



MONTHLY REGULATOR

URGE TO SUBMERGE

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AUGUST 2011

It's hard to really say what went on at the August meeting, there was a lot of talking going on at the same time-which is true for most meetings.

Jamie gave a treasurers report and the club has approx \$566 dollars in the bank. That may seem like a lot, but if we order t-shirts and plan to do something for Christmas, it wont last long.

Duane, one of our newest members, walked into the meeting and turned around and left. It's not that the sight of us chased him away, it was the sight of us that made "KAZOO" pop into his head. He immediately left and was gone for at least 5 minutes, only to come back empty handed-didn't have a kazoo in his car after all! So he paid his buck!

Gorilla told us about the tube ride he had at the Harrington beach picnic. He decided next time he will wear a wetsuit. Probably a good idea.

The need for divers at Maritime Heritage Festival was discussed. As always, when Divers' Delight or Urge To Submerge have a booth at an event in the marina, we are always asked to do a "dive demonstration". And as always, we are left scratching our head about what to do. I mean, diving takes place underwater, how do you demonstrate that?

Also discussed was the camping/quarry dive. This became a big discussion about charging the club members. Granted, the club already paid for the camping area, but at \$250, it's not an amount we can really afford to spend for 1 weekend. Look what it would do to our bank account if we paid for the same thing now for next year. Anyway, it was decided that we would charge club members \$10 per person and \$20 per family for the weekend. This is simply an attempt to recoup some of the funds.

Since I wasn't there, I really can't tell you how it was. I'm hoping that someone who was there can give me a "trip report" about the weekend, and I will include it in next months newsletter.

The club banner is still MIA. So it was discussed that I can make a new one. We voted to make it a red banner with black letters. Undecided, however, was what the banner should say. Nobody was sure what the last one said.

I went through my pictures and found one with the banner. It said :

**"JOIN OUR LOCAL DIVE CLUB
IF YOU HAVE THE
www.UrgeToSubmege.com"**

So now the decision to be made, is do we want it to say the same thing again or do we want something new? If you have any suggestions, please share them.

Past dives were discussed. Club members dove the Wisconsin, which is reportedly getting more busted up. The Lumberman, the Car ferry Milwaukee & Willie, and Brig Mahoning, which was warm with lousy viz.

Mike & Ralph were called upon to do some diving in the marina for lost items for people. As Ralph mentioned at the meeting, this resulted in a call from Patch.com to do a story on them. Apparently, the owner of Dockside Deli in Port Washington was so grateful to get his key back, that he contacted Patch.com. I have the story posted on my facebook page.

Also at the last meeting we welcomed 2 new members. Jennifer Hornsey and Mike Fischer.

And since the last meeting.....

Maritime Heritage Festival. We had some help from Jim Behr, Gorilla, Duane, Mike & Laura. Thankfully, Duane brought his kids and we were able to throw them in the water to "demonstrate" diving. Duane and Jim also did some diving in the marina. Not sure if this caused any interest in diving for those who were watching, but I guess only time will tell.

We also had the Munising trip. Due to an "incident" with the dive boat, we had to hire a charter boat for the diving. We had enough people diving that it had to be done in 2 groups. Unfortunately, without having the divers delight boat to use, there were no side trips to other things while on the charter, there was no night dive and the optional Monday dive couldn't happen either. But at least the casino was still able to accommodate some of us.

In attendance from the club was: Ralph & Tracy, Mike & Laura, Ben & Jamie, Greg Jackson, Erie Hill & Jim Behr

The club turnout wasn't the best. We had more non-club divers than we had club divers. Maybe some members just needed a break from the trip. Hopefully next years turn out will be better.

And, on a non-club related note-I had assumed by now, that everyone knew about the capsize of the divers delight boat. Apparently I was wrong. I guess I forget not everyone is on facebook. Ralph, Mike and Ben were on the boat with 10 customers from Illinois. The Illinois part is important....because I'm sure you all know the reputation Illinois people have....well, it's all true.

