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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.

2018 Meeting Dates

This- Sep 11

Oct 9 Nov 13 Dec 11(?)

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*Inside.... (note- contains graphic material)*

**Old Minutes**

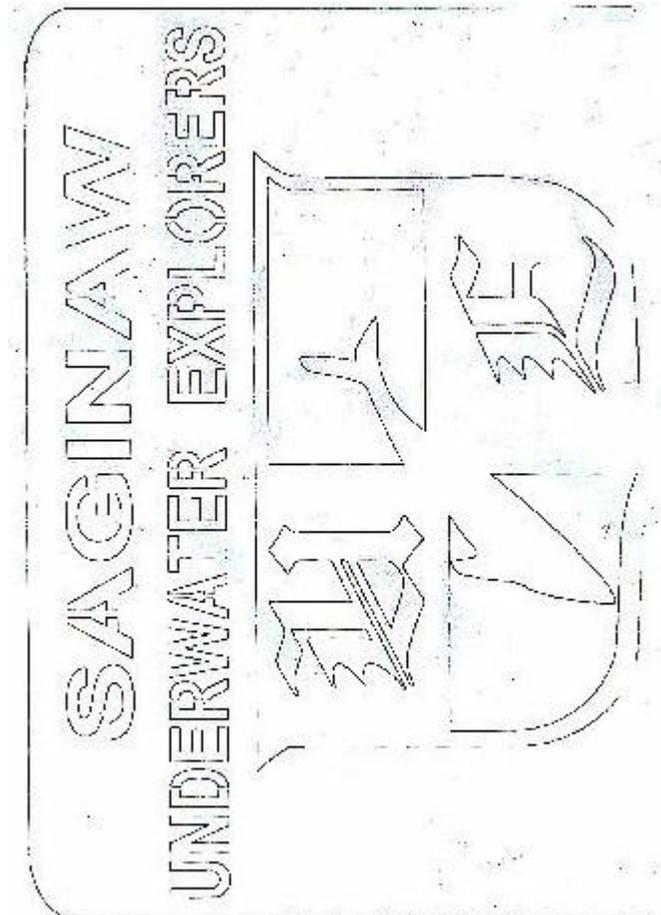
**Just InTime Again...**

**Michaels Twice**

also selected teasers



Justin at "Just In Time" Campground



Club plaque to be placed in Petoskey (see minutes-)

**Remember Our Troops!**

## August Meeting-



-Here are the minutes...

D. Sommers read the treasury report. Motion passed to accept report.

We did the National night out last Tuesday and had a pretty good crowd despite the rain. A mother was interested in getting her son certified for diving from the National night out.

M. Fabish had the final proof for the Underwater plaque for the Petosky cross. We'll keep everyone posted on the progress of the project. If we get in time, we might place it this year. It will be made from stainless steel.

Next fun dive on August 21 will be at Just In Time campground. It's at 8421 E Pierce Rd, Ithaca, MI 48847. It's a fun new place with more to explore.

The annual scuba trip will be at the Ausable River in Oscoda. We are staying at Old Orchard Campground. It's from August 24-26. We are diving in the afternoon in Rockport with Underwater Antics and then do some diving in the Ausable River. Dad and I are going Friday afternoon to get a campsite and hopefully get some sites nearby.

The zoo windows are going well this year. We've been cleaning them about every 3 weeks.

The zoo boo is scheduled for three weekends in October 13-14, 20-21, & 27-28. We will pick one of the weekends to do the pumpkin carving.

The firefighter pancake breakfast is schedule for September 30 for Thomas township and Oct 7 for the Saginaw Township. We will have the dive tank there and will need divers to talk to the kids.

We are going to start a program to reward divers who give their time for community events such as zoo window cleaning and any events where we have the dive tank. We will give out free air cards for ONE tank fill as a thank you. These card will not have an expiration date. We hope this will incentivize others to join us at these events.

Stay wet, -Justin

## August Fun Dive; back to-



Welcome back!



Well, half ready...

**SUE Civic Activity- NNO**

National Night Out is a public display put on by a community's first responders; supposedly throughout the nation on the same evening. Saginaw's was held at the Saginaw Twp soccer field. SUE, with famous dive tank was invited out to supplement the Saginaw County Dive Team van. We got the most attention, even when it started raining.



Who called?



FB comment by our favorite Florida fan; Richard Batchelder; CEO of Compressed Air Supplies & Equip.



Fabish boys setting up our tank

**Sept Fill Sched (call ahead!)**

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| SEPT - 06 Terry Lisk     | 777-1956 |
| SEPT - 13 Dave Sommers   | 751-8517 |
| SEPT - 20 Greg Prenzler  | 239-0625 |
| SEPT - 27 Don Cunningham | 799-4385 |
| OCT 04 Mike Fabish       | 295-2627 |



Ian first in



Ian ready for customers



Sure; wave back!



-Boy talking with diver



Side window view

### “Mike” Michaels Reports-

*-with the Trotter Team ... I am very proud of the manner in which I've witnessed the diving skills of Dave's team this past couple of years. That said it is a "risky" business. I think I've said "Dive Safe" to each of you just before your descent. I hope we never have any serious situations on our adventures. Not to be morbid ... but I've been on the Cedarville several times ... and what you guys do is much more technical (and dangerous) than the SS Cedarville. Hopefully below can act as a simple and effective reminder to ALWAYS keep your heads into the game and don't push the envelope. Always keep a margin of safety ... and always be looking out for one another!!!!!!! SAFE DIVING ...*

### Diver dies after exploring shipwreck in Straits of Mackinac

Updated Aug 16; Posted Aug 13 2018

By Justin P. Hicks

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CHEBOYGAN COUNTY, MI -- Police have released the name of the diver who died shortly after exploring the wreck of the SS Cedarville in the Straits of Mackinac over the weekend.

