



# newsletter

Fall 2006

## President's Corner

Dear fellow OUC Members:

It's Monday, September 18th as I write this and that means that we still have 5 whole days of summer left!

And if the general warming trend we seem to have been seeing continues, we could be diving in shorts all the way up to the end of November! (O.K. so I'm an incurable optimist)

Speaking of November, please mark Sunday, November 19th in your calendars, that's the date of the OUC's 2006 Annual General Meeting. We'll soon be sending out information packages to all members and invite all OUC Members (Club, Commercial, and Individual) to attend.

We're planning for a number of workshops/presentations, including one on OUC's Air Purity Program, a second on Promoting the Sport of Scuba, and possibly a third on a Sport Safety topic.

That will be followed by the AGM itself, after which we'll serve some refreshments and socialize a bit before we all head back home again.

A key part of every OUC AGM is our elections, and as a number of positions on the Board are coming up for re-election and/or ratification, I'd like to ask you personally to please consider serving as either a Board Member or a Regional Coordinator. Key requirements common to all positions include:

- a) Possessing an unquenchable passion for the sport of scuba.
- b) Having a desire to serve the Ontario Scuba Community.
- c) Being able to make and keep an 8-hour per month minimum time commitment for the duration of the role (Regional Coordinator: 1 year, Member of the Board: 2 years)



### OUC Mission :

Helping support and promote the sport of scuba diving in Ontario through safety, advocacy, cultural & environmental awareness, self-governance, education.....and fun!

If you yourself cannot serve, but you know of someone who meets these requirements and CAN, please do not hesitate to nominate that individual (speak to them about it first, though!).

Also please mark Saturday, October 21st 2006 in your calendar, that's the Great Lakes Chapter of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society's annual symposium on Scuba Diving and Medicine. The theme for this year's program is "Pearls of Diving Wisdom" and includes speakers on topics ranging from "Cold Water Diving" to "Diabetes and Diving" and from "Police Diving in Ontario" to "Children and Diving". For complete information on what the day will feature, as well as ticket prices, please visit [www.uhms-glc.ca](http://www.uhms-glc.ca). Register early as admission ticket prices go up after October 6th!

Changing gears a little bit now, did you know that the Ministry of Natural Resources' Land Management Branch requires the OUC to conduct a safety inspection of any and all vessels to be deliberately scuttled (a.k.a "artificial reef") in Ontario? The process of deliberately sinking a ship for the pleasure of divers is a long and intensive one, but it can also be a very worthwhile one (e.g. The "Niagara II" in Tobermory, the "Wolfe Islander" in Kingston, etc.). The latest vessel to be inspected by the OUC was the "Maitland Star" in Goderich. Organizers have a few remaining issues left to resolve after which plans to sink the ship can proceed. Read more about this in the feature article section.

In closing, I'd like to draw your attention to the revised issue of the OUC's 2006 Scuba Incident Report on the website at: <http://www.underwatercouncil.com/safety.htm>. The Ontario Scuba Community recently lost a diver and I encourage all of you to read through the summaries and recommendations to help prevent such incidents in the future.

Yours in safe and fun scuba diving,

Raimund J. Krob

## We would like to hear from you...

Our next newsletter is planned for a December release. If you have any news to share, diving humour, information on recent or upcoming events, info on new or favourite Ontario dive sites or an invitation to an activity... please send us a note at [ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com) so that we can share it with our membership. What Winter events are planned this year? We would appreciate input for the next issue by November 20th.

## In Memoriam

One of the Council's Life Members, Garth Kandt of Mississauga, passed away on July 16th. He was a wonderful gentleman and a strong Council supporter for many, many years. Garth was the OUC Photo Competition Chairman and underwater photography instructor for many years (at least 30). He was a founding member of the Mississauga Scuba Club. The Garth Kandt photo award was named after him when he retired. He was a popular workshop leader at many Underwater Canada programs. On behalf of the OUC and of the many dive community members who had the pleasure of knowing Garth, we extend our sincerest sympathies to his family and friends.

## Air testing moves on

Dave Cornwell, who has been providing air testing services on behalf of the OUC for many years, transferred responsibility for the program and testing facilities to Danny Huton during the summer. Danny and Dave worked hard to make sure the transition was as seamless as possible and to ensure little or no disruption in service. Dave will continue to run VIP clinics for the OUC. On behalf of the OUC board and its many members who benefited from his services, we extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to Dave and wish him the best of health and happiness in his "retirement".



