



**The Long Island Divers Association,
Life Support Technologies Inc., &
Nassau University Medical Center
proudly present:**

**“Cunarder Off Our Coast: The RMS Oregon”
A presentation by divers Capt. John Bricker and Mark Silverstein**



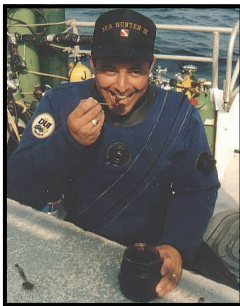
**Thursday
Aug. 27, 2009
8:00 PM
at the NUMC
Amphitheater**

Directions: Wantagh Parkway to Hempstead Turnpike West or Meadowbrook Parkway to Hempstead Turnpike East. Nassau University Medical Center is halfway between the Wantagh and Meadowbrook Parkways, on the North side of Hempstead Turnpike. Go to the main entrance and ask for the Amphitheater.

One of the most spectacular ships of her time, the 518 ft. long, 7142 ton Guion Passenger Liner *Oregon* was also one of the largest and fastest vessels of the day, with her triple-expansion steam engine putting out over 12,000 horsepower and capable of speeds up to 19 knots. She won the coveted Blue Riband award on her maiden voyage with a trans-Atlantic crossing averaging 18 knots over seven days. She was appointed with the most lavish and luxurious materials and trappings and was lighted completely by electricity. Forced into bankruptcy, Guion sold the *Oregon* to the Cunard Line in 1884. On March 14th 1886 on route to New York from Liverpool, the *Oregon* was struck by a three-masted schooner believed to be the *Charles Morse*, which sank immediately with a complete loss of life. The 845 passengers and crew of the *Oregon* were rescued without any casualties, as the *Oregon* slipped below the waves to settle on the bottom 130ft. below. Today, she is one of the premier wreck dives on the East Coast. Join us on Thursday, Aug. 27th as we rediscover the history of this amazing vessel, its sinking, and its life as a popular dive site through a multimedia and artifact display, presented by two respected local divers with over sixty years' combined experience and over 300 dives on the wreck.

Mark Silverstein has been diving our local wrecks since 1971. He was a crew member on the *Sea Hunter I, II, and III* for over 15 years, and managed *Island Scuba Center* in Freeport for 5 years. He has made thousands of local wreck dives, including more than 50 on the *Andrea Doria*, over 300 on the *USS San Diego*, over 200 to the *Oregon*, and 5 dives on the White Star Liner *Republic*. His artifacts have appeared in exhibits at *Beneath the Sea*, *The L.I. Maritime Museum*, *The Society for the Preservation of L.I. Antiquities*, and the *L.I. Museum of American Art, History, and Carriages*.

Captain John Bricker has dived over 100 of our local wrecks since being certified in 1983. He was a crew member and Captain on the *Sea Hunter III* for 11 years, and has been a Captain and crew member of the *Lockness* for the last 4 years. He has made over 800 local wreck dives including over 100 dives on the *Oregon*, over 200 dives on the *USS San Diego*, 18 dives on the *Andrea Doria*, and 5 dives on the White Star Liner *Republic*. In 1998, Mark and Capt. John teamed up to successfully salvage the *Oregon's* bronze docking helm, and both are featured in Adam Grohman's recently published shipwreck book *Claimed by the Sea*.



Mark Silverstein



Capt. John Bricker

FREE to Long Island Divers Association members, \$5.00 for all others.

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

RSVP Requested: Please email Adam Altman at diverex@optonline.net