

**News and Views of the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago**

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**Shipwreck Show at Shedd Best Presentations Ever!**

The presentations at the annual shipwreck show produced by the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago (UASC) on Sunday, April 7, 2002, at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago were deemed the best ever offered to the public by members of this maritime history organization.

The main presentation, entitled "From the Flight Deck of the USS Wolverine (to the Bottom of Lake Michigan)" related the stories of World War II U.S. Navy airplanes which practiced aircraft landings onto ships on Lake Michigan, with many of those aircraft ending up on the bottom of the lake. Produced by Taras Lyssenko and Bob Gadbois, and written by Don Doherty and Keith Pearson, this videotape presentation featured Capt. Jack Young, USN Retired, and his wife, Ethel Young, who recounted their experiences with World War II in general and Lake Michigan pilot training in detail. The discovery of Capt. Young's aircraft at the bottom of Lake Michigan was also documented in videotape footage and shown.

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(PHOTO BY CHET CHILDS)

Captain Jack Young, USN retired, and wife Ethel Young were given an award of appreciation by UASC. they also addressed the audience.



(PHOTO BY CRIS KOHL)

Great Lakes troubador Lee Murdock (left) performed at the Shedd Show. Sam Frank was the Master of Ceremonies.

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***UASC 2002 Meeting Schedule***

Meetings take place the last Wednesday of every month (unless listed otherwise below). Meetings begin at 6:45 p.m. at the Shedd Aquarium. Enter through the Education side door, located on the north side of the building, facing Monroe Harbor. There is no meeting in December.

- May 29**
- June 26**
- July 31**
- August 28**
- September 25**
- October 30**
- November 27**

Excellent Education, Entertainment and Variety at our Recent UASC Meetings!

February Speaker: Stuart Kleven



Archival artwork of the Confederate Submarine, R. L. Hunley, supplied by Mr. Kleven.

On February 27, 2002, we were honored to hear from a gentleman who is presently working on the restoration of the Confederate States of America submarine, R. L. Hunley, the first underwater vessel to sink an enemy ship.

Stuart Kleven, of Alloyweld Inspection Company, updated us on the ongoing study and restoration work being done to that extremely historic vessel located a number of years ago by writer/diver Clive Cussler and his NUMA group.

In addition to the Hunley, Mr. Kleven also showed slides of the work done on the CSS Alabama off the coast of France, and on the conservation of the Belle, one of early explorer LaSalle's ships which sank at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

We thank Mr. Kleven sincerely for speaking at our meeting.

March Speaker: Kimberly Walker from D.A.N.

At our March meeting held at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago on the 27th of that month, members of UASC were absorbed by everything that guest speaker Kimberly Walker of the Divers Alert Network (D.A.N.) had to tell us.

Ms. Walker, NREMT-P, CHT, M.A. and Corporate Systems Education Manager (Information Technology) for D.A.N., reminded us, in humorous yet, at the same time, serious ways, about diving safely when we're out there surveying all those shipwrecks.

She spoke also about emergency management, indifference and denial, among other things.

Because she had so much information to share with us, she offered to arrive early, so we started the meeting at 5 PM instead of the usual 6:45 PM! She had been briefed about what the UASC does, where we dive, who our divers are, etc., and she addressed us based on this information. It was absolutely interesting and informative!

We thank Kimberly Walker for flying in from North Carolina, sharing her wealth of diver safety information with us, and giving away the many D.A.N. Dive & Travel Medical Guides and Pocket Guides To First Aid For Scuba Diving.



PHOTO BY CRIS KOHL

UASC member Scott Reimer beams with joy because he was the first recipient of one of the D.A.N. booklets given away by guest speaker, Kimberly Walker.

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## Calendar of Events

April 26-28, 2002 (Fri.-Sun.)--The 32nd annual "**Our World--Underwater**" Show at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont (Chicago), IL. Exhibits, seminars, workshops, film festivals. See [www.ourworldunderwater.com](http://www.ourworldunderwater.com). UASC members making presentations include **Bob Gadbois, Joan Forsberg** and **Cris Kohl**. UASC will have a booth there. **Volunteers are needed!**

May 4, 2002 (Sat.)--Great Lakes musician **Lee Murdock** will perform with the Dock Wallopers at the Maple Street Chapel, Lombard, IL, Main & Maple Sts., 630-964-4871, at 7:30 PM. Also check out <http://www.leemurdock.com>

