water, she was not easy in the water and she took instructions in scuba, a crash course before we started. She was very apprehensive on her first few dives which started in the Virgin Islands, and when she discovered that nothing was going to happen to her and that it was beautiful under water, that it was not so awful, she began to get into it and she came on like a tiger. She enjoyed it, she insisted on doing her own shots in everything that we would allow her to do and was a real trouper and also a real lady; a very lovely person, we liked Jacqueline very, very much."

The title of your Discovery Channel documentary is "The Man Who Loves Sharks." Do you? "I once told somebody that I owed much to sharks because they put my children through college. If you earn your bread by making films in the sea, sharks are box office, they are show biz. I like working with sharks."

The Discovery Channel, is covering the under water world — "A whole shark week, every year. Discovery is a prime market for the kind of thing we do. Also, look at the broad interest in the Titanic, the newest



IMAX feature. Howard Hall is shooting an IMAX right now down in the Caicos Island."

Is deep diving of interest to you? "I am not particularly attracted to deep diving, maybe one reason because I am 70 years old and a little long of tooth for some of that kind of exercise. But the depth to which I go is really almost entirely dictated by what is there to film and if there is an objective and I have a chance at it. I would be very glad to try mixed gases and learn how to work with them and go deep to shoot something. . . . I often do a bounce dive off the walls in the Bahamas or in the Caribbean down to 150 or 170 feet to see what is there and, in fact, there is very little there and I look around, find nothing that I even want to aim the camera at and come up into the sun lit area where you begin to find life proliferating."

As you "rewind through" a lifetime of footage in your head, what are the highlights? "When we were shooting Blue Water White Death, Peter Gimble got out of his cage on his own recognizance; we had not planned it at all. This is 100 miles off of Durban in the open water with a big gang of oceanic white tip sharks around us. Nobody



Filming Seals in the Pacific

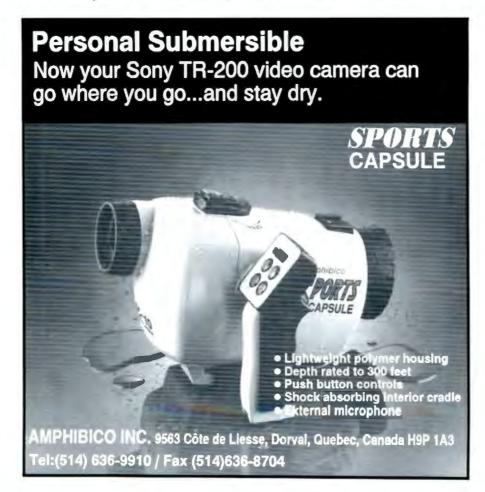
had done this before. I got out to support Peter, it was unthinkable that he should be out alone and both of us were scared to death. There were so many sharks that these animals were bumping us from behind, we were taking pictures of each other as sharks were coming up behind. I had more adrenaline than I could ever remember, but that was the breakthrough, that was the benchmark experience that Ron Taylor and I have used years after that to work with sharks."

"It made us realize for the first time that it is very likely that the sharks see you as an unusual animal, nothing that they relate to their usual feeding process. So they may circle around, watch, they may even brush against you... to check you out, but if you repel them and don't evince fear, they are apt to leave you alone, especially if they have something else to eat."

Other high points? "Since that time, really high points of my shooting have been associated with animal behavior. When we were shooting for ABC with Peter Benchley and Ted Willison, and Howard Hall and I were shooting together, we rode on the big mantas for the first time."

We've head you had a rare encounter with a famous lobster lothario. . . "One time in the northern part of the Bahamas up off of Cat Island, I went out by myself... and I had seen a couple of lobsters out in the open just before we quit shooting in the morning. I felt "This is strange that these lobsters are out in the sand. I wonder if this is the mating time." I went back and dropped down on a small wreck in shallow water and there was a big lobster in the open on the sand. . .

