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The Grotto, a natural sea cave on Georgian Bay near Tobermory, is one of the most popular attractions in Bruce Peninsula National Park. Photo by Marianne Collins

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Text submissions can be sent in Word, plain text or PDF format. JPEG is the preferred file format for pictures.

Note: Do not send or upload anything that you do not want to be published to the members of the Club.

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Any ideas for events or activities that you would like to see the club involved in? Let the Events Chair know.



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NOTICES

Membership Update

NEW Membership Fees for 2021

Regular Member (Diving) \$60 includes OUC insurance
Social Member (Non Diving) \$20

The 2021 Membership Information Form is at the end of the newsletter. Preferred method of membership registration and payment is with the website Registration Webform. In addition, print the Membership Information Form at the end of the Newsletter, fill it in and scan, or photograph with your cell phone and send to euc_secretary@euc.ca. If you can't use the online Registration Webform for online payment or email the filled out Membership Information Form, you can mail the completed paper Form and a cheque to the address on the Form.

Click here to go directly to the website Registration page.



Also new for 2021

Members Only Seminars & Games nights



We have virtual seminars planned twice a month but could increase if there is enough interest.



Zoom invitation will come by email.

Open call for suggestions for seminars or games. If anyone would like to do a little talk, please contact Cam.

As this is new for the group any input is welcome!

DONT MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

 Apr 29 7:30-8:30pm Seahorses with Cam Sherriff

 May 13 7:30-8:30pm Games Night

 May 27 7:30-8:30pm Wonders of the Burgess Shale
with Marianne Collins

EUC Events and Dive Trips can also be seen anytime on the Club calendar under the Resources tab.
Click here to view.



From your Dive Chair

Hello all;

It's April once again so it would usually be time to start signing up for this season's club dives but at the risk of pointing out the blatantly obvious, this is not a normal year.

With that in mind but not knowing what if any restrictions will be in place at the time, most of this year's outings will be shore dives since there will be no financial exposure if any of the events have to be cancelled. There will still be some boat dives though (public health restrictions permitting).

We have secured our usual August long weekend and September bookings with Diver's Den. In my last conversation with Kelly, she confirmed that their boats will be accepting a full complement of 12 divers. There has been some early interest in the August dives so there are currently 8 spots left.

New to the schedule is an August day trip to Georgian Bay. Likely dive sites will be the Maple Dawn, the Marquette and possibly another wreck. This charter is open to 8 divers and the operator has said that doing three dives on two tanks can be done. For those that have never been to the area, I highly recommend this trip.

Sign-ups can be done by e-mailing your picks to euc_divetrips@euc.ca. Once received, you'll get a confirmation along with the amount owing.

Bruce Beattie
Dive Chair

The 2021 Tentative Dive Schedule is attached to the end of this newsletter and also posted on the EUC website here:



Tobermory diving....



Diving Georgian Bay....



Photos by Marianne Collins and Cam Sherriff

The Traumatic Sale of a Boat

Paula Huber

After some thirty odd years, I finally decided to part with my 18 foot hard hull Zodiac boat, complete with 115 HP motor, boat trailer and boat cover. Sorry Jorge; but, Ron Seidl had a better offer for the boat than the \$25.00 offer that you turned down two years ago.



The "Tumultuous Trio"

Ron arrived at my house mid Tuesday morning with Art Penney and Bruce Thorpe, in tow, to inspect the "Neversink 2". Yes, people always ask me whatever happened to my first Zodiac, named "Neversink One". But, like this boat, I sold it before it sank. (Art, do you happen to know anything about "sinking boats"?)

It was at this point that I opened up the garage door so that these gentlemen could get a look at my "baby". Well, the "Tumultuous Trio", (l-r Bruce, Ron and Art) turned into the Keystone Kops ! One was instantly in the boat; one was under

the boat; one was behind the boat. It was total bedlam ! Three guesses to name who you think was first to climb into my Zodiac... with a tape measure, no less ... It must be a "guy thing" ! Yup, it was Art Penney ! He got me to hold the "dumb end " of the tape measure at the stern, while he clambered over top of the boat cover to the bow of the boat. Yes indeed, it was 18 feet long; two feet longer than Art's own Zodiac ! And there was joyous singing in the heavens above; for our boys had just been infected with a boater's dream "disease" ... "Two-Foot-Itis" !

Next, with the boat cover all askew, (thanks To Art), it was Ron's turn to climb aboard via the cover-free starboard side of the boat. Unlike Art, who had scrambled up and over the covered port side of my Zodiac ... possibly explaining why the cover was now in complete disarray, Bruce, upon seeing my look of consternation, put his arm around me to console and proudly announced, "Don't worry one little bit, Paula, we've done this before. We're professionals !"

