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1. Welcome to a new season at Great Lakes Aquanauts. I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and is healthy this new year, and ready to enjoy our upcoming programs. A complete listing is available on Page 3, along with our new dive schedule for 2005.
2. Our first presenter will be Dave Trotter and his program, *Two Ships Frozen in Time*, the story of the loss of the W. H. Gilbert, a 328' steamer which sank in Lake Huron in 1914; and the discovery of the H. P. Bridge, a barkentine sailing vessel built during the Civil War that sank in a collision. This will more than likely be the only presentation by Dave of his program in Michigan this year as the Ford Seahorses program has been cancelled for this year.
3. Our Membership Committee has had its first meeting; the members have come up with some exciting ideas for getting old members to return and to gain new members. We'll keep you informed of their efforts.
4. As mentioned above, our new dive schedule is located on Page 3. We hope to see a few more divers at our dives than we did last year. We always have a great time at the dives, and afterwards as well.
5. GLA is planning a return trip to Cozumel for October. See the flyer on Page 5. Spots are filling up fast so send your deposit (\$150) to Hugh Walton as soon as possible.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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SAFETY AND ED

DAN O₂ Courses

For the course nearest you, check out DAN's website: www.DanAlertNetwork.org. Look under "Training and Education".

OTHER DIVE RELATED INFO

Great Lakes Indepth

Watch Ric Mixer on public TV. Check your local listings for days and times. For more information, "dive" into the web at www.moreindepth.com" or write to Ric in care of:

ISE
2302 US Hwy 41 W
Marquette, MI 49855
906-228-7800.

FOR SALE

Call, fax or email Jan Ouellette to place your ad. This is a free service to GLA members.

- **Contour weights**, any size, call Mike Sitko.
- **Underwater Metal Detector**, Garret Sea Hunt XL500VLF, \$500. Call Frank Klepadlo.
- **Wetsuit**, medium, women's with farmerjohn pants and tunic top, hot pink/black. Contact Andrea Wolf.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005.

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BOARD MEETINGS

The **March 2005** board meeting will be held at:
Tim Ouellette's
Time: **7:00 PM**
Date: Monday,
March 7

The **April 2005** board meeting will be held at:
Tim Ouellette's
Time: **7:00 PM**
Date: Monday,
April 4

The **May 2005** board meeting will be held at:
Tim Ouellette's
Time: **7:00 PM**
Date: Monday,
May 2

GLA-WEAR



T-Shirts \$15 (S-XL)
Hats \$10
Sweatshirts \$30 (S-XL)
Jackets \$70 (S-XL)

(add \$3 for sizes over XL); add \$5 for names/monograms
Plus 6% sales tax
50% deposit on all special orders.



T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, jackets, bags . . . We can even embroider on your existing apparel and accessories. Attend club and non-club events in style!

To Order, contact:
Nadeen Ouellette or
Jan Ouellette

2005 DIVE SCHEDULE

DATE	DIVE SITE	LOCATION
Saturday, March 19	Pool Dive/Equipment Check-out	OCC Pool, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, \$10
Sunday, April 24	River Run/Float/Potluck	Huron River, Dexter, Westmans' house
Weekend, May 7-8	St. Ignace, Opening Dave's Boat	Dave Albright's Place, not a dive
Saturday, May 21	White Star Quarry	Gibsonburg, Ohio
Weekend, May 28-30, Memorial Wknd	Early season Straits Diving	Dave Albright's Place
Sunday, June 12	Monarch/Potluck/Board Meeting	Sarnia/Dave & Judy's house
4th of July Weekend	Lexington--Frank's boat/Potluck	Lexington/Frank's house
Saturday, July 16	Portage Quarry	Portage, Ohio
Weekend, August 12-15	Straits dives	Dave's Place
Labor Day Weekend, September 3-5	Tobermory	Tim Ouellette's Place
Sunday, October 9	Pumpkin Carving/Potluck	Silver Lake, Westmans' house
Saturday, December 10	Annual Awards Banquet	Mama-Mia's Restaurant, Livonia

2005 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 16	DAVE TROTTER, Two Ships Frozen in Time.
March 16	BOB MCGREEVY, Lost Legends of the Lakes
April 20	RIC MIXTER, Beginning Wreck Diving
May 18	JOHN WESTMAN, Patagonia, Argentina
June 15	JANET CZAPSKI, Sea The World
July 20	Dive Quiz
August 17	Slides from Cozumel, Frank Troxell
September 21	Underwater photography
October 19	DIVERS, INC, Taking care of equipment in salt water conditions
November 16	Elections and Pizza Party (location to be determined)

TSUNAMI DISASTER

Kinetics Singapore responded to this crisis by offering a \$1 for \$1 matching donation with the employees. Hands dug deep into their pockets even though many had already made their own personal donations directly through the various help organizations. A total of \$3,000 was collected and the \$6,000 is on it's way to the Red Cross.