I was set up at the right time, in the right place with the magazine loaded, the sun coming down on the arena, a 57 to 95 zoom. The big boy brought out a female and proceeded to "do her" and it was the first time that intercourse - copulation between



lobsters had ever been filmed. Shall I tell you how it is done?"

Oh please. Don't stop! "The male lobster, after he has drawn the female out from cover. . ."

He takes her out to dinner first? "That's right, a few furs and jewels. They are sort of locked, antenna locked, and he is backing up and drawing her out into the open. Then big, maybe five pound lobster, rose up on his legs and started to curl his tail under him and in one dest move, he slipped over on his back and pulled the female over on top of him. Then there was much lashing around of tails, giggling, shricking, steam coming out of his ears. Then they broke away and without exaggerating, I could see the female sort of shake herself and then turn around and come back. I filmed the whole thing about four times. . ."

With the same pair? "Yes — and at the end, the female was stalking the male."

She was saying, "Sidney, go get some oysters." "I was completely transfixed, I was in 20 feet of water, it was in other words a perfect set up. I think that was one of the best things that has ever happened in animal behavior."

You teach underwater cinematography at Maine Photographic Workshop. . . tell us about it. "We picked Tortola in the British Virgin Islands because of the good conditions and places to stay. We have a maximum of 15 students, all equipped with at least video 8 cameras. They are learning the moves, and how to work with a camera... and I bring down lights. Armando Jennings, another professional cameraman, who lives in Tortola, works with us daily and we have class room for an hour in the morning, go out on location during the day, then an end of the day critique and sometimes another seminar in the evening and give them some diving and some fun in between. We work on the Rhone every day. . . a marvelous location."

Do you shoot film during the workshop? "I would expect somebody just starting today to start with video, ...film is almost unused now. 16 mm is too expensive for an amateur and all the right moves, all of the sense of what not to do with panning too much, focus, and so on, can be learned with video."

How would you suggest someone start with underwater image making? "I would



Climbing into the shark cage.

start by joining a club. . . providing an opportunity to go out diving regularly and start practicing, start shooting. It's a self-instructing process, up to a point where you might work with a professional in a work-shop or a seminar."

"But there is nothing like just shooting, looking at what you have taken and in video, you can see it immediately when you come up and correct your own moves.... Jim Church's book on underwater video from A - Z has it all, it is excellent..."

You also do dive tours where you work with video. "I do many tours actually each year and I don't have formal seminars on my tours, but anyone who is interested in video can work with me and I, in fact, instruct them and work with them, watch over their shoulder and, so the tours, depending on the amount of interest by the people there, are also instructional courses, but not as structured as the workshop is."

What do you think the future holds? "I think the future of diving continues to be bright. Responsible certifying, of course, was a big breakthrough from the very hazardous ways back in the old days. I, of course, am no longer a spring chicken, I'm not going to be on the cutting edge of where diving is going on a more technical basis. I think we are coming into mixed gas rebreathers. At least, at this point, mixed gas closed circuit units require considerable training and a great deal of care by the people who are using them. I would like to keep diving long enough to be able to use a closed circuit unit. Anyone who works with animal behavior under water is in a state of despair with every exhalation of bubbles they make. . ."

"I look forward, therefore, to technologies and continuing development. Just since I had my first high 8 video unit, the focal system, the electronics have taken a quantum step, I can do things today with the Sony units I am using that I could not have dreamed were possible, like focusing from wide angle with an auto focus all the way down to macro. . . which gives you tremendous versatility. People say, when are you going to retire but I tell them I will retire when I feel like it, because I still love diving and I look forward to shooting animal behavior. . . the whole new world."