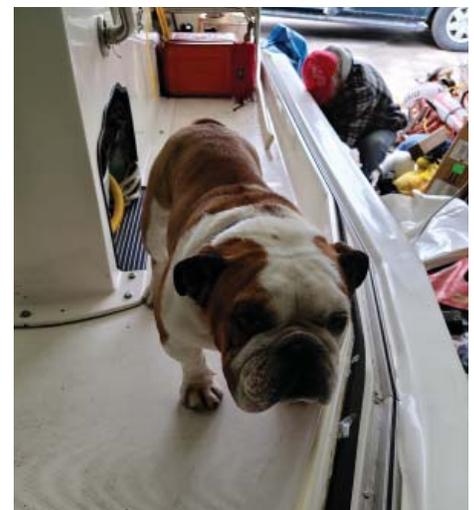
Meanwhile, here was poor Ron sitting at the boat's console jockey seat, forlornly staring ahead and slowly shaking his head. "This is way more than I expected ... I can't afford this ... it will be way over my budget" At that moment, I thought to myself, "What is he talking about ! My husband, Gary, tried for years to sell THIS Zodiac to Jorge Goncalo for \$25 dollars" ! So I approached Ron and casually asked what he was prepared to offer me for the boat by staying within his budget. We made the deal on the spot. It was now Ron's boat, motor and trailer !

The announcement was made to the other two amigos. This initiated another new concern that the boat and trailer could squeeze through the narrow garage door opening. It was then that Art and Ron proceeded to remove the counterbalancing weights and weight belts draped over the front end of the trailer NO ! DON'T TOUCH THOSE YET ! They are all that is preventing the front end of the boat and trailer from tipping up four feet into the air and the heavy attached motor at the stern from crashing down onto the garage floor. You will never get the trailer tongue aligned and attached that way! OH, WHY DIDN'T WE HAVE A LITTLE MEETING, BEFOREHAND ?

While Art and I held the front end of the trailer down and balanced it in position, Ron



The Neversink2



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and Bruce aligned the trailer tongue, rammed it into place and bolted it securely. Now the boat and trailer were ready to be dragged out of the garage and to see daylight for the first time in six years. BE CAREFUL BOYS ... The driveway slopes significantly towards the street! Good idea to chock the trailer wheels. How about checking the wheel grease “buddy” caps for sufficient wheel bearing grease ? “NO, THE TRAILER WHEELS WILL BE FINE” ! ... Must be ANOTHER ‘guy thing’. Art then used his Shop Vac apparatus to re-inflate the Zodiac tubes, while Bruce used a cigarette lighter air compressor to FINALLY inflate the trailer tires.

By this time, Ron had backed up his Tacoma to align perfectly with the Zodiac and trailer tongue; but, at the street end of the driveway. (in my opinion, this arrangement was not a very good idea. If the boat and trailer started rolling on a downward sloped driveway, the Tacoma was going to get impaled with the trailer tongue ... but, what do I know !) We all took to our stations. Art was holding onto the stern of the Zodiac. Ron was at the front. standing by the trailer tongue. Bruce and I were to simultaneously remove each of the two trailer wheel chocks, on the count of three.

Once we had accomplished this task, Bruce immediately stepped back and the trailer began to roll. My worst nightmare was starting to come true ! (As an aside, I later asked Bruce why he stepped back, rather than hold onto the Zodiac. He told me that he was once tasked with the same chore involving one of Art’s boats. The trailer wheel ended up rolling over top of his right foot, eventually resulting in the loss of the nail on his big toe. He did not want history to repeat itself) ... now back to the action ... Art had accidentally lost his grip on the stern and was no longer holding onto the Zodiac or the trailer. Poor Ron was the last man left, literally facing a runaway boat ! All he could do was apply the Fred Flintstone Automatic Breaking System to stop the trailer’s momentum. I swear that I saw “smoke” curling up from the soles of his feet ...(thinking back now, maybe it was just “driveway dust”) ! Anyway, Ron ended up with his rear end tight against the back bumper of the Tacoma and the trailer tongue positioned an inch away from the trailer hitch ball ! What a guy ! (Maybe they DID know what they were doing, after all).

