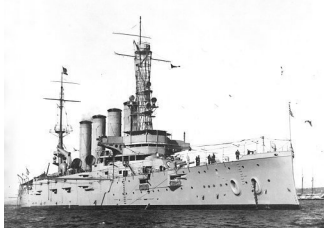
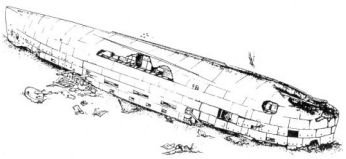
LIDA'S ANNUAL AQUAWOMAN DIVE

SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2009

Northeast women divers are invited to join the Long Island Divers Association for its annual AquaWoman Dive. Join history, as women divers of the Northeast gather, celebrating their importance to Northeast Wreck Diving.

The annual AquaWoman dive started essentially as a dare. Twenty-eight years ago, now charter member of the Woman Divers Hall of Fame and then Vice President of the Long Island Divers Association, Edith Hoffman, was challenged by Captain Steve Belinda of the Wahoo, to find other women capable of "real wreck diving". Edith knew that there were many other woman divers like her. The dive spots filled quickly with women from six states, including commercial divers, homemakers, and even a Radio City Rockette. These women dove the *U.S.S. San Diego* that day and began a tradition that continues today.





This year's dive will feature a trip to the *U.S.S. San Diego,* site of the first AquaWoman dive. The operating depth of the dive is from 70 ft-115 ft, making this an ideal site for both novice and experienced divers. The *U.S.S. San Diego*, an armored cruiser, was the only major U.S. war vessel lost during World War I and is generally recognized as one of the Northeast's premiere dive sites.

We will set sail aboard the dive boat *Lockness* with Captain John Gorman and his crew out of Freeport, NY. Boarding commences at 6:00 AM, departure time is 7:00 AM sharp. The cost for this two-tank dive is $90.00 per diver. Bring along something to put on the barbeque or other culinary delight to share. Soft drinks will be supplied by LIDA. A post-dive party will be held at the dock when the *Lockness* returns. LIDA will supply the soft drinks and paper goods, a "pot-luck" policy will provide the snacks. All are invited to join us in welcoming the divers home.

Directions to the *Lockness*

The Lockness departs from The Freeport Boatmen's Association at 540 Guy Lombardo Avenue, in Freeport. From Sunrise Highway, take Guy Lombardo Avenue South. Go past the John Randall Park on your right. After the traffic light, the Freeport Boatmen's Association will be on the right hand side of the road.

For More Information

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You may also visit LIDA's web site, www.lidaonline.com, or the AquaWoman web site, www.aquawoman.org.

Space is Limited. Reserve now, while spots are available.

AquaWoman Dive Reservation Form

Please reserve my space aboard the *Lockness*, Saturday August 1, 2009 for the LIDA AQUAWOMAN DIVE
Send check or money order (no cash) to: LIDA, PO Box 32, Nesconset, NY 11767-0032

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

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Addl. Ladies T:	☐ S	☐ M	☐ L	☐ XL	☐ XXL	X $15 = _____
Addl. Tank Top:	☐ S	☐ M	☐ L	☐ XL	☐ XXL	X $15 = _____
Addl. Men's T:	☐ S	☐ M	☐ L	☐ XL	☐ XXL	X $15 = _____

Dive: $90

Shirts: _____

Enclosed: _____