



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting Canceled

Unfortunately, due to the spike in Covid-19 cases recently, the board has decided to cancel the January meeting. We are hoping to meet in-person once again in February.

Going forward, we do have some great speakers lined up. We hope you will be able to join us for more meetings in 2022. Stay tuned for details!

Scammers Target Dive Shops

Recently, a group of scammers have been traveling to dive shops all across the country and purchasing dive computers with stolen credit cards. They were in Washington DC in December and came to Madison last week. After that the same individuals continued to Chicago and have recently been seen in Indiana. Who knows where they will go from there.

Luckily, both Breezeway Bubbles and Diversions did not lose any products this time. However, both local shops have been the victims of fraudulent transactions in the past. When the owner of the stolen credit card cancels the card, the credit card company takes the money back from the business, and unfortunately there is no way for the business to recover the cost.

Obviously these transactions can be very costly to small shop owners. Please do your part and be cautious when buying dive equipment. Items such as brand new dive computers should only be purchased from an authorized dealer. Deals that are too good to be true probably are. Also, don't be surprised if our local stores start to ask for a photo ID for larger purchases.

Hopefully as these fraudsters continue with this scheme, someone will be able to catch them. In the meantime, do what you can and support local businesses.

Zach Keeps Trophy Another Year



Congratulations to Zach for doing the most dives in 2021 and keeping the traveling trophy for the second year in a row!

Special recognition to Gayle, Ellen, and John for diving in all four of the local lakes.

Thank you to everyone who attended the holiday party. Looking forward to hearing about more of everyone's dive adventures in 2022!

Something For Your Surface Interval

A Bird's Eye View

[Check out some beautiful drone photos](#) of Door County from the sky by Brett Kosmider. (No shipwrecks sighted.)

Still Moving

[Read about the Virginia shipwreck](#), sunk by a German U-Boat in the Mississippi River delta and not yet fully settled 80 years later. It's moved over 10 kilometers due to the mudflows, and gives important insight into the seafloor in the Gulf of Mexico.

Used Gear For Sale

Several complete sets of gear that have been kept in good condition, but will need to be inspected for use again. Owner is moving and now prefers to rent gear instead of bringing his own. If interested, please contact Bob at 608-963-3912.