With the Zodiac and trailer safely hooked up to the trailer hitch, the wiring harness secured, the Neversink II was ready to travel up to Art’s Place in Nobelton. Why Art’s place, you ask ? Because Ron had “forgotten” to tell his wife about his intentions to purchase my Zodiac. OOPS ! Was I; or, was I NOT suppose to mention anything about the Neversink II purchase ???



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EUC Member Zoom Seminars

Don’t Miss these Upcoming Seminars:

Apr 29 7:30-8:30pm

Seahorses and their relatives! with Cam Sherriff

A second very personal virtual visit to the Ripley’s Aqaurium, this time with the sea horses and their babies.

May 27 7:30-8:30pm

Wonders of the Burgess Shale with Marianne Collins

Millions of years ago life was born in our oceans. Thousands of years ago the ancient ocean floor rose high above the seas becoming the Rocky Mountains and sharing with us their ancient secrets....some of the earliest life forms. These are the “Old Ones” and they have something to tell us.

Clips of some of EUC’s past virtual seminars are being posted on YouTube.



Recent EUC Seminars:

Jan: Mental Health Impacts of the Pandemic with Dawn Binkowski

Feb: An Intro to the Rays at Ripley’s! with Cam Sherriff

On our behind the scenes virtual tour of the Rays at Ripley’s Aquarium with Cam, we watched the rays getting their medical checkups. Entertaining and educational viewing. And if you like YouTube baby animal videos, you need to see a 2 day old spotted eagle ray! Cuteness overload! Not something you can see easily in the wild.

“The Caroline Rose” with Art Penney

Art took us on a historical tour of the wooden schooner Caroline Rose, how she ended up as a dive site in Tobermory and how EUC club members made that happen. Click here to view a short clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSokwiYOO4g>



March: Virtual Escape Room with Sarah Wenzl

In this seminar, EUC detectives virtually gathered to solve a nautical mystery. The event was a lot of fun. Click here to view the intro clip.

<https://www.facebook.com/100005058991880/videos/pcb.10159141026393555/1749095158602434>



EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

April 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Member Seminars 7:30 PM Seahorses	30		

EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

May 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Members Games Night 7:30 PM	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Member Seminars 7:30 PM Burgess Shale	28	29	30
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Tentative 2021 Dive Schedule

Subject to Public health restrictions

[Contact: euc_divetrips@euc.ca](mailto:euc_divetrips@euc.ca) / [dive organizer](#)



Dates	Dive Name	Venue	Price	Dive Organizer	Avail. Spots
29 May	Innerkip	Shore O	Price of admission	EUC	U
12 June	Humber Bay	Shore O	\$5	EUC	U
26 June	Bala	Shore O	\$5.00	EUC	U
17 July	Windmill Point Park	Shore O	\$5.00	EUC	U
31 July	Tobermory	Boat	\$290.00	Divers Den	12
1-Aug	Tobermory	O&A		Divers Den	12
2-Aug	Tobermory Advanced	Boat Adv	\$95.00	Divers Den	12
15-Aug	Welland Scuba Park	Shore O	\$5.00	EUC	U
28-Aug	Georgian Explorer	Boat O	\$120.00	Georgian Explorer	8
11 Sept	Tobermory Evening / night dive	Boat	\$90.00	Divers Den	12
12 Sept	Cedar Park Warton	Shore	\$5.00	EUC	U
2-Oct	Welland Swing Bridge	Shore	\$5.00	EUC	U

NOTE: CHARTERS NOT FILLED MAY BE CANCELLED

Legend: U - Unlimited Spots, TBD-To Be Determined, NS-Non sanctioned, A - Advanced Dive, O - Open water

All Members

Message from the Secretary

- Please fill out the appropriate fields on the form **COMPLETELY** & return it to the Secretary along with your membership fee.
- Included in the form is a self sign medical. For your safety & that of the Club, we ask that all diving members complete the annual physical checklist.
- All members are asked to update their online profiles through the website. All information submitted is confidential & available only to the members of the Board on a need to know basis.
- Initial & sign the Waiver, Statement of Understanding & Liability Release.

Fee Schedule

- Regular Membership (Diving)**
Includes right to participate in all diving activities, receive club communications, voting rights, and social activities
- Social Membership**
Includes club communications, voting rights and social activities. No diving privileges, No OUC membership or Liability insurance coverage.
- Honourary Membership**
No fee, voted in by membership. Includes club communications. No diving privileges, voting rights. No OUC membership or Liability insurance coverage.
- Life Membership (Diving)**
*Voted in by club membership
Includes all privileges of Regular membership*
- Ontario Underwater Council Membership Fee**
Mandatory for diving membership. EUC is an OUC Member Club & complies with OUC regulations. EUC Club members are Blue OUC members.
- Liability Insurance Fee**
Mandatory for diving membership insured club members are covered while engaged in sanctioned & supervised diving, training.

