Friday Night Parties

Legend of the Sea Champagne Reception
Friday, March 27, 5:00 p.m., Hilton Meadowlands

This is the Friday night party and champagne reception that honors and celebrates Beneath the Sea’s Legend of the Sea, this year Marine Artist: Wyland, and the 2020 Pioneer of the dive community, this year Walt “Butch” Hendrick. Your ticket to this Champagne Reception includes admission to the Fish n’ Famous Gala immediately following. Meet the dive industry notables who have come to Beneath the Sea this year to honor these men.

Meet the Fish and Fanous gala, Dinner, & Silent Auction Benefit
Cocktails -- Dinnere -- Silent Auction
Friday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., Hilton Meadowlands

The Fish N’ Famous Gala, Reception, and Silent Auction is Beneath the Sea’s fundraiser to support two large aquariums in the Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at Westchester Medical Center that Beneath the Sea was instrumental in establishing for children. Such an attraction distracts them from their frightening illness and dramatically aids in the healing process. This year’s Fish N’ Famous benefit is expected to attract the cadre of this year’s workshop and seminar speakers as well as presenters from the Beneath the Sea weekend. Many past and present Divers of the Year, this year’s Legend of the Sea: The Marine Artist Wyland, Pioneer: Walt “Butch” Hendrick, and Film Festival’s emcee: Jonathan Bird, and so much more. Expected also: Stan Waterman will be there as will Zig and Joann Zigahn, Howard and Michele Hall, Alese Pechter, Dr. Michael Lang, Dan and Betty Orr, Julie Ouimet & Michel Lebrecque, Barry Lipsky, Brian Skerry, Jim & Pat Stayer, Bill & Jules Zieffle, NOGI winners, members and new inductees of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, past Divers of the Year and this year’s Divers of the Year. Throughout the evening there will be a silent auction to benefit the Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at Westchester Medical Center.

Tech / Wreck Party
Friday, March 27, 9:00 p.m., Meadowlands Exposition Center

Immerse yourself in our kick-starter craft beer mixer. It has come to our attention that the rising tide of craft beer lifts all ships ... so welcome all to our craft beer explosion courtesy of Saint James Brewery as we ask you to help us celebrate our planet, the only planet with beer, have a bite to eat, music, friends, Tech Diving experts, and many door prizes. A WOW of a finale to the first night of the Beneath the Sea show. Join in for your chance to win some prizes and, while supplies last, sample Saint James Brewery’s unique beer brewed with yeast recovered from the 1886 wreck S. S. Oregon.