We feel very fortunate that no employee or their family members from Kinetics Malaysia and Singapore were affected by this tragedy.

Kinetics Singapore wishes to recognize one of our employees, Darren Chen, Project Engineer, who volunteered for search and rescue with the Red Cross. He was on an aborted dive trip to the Seychelles and was stuck in a Mumbai, India, Hotel awaiting a return flight to Singapore. The Red Cross made appeals for volunteers there and his group of young and fit divers did not hesitate. They were transported to Sri Lanka and Maldives and helped recover mainly those victims trapped underwater. Over a 3 day period, they recovered several hundred bodies and faced extremely hazardous, grueling and horrible conditions. Upon return to Singapore, it took him several days before he could eat or sleep normally. Deeply affected by his experience, he expressed concern for the future of the severely traumatized local survivors he encountered who lost numerous family members. Though Darren was reluctant to have this experience posted, all who heard his recount were very moved and we felt compelled to acknowledge his selfless contribution. We salute you, Darren!



Darren Chen

Submitted by Kristina Troxell

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual GLA Dues

Payable now through January 1, 2005.

\$30 per year per individual or per family member at the same address.*

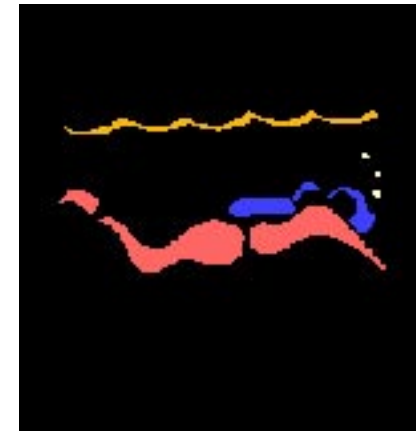
Name(s) _____

 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Home Phone _____
 Work Phone _____
 Email _____

Your email address (if you have one) is important to notify you of last minute club information such as scheduled dive changes and meetings. Also, we need it if you wish to receive the Flipper via email.

Mail your dues payable to GLA to: Linda Walton, 32532 Sandra Lane, Westland, MI 48185.

*Each family member must have a membership



**GLA
GOES TO
COZUMEL**



WHEN: OCTOBER 22-29, 2005
WHERE: Scuba Club Cozumel

SEVEN NIGHT PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Double Accommodations
- 5 Days of 2-Tank Boat Dives
- Unlimited Shore Diving
- 3 Meals / Day
- And Much More!

DEPOSITS & DATES:

Deposit: \$150
Due By: Feb. 1, 2005
Final Payment Due: Aug. 17, 2005

AIR FROM DETROIT: (estimated)
 DTW to COZUMEL \$600, tax incl, Continental

ACCOMMODATIONS: All rates based on double occupancy.

All rooms are air-conditioned, terrace or balcony, and mini-fridge.

ROOM TYPE	PRICE/LAND	AIR (APPROX.)	TOTAL (APPROX.)
Run of the House	\$684.00 per person	\$600 per person	\$1284.00 per person

This rate reflects a 15% discount with 10 or more people. with every 11 people, we will receive done free land that will be distributed equally after the trip.

HOW TO BOOK: We cannot accept credit cards.
 Make checks payable to GLA

Send to: Hugh Walton
 32532 Sandra Ln.
 Westland, MI 48185

For information call Hugh or Linda Walton:

**BOOK NOW!
 YOU DON'T WANT
 TO MISS THIS ONE,
 ESPECIALLY IF YOU
 MISSED THE LAST ONE!**

COMING SOON!!!

To the Farmington Hills Public Library
12 Mile Road, West of Orchard Lake Road
7:00 PM in the main auditorium

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Wednesday,
April 20, 2005

Ric Mixer, producer and host of "Great Lakes InDepth," a weekly PBS program, will be presenting *Beginning Wreck Diving*, describing his favorite dive sites for beginning divers. Ric will have copies of his documentaries for purchase at the meeting.