May 8, 2002 (Wed.)--Meet the Author program of the **Wisconsin Marine Historical Society**: meet and hear Theodore J. Karamanski at the Bavarian Inn, Milwaukee, WI, cocktails (cash bar) 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM, program at 8 PM, cost \$16.00/person. Questions? call (414) 286-3074, e-mail: [wmhs@execpc.com](mailto:wmhs@execpc.com)

May 11, 2002 (Sat.)--Spring meeting of the **Wisconsin Underwater Archaeological Association**, at the Door county Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay. Program: 10 AM, meet at DCMM parking lot & walk to shipyard tour (\$5.00/adult); lunch at noon; 1:30 meeting in the Bridge Room, DCMM. Contact Russ Green for more info: (608) 271-8172, [rtgreen@whs.wisc.edu](mailto:rtgreen@whs.wisc.edu)

July 1-October 31, 2002--**Titanic, The New Exhibition** comes to Chicago. Due to the popularity of the earlier show in 2000, this new exhibit will return to the Museum of Science and Industry.

July 6-7 (Sat. and Sun.)--**Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum**, Whitefish Point, Michigan. Tom & Chris Kastle and Cris Kohl.

November 2, 2002 (Sat.)--The 7th annual "**Shipwrecks Remembered**" Show, McMorran Auditorium, Port Huron, MI. NEW: A full afternoon of presentations/workshops, plus evening presentations and exhibits. Call (810) 359-8660 for further information.

November 9, 2002 (Sat.)--The 15th annual "**Gales of November**" Show, Duluth, MN. All-day speakers, exhibit hall, tour research vessels, keynote address at evening dinner... Contact Mary George, (218) 727-2497, [info@LSMMA.com](mailto:info@LSMMA.com), web: [www.LSMMA.com](http://www.LSMMA.com)

## Shipwreck Show (cont'd from page 1)

Other presentations were equally exciting: "**The George F. Williams**" by **John and Ruth Loftus**, showing the results of their underwater survey of this abandoned bulk steamer off Hammond, Indiana; "**Quest for the Chicora**," a **Bob Gadbois** production, presenting the story of the much-sought and recently-found Lake Michigan shipwreck which disappeared with all hands in January, 1895; and "**From Crib to Grave**" by **Tony Kiefer**, the compelling tale about the 1909 fire tragedy aboard an early City of Chicago water intake crib.

Popular performer **Lee Murdock**, through his songs, did his usual excellent work telling the tales of many a lost Great Lakes sailor.

**Rachel Gross**, Adult Program Coordinator of the Shedd



PHOTO BY CHET CHILDS

Three of the major participants in the 2002 Shipwreck Show at the Shedd Aquarium (left to right): **Bob Gadbois**, one of the presentation producers and all-round ubiquitous AV guy, **Capt. Jack Young**, who received a special award of appreciation from UASC, and **David Truitt**, one of the three UASC chairmen.

Aquarium, and **David Truitt**, Chicago Marine Heritage Society and UASC chairman, welcomed the audiences at the two shows (the 6 PM show was a repeat of the 3 PM one).

**Sam Frank**, Dive Illinois, was the Master of Ceremonies, and **Jim Jarecki** provided the underwater photos printed in the program.

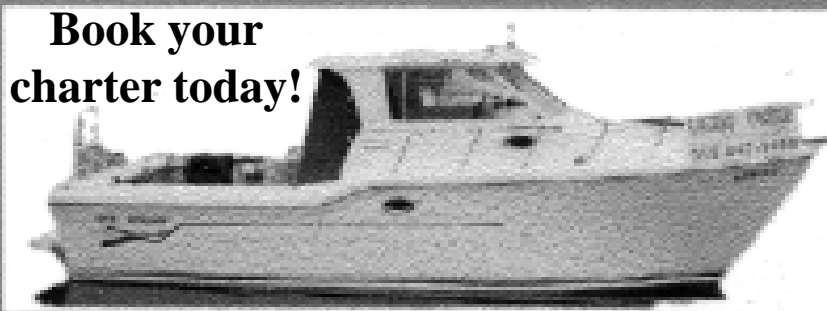
Ticket sales to this event, however, were disappointingly lower than expected, in spite of the considerable talent and fantastic topics. A combination of inadequate marketing and problems with the ticket ordering telephone line were reportedly the reasons for this. We apologize to our customers for any difficulties they may have encountered ordering tickets.

