

UASC Wreck Checker

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Formal Training in Underwater Archaeology



Four UASC members took the intense, two-day courses called **Introduction to Underwater Archaeology** and **NAS I** offered by **Dr. Mark Holley** at Traverse City, Michigan, on the weekend of November 7-8, 2009, from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM each day. They learned much, passed the exam with flying colors, and received their accreditations from the Nautical Archaeology Society (Great Britain). From left to right: **John Gerty, Ruth Magnus, Cris Kohl, and Joan Forsberg**. **Don't miss these courses on May 22-23, 2010, in Chicago!** Photo by Tony Piazza

Mark Your Calendars! UASC Meetings in 2010

January 27 February 24
March 31 April 28 May 26

June 30 July 28 August 25
September 29 October 27
November 17

The Chicago skyline from the Burnham Harbor Yacht Club, early December, 2009. Photo by Cris Kohl

Our UASC meetings (dates for 2010 are given at left) are held at the **Helix Building**, 310 S. Racine Ave., at Jackson Blvd., in Chicago, on the last Wednesday of every month (2nd last in November), beginning at 6:30 PM until about 9 PM. There is **FREE** parking available in the Helix parking lots, the main lot being on the west

side of the building, and the other one located across the street to the north of the main lot. Meetings are held on the 8th floor -- an elevator is available and location signs are posted at the Helix entranceway. We discuss shipwrecks off Chicago and UASC projects in progress, plus we have exciting guest speakers.

Join us! The public is welcome!

UASC Members Again Take All ICSSD Awards Given to Individuals!



Once again, two worthy individuals from the UASC, with help from President Joan Forsberg's impressive writing skills in nominating them, received the two awards given annually to individuals by the Illinois Council of Skin and Scuba Diving (ICSSD).

Michael Angelo Gagliardi (at left) received the ICSSD Diver of the Year Award for 2009. Among other accomplishments, he is UASC's first Dive Coordinator in a number of years, and he rejuvenated survey diving. For example, he organized survey dives on the wreck of the *Rotarian* and did a photomosaic of it. In Cow Springs, Florida, he led a team into a restoration project for a cave which had been vandalized. He developed new techniques for remaining stationary in a cave in a current and new techniques for removing the graffiti from the cave walls and restoring them to their original condition. *Congratulations, MA!*

Patrick Hammer (below) received the ICSSD's Arthur Swanson Humanitarian Award for 2009. He founded the Tim Early Foundation which supports worthy causes which further the sport of diving. One of the foundation's main projects was the clean-up and the 2003 sinking off Chicago of the 1928 ship called *The Straits of Mackinac*. Patrick is a man who never says no to a heartfelt request for assistance. He established the Ralph Erickson Foundation which enables people who could not otherwise afford it to get the training to become scuba instructors. He has offered considerable financial assistance for the *Buccaneer* Project. But Patrick is best known as the President of the hugely successful Chicago scuba dive show called *Our World--Underwater*. This show attracts thousands of people into scuba diving each year. *Congratulations, Patrick!*



Above: Joan Forsberg accepted Michael Angelo's one-year traveling award; he gets to keep the one below.



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Photos by Cris Kohl

Bob Gadbois Receives UASC Award!



Longtime member/volunteer **Bob Gadbois** received the **UASC Award** for 2009, presented to him by UASC President **Joan Forsberg** at the November, 2009 meeting. Only the second year to be awarded and shaped like a ship's hull, this award is given "for many years of leadership and dedication." *Congratulations, Bob!*

Photos by Cris Kohl



More Work on the *Buccaneer* Project...



A joyful John Bell heads to work on the *Buccaneer*

Past party boat workers united for one last look



Engine room work: cleaning up oil between the twin diesels



Eileen Gustafson helps drain the bilge water

In Oct. and Nov., 2009, clean-up work on the former Coast Guard ship/party boat, the *Buccaneer*, continued. This "three-weekend job" will soon be going into its third year...

Photos by Cris Kohl



Taking a break: Bill Messner, Scott Reimer, Joan Forsberg, John Gerty, and John Bell



Loading bags of Oil-Dri onto the pontoon boat for the *Buccaneer*

UASC Dues Lowered!

