

On Saturday, July 13, David VanZandt, Cindy LaRosa, and Kevin Magee decided to go diving late in the afternoon from Dave's boat "Sea Dragon" out of Cleveland, OH. The previous week had been stormy, and the water appeared to be stirred up, but the weather was too nice not to try. Since the "H.G. Cleveland" has consistently offered good visibility so far this season, it was selected as the best site to try.

Surface visibility was 3', and the water temperature was 75 deg F. Upon descending, it was found that bottom conditions were absolutely atrocious. Below 30'-35' the temperature dropped to 55 deg F, the viz went to 1'-2', and lighting was pitch black. Lights had very little effect in illuminating the first foot of centerboard that the anchor rope passed over. Kevin also decided this was a good time to have equipment problems. Strobes were fought and tangled, the reel was uncooperative, and after battling for way too long - and since there was absolutely no good reason to be there anyway - he went back up. "Gosh darn it!" was periodically heard by Dave during the dive every time something else went wrong. Cindy had already beat Kevin to the surface, and Dave was right behind him after moving the anchor. Yuck!