You studied poetry with Robert Frost. Did you find anything in poetry that applies to what you do? "One little group of lines from Robert Frost that touched me was:

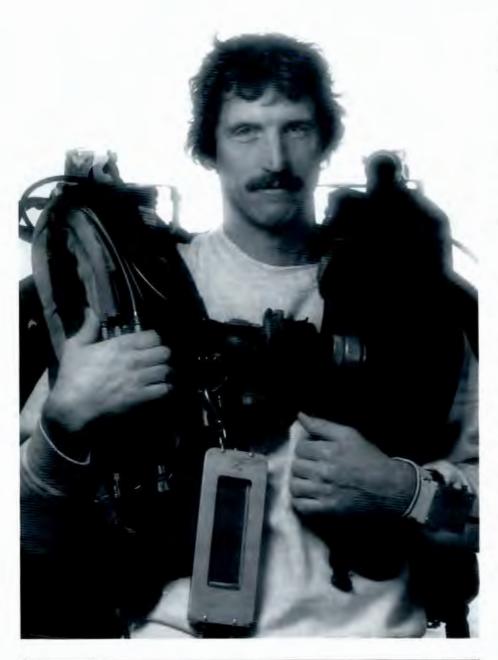
object and living is to make my vocation my avocation as my two eyes make one sight. Only where love and need are one and the work is play for mortals' stakes is the deed ever really done for heaven and future's sake.

What he meant by that, is that you'd better love what you are doing, and I really do.

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# Stone on Rebreathers

an interview by Joel Silverstein



Remember "Journey to the Center of the Earth?" As we sat with Bill Stone in his laboratory, we felt the vibrations of an explorer determined to go there. Where technology stops him, he engineers his way around. Bill's thoughts and design concepts for rebreathers will surely influence diving for many years to come.

What was the driving force behind developing the Cis-Lunar Rebreather? In the cave exploration community the name of the game there is to discover the world's deepest cave. . . Solving the logistical difficulties.

What kinds of difficulties? Transporting heavy equipment great distances and then being able to repair and recharge [batteries and tanks] them.

How did you overcome these problems? We started looking for longer range, lighter weight diving equipment in the late 1970's. We couldn't find what we needed so we set out and built the first composite diving system.

How did you get started? We first talked to people at NASA, and then a couple of other places and eventually, ended up building this S-class fully composite fiberglass system. [lightweight high-pressure fiberglass scuba tanks] But we ran it to its limits; we pushed it to 6250 PSI operating pressures. . . they weighed about a third of what a standard 105 cubic foot steel tank would weigh.

What was the technology turning point? We concluded that the only option was going to be closed circuit. A mission specific design to give us, first, greater range that would be independent of depth and perhaps even more importantly to break the tie to the refilling compressor.

We have built in a lot of safety factors, not just in the idea of using higher ability equipment, but actually building in the architecture, ways by which if something goes wrong, the user could reroute [the gear configuration] on the fly. This is totally alien to any of the design philosophies that have been used for the military equipment.

Tell us a little about the development of the Cis-Lunar MK5. As we developed our unit we constantly changed it. Our groups, who were operating at the extreme limits of technical diving, would come back with each unit after ten weeks of training simulation with a ten page list of fix-its. We had a shoe-string budget, and dedicated people who were willing to work long hours and push for it. The changes came about extremely rapidly. This rig is not a conversion of anything, it is built from scratch and it has been tailored to solve problems that are at the cutting edge of diving.

What makes this rebreather so special? It's a 35 pound unit that will give a four to six hour range at any depth and be totally silent.

There are four main things that make these rebreathers fully spectacular: one is outrageous range. It will operate independent of depth, unlike normal scuba. The second key point is optimized decompression. Third is gas efficiency, and lastly, stealth.

We can convert this rig into anything: heliox, nitrox and pure oxygen. We can do all three on the fly. It can even handle neon. All of it is there so that if you want to do a dive to 100 feet on this rig, versus an open circuit system, we can spend two to two and a half times at that depth without having to do any decompression. Since we can control the oxygen content in here and we can actually look at the results on the fly, adjust what we need and conduct the dive and its return. Of course, all the basic built-in safety limits and stuff are also there.