Anyway, this is a story best told in person by those who were there. So if you want the story, you'll have to come to the meeting. Seems a rogue wave hit, and so that makes me blame Ben for the whole thing. If anyone is good at spotting a rogue wave, it's Ben. I've heard him announce their arrival lots of times, I don't know why he didn't announce this one!!

After the capsizing all the Illinois divers could think about was getting back their gear. They didn't care that they were all safe and unhurt. Didn't care that our boat may be trashed. They wanted their gear and supplied me with a complete list of everything they had on the boat....right down to a bic lighter and zip ties. (Remember, they're from Illinois). After a considerable amount of diving, all gear was recovered, or at least 99.9% of it. This required about 50+ hours of diving, at depths approx 135 feet. I don't think Mike will be allowed to fly for 6 months to a year.

After recovering all of the gear, they were finally able to focus on getting the rest of the boat back.

Besides the boat parts, and the Illinois dive gear, one other thing was found on the wreck of the Car Ferry...and it's **not** a piece of junk, it's perfectly good and useable and it will be up for auction at the next meeting!!

EDITORIAL

Why Join the Club?

I would like to challenge all of the current members to come up with reasons to join Urge To Submerge.

While thinking of reasons, you must completely exclude Divers' Delight from the equation. (example: potential for very affordable boat dives)

I decided to challenge you because one of our several new members asked me.

When I really thought about it, all I could come up with is "to socialize".

The club has booked 1 charter all season, excluding the Harrington Beach dive. And I believe there has only been 1 shore dive, and that was the camping/quarry dive.

So we obviously can't list "frequent dives" as a reason to join.

In winter we do a ski-outing, a chili dump, a Christmas party, bowling and have gone to Shedd Aquarium .

So I guess you could say we do a lot of non-diving activities.

But I'm not sure that saying we are a socializing club that has a focus on non-diving activities and also dabbles in scuba diving is really going to convince people to join our *dive* club.

If you can't think of a reason to join the club, maybe you can think of how we can change that.

What would it take for the club to do more diving? I understand boat dives can get expensive. But most shore dives can be done for free.

And they can be turned into picnics...to combine diving with our one true strength, socializing.

Answers or suggestions? Feel free to use the "e-gripe" to respond. Link is on next page. Whose up to the challenge???

Divers' Delights "REWARDS" punch card

We can basically call the "rewards" punch card retired for the year. The only potential dive we have left using the boat is Lake Geneva. And since it's already a \$45 dollar dive, the status of your card doesn't matter.

So if I haven't gotten a card to you yet, don't worry about it. We'll be printing all new ones for current members next year.

You can get your card at the start of the year, but in order for it to stay current, you have to be sure to pay your dues on time.

Even if you have a few punches and you lapse in your membership, you may have to start all over with a new card...so please, remember to pay your dues.

Dues for the 2012 season are due by June 1st.

If you attend meetings and some of the winter activities, you can be down to \$45 dives before or at least shortly after the dive season starts.



We may need to find a new place for our meetings.

Our hope was that once Tomaso's opened their basement we would be able to have a place that was quieter and had a better seating situation. However, last month we discovered the basement was "kiddie land", and that doesn't work very well for a meeting.

So if anyone has any ideas for a place that would work for meetings, please let us all know.

Coming Up

**Urge To Submerge Meeting
Tuesday September 20**

Tomaso's In Barton

1726 Barton Ave

West Bend, WI53090

www.tomasosinwestbend.com

Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

Sunday October 9...Hopefully

Lake Geneva dive

2-tank dive \$45

Crab boil??

Picnic??

New Feature on Club Website
(www.urgetosubmerge.com)

e-gripe

Don't forget, if you want to complain and don't want anyone to know who you are.....

You can click the link below and write your "gripe" and I will receive it anonymously.

I promise—neither your name or email comes through.

<http://www.urgetosubmerge.com/gripe.html>

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