A hearty "**THANKS**" goes out to each and every one of the people involved in the massive production of a show of this fine caliber.

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## CPR and Oxygen First Aid Courses Offered in March

by Don Doherty

As spring brings the approach of another diving season, a recurring theme each year is safety. Too much attention or emphasis cannot be placed on the importance of safety while in the field, or, as is our case, in the Lake.

The UASC coordinated two opportunities in March for members to gain valuable knowledge and certification in 1) Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and 2) Oxygen Provider Course.

UASC Past President **Celeste Pearson**, a certified CPT instructor, helped train members **Gene Hasiak**, **Chet Childs** and **Keith Pearson** on Saturday, March 9th, 2002.

**Jim Gentile**, of Aquatic Research Interactive, trained seven members in the proper use of oxygen first aid in emergencies. The course not only demonstrated the use of equipment, but how to recognize the symptoms of injuries resulting from oxygen deficiency. Attending this program, on Sunday, March 24th, 2002, were **Mike Allen**, **Roger Barski**, **Chet Childs**, **Don Doherty**, **Gene Hasiak**, **John Loftus** and **John Shastal**.

Thanks to all who participated in these programs. There may not have been as many participants as we would have liked; however, in an emergency, all it takes is one trained person to make the difference between life and death for an unlucky victim. Certification cards were issued to participants for both programs.

A big **THANKS** also to **Celeste Pearson** and **Jim Gentile** for volunteering their time to provide this important training. Both programs were held at the University of Illinois at Chicago Hospital, and at a greatly reduced cost to UASC members.



Instructor Jim Gentile (standing) explains the do's and don'ts of oxygen first aid to UASC members at a special half-day seminar on March 24th, 2002. (PHOTO BY CHET CHILDS)

## Diving Medicine in Depth

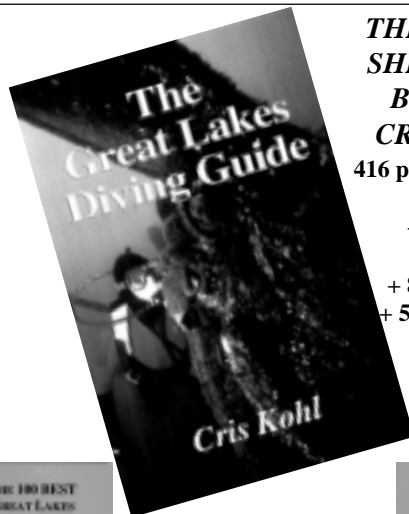
by Diane Gulczynski

On April 4th, 2002, **Dr. Claude L. Zanetti**, MD, and **Dr. Matthew J. Hickey**, DO, presented a three-hour seminar to the Chicago Fire Dept. Rescue Divers, the Chicago Police Marine Unit, and to a few UASC members who were fortunate enough to be available during the week. We learned about the specifics of the human body's response to increased atmospheric pressure, the process of Hyperbaric Medicine, determining the need for treatment, and prevention of diving related conditions. They expounded upon the importance of being fully prepared for each dive: physically, mentally and emotionally. This included the complete knowledge of your properly maintained equipment, with its use and limitations. Also the need to know your buddy's equipment, emergency procedures, and a review of underwater communications.

After a rapid decompression from an intense session, **Dr. Zanetti** and **Debra Schur-Garcia**, RT, gave us a tour of the Hyperbaric Center at Swedish Covenant Hospital and answered questions about the operation of the chamber. We thank them for this.

We are hoping to have Dr. Zanetti and possibly Dr. Hickey, too, speak at one of our future UASC meetings....

As I sat enjoying three hours off work, I found the review of anatomy and physiology of diving reminded me of how wonderfully complex our bodies are and why I love the field of medicine. Although we have equipment guiding us through each dive, we must remember how individual we are and prevention is the key to having the ultimate dive season. So I think I'll pass MacDonald's, turn off the TV, and enjoy the time of day when the birds awaken and the SUN begins to glare over the horizon, reminding me the reason I'm alive!!! To DIVE!!!