Jesse Tabor, 44, of Owosso, was pronounced dead Sunday, Aug. 12, at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace. Police are awaiting the results of an autopsy, which could take up to two months, to learn the cause and manner of the man's death.

Tabor's dive equipment will be examined within the next week or two, according to police.

"At this stage in the investigation it appears to be a tragic diving accident," said Cheboygan County Sheriff Dale Clarmont in a statement.

Police were dispatched to a diving accident around 12:45 p.m. Sunday in the Straits of Mackinac. They were notified that CPR was in progress and that a diver was being transported to the hospital in St. Ignace.

A diver died yesterday (Sunday, Aug 12) after surfacing from the Cedarville wreck in the Straits of Mackinac.

<http://www.minews26.com/content/deputies-investigating-death-of-diver-in-straits-of-mackinac>

At around 12:42 Sunday afternoon, deputies learned that a diver was being transported to the Mackinac Straits Hospital.

An investigation showed the man was with another diver and a third person who captained the boat.

According to deputies, the two divers made two trips down to the Cedarville and rose in tandem.



Mark tending table; (note MSP helicopter) (photos by Mark)

On the second dive, both divers had surfaced when one diver noticed the other struggling and helped him into the boat.

The man was then taken to St. Ignace, where he was pronounced dead.

At this time, investigators say are not sure what caused the death and will conduct an autopsy as well as inspect the dive equipment.

“10 people died when the Cedarville sank after a collision in 1965, but more than 10 divers have died on her over the years.”

### **More Mike**

*-with Trotter Team...*

*Great dive this weekend on the Frank H. Goodyear. Five divers down in two groups of 2 and 3. Bottom times of about 100-110 minutes with the Goodyear upright at 250 feet of water. Visibility was ~100 feet and the water was COLD.*

*The divers were so excited about the dive I had to go and do some research on the Goodyear and her demise. Amazing the variety of info contained in some of the historic material. Her length seems to be listed from 416 feet to 436 feet long. She was headed upbound on the lakes, but listed with a cargo of iron ore (?). The newspaper articles got really mixed information claiming various numbers of deaths. Looks like 18 perished and five survived, including the captain of the Goodyear. Some interesting “history” of the reported accident in the articles below ... describing some of the deaths, the attempts to rescue people in the water, a claim that one of the boats arriving shortly after the collision may have run over survivors in the water (dispelled by the captain of the James B Wood).*

*The Goodyear was large ... at 416+ feet ... but the Wood was even bigger at 514 feet long!!*

*Diving these “virgin” wrecks gives us keen new insight into the “on the scene” reports. We now know they did NOT collide amidships as reported. And reports of her “turtling” may well be incorrect based on her final resting place on the bottom. We also know she did NOT break in half as reported.*

*The railroad car on the Goodyear’s deck must certainly remain one of the most unusual artifacts on the bottom of the Great Lakes. Fascinating hearing about the inside luxury of the rail car there for the*

*“chairman of the board” to transit in. Yup ... still there in place!!!!!!!*

*Now that I’ve done my “homework” I’m off to “share the dive” with the divers on the wreck this weekend by looking at the raw video and images they shot. Thanks again to Chad, Keith and all the others that share this video with me so I can enjoy these wrecks as well with you. Hope my “history” and background adds to everyone’s enjoyment of these fantastic artifacts of history.*

*OK ... last one on the Goodyear. Here is a summary of some background as to why the Goodyear had the #110 “Sinnemahoning” railcar on her deck. You can follow the link below to read more about the vast Goodyear financial structure. But, the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad and the vast extensive expansion of the Goodyear rail structure is obviously why the Frank H. Goodyear ship had the railcar placed on her deck. Frank was owner and a member of the board of this vast enterprise and obviously “traveled in style” ... both on land AND on sea ... is a plush personal railcar.*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buffalo\\_and\\_Susquehanna\\_Railroad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buffalo_and_Susquehanna_Railroad)

<http://www.MaritimeHistoryOfTheGreatLakes.ca>



Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad & the #110 “Sinnemahoning” railcar on the Goodyear. Sharp-eyed readers will be able to spot the RR car amidship.

*-“Mike” (done with research for now and heading off to bed ... hope I didn’t “spam” you guys with too much background and info.)*

*Thx, Mike! -SCOOP*

## Beth Neale; SA Mermaid



Beth Neale; SA Freediving record holder

“She effortlessly descends into the deep blue, her long blonde hair glistening as it catches the last rays of light.”

“This elegant manoeuvre is mastered by Umdloti mermaid, Beth Neale, who recently broke the South African constant weight no fins freediving record at Sodwana Bay moving the new mark from 43 to 47 metres in two minutes and 44 seconds.”



“Incredibly, 35-year-old Neale said she has never pushed herself to her limit.

So far her record under water has been more than five minutes.”

“I stay safe and happy by increasing my diving depths and breath hold times gradually.”



“I want to continue to come up from dives with a smile on my face.”

(taken from <https://northcoastcourier.co.za/108154/watch-umdloti-mermaid-misison/> ( w/ good video!)



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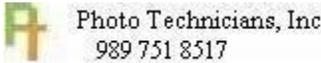
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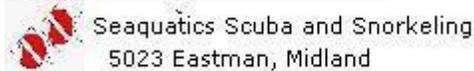


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