The third advantage of the rebreather is its cost effectiveness of gas. For about 50 cents we can charge it with helium, do a 500 foot dive and come back up and do optimized pure oxygen decompression from 20 feet on up, cut my time and have spent, perhaps, a dollar overall in gases.

The fourth and final advantage is stealth. You watch people swim into a gallery of fish, for example, on the open circuit and it is just like the parting of the seas. All the fish scatter. Follow behind him in the MK5 and the marine life will come right up to your mask. I mean, they will come right up and kiss your face plate.

Is breathing different than on scuba? One of the things that we came back from Wacola Springs with was this mindnumbing concern over the rate at which the gas gauge was going down, you can see the pressure gauge visually moving at every breath.

It's like watching a timer count down. That's right, but let me give you the counterpoint to that. Last spring, we had 3 to 4 people on closed circuit at 240 feet. . . and the phenomenal thing that was going on was nothing would be happening with the helium gauge, absolutely nothing, and the oxygen would be ticking down about a PSI maybe every couple of minutes. . . At worst we would consume two cubic foot per hour.

That's incredible. That's a typical metabolic rate for someone who's anxious at depth, they are excited doing what they are doing, or something like that, they may be swimming at a moderate pace, but two cubic foot per hour, so you are sitting there with this eight hour range and nothing is happening.

It helps you stay cool. There was a tragic case a couple of years ago when one of the best cave divers in the country died because the open circuit scuba did not last long enough. Had they panicked, they would have been dead an hour earlier, but they kept their cool. By the time they found the route out they ran out of gas.

The guys were level headed right down to the end. Had they had a closed circuit unit, they would have had six, seven hours left to figure it out and they would still be alive. Being cool in a situation is one thing but what about the panicky feeling when someone is lost? Well, you can get panicked all you want on a closed circuit rig, it just keeps on going around the loop and it doesn't matter, because you are not metabolizing any more oxygen. . . all it does is just increase your respiratory rate. It does not increase your CO2 uptake rate, so you can just sit there for another eight hours while you get back to normal.

It gives you that life window. It removes time stress which has been the critical task, in probably 75 to 80 percent of the cases, the other ones are probably more like medical or physiological, but in the end the clock is ticking and the more excited you are, the faster the clock ticks. Take away the clock, everybody could figure out their problems.

This buys you that time. That is the key, that's the key. There is a lot of other things involved here, we spent ten years working on all the little aspects and classical ones that will cause problems with a normal type rebreather, but when all is said and done. The MK5 buys time to explore and time to return.



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# A Case of Mistaken Identity

By Dave Morton and Eric Takakjian

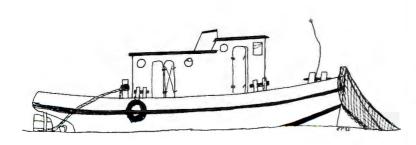
The 43 year old tugboat June K sank at the dock in Plymouth, Mass. in September of '58. Almost a year later the June K was raised and towed out to deep water in Cape Cod Bay and scuttled. Nothing more was heard of the June K for several decades.

In the late 1980's the loran numbers for a wreck believed to be the June K were obtained from a local commercial fisherman, and a new deep dive site was found. During the first exploratory dives, the steel hulled wreck was found to be in great shape, sitting upright and seemingly seaworthy in over 150 feet of water. Not only was the vessel fully intact, but many items usually taken from a scuttled vessel were still present, including the 6' brass propeller.

Many artifacts, including portholes, cage lamps, and searchlights were recovered. If a boat was purposely scuttled as was the June K, it was thought that many more of the re-usable equipment and fittings would have been removed prior to the sinking. The divers wondered why anyone would scuttle such a nice vessel, raising the first of a series of questions concerning the true identity of the wreck.

This tug was a well kept secret for several years, but all that changed when accurate loran numbers were published in "Fishable Wrecks and Rockpiles" (Coleman and Soares) in 1989. This book describes the June K as a prolific fishing spot, and ever since, the wreck site has seen much more activity, both on the surface, and below. But even though this book also referred to the wreck as the June K, other information began to filter in which further clouded its' true identity.

