



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting—NEW LOCATION AND TIME

Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 PM

Capital Brewery - [7734 Terrace Ave. in Middleton](#)

Our March meeting will be at the [Capital Brewery](#) in Middleton. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm; feel free to come by a little earlier if you want to socialize. Please note that Capital Brewery does not serve food. You are welcome to carry food in or order delivery from another restaurant.

We will be holding elections at this meeting! The following officer positions will be chosen: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These will be the club officers for 2023-2025.

March Speaker: Zach Whitrock

This month club member Zach Whitrock will be telling us about his work with underwater photogrammetry. Zach got certified as a diver in 2009, really started diving in 2019, and is the current holder of the club trophy for most dives over the last couple years. He's certified on multiple rebreathers, down to 330 feet on trimix, and is a cave diver. He will be sharing his work on photogrammetry--which is creating 3D models of underwater objects using video. Just check out [this WKOW story](#) about his work to see how cool it is! Hope to see everyone there!



Upper Midwest Scuba & Adventure Travel Show

The Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society is sponsoring the 2023 Upper Midwest Scuba & Adventure Travel



Show on March 24-25. They have great speakers lined up, including Amy Rosebrough, who is an Archaeologist for the Wisconsin Historical Society, and Brendon Baillod, president of the Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association. The show will also have a 3D shipwreck booth with virtual reality diving experiences.

It is being held March 25 at "The Mermaid" in Mounds View, MN. Admission is \$65 online or \$70 at the door. If anyone is interested in carpooling to this event, please let Brad know.

Tour of Fire Station One and Lake Rescue

Lt. Jerod Nadolny and the fire fighters at [Fire Station One](#) will give a talk and tour of the station including the Lake Rescue Unit on Wednesday, April 19 at 7 PM. We will get a chance to see their scuba and other equipment during the tour.

There is a limit of twenty people on this tour. Club members and their guests can sign up by emailing fafinski@wisc.edu with the number of attendees. Remember, this is a functioning firehouse, so engines and personnel may need to leave at any time.

Arrive early enough to find parking. The [Overture Center](#) ramp is at 300 W. Dayton St., across the street from the firehouse. Station One is located at 316 W. Dayton Street.

This tour is in addition to the regularly scheduled club meeting.

Hope you can make it!



Survey Says...

Thank you to everyone who took the survey. We have made a few changes and are making some plans based on your responses.

The club meeting time will now be 7 PM. You can arrive anytime after 6:30 for some social time and to get your orders in.

After an extensive search, starting in May we will be meeting at Benvenuto's in Fitchburg. This venue is much quieter than our past meeting places. It fits in with our budget in that there is no meeting room fee or minimum order. They will accommodate separate checks and the set up will work well for presentations. Now that Fish Hatchery Road construction is finished, it only takes four minutes to drive there from the Beltline. Stay tuned for more information about our new home.

Members reported they want more diving. The clean up dives will be May 13, 14, 20 and 21. Watch the newsletter for details. There will be a Devil's Lake dive on June 17. More dives are being planned for places like Lake Wazee, Fraitchi Point, and Redgranite Quarry.

You also wanted picnics. There will be a picnic after the Devil's Lake dive on June 17. Come for both the dive and the picnic or just one or the other. Dive Eat Float and the Phoenix party are in the planning stages. And we are looking at having the fundraising dive and picnic again the weekend of June 3.

You asked for more presentations and the speakers are ready, too. Watch your email and check the website. Here is the lineup for the next few months: March is Zach on Photogrammetry; April is Cara Moll, a travel medicine specialist; and May is Amy Rosenbrough, an archaeologist giving her presentation on Ghost Ports Along Lake Michigan. More to come...

You also wanted more tours. We will have a tour of Fire Station One in April. Sometime later this summer we will be scheduling a talk and a ride-along on the Sherriff's Maritime and Trails enforcement boat. We are also looking at multiple other trips, including the Lockwood Scuba Museum, the Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Shedd Aquarium. These outings take some work to set up. So, please watch for another survey coming soon about the outings we are considering. We will set up the trips that have enough interest.

If you have other ideas or contributions, please let me know.

-Ellen

Diveheart Updates



Jim Elliott, founder and president of Diveheart, sent some along some information about all the great things that they have been up to. They've been very busy!

- [Making a quadriplegic diver's dream of shark diving a reality](#)
- [Tracy, a Navy vet living with ALS, reclaims part of her identity as a diver](#)
- [Adapting to Dive, an award-winning documentary](#)
- [Check out all their other Youtube videos too](#)

Interested in becoming an adaptive buddy or instructor? They do training on all their trips in 2023. Anyone interested in becoming a buddy can join them. [Check out here for details.](#)

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