*A word from Danny Huton, OUC Director of Programs:*

I am pleased to announce that the OUC is continuing to offer the Canadian Air Purity Inspection Program as well as the Visual Inspection Program.

We have listened to the voices of members and are working to streamline the processes.

Over the next few months, enhancements to the procedures will ensure a more uniform approach to these programs as well as better time management.

Some of the changes for example will reduce the turn-around-time for the air testing by using web based services to reduce the redundancy in paperwork, faxes, and report documentation to produce the final certificate in a much quicker and efficient manner.

The same methodology will be implemented with the VIP program with the potential for online scheduling allowing the end user to view and confirm the program offering dates.

The features and changes to be implemented will be listed on our website. Keep visiting our website for updates on these programs. I trust this will greatly benefit our diving members and welcome your continued feedback.

**Editor's note:** Unless stated otherwise, articles are written by the editor, Chantal Gagnon, OUC Director of Communications, and based on the most accurate information available at time of writing.

## New Instructor



Congratulations to our Membership Director, Carolyn Lough, who completed her PADI instructor certification training earlier this year. It would seem it was a little time-consuming!

Adapted from a Liza Donnelly Cartoon  
[www.lizadonnely.com](http://www.lizadonnely.com)

## Latest word from the Hyperbaric Medicine unit at TGH

Please note that the official opening date of our Hyperbaric chamber has been changed and will now likely be Monday, October 23, 2006 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This is due to scheduling problems as some of our internal staff will be out of the city at various times throughout September and October. We apologize for any inconvenience due to this date change. Updates to follow on the OUC website when available.

## Electronic delivery of newsletter

We are moving forward with our plans to transition the distribution of the OUC newsletter to an electronic format. There are a lot of benefits to delivering soft copy such as increased speed and lower cost which will save us significant dollars that we can then invest in programs of higher value to our members than just postage and printing. We are not there yet; progress is slow. The greatest challenge we face is the lack of email addresses for our membership.



In the event you have concerns about email box clutter or privacy, please note the following: 1) we do not actually "deliver" the newsletter but rather, send you a very short e-mail message that notifies you that your copy of the newsletter is now ready on the OUC website for viewing, downloading or printing. Click on the link and you access the newsletter. 2) In keeping with the OUC's privacy policy, we do not distribute or share your email address. The OUC privacy policy can be viewed on the website at

<http://www.underwatercouncil.com/Downloads/Privacy%20Policy%20and%20Practices%20Overview%20OUC.pdf>

**Please ensure that the OUC has your current email though your club listing, commercial or individual membership renewal or via email to [ouc@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc@underwatercouncil.com).**

# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OUC ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT

By Ron Globe, OUC Regional Coordinator, Ontario East 1 & Chair of the OUC's 2006 Treasure Hunt

Each June on the Father's Day weekend the OUC organizes a Treasure Hunt at Presqu'ile Provincial Park near Brighton, Ontario. This event filled weekend is perfect for the entire family to spend some time together, visit with friends and enjoy the excellent camping facilities and sights that the park has to offer.



The event unofficially starts Friday evening as divers start arriving to set up camp and meet with friends. Saturday morning brings the famous "underwater orienteering course" a challenge for both the organizers who set the course and the buddy teams who demonstrate their navigation skills. This year brought some strong winds, big waves and heavy surge so in the interest of safety the 'in-water' course was quickly changed in favour of a land-based one. The day also featured a BBQ lunch, the Car Rally, and games for all ages including volleyball, the infamous tug-of-war and several other challenges.

Of course, the highlight of the weekend was the underwater "Treasure Hunt" where buddy teams can scuba or snorkel the waters off the day park area in search of a flag to become eligible for a wide variety of fabulous prizes. Over a hundred divers registered for the 'hunt' and the prizes included everything from dive charters and equipment, to season passes for Fathom Five National Park in Tobermory. The day wrapped up with our 50/50 draw and the presentation of a new BCD to a lucky winner.

The OUC Board of Directors and Regional Coordinators recognize and appreciate the support shown by all our volunteers, dive community retailers and representatives that donated their time and prizes for our Treasure Hunt. It is through your continued interest and support that the Ontario Underwater Council is able to support and promote the sport of scuba diving in Ontario through events such as our Treasure Hunt and with programs and services that demonstrate our commitment to safety, advocacy, environmental awareness, self-governance, education...and fun! By working together, we help our dive community to grow in strength.