Through diligent research, the certificates of enrollment were obtained for the June K, which identified her as a 68' long wooden vessel with a 21' beam and a single mast built in Greenport, NY in 1915. Upon closer study, the all steel wreck that was being dove was found to be about 50' long (20' shorter than the June K), with a deckhouse design that appeared to be much more modern than a vessel built in 1915. Furthermore, there was no evidence of there ever being a mast and derrick on this vessel. More and more evidence stacked up against



this wreck actually being the June K, but if not, then what was this wreck?

A short distance from this tug was the wreck of a badly broken up wooden vessel that only rose about 3 feet off of the bottom, believed to be the tugboat Colebrook. Research had learned that the Colebrook was under the command of a Captain Cecil Smith when it sank in 1972. Wishing to learn the true identity and history of this tug, a friend Cecil Smith Jr. was asked if he new about a tug named the Colebrook. Cecil Jr., referred to by his friends as Brother, certainly did know of the boat, because his father had built the tug in Dartmouth in the late 1960's. Brother started talking of a 45' long steel tug that exactly described the tug that was being called the June K. He further went on to reveal the details of the sinking. The Colebrook was enroute from Boston to New Bedford, towing a barge loaded with pilings. When departing Boston Harbor, the Colebrook had bounced off the side of the barge, causing a crack in the hull. During the night the boat became sluggish. The mate on watch went aft to the engine room to check on things, and found that it was half-filled with water. He and the captain brought the tug alongside the barge to get an extra pump to try and save the boat. Their efforts were unsuccessful and the Colebrook sank stern first while both men watched, unharmed, from the barge.

Brother continued to recount how his father had considered salvaging the tug right after it sank, and had even sent a diver down to determine if this was feasible. In the end, it was decided that it would be cost prohibitive and she was left on the bottom. It appears that the commercial divers went back to their virgin wreck and re-appropriated the helm and compass. All known photographs of the *Colebrook* were lost when the Smith's house was destroyed by fire some years ago.

For many years, the Colebrook was forgotten and assumed to be a flattened rubble heap on the bottom, but all that is changed as divers are now enjoying her underwater beauty. A dragger net hangs over the port bow rail, ghost fishing in the sand, and the bumper tires still guard the

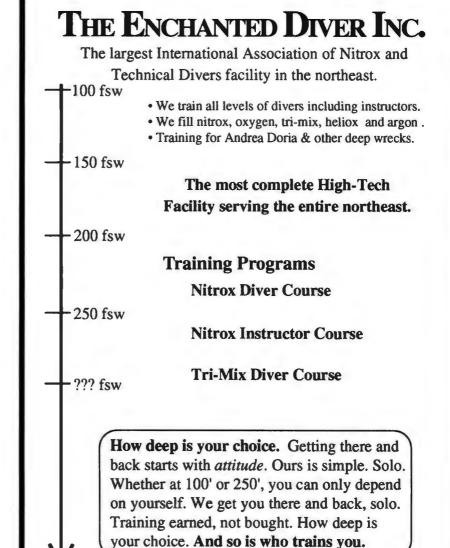
sides against impending collisions that will never againoccur.

The tug is a perfect size wreck for the depth. With the limited bottom time available, it's nice to

be able to tour an entire wreck on a single dive. The tug sits at 156', with the roof of the deckhouse reached at 138'.

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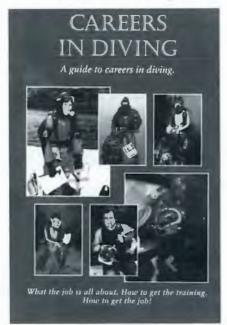


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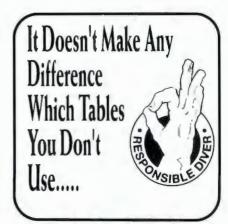


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# FLASH BACKS by Kirby Kurkomelis

t was the night before ■ Christmas — not a creature was stirring, not even a diver on this cold winter night. Sitting back in my favorite chair, sipping a warm glass of brandy. In the fire place a log burned. I was skimming through my photo album. With each page, a fond memory raced through my mind. Looking back, I didn't take enough pictures, but the images held fast in my mind. I started to recall some of my best moments. Frame by frame. Some snapshots were hazy, others like a loin-fish - razor sharp spines burned like the sting of a jellyfish.

