



E-SLATE

American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS)

EDITORIAL NOTE –October 2016

Welcome to the October E-Slate. This issue is a bit late as we were all enjoying the 2016 AAUS Diving for Science Symposium. I would like to personally thank all of you who pitched in to help make this a great meeting. Our host, Anya Hanson, and her staff, worked exceptionally hard to provide an amazing program and excellent venue. I couldn't have done it without them! Thank you to all who participated this year and we hope to see you all back, along with those who couldn't make it to Rhode Island, at Thunder Bay in 2017! Watch the E-Slate as plans progress for more details on that meeting. Next month we will return to our typical format and we welcome news, announcements, job postings, and images of underwater work at aaus@disl.org. Current and past issues of the E-Slate are available at www.aaus.org.

2016 AAUS Symposium

The 2016 AAUS Symposium, hosted by the University of Rhode Island, was a great success! Our workshops included Human Factors Skills in Diving: Developing high performance divers & reducing incidents/accidents (Gareth Locke), Reefball workshop (Jason Krumholz), DAN Instructor Pro IQC workshop (Vin Malkoski), VCI Refresh course (Mauritius Bell), AUP repair (Joe Stellini), Drysuit repair (Ed Senior), Visual Inspection Procedure (CTS), Otic Barotrauma (Dr. Charash), Rebreather demo (Jeff Godfrey), Drysuit course (DUI), a new DSO orientation (Rick Riera-Gomez, Mauritius Bell, Danny Gouge and AAUS BOD), and a National DSO/Business meeting (Jim Hayward, Rick Riera-Gomez).

The annual AAUS business meeting and DSO meeting drew 101 participants representing 74 current OMs and 12 other organizations. The scientific symposium, a well-attended meeting with 139 participants, included a variety of topics from butterfly fishes and soft coral to the Tuskegee Airmen and historical submerged resources to virtual dive training and an investigative report on a fatal rebreather accident. Electronic versions of the proceedings are available for download at www.aaus.org in the resource library under publications.

The Kevin Flanagan Student Travel Award, with help from URI Sea Grant, provided funds for two students, Charlotte Levy (Oregon State University) and Allie Sifrit (University of Washington), to attend this year's meeting.

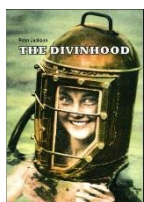
AAUS Service Recognition Awards were presented at the AAUS awards banquet to Mike Dardeau, Elliott Jessup, Amy Moran and Lora Pride for their service on the AAUS Board of Directors. Rob Robbins was awarded the Conrad Limbaugh Memorial Award for Scientific Diving Leadership and provided the keynote address at the awards banquet.

The AAUS Foundation held the annual scholarship fundraiser, The Bubblebreaker, and honored Kathy English as she steps back from her role in scholarship fundraising. Look for an update from the Foundation in next month's E-Slate once all the donations are tallied up. Our thanks go to ALL of our sponsors for this event!





Congratulations to Ray Boland who won this year's beautiful Kathy English print entitled *Narragansett Bay's Treasure*. All of Kathy's prints will be available in multiple print sizes as well as in notecard and calendar form on the AAUS Foundation website within the next few weeks. These beautiful pieces of art will make excellent Holiday gifts!



The editor who donated the books on the Miller Dunn helmets, entitled *Divinhood*, was Peter Jackson (pj_jackson@btinternet.com). Those interested in purchasing copy can do so by contacting the editor directly.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Accreditation Program

There was much discussion at the symposium concerning the Accreditation program. In order to address the call for more information about the progress of this program, a webpage will be setup to give the background on this program and to provide updates as they occur. Additionally, the Accreditation committee will use the online forum to field questions and/or concerns about the program. Both of these pages are under construction this week. Please stay tuned for more information regarding this program.

2017 AAUS Diving For Science Symposium

The 2017 AAUS Diving for Science Symposium will be hosted by Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary approximately the third week of September 2017. Watch the E-slate and website for firm dates and more information as plans progress.

If you would like to propose a workshop for the 2017 symposium, please send a brief course description to the AAUS office **no later than December 30, 2016**.

AAUS 2018 Symposium Host

Please be reminded that all proposals to host the 2018 AAUS Diving for Science Symposium must be submitted to the AAUS office **no later than December 30, 2016**. Please contact the office for information on what should be included with the proposal. If you submitted a proposal in 2016 and would like to resubmit, please contact the AAUS office.

