

# Journey to the Bottom Of the Sea: Brooklyn Marvels At Undersea Wonders



Professional Diving Archaeology (PDA) Co-President Gene Ritter unveils some of his marine treasures.

Marine treasure-hunters were in for a treat when Professional Diving Archaeology presented an exhibit of artifacts collected from the Coney Island sea bed.

"Wonders of the Water," a display