

# The Scuba Scoop

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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**

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Club Meetings- Held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month,  
at the Thomas Twp. Fire Station on the corner of Dice and Thomas.

**This Meeting-8<sup>th</sup>**



The Thing



The Island

**Remember Our Troops!**

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*Constitution Changes*

***also selected short subjects***

(English Language Version)

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You should be receiving this SCOOP early, before the weekend holiday starts. Please take a moment to reflect on the meaning of Memorial Day, to honor those who gave their lives for your freedom. We currently are in the midst of two wars, and have sacrificed 5400 lives already. If you know of a family who has someone deployed today, why don't you go visit them; thank them, and see if there's anything you can do for them. (Thank you, Dick!)

*Don't forget; hire the vet*

## Swap and VIP; May Business

The May meeting/VIP/swap was a cold and rainy day... Although the rain stopped earlier, the rest of the evening was jacket weather. Any thought of a successful swap soon went down the drain. In fact, there couldn't have been more than 5 VIPs done; must be a lot out there yet. Members in attendance made the best of the wx, and after VIPs Pres Fabish took us inside to the conference room and conducted the business portion. Here's Mike's Report:

"Last evening we had our 2nd VIP night/Swap Meet and some good times, regardless of the weather. A few topics were discussed that I wanted to pass along to the membership.

First, as you know from my last meeting reminder, we are proposing some changes to the SUE constitution. Most changes concern the terms and conditions of our officers and some repetitive phrasing. I've attached a copy with all changes shown. We will be voting to adopt the changes at our June 8 SUE meeting, and encourage all to be there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any of our officers.

We also confirmed our first Fun Dive of 2010 at Haithco Park next Tue, May 18, at 6:30. I hope all of you can be there to fine tune your gear for the season and check out the 3 sunken boats. The park is doing its first weed treatment on Monday to help keep the boats and tag lines a little cleaner this year. Dave, Tim and Greg will be marking the boats and line on Sat at 10am for the park if anybody is interested in joining them. Next month's dive will be June 15, 6:30 at Otter Lake; be sure to mark it on your calendars! If anybody needs directions to either place, contact one of us. We also picked the last weekend of June, 26 & 27, as the date for SUE's next trip to the Petoskey/Charlevoix area to dive the Kueka (Lake Charlevoix), the Diver's Memorial (Little Grand Travers Bay) and/or Elizabeth II (Round Lake), and possibly the Lucy Clark (Lake Michigan/Bay), a wreck we located last year but didn't get a chance to dive. This area has turned out to be a favorite dive spot for SUE and all are invited.

Aug 20-23 was confirmed for our dive trip to Munising. More on camping and lodging to come for that trip. Our plan is to drive up Fri, dive Sat & Sun, and return home on Mon. If you have interest in either of these dives, please respond so we can start a list and get an idea of how many will be diving. Check out the website for any additional events and information."

## Work and Play at Haithco

As Mike was just quoted as inviting members to the first splash dive of the year at Haithco, four faithful did attend; Mike was there, new member Chris Dupuis, Dave Sommers and UrEd. In fact, Dave and Tim Hastings were out the Saturday prior, putting markers over the boats sunk there. The weeds had really overgrown the boats, and the parks dept. agreed to put some weed killer in the area. Tim And Dave marked the area for them. So, instead of just having a fun dive at Haithco, we went out and recovered the markers. Even then there was a lot of bright sun remaining, so we extended the dive expo over to the beach area. Heavy weeds all the way, but lots of bass in the weeds. Label as good dive!



Chris D. getting ready; immediately assisted by nearby fans (That's Sommers to right capturing the sailboats embarking)



Chris grabbing more gear; Sommers back flirting with sailboats

### Compressor operators for

JUNE-03 Fred LaClair 592-8141  
JUNE-10 Tom Van Den Boom 686-3176/225-6438  
JUNE-17 Dave Sommers 751-8517  
JUNE-24 Greg Prenzler 791-3556  
JULY-1 Tom Fritz 213-8727

**Please remember to call the day ahead to confirm/commit.**



## Best Dive Story of the year Award!

Before reading any further, you need some background to appreciate this. At this time you are required to go to [http:// www.graniteisland.com](http://www.graniteisland.com).



Mike F. getting ready; no help from the fans...



Chris; first in! Note heavy grass in forefront; jug marker on left (check out cute blonde in #3 boat)



Lighthouse on Granite Island; privately owned off Marquette



Post-dive diatribe; Mike, Chris, Dave, and Bob the wonder dog

Private island, eleven miles by boat from the nearest harbor, surrounded by the crystal clear water of Lake Superior. How much would you spend to fly to the U.P., dive the waters around the island, and stay the night at the private residence? How about if you paid nothing, but went because you were invited to do a job there? Yeah; how about that, David. Sommers?