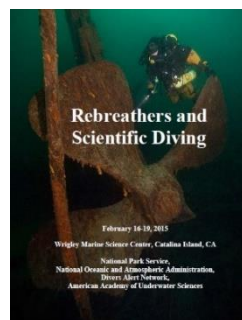
2017 Dr. Lee H. Somers AAUS Scientific Diving Internship Host

We are seeking applications from OM's that have both dive training and research opportunities available to an undergraduate. Past interns have benefited most from combined opportunities for attaining AAUS research diving certification and involvement with a research program and diving and boating safety programs. The chosen OM will participate in the intern selection. If your OM is interested in supporting this internship, please submit an online application form by **December 15, 2016**.

www.aaus.org/aausowuss_host_organization_application

Rebreathers and Scientific Diving Proceedings

The proceedings of the Rebreathers and Scientific Diving Workshop held at Wrigley Marine Science Center, Catalina Island, CA February 16-19, 2015 are now available for download or print on demand from Lulu.com (<http://goo.gl/gzV164>). In addition to the papers from the presenters, the document contains Rebreathers and Scientific Diving Best Practice Recommendations, and a transcript of the consensus discussion.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

REEF Marine Conservation Interns

Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) in Key Largo, FL is now accepting applications for Spring 2017 Marine Conservation Interns. The internship provides diverse experiences including field research, outreach and education, data collection and management, non-profit operations, public speaking, event planning and advertising. During the four-month internship, you will have many opportunities to dive and volunteer with partner organizations in the Florida Keys and South Florida. Visit www.REEF.org/internship to learn more and apply. **Application deadline is October 17, 2016.**

2017 Dr. Lee H. Somers AAUS Scientific Diving Internship

OWUSS will be taking applications for the 2017 Dr. Lee H. Somers AAUS Scientific Diving Internship starting in October. Intern applicants must be students from colleges and universities and must have an interest in science and diving. The program runs primarily from mid-May through August and will include training at one of several AAUS organizational member sites. This training will give the intern the necessary dive qualifications to allow participation on research projects requiring scientific diving and introduce the intern to careers that utilize scientific diving as a tool. Once trained as an AAUS-recognized diver-in-training, interns will participate in underwater field work at one or more locations and research facilities associated with the AAUS. The internship will be supported by funding for travel to/from site, room, board, and other internship-related expenses. For more information and to apply visit:

<http://www.owuscholarship.org/internships>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

III European Conference on Scientific Diving

The European Conference on Scientific Diving is a combination of the "Research in Shallow Marine and Fresh Water Systems" series with the "International Symposium on Occupational Scientific Diving" series into a single annual meeting. The intention is to provide a major international forum to highlight the scientific outputs that are being achieved in Europe principally through the use of scientific diving as a research tool. The symposium should attract the European leaders in the field of scientific diving, but must also provide a platform to encourage significant participation from Early Stage Researchers and students. The conference will be held March 22-23, 2017 in Madeira Island, Portugal with abstract submission due by **October 14, 2016**. More information is available at

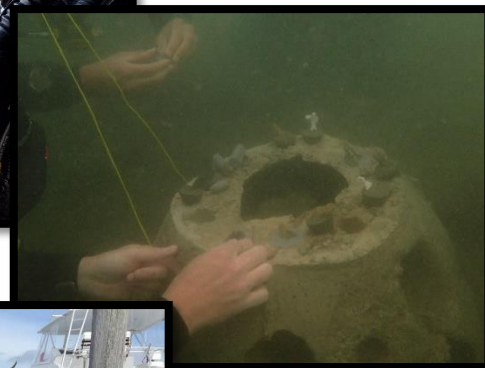
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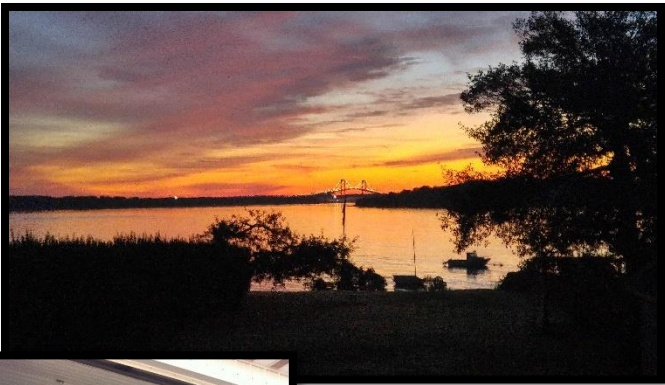
2016 Blue Ocean Film Festival & Conservation Summit

The 2016 Blue Ocean Film Festival will be held November 10-13, 2016 in St. Petersburg, Florida. BLUE showcases the world's best ocean media and the people who create it. Passes and event tickets will be available starting August 15th. Film submission deadline is August 10th. More information is available at <http://www.BLUEOceanFilmFestival.org>

DEMA 2016

The Diving Equipment and Marketing Association will hold its annual show November 16-19 at the Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. More information at www.demashow.com.





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