	Member Dues	OUC Fee	Insurance Premium	Sub Total	Total Fees
Regular Member (Diving)	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$60	\$
Social Member	\$20	-	-	\$20	\$
Honourary Membership	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
Life Membership (active)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
Total Monies Due:					\$

OFFICE USE ONLY CASH \$ _____ CHQ# _____

Liability Release

I am hereby willing to assume the above mentioned risks of injury or health risks for myself & assume full responsibility during & after my participation in any ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB sanctioned activities & I therefore hereby release & forever discharge the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB & the ONTARIO UNDERWATER COUNCIL, their officers & any other organizers, sponsors, representatives, their agents & employees & any other person or organization assisting them in respect to any claims for damages or injuries suffered by me as a result of my participation in or traveling to or from any ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB sanctioned activities.

I understand and give my permission to use my image for club purposes.

I declare that I have read, understood & agreed to the contents of this Membership Renewal Form.

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

Signature: _____
Parent / Guardian (if individual is under 18 years of age)



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2021 Membership Application

Membership Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: () _____

Other Phone: () _____

Emergency Contact Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone#: () _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Return completed forms & applicable fees in person or mail. Or make your payment online by Logging In to the website Membership section & return the completed form to:

Etobicoke Underwater Club
c/o Micheal Yano
43 Twelfth Street
Toronto, ON
M8V 3G8

Regular and Life Members

Annual Physical Condition Checklist

If any of the following apply to you, please check:

- Persistent Headaches
- Heart Trouble
- Persistent Coughs
- Claustrophobia
- Severe Frequent Colds
- Tuberculosis
- Dizziness or Fainting
- Operation
- Emotional Problems
- Epilepsy
- Asthma
- Alcoholic Addiction
- Serious Injury
- High Blood Pressure
- Motion Sickness
- Hospitalized
- Pneumothorax
- Allergies to Drugs
- Regular Medication
- Dentures
- Glasses / Contacts
- Smoking
- Sinus Trouble
- Pregnant
- Ear Trouble
- Diabetes
- Hay Fever
- Chest Pains
- Tranquilizers

If you checked any of the above, please explain:

Any Serious injury or accident, or illness not mentioned above, please explain:

Date of last medical examination:

MM / DD / YYYY

Are you registered with Medic-Alert, please specify:

Waiver, Liability Release & Statement of Understanding

Initial each statement of understanding & sign at the end.

Parent or guardian must initial each statement as well as the member, if the member is under 18 years of age.

Insurance Waiver (Diving Member)

The specifics of the Liability Insurance Policy is posted on the EUC website for review.

I, _____ understand that the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB's Liability Insurance Policy has specific requirements for supervision, recreational & certification limits, as outlined in the Club Policy Manual, which must be met in order for coverage to apply to Club sanctioned SCUBA diving events.

I acknowledge that if at any time, I do not SCUBA dive according to these requirements, I am not included in the sanctioned diving event or covered by the Liability Insurance Policy & I am SCUBA diving at my own risk.

I acknowledge that SCUBA diving involves exposures to certain abnormal conditions: underwater submerison, changes in ambient pressure, changes in pressure of inhaled air & increased stress levels.

I acknowledge that SCUBA diving involves more risk than ordinary swimming.

I am aware that in some circumstances, participation could result in physical injury.

I am in proper physical condition to participate in SCUBA diving activities.

I understand that an annual physical examination is advisable when taking part in SCUBA related activities.

I have completed the annual physical check list & understand that should my physical condition change, it is my responsibility to inform in writing, the Secretary of the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB of these changes.

I understand that it is my responsibility to make the Convener of an event, Dive master, Event Coordinator aware of any medical condition that might require special medication or treatment. Should a guest have special requirements, it is my responsibility, as their sponsor, to inform in writing, the Convener of these conditions.

I acknowledge that solo diving in the pool or open water, is not sanctioned by the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB nor covered by the liability insurance carrier.

Certification Information

I hold the following certification:

(Please check the highest applicable box)

- Basic Open Water Diver
- Advanced Open Water Diver
- Rescue Water Diver
- Other _____

Professional level certifications:

- Divemaster
- Assistant Instructor
- Instructor

List All Highest Level & Specialty Certifications

Agency	Level	C-Number

Additional Certifications

Description	Expiry Date
First Aid	
C.P.R.	
O2 Provider	