The annual UASC membership dues have been lowered for 2010! Individual dues are now \$35.00 (instead of \$45.00) and Family dues have been reduced from \$60.00 to \$50.00. REJOIN! Dues for 2010 are due now!

ELECTION results: The UASC Executive Board of the past two years has done such a great job that its members were re-elected at the November, 2009, meeting for the year 2010, *Congratulations!* Below: We see some happy members at recent meetings. Photos by Cris Kohl



Delphine Pontvieux at the late October meeting



Dan Kasberger and Diane Gulczynski pause at a table of shipwreck survey reports.

Take Advantage of Formal Training in Underwater Archaeology!

May 22-23, 2010 (Sat.-Sun.)--For the first time ever, the UASC has arranged for an instructor to teach its members formal underwater archaeology! **Dr. Mark Holley** will come to Chicago to teach the **Introduction** and **NAS I** (Nautical Archaeology Society) courses in Underwater Archaeology on the second-last weekend in May, 2010. This is the entry-level course to the Nautical Archaeology Society Training Program and is aimed at introducing nautical archaeology to divers and non-divers, and promoting their interest in the subject. Course content will draw primarily from archaeology, anthropology, and the applied social or behavioral sciences. If you are interested in taking this course for college credit, contact Dr. Holley.

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will have been introduced to the basic principles and scope of nautical archaeology, appreciate the importance of our nautical heritage and the need for the recording, protection, and preservation of the underwater heritage, have been given the necessary knowledge to undertake a pre-disturbance site survey, understand the status and potential of underwater archaeology in the Great Lakes, gain practical skills in underwater surveying and recording, and appreciate the practice of underwater archaeology as an avocational diver.

Topics covered include the archaeological record, basic theory and practice in prehistoric and historical archaeology, methods, techniques, and technologies in underwater archaeology, a project case study, dating methods and site interpretation, introduction to wreck recording techniques, a practical session using the wreck recording form, introduction to 3-D survey programs, survey practical, introduction to finds handling and the problems associated with waterlogged material, project logistics and safety, and introduction to the NAS Wreck Recording Project and other NAS Projects.

The cost of this course is \$250.00 per person. A course and study guide, sufficient to pass the examination at the end of the course, will be provided, but anyone wishing more detailed information (or planning to take further NAS courses) should buy the book *Archaeology Underwater, The NAS Guide to Principles and Practice* (2009) (Bowens, Amanda, et al.) which costs approximately \$45.00 (\$65.00 for hardcover) and can be ordered at any Barnes & Noble store.

Individual registration for this two-full-days course is accomplished only by mailing a check for the full amount of \$250.00 to **Dr. Mark Holley, 230 West Williams St., Ovid, MI 48866**. He can be contacted for further course information at (989) 834-1058 or email: mholley@shianet.org.

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*At Our October, 2009 Meeting***Kimm Stabelfeldt**

Kimm Stabelfeldt holds one of the largest private collections of Great Lakes books and ephemera in Wisconsin and is the author of five popular Great Lakes dive guides. His work has been published in numerous periodicals and he holds memberships in many Great Lakes maritime organizations. A certified Divemaster and Trimix diver, Kimm is the President of Adventure Diving, Inc., a Great Lakes shipwreck dive charter service, and a Director of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Research Foundation, Inc., which runs the annual **Ghost Ships Festival** in Milwaukee. He holds degrees in Business and Computer Science and is an executive with a computer software company.

He gave an exciting presentation on diving shipwrecks off Milwaukee. *We thank Kimm for joining us at the October meeting!*



Photo by Cris Kohl

*At Our November, 2009 Meeting:***Dave Truitt**

Dave Truitt is an attorney, a Past Flotilla Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and a Past Commodore of the Jackson Park Yacht Club. He had a love affair with three "Charlotte Anns" -- one of which was an 87-foot-long schooner which, for about ten years, was Chicago's "Tall Ship." This vessel was used as an adventure charter ship, and entertained celebrities such as Lily Tomlin, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and the late John Belushi. Most notably for our group, Dave was the driving force in the creation of the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago in 1989.

Dave gave us a humorous look at the beginnings and early years of the UASC.

We thank Dave for his entertaining presentation!