This year's "Treasure Hunt" was a great event with well over 200 divers and their families participating throughout the weekend. As we look forward to another successful and fun-filled weekend in 2007, I would extend an invitation to you to join us once again with your strong support in a



partnership with your OUC for Ontario's divers and her diving community. Many thanks to our 2006 Treasure Hunt supporters who generously donated

prizes for this event:

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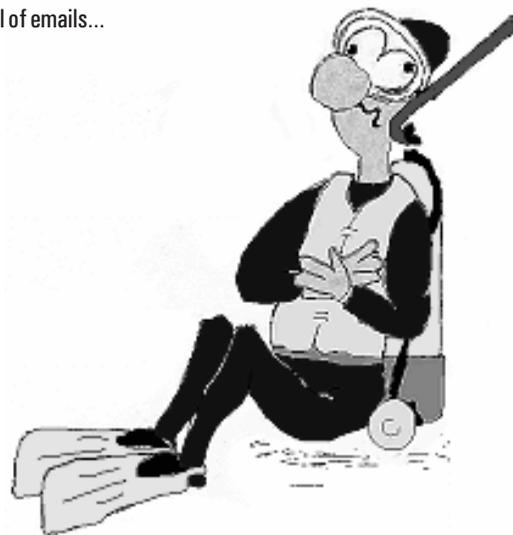
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Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society - Great Lakes Chapter

We acknowledge that we have may have inadvertently missed one or two of our very-much appreciated sponsors. If we missed you, please advise via email at [ouc.east1@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.east1@underwatercouncil.com) and I'll correct in our next newsletter.

## *A Little Diving Humour*

There's a scuba diving geologist who has made it his business to measure the relative sizes of the rises, drops, cavities and undulations of coral formations. Of course this can only be done in the summer months so he takes the winters off to avoid the frigid air. You may tag him as a frost-free reef ridge rater.

Source: long trail of emails...



# Upcoming Events

"DIVE, DIVE, DIVE!" - "Canada's Best Shipwreck Diving" is right outside your door. Not sure where to dive this week? Call any of our "OUC Member Dive Stores or Charter Operators and let their experience and expertise help you find the perfect dive site for you and your buddies. [www.underwatercouncil.com/ouc\\_scuba\\_community\\_directory.htm](http://www.underwatercouncil.com/ouc_scuba_community_directory.htm).

Or visit the OUC's famous Shipwreck and Dive Site Directory at: [http://www.underwatercouncil.com/dive\\_site\\_directory.htm](http://www.underwatercouncil.com/dive_site_directory.htm) and decide where you want to dive next!

## October

Saturday October 21 GLC/UHMS Diving /Medicine Symposium  
Hamilton, ON  
[www.uhms-glc.ca](http://www.uhms-glc.ca)

## November

November 4, 2006 PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!  
The Etobicoke Underwater Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary. They will be having a party November 4th. Anyone looking for information can go to [www.euc.ca](http://www.euc.ca) or contact [events@euc.ca](mailto:events@euc.ca). As part of the celebration, they are putting together a commemorative DVD. Any photos of past or present members would be appreciated. These can also be sent to [events@euc.ca](mailto:events@euc.ca).

Saturday November 18 OUC VIP Clinic  
The Clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the OUC Office.  
Register with OUC at [ouc@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc@underwatercouncil.com). RSVP by October 31st, 2006. The course has a minimum and a maximum subscription level, so book soon. Participants must be employees of a Scuba Retailer, or be endorsed by one.

Sunday November 19

## OUC Annual General Meeting

The AGM starts at 11:00 AM and will be held at the Sports Alliance of Ontario Building, 1185 Eglinton Ave East, Toronto (home of the OUC office). Clubs interested in promoting scuba diving at the Outdoor Adventure Show are also invited to participate in a workshop preceding the AGM, starting at 9:00 AM, in the same location.

The following positions will be opening up (or are already open) for election:

OUC Director, Sport Safety

OUC Director, Communications

OUC Regional Coordinator, Ontario East II

OUC Regional Coordinator, Ontario North

OUC Regional Coordinator, Ontario South-West

OUC Regional Coordinator, Ontario North-West

If you are interested in one of these positions (or know of someone who might be), please submit your nomination using the form in your AGM information package. Alternatively, please inform the OUC president of your interest by email to [ouc.president@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.president@underwatercouncil.com).

