

Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 PM

Benvenuto's in Fitchburg - [2949 Triverton Pike Dr.](#)

The meeting starts at 7:00pm, but you may want to arrive at 6:30pm to chat and place your order. Check out Benvenuto's website for information on their loyalty program and menu: <https://benvenutos.com/>

Speaker: Vice Commander Charles "Chas" Hague

Charles "Chas" Hague is Vice Commander of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 43-04 (Madison). He has been a proud member of the Auxiliary for 18 years. His qualifications include Telecommunications Watchstander, Boat Safety Instructor, Vessel Safety Examiner, and Aids to Navigation Examiner. He learned how to sail on his honeymoon, and has been working for the past 45 years to get better at it. He and his wife Barbara moved to Madison two years ago to help his daughter with his twin grandsons.



Presentation: Hague will give a brief history of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Auxiliary and discuss the current missions. He will also talk about how to boat safely, and tell a few sea stories.

Hope to see you on Wednesday for this entertaining talk!



Upcoming Club Events:

July 10: Dinner and a Movie! Rob and Mary will be hosting the July 10 meeting at their house. We will have dinner for club members and watch The Life Aquatic.

August 14: Mini golf outing at Vitense!

Stay tuned for more details!

More Canoes Found!

You probably remember Tamara Thomsen finding an ancient canoe in Lake Mendota in 2021. Tamara and her colleagues have been in the national news again recently and have now found up to 11 canoes, including one that is approximately 4,500 years old. This is the oldest canoe that has ever been found in our area!

Two of the canoes have been excavated from the lake and will be displayed at the State Historical Society's Wisconsin History Center in the future.

Here are a few articles with more details:

<https://wisconsinhistory.org/canoe>

<https://www.wpr.org/news/11-ancient-canoes-madison-lake-mendota-archaeologists>

<https://nypost.com/2024/05/31/us-news/4500-year-old-discovery-in-us-lake-leaves-experts-in-shock-and-awe/>

Congratulations to everyone involved in these exciting discoveries!

Club Reminders!

Friendly reminder that May was dues month. If you still have to pay your annual membership fees, please do so at the Wednesday meeting or contact Mary to make arrangements.

Also, if you've ever wanted to get more involved or felt like the club could be improved, you're in luck—elections will be held in January! Our fabulous President Ellen will not be running again and we will be looking for a new club leader. Please consider running and if you have questions, feel free to ask a board member.



Successful Cleanup Dives!

By Brad Acker

Thanks to everyone who came out for the annual cleanup dives in May! We had a great turnout and mostly good weather.

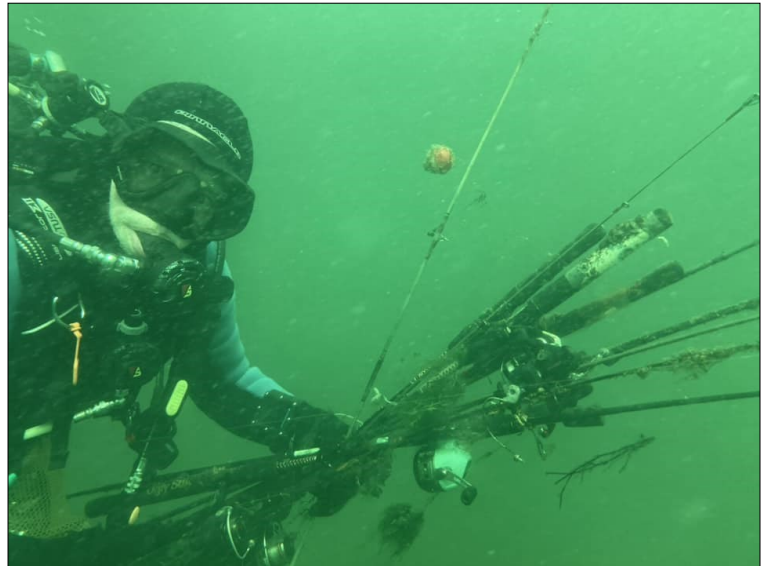
Lake Kegonsa appears to be clean; divers found very little garbage at all.

Mendota near the Union and Langdon St. had a lot of garbage as usual. We had a great turnout: 13 divers! Among the finds were a shopping cart, a couple cell phones, and a knife. The weed growth was up compared to years past, which made trash hunting a little more difficult. Gayle found remnants of where the pier collapsed at the Memorial Union last year, but didn't find any goodies among the debris.

We also had a good turnout for Lake Monona. It's been a few years since the club has done a cleanup on this side of the Terrace, and the highlight was over a dozen fishing poles. We also found a couple steel pipes that the water ski team uses for practicing, which we returned to them. Despite the heavy rain the night before, visibility was great.

At the Bible Camp on Lake Waubesa, we had rainy weather but still a good turnout. We pulled up 10 anchors and a couple bags of trash.

Photos from Gayle Orner.



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