Dave Truitt shows his UASC "survey tag number 1." Photo by Cris Kohl

Calendar of Events

Compiled by Cris Kohl



February 19-21, 2010 (Fri.-Sun.) -- The **SPECIAL 40th annual "Our World --Underwater" Scuba Show**, Chicago, IL. **Bob Gadbois** will present UASC's "Explore Chicago Shipwrecks"; **Cris Kohl** and **Joan Forsberg** will present a tribute to **Joyce Hayward** at the Friday Evening Film Festival, plus a new seminar presentation titled "Searching for Shipwrecks: The Technology" on Saturday; Cris and Joan are also working on a special book called "Our World--Underwater, The First 40 Years" which will be available at this special show. See www.ourworldunderwater.com

February 27, 2010 (Sat.) -- 8th annual "**Chicago Maritime Festival**," Chicago History Museum, Clark St. at North Ave., Chicago. Seminar presentations, 10 AM-4:30 PM. **Dan Kasberger** will do a presentation on nautical jargon, and **Cris Kohl** and **Joan Forsberg** will present UASC's "Explore Chicago Shipwrecks!" UASC will also again offer the kids' program "**Be A Shipwreck Detective**." Concert 7-10:30. www.chicagomaritimefestival.org

February 27, 2010 (Sat.) -- "**Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival**," Morris Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. River Dr., Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, MI. Go to www.shipwreckfestival.org for more information.

February 27, 2010 (Sat.) -- 11th annual "**Dive Into The Past**" show, Minneapolis, MN. Visit www.glsps.org for information.

March 5-6, 2010 (Fri.-Sat.)--11th annual "**Ghost Ships Festival**," Milwaukee, WI. **Cris Kohl** and **Joan Forsberg** will present UASC's "Explore Chicago Shipwrecks." See www.ghost-ships.org for more information.

March 6, 2010 (Sat.) -- 56th annual **Boston Sea Rovers Clinic**. Boston, MA. Saturday Film Festival only (this year only). Venue to be determined. Go to www.bostonsearovers.com for information.

March 26-28, 2010 (Fri.-Sun.)--The 34th annual "**Beneath The Sea**" show, Secaucus, NJ. Exhibits, seminars, workshops, Saturday evening film show. **Cris Kohl** and **Joan Forsberg** will do two presentations: "Searching for Shipwrecks: The Technology" and UASC's "Explore Chicago Shipwrecks." See www.beneaththesea.org for more information.

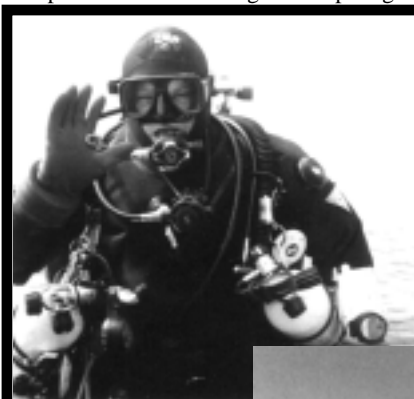
May 22-23, 2010 (Sat.-Sun.)-- Joan Forsberg has made arrangements to have **Dr. Mark Holley** come to Chicago to teach the **Introduction** and **NAS I** (Nautical Archaeology Society) courses in Underwater Archaeology to members of the UASC. John Bell is making arrangements for classroom facilities at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). Cost is \$250.00 per person. See detailed information on page 2 of this newsletter.



Left: UASC members John Gerty, Cris Kohl, and Joan Forsberg survey a chalk "shipwreck" at Traverse City, Michigan, for the NAS Intro and I courses. Photo by Ruth Magnus.



Right: Dr. Mark Holley. Photo by Cris Kohl



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Members cannot participate in group and dive activities if membership is not current.

Please circle your areas of interest: learning u/w Archaeological techniques Boating Exhibits Membership recruiting u/w still Photography
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MISSION STATEMENT — The Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago (UASC) is a volunteer, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the study and preservation of Illinois' shipwrecks and other underwater cultural resources.

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

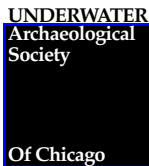
to preserve sites by studying the effects of natural and biological forces as well as the impact of human activity on shipwrecks. It advocates responsible use of submerged cultural resources.

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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