“I woke up Saturday morning to a thick fog and the cry of a thousand seagulls on 2.5 acre Granite Island 11 miles from Marquette in Lake Superior. Late on Wednesday, May 19, my friend Larry from Frankenmuth called saying he had an adventure for me. He had been asked by the owner of the island to help place two one ton anchors on a water pipe that supplied the restored lighthouse which was built in 1868.

The anchors were already sitting on the bottom of the harbor on the island and all we had to do was pick them up with airbags and move them into place. Oh yes, they were going to fly us to Marquette so we didn't have an 8 hour drive each way.

It was a one hour flight to Marquette, then a 30 minute ride in the 30' Zodiac to the island

The island abruptly rises from Lake Superior, with no beach and almost sheer granite walls.

The diving was rather straightforward for anyone lifting one ton cast iron anchors...

The anchors were in about 10' of clear 43° water. We attached a 2,000 pound lift bag with shackles and filled it from a compressor on the boat. One bag wouldn't lift it so we added a second. The anchor easily floated.

We used a boat to tow the anchor around a tip of the island and over the pipe, which could easily be seen from the surface. We partially deflated one lift bag and let the anchor sink 40 feet to the rock bottom. We then had to move the anchor 20 feet or so to the pipeline, where we chained it in place.

We had attached a scuba tank and airline to the lift bag so we could get some float off the bottom. It was delicate trying to get just enough air into the bag to raise it a few inches off the bottom without blowing it to the surface. I tugged the anchor while Larry valved air in and out of the bag. You had to be very careful moving that much weight, making sure you didn't get caught under it.

The first anchor proved to be a challenge as we had to figure out how to do the move in the first place. I finished the job with less air than I wanted, but we were only 75 feet from shore.

The second anchor was less of a challenge because we now knew how to move it.

We helped the owner install a flag pole after the dive and later hung a new front door for him.

We spent the night on the island, under a partially cloudy sky with the moon and stars shining. It is incredibly dark out there, making you realize how dark it was for sailors 150 years ago.

We left the island at noon Saturday and I was back home in Saginaw by 4 pm."

-Dave Sommers



Zodiac island taxi



Larry climbs up from the 'beach' followed by Dave  
(Dave noted that the sand seemed very coarse...)





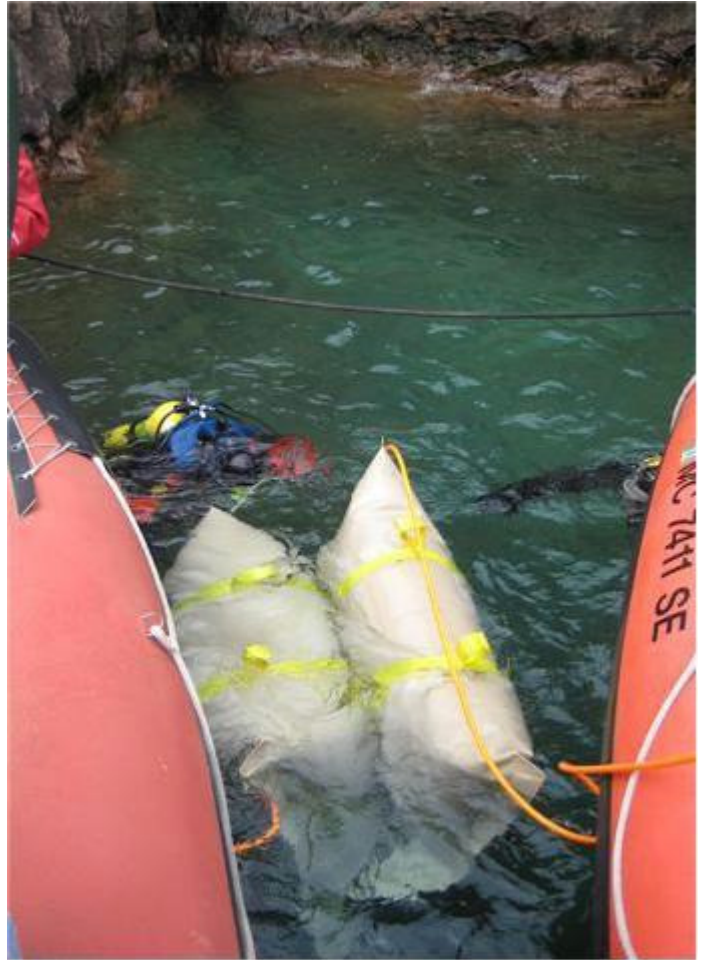
Sommers secures his dive gear before rolling into the harbor. Steep granite walls can be seen in the background.