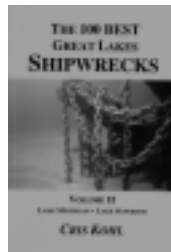
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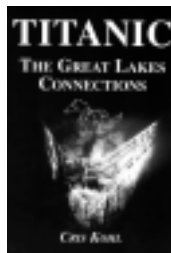


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# Chicago's New Boating/Diving Security Zones

## UASC Diver Stares into M-16 Muzzles!

(Who Says Diving the Great Lakes is Boring?)

Due to the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, the Captain of the Port Chicago established Security Zones within the Chicagoland area.

Unfortunately, one of our UASC members, **Michael Gagliardi**, was doing a shore dive with a buddy to the unidentified Zion schooners north of Chicago. Even more unfortunate was the fact that these wrecks are located just off the Zion Power Plant. And even more unfortunate than that was the fact that the divers were not aware that the area had been posted as a Security Zone.

In other words, they weren't supposed to be diving there.

When they surfaced from their dives, they froze at the sight of several M-16's aimed right at them by the crewmembers of a Coast Guard boat.

Fortunately, nothing serious evolved from that episode, as the divers proved to be doing merely a recreational dive on the old shipwrecks, as opposed to carrying out some diabolical scheme to destroy the Power Plant.

The bottom line is that it's good to see the Coast Guard's quick response to what its members perceived as a potential problem.

These Security Zones in the Chicago area will remain in effect until further notice:

- 1) William E. Dever Crib, Lake Michigan (100 yards in all directions)
  - 2) 68th Street Crib, Lake Michigan (100 yards in all directions)
  - 3) South Water Treatment Plant, Lake Michigan (100 yards in all directions)
  - 4) Jardine Treatment Plant, Lake Michigan (between the Jardine Plant and Navy Pier)
  - 5) Navy Pier Lake Michigan (between Navy Pier and Dime Pier)
  - 6) Zion Nuclear Power Plant within a 1000 yard by 100 yard box extending from shore (inside the lighted buoy line)
  - 7) Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant within a 400 yard line by 1000 yard rectangle extending from shore (inside the lighted buoy line)
  - 8) Palisades Nuclear Power Plant within a 1000 yard by 1500 yard box extending from shore (inside the lighted buoy line)
  - 9) Dresden Nuclear Power Plant south of the mouth of the canal opening onto the Des Plaines River at river mile 272
  - 10) Byron Nuclear Power Plant within a 100 yard radius
- Severe fines and confiscation of property are legally in place. Questions can be referred to the Chicago Port Operations Department at (630) 986-2175.

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## POTPOURRI

(that means "all jumbled up")

UASC is planning to do survey work in 2002: the wreck of the *David Wells*, a new survey site, plus perhaps working on a couple of other new sites and possibly completing old, unfinished surveys. Contact **Don Doherty**, UASC President, for further information. Or better yet, come to the UASC meeting on Wed., May 29, 2002, at the Shedd.

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UASC Executive Board member **Bob Gadbois** gave a talk at the senior men's club at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, IL. He presented "Final Port of Call," followed by "Exploring Chicago's Shipwrecks," followed by "The *Rouse Simmons*" and ending with a teaser for our Shedd Show. They handed Bob a check for \$100 in gratitude for his presentations. In Bob's words about the check: "which I will take to my nearest tavern---er, deposit into the UASC treasury. So we are richer." Great work, Bob!

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This is the boat (the *Straits of Mackinac*) that Green Bay's Neptune Nimrod's are planning to sink soon off Door County as a dive site. There is a possibility of another old boat up there that we can sink off Chicago this year. (POSTCARD FROM THE CRIS KOHL COLLECTION).

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The UASC conducts shipwreck site surveys which employ field drawings, underwater photography and videotape. Field survey work is augmented by academic historical research. The Society attempts to preserve sites by

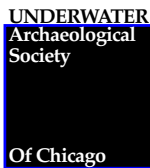
studying the effects of natural and biological forces as well as the impact of human activity on shipwrecks. It advocates responsible use of submerged cultural resources.

Membership is open to everyone. The Society presents the opportunity to meet, work together, and socialize with others who share similar avocational interests. It allows members to apply their diving or other skills to group projects that produce site maps, published surveys, technical drawings, and

educational programs.

The UASC shares the results of its work with the community through publications, museum exhibits, and presentations to all interested public and private groups.

Through its work, the Society hopes to add to the body of archaeological data available to local historians and maritime enthusiasts of future generations. It also seeks to enhance the enjoyment and value of local sport diving.



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