In addition the above positions, we are looking for a very proactive and enthusiastic volunteer to take over the production of this quarterly newsletter. If you are passionate about the sport of scuba and have an interest in, or flair for newsletter production, please contact Chantal at [ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com)

## OUC Members Promote your Events on our Website!

Contact our Communications Director  
[ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com)

# Rest & Relaxation

## Book reviews : Deep Survival and The Dive

By Mark Ashford, [Worldofdiving.cx](http://Worldofdiving.cx)

**Deep Survival:** Author: Laurence Gonzales, Amazon.ca Price: \$16.72, ISBN: 0-393-32615-2

"Deep Survival" is not a diving book! So why is it here and with a title almost bound to attract divers?

Well, like it or not, the very fact we are involved with scuba puts in the same group as rock climbers, parachutists, and other higher than normal risk taking activities. This is a book about the mind, personality, ingrained experience, and why some people succumb to life, threatening situations, and others, in the same place and time do not. Scuba is included in the book because it is a

## Rest & Relaxation (continued)

risk taking activity.

As a scuba instructor, and a diver, it is an interesting read because it highlights some of the issues that arise when teaching people scuba but who have never experienced it, or have experienced it in a very limited way.

For example, our acquired response to putting your head underwater is to hold your breath. Yet when diving on scuba, this is exactly what we do not do! We learn that with scuba gear, we can enter a new 3 dimensional world with all kinds of new and interesting things to do and see.

When we go swimming, we have learned you can only stay underwater for only a few seconds before we have an overwhelming urge to get back the surface and sometimes gasp for air when we get there. With scuba, we learn we can spend 20 - 30 or more minutes underwater, and we learn the physiological affects of doing so.

Holding our breath under water is an acquired response, learned when we are young and ingrained in us. It is a powerful life saving, instinctual response to having our head underwater because we know we can die if we do not get our head above the water. A panicked diver is nothing like the example shown in the PADI Open Water video! They lash out, strike at anything, and try to push you under to get themselves to be high as possible so they can breath clear and easy.

The skills new divers learn, sharing alternate air sources, CESA, etc are all intellectual skills, acquired by the rational mind in a classroom session and

pool. They are designed to give the student diver the skills and experience to deal with stressful situations if they occur.

This is the crux of the book. The balance between the rationale mind that has acquired new experiences and skills that will save life, and the instinctual mind that has acquired or learned responses to situations. It also speaks to the clarity of mind that can see the options, rational and instinctual

Add to this two other factors; the instinctual mind is an older part of the brain, something we carry with us from the evolution of mankind, and because instinct has saved humans for millions of years, it can react quicker and with a greater overriding urgency than the "intellectual" brain that carries the skills and knowledge to resolve a situation. Mix in a stress factor such as entanglement in rope on a wreck at 120 feet or disorientation on a night dive and you have the scene for potential disaster.

The stress factor creates a situation where the instinctual mind can take control of a situation it finds very wrong! Why am I 120 feet underwater? I know from instinct that I cannot breathe under 6 inches of water! The few moments when the diver has to decide between an instinctual or intellectual decision is the moment when one person succumbs and another does not. In the book, the author explains this moment of clarity and assessment of the situation and the traits that help the person under stress make the right decision.

It is a vivid and interesting read, with interviews from survivors that have found themselves in that moment of clarity.

## Invitations

### Lending a hand...

If you are interested in helping out the OUC Board with some of their duties such as organizing and/or volunteering at events, possibly assisting directors on projects, and lending a hand in general, please let us know. At this point, we are particularly interested in finding a volunteer to help with our newsletter: rallying contributors, securing articles, writing articles, pulling it all together on a timely basis. Drop us a line at [ouc.president@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.president@underwatercouncil.com) or [ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com) and let us know how you would like to help.

### Your claim to fame...

The OUC website is undergoing another facelift. In keeping with our mission to promote diving in Ontario, we will be featuring dive pictures... in Ontario. We are in the process of developing a bank of pictures to draw from. If you would like to submit a few pictures, please send them in jpg format (preferably 72 dpi) to [oucphotos@gmail.com](mailto:oucphotos@gmail.com). If you would like to submit a collection of them, please either arrange to send or deliver a CD to an OUC board member or the OUC office. Alternatively, you can email to [ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com) the link to an online album giving the OUC permission to use your photos. Where possible, identifying the site and/or wreck would also be useful. The OUC will give credit to the photographers whose pictures are used.