Larry and Dave remove gear on the granite "beach" after the first dive. The water pipe is between them and heads out into the lake.



Larry and Dave ride with the airbags and anchor as it is towed into place.



Two airbags surface with an anchor below.

Great adventure, Dave!  
-I know you've got more photos; who took them?  
-ed.

## Loss in the SCUBA Community-

# Munger man dies while scuba diving on shipwreck off Port Hope in Lake Huron

By LaNia Coleman | The Bay City Times  
May 23, 2010, 7:19PM

PORT HOPE — A Munger man died today while scuba diving on a shipwreck in Lake Huron off the coast of Port Hope.

Huron County sheriff's Sgt. James Hunt and Deputy Tyler Ramsey are investigating the death of Daniel M. Kleinert, said Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

The 46-year-old was and his diving partner were exploring the shipwrecked schooner Dunderberg, which sits about 140 feet below the surface and more than six miles north-northeast of Harbor Beach, when Kleinert became unresponsive around 11:15 a.m., Hanson said.

"Preliminary investigation is indicating his partner inflated (Kleinert's) buoyancy control vest which raised him to the surface," the sheriff said.

The other two diving partners found him about 11:25 a.m., attempted to revive him and radioed the U.S. Coast Guard Station Harbor Beach to send help, he said.

**RIP, Daniel Kleinert**

## Equipment ID Contest

The SCOOP had three responses to the query; Dick Batchelder of Florida knew it immediately. He was followed closely by Bill Atkins, and Joel Klammer of Shanghei China. It was in fact a military surplus air compressor converted by divers to fill their tanks.

"Hi, yes it is a Military surplus conversion from the 1960's done by Innerspace Research of Miami; the mfg is Cornelius of Minneapolis, Minn. Max pressure 3000 PSI, fill rate 2.2 CFM an 80 cub tank in about 36 to 40 mins. One from the days passed. They sold in 1970's/80's for \$1,595.00.(\$159.50? -ed.) I have a special breathing air replacement cartridge which is still available from a company that makes cartridges.  
(cont)

Don, most were used to pump up the Hydraulics as the inline cylinder was air over oil, the cylinder would have a piston in it ( a round metal ram like with O Rings that would slide up and down) and oil in one half then add air to give the oil pressure pushing down on the piston to drive landing gears , or what ever used Hydraulics. Another person who use to sell the same thing was AAA Compressor in Chicago, Pat Delany who was killed in the Keys years ago. Also a place in Oklahoma and Texas. I didn't like selling them as high RPM's and pushing the pressure to high. They were driven with a 400 cycle motor at a very extremely high rpm, can't remember that exactly."

-Dick

"Don: I instantly recognized the item in question . It's a high pressure air compressor from back in the 50's and early 60's. Some were hydraulic and others were actually air driven. We had a few knocking around the club that were military surplus. I understand that some were hooked to small gas motors and worked quite well. Parts became an issue and most of them faded into oblivion..... translated to " the garage sale find" of maybe in the basement of someone who had absolutely "no-eye-deer" whut it wuz."

-Bill

"The picture of the item from the scuba swap meet has been driving me crazy. I know that it is a scuba tank compressor that was featured in Skin Diver magazine long, long ago, but I cannot remember the manufacture (Dacor?, Cressi?, other?). I'll be awaiting the answer in your next edition!"

-Joel



**FLASH MESSAGE-**  
**Rick from the children's zoo just contacted Cora the copy girl with a request for some club divers on June 8<sup>th</sup>. More to follow; clear your calendar...**



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SUE member RIC MIXTER has written a book, “The Wheelsman. The book retails for \$19.95 and is available from [www.lakefury.com](http://www.lakefury.com)”

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### S.U.E. 2010 Planner

Jun 8 Club Mtg  
Jul 13 Club Mtg -TBA Picnic  
Aug 10 Club Mtg?  
Sep 14 Club Mtg  
Oct 12 Club Mtg  
Nov 9 Club Mtg TBA- Pumpkin Carve  
Dec 14 ?Club Mtg  
-TBA Christmas Party

### **\*FOR SALE/WANTED/PERSONALS\***

#### All Gear:

Halcyon Pioneer Wing  
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