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## **Explorers Dive Club President's Message**

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### **Officer's Elections - "Out with the old... in with the old!"**

In what feels like a portion of the movie, "Groundhog Day", *all* of the Explorers Dive Club officers have agreed to continue in their current positions for one more year. Understanding that nothing lasts forever, except perhaps death and taxes, the Club needs members to step up to assist in running the Club and to add fresh perspectives and dive objectives. Please contact me if you'd like to contribute.

### **MUD Affiliation Formed**

John Yavorsky and I met with the officers and directors of the MUD, the Metuchen Underwater Divers, dive club. We jointly agreed to affiliate the clubs by opening each club's activities to the other's members, thereby expanding the benefits and opportunities for the members of both clubs. MUD runs an annual trip the dive the St. Lawrence, usually another more exotic trip and frequent small dive boats during the summer season. The affiliation appears to be one that can benefit both clubs by enhancing participation in activities and the value of membership.

### **Rafting Party "After Party"**

The annual dive club rafting trip (see article) will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. After the waterlogged excursion, I will be hosting an after rafting cookout at our lake house, 115 Lake Drive, Marcel Lake Estates, in Dingman's Ferry, about 25 minutes from the end of the rafting trip. This party is only open to members of the dive clubs and their guests. We would appreciate it if participants brought a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

### **Belize Please**

An independent dive trip is being run aboard the Belize Aggressor III on January 5 – 12, 2019. One spot is left on this trip. Please contact me if you have an interest.