### The Tales we Tell...

We all know that objects appear 33% bigger and 25% closer in water... so that big shark "chasing" us was really a small tarpon saying hello... That is not to say that some of our tales are not quite entertaining or even a little scary. Send us your "**Believe it or Not**" stories and we will feature them on the OUC website. The contributor who submits the story we also feature in the newsletter will receive an OUC prize. Please send your stories to [ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com).

### Invitation from AAA aquasports inc. to independent divemasters and scuba instructors.

Join Chantal, Gaétan and fellow instructors for a networking evening on Wednesday, October 25th, 2006 - from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM - at the AAA aquasports shop.

See networking flyer and directions to the shop on [www.oktriplea.com](http://www.oktriplea.com).

Please RSVP by October 20th at [oktriplea@sympatico.ca](mailto:oktriplea@sympatico.ca)

# DIVE DESTINATIONS #9

## The Wexford

By Abigale Miller, Ontario Underwater Explorers' club member



Deep in the waters of Lake Huron, a few kilometres from the town of Grand Bend, lies the ship the Wexford. At the surface there's nothing remarkable about the location; it's just another patch of bright turquoise water in an enormous lake. Considering

this, it's not surprising that the Wexford remained unobserved on the lake floor for 87 years.

This was my first chance to dive a shipwreck, and what a wreck to dive! The Wexford is a great place to start for a few reasons. Its location is ideal for recreational divers; warm, clear water with a maximum depth of 23 metres. The hull of the ship is made of steel, and remains intact. The ship was just waiting for us to discover its many surprises and secrets. We saw the giant anchors fastened to the bow, we opened the portholes and looked through their glass, and ate from some abandoned dinner plates. I heard



stories of a brass nameplate but wasn't able to find it. The ship sits upright and the hold is open, allowing us to swim inside without trouble and really get to know the vessel. It was fascinating to imagine people walking along those floors, filling the holds with bananas and sugar to carry from Argentina to Europe.



The Wexford was 31 years old when she sank in the Great Storm of 1913. The storm lasted 3 days, and because of poor communication and weather warning systems, at least 8 ships sank in Lake Huron. The wreck was found by Mr Don Chalmers, using a fish finder one sunny day in August, 2000.

There are two main drawbacks to this dive: the thick layer of zebra mussels coating every surface, and the accumulation of fine silt. The best piece of advice I can offer for this dive is to be the first in the water, and to explore the inside of the ship early in the dive. Once other divers get into the hold, the visibility will plunge.

For more information about the Wexford, please visit [www.shipwreckwexford.ca](http://www.shipwreckwexford.ca) and [www.hhpl.on.ca/GreatLakes/Wrecks](http://www.hhpl.on.ca/GreatLakes/Wrecks). Enjoy your dive!

*Photos by Abigale Miller*

## SAFETY

### DAN Training & Education

Divers at all levels who are interested in improving their knowledge about our sport and interested in finding ways to make diving safer can pursue their dive education with easy on-line seminars offered by DAN. <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/training/seminars> Here are the three they currently offer:

#### Ears and Diving Seminar (Approx. 60 Minutes)

This seminar is designed as a primer on how the ears function and the things divers must do to take care of their ears. It is not a program intended to make anyone an expert on ears. What it does do, however, is help divers understand their ears and what is happening when they dive.

#### Inert Gas Exchange, Bubbles, and Decompression Theory Seminar (Approx. 60-90 Minutes)

This seminar features Dr. Richard Vann, DAN Vice President of Research, who uses audio and slides to discuss some of the fundamental principles

that govern inert gas exchange between the environment and tissue, and in particular, the profound effects that bubble formation can have on inert gas exchange. These ideas are placed in a historical context to show how decompression theory has evolved and how this has affected DCS severity.

#### Pathophysiology of Decompression Illness Seminar (Approx. 60 Minutes) NEW

Dr. Richard Moon, Senior Medical Consultant to DAN, presented this lecture to a recent Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine course offered by DAN. It features audio clips of Dr. Moon explaining issues including patent foramen ovale and the mechanical damage caused by gas bubbles in the body along with the history of decompression illness research and current research into ways to treat injured divers.

These seminars are available to the general public. They cost \$25US to view and should take up to 60-90 minutes to complete. You will receive a certificate of completion from DAN.

# OUC's Vessel Inspection Program and "The Maitland Star"

By Raimund Krob & Ron Irvine.

Practically everyone in the North American diving world is familiar with British Columbia's "Artificial Reef Society" (<http://www.artificialreef.bc.ca/>) an organization that deliberately scuttles decommissioned ships to the bottom of the Pacific in order to create underwater playgrounds and nurseries for divers and marine life respectively.

Not too many are aware however that communities and organizations in Ontario are also working hard to do much the same, but in a freshwater setting. For example, in the mid-to-late 1980's the Scuba Diving Community rallied to help acquire, prepare, and scuttle the Wolf Islander II in Kingston, Ontario.

And then more recently, on May 15th, 1999 the Tobermory Maritime Association sank the Niagara II, with great fanfare and great success, helping resurrect Tobermory as one of Ontario's premiere shipwreck diving destinations.

And then most recently (this summer) the town of Goderich, Ontario was in the news when its Marine Heritage Committee announced plans to scuttle the Maitland Star.

"So what's involved in sinking a ship?" you might ask. Well it's not as simple as getting your hands on a ship and pulling the plug, that's for sure!

In Ontario, lake and river bottoms fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Land Management Branch, so anyone planning to deliberately scuttle a ship for the purpose of an underwater playground or artificial reef must secure permission from this government agency first.

And then once you've passed this hurdle, you may still have to consult with Transport Canada if you're planning on a site close to the navigable waters of the Great Lakes.

And then environmental impact assessments may need to be done, and other stakeholders (Commercial Fishermen, First Nations, Municipal Governments, Residents, etc.) will all need to be consulted and involved.

Then comes the business of acquiring a ship (no small feat in itself), cleaning and stripping it (another non-trivial task), properly preparing it for safe sinking, and then conducting a Safety Inspection of the vessel to make sure that it will be safe (and enjoyable) for divers to dive on.

This is where we (your OUC) play a small but important role. As the de-facto self-regulating body of the sport of scuba in the province of Ontario, the MNR requires that all vessels sunk in Ontario first have a Safety Inspection carried out by the OUC.

And so it was that in early summer, OUC Director of Sport Safety Ron Irvine and I found ourselves traveling out to Goderich, Ontario to conduct a Safety Inspection on the soon-to-be christened "Maitland Star".

Over the course of the afternoon we inspected the ship from stem to gudgeon

(which all shipwreck divers know is a circular fitting, often made of metal, which is affixed to a surface to allow the pivoting of another fixture, such as a rudder, right?), and made no less than 16 recommendations. The things we were looking to identify (and subsequently eliminate) included entanglement hazards, entrapment hazards, personal injury hazards, and environmental hazards. Once the safety inspection with attendant recommendations was completed, then additional recommendations were made in areas such as ease of access, mooring, signage, and promotion, and how to maximize diver enjoyment and increase usage for purposes such as training and underwater photography.

A few weeks later all 16 recommendations were implemented and the Maitland Star was ready to be sunk (at least from a safety perspective that is). Plans to scuttle the ship this past Labour Day weekend were themselves scuttled however, when the local First Nations communities (who had been involved in early July) objected and requested more time to study potential impacts. See <http://www.goderichsignalstar.com/story.php?id=252722>.

The OUC is confident that the Goderich Marine Heritage committee will ultimately be successful however, thereby creating another dive site only a short driving distance from the already well-known "natural" shipwreck of the Wexford.

If you are looking to SASIMBY (Sink A Ship In My Back Yard) and want to know a little bit more about what's involved, or if you want to become part of the OUC team and help with the Safety Inspections of ships like this, please send an e-mail to [ouc.president@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.president@underwatercouncil.com)

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**SPECIAL Offer**

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5 sets for \$5.00

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Total payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

While quantities last, the OUC is still offering the small log book refill pages (set of 25 pages) at a great sale price: \$1.50 per set OR 5 sets for \$5.00 (+ GST) instead of the regular price of \$2.50 per set. You can download the order form from the [ouc\\_website](http://ouc_website) on the [ouc\\_website](http://ouc_website).



# OUC Board of Directors

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### **Raimund Krob**

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OUC President since June 2005, a qualified Teaching Status PADI Instructor, past OUC Director of Sport Safety (2004), past OUC Regional Coordinator Central, and past President of Scarborough Underwater Club Inc.

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## Communications Director

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## Membership Director

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Member of the Canadian Sports Divers Club and a qualified PADI Divemaster. Also holds the position of past secretary on the Executive of Preserve our Shipwrecks.

## Programs Director

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