Any wreck diver knows that it is very difficult to search and recover objects while taking pictures at the same time.

I recall diving back in the 60's on Beach 8th street in Far Rockaway, NY. On the first jetty, south of the parking lot, where the bulk head has been replaced. At the end of the rocks. A few feet from the surface on low tide, a small piece of white coral started to grow and flourish in these cold northern waters. The size of the brain coral was about six inches across surrounded by orange sponge. Always a nearby butterflyfish feeding on this new addition to a living reef. Some divers had taken pictures, I didn't. Today the coral has grown to a size of six feet across.

One of my first wreck dives was the *Iberia*, an old tramp steamer that sunk in 1888 in 55 fsw. I remember lobsters at every turn, blackfish 10 pounds or better swimming out and around her hull plates. A porthole waits for some lucky diver to recover it. Her boilers stand tall in the sand to mark the diver location and way back to the line. Today the bulkheads have broken down, cargo crates fill with sand. Wreckage scattered and twisted. The lobster hunter, has to work for his dinner. Now I have to throw back my short lobsters.

The year was 1970, our destination *U-853* off Block Island with a group of veteran wreck divers on the old *Helen II* out of Montauk, New York. It was my first U-boat, I was so excited, I didn't know if I was coming or going. That day I dove with a diver named Jeep, ok its seemed funnier than a name like Kirby. Once down the line we crawled inch by inch kick by kick along the bow. We encounter a school of pollack, 30 pound class or better swimming around the conning tower. The wood planking gone, the ribs not exposed yet. Great for pictures. The U-boat was alive with marine life. My



dive partner had succumbed to nitrogen narcosis. He had his legs wrapped around the deck gun, swinging upside down back and forth. What a picture that would have made. When we surfaced I promised not to tell. I have not told that story in 22 years. Now the deck gun is sitting in someone's back yard rusting. No shells for me.

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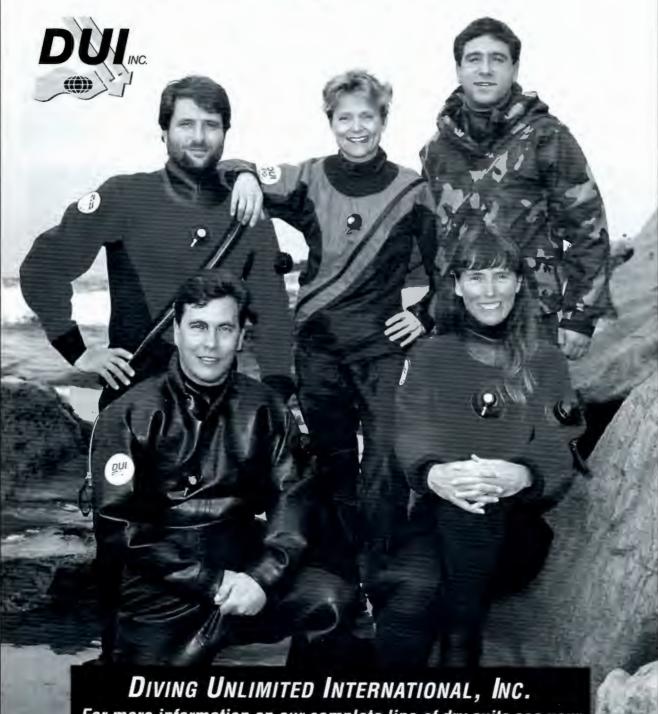
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