

Monthly Newsletter of The Saginaw Underwater Explorers - 2519 Court St. Saginaw, Michigan

JULY MEETING - Saginaw Valley Bank - Thursday, July 11 - 7:30 p.m. Details below about program.

JULY CLUB DIVE - Sunday, July 14th - Mystery Dive. Meet at the Saginaw YMCA. Details below.

BOAT HANDLING AND SAFETY will be the feature of the July meeting with Commander Walter Parker and Ed Juergens, Finance Officer of the Coast Guard Auxillary, as speakers. Boat safety is an integral part of diving safety and whether you own a boat or not, this will be of interest to you as a diver. A movie on boating will be shown in addition to Commander Parker's talk. This is the second in the new series of programs designed to increase your knowledge of diving and diving safety. Future talks will include Marine Salvage Laws, Regulator Repair and Maintenance, Compressed Air, First Aid and others. We don't want ALL the divers in Saginaw, only the BEST informed!

MYSTERY DIVE...everyone loves a mystery!...and we have one for you in the form of a dive at an unknown location on Sunday, July 14 at _____. All that we can say is that it's going to be a lot of fun and you don't have to drive. A bus has been rented with plenty of room for both you, in a comfortable seat, and room for all your gear in the underneath compartments. The time and place to meet is the Saginaw YMCA parking lot at 7:30 a.m., the bus will load and leave at 8:00 a.m. The cost will be \$4.00 each, (less if more show up than have already said they will go) Bring a noon picnic and if you so desire enough for supper, too, because it will be around 8:00 p.m. when we return. The bus will stop for those desiring to buy their supper but that is optional. This is to be an adult dive, we'd prefer no little ones. It will be a river shoot and a lake dive. Non-diving guests are welcome, and guests that do dive won't be hampered by the club rule of no scuba because the river shoot doesn't require scuba, it's better without. The non-diving guests need only their bathing suits and a sturdy inner tube for the river shoot. For the information of parents and babysitters, the State Police Post at Bridgeport knows of the location and will contact us in an emergency. The number to call is PL 5-7759. This is going to be a lot of fun for everyone participating...let' all go for this! If you have any questions, call Bob Nickodemus at 792-0715 or see him at the meeting Thursday.

CRAWFISH HUNT at Foote Dam on June 30 drew a high number of Explorers and despite a mix-up in location, everyone finally got together and it came off. The winners were Al Christian and Bob Nickodemus with the greatest number, Fred LeClair with the largest, and Ron Eurich with the smallest. The girls were given a running start but they all had a little difficulty in picking the little beasts up off the bottom and the squeals were plentiful. A snorkle salute to Fred LeClair for doing a fine job of organizing and running the dive...Fred did real well!

BOB BAILLIE...a double snorkle salute to this quick acting member of the Explorers for his fine lifesaving action performed at Foote Dam. Bob's lifesaving training saved a local airman from drowning when the airman had flooded his mask, panicked and gone down. The airman's buddy brought him up but it was Bob that brought him ashore and administered first aid for shock. We're proud of Bob...it's good to know we have that kind of ability around when we might need it.

SHERIFF'S DIVING TEAM...now the Explorers have a fully deputized Sheriff's Diver's Team in the form of Dick Heineman, Al Christian, Fred Davis, Bob Nickodemus and Don McLellan and Jim Collins. These men will back and aid the regular Deputies in search and recovery work for the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department now has three YMCA trained diving deputies and two more being trained in the present Y diving class.

YOU are a YMCA trained diver, despite opinion to the contrary, and you have good reason to be proud of the fact. You had the good sense to take a diving course rather than risk diving without instruction. It matters little if you took the six week course or the longer one. The major difference between the two is the greater time available to practice the identical skills taught in both classes. You are a qualified diver, recognized as such by the YMCA and if you didn't receive a card stating this one will be issued to you. See or call Don McLellan for this.

DUES PAID? Hope so...they must all be in at the July meeting or no air from club compressor and no more Scuba Scoop. See or call Joan Eurich, Treasurer. 3286 Northwood Place SW 2-8118.

FOR SALE...by Bob Nickodemus, two wet suits...call Bob or Nancy at 792-0715 for the following:
 woman's medium wet suit, yellow 3/16", skin 2 sides, complete with boots, hood and gloves. \$25. Man's black, 3/16" medium wet suit, skin 2 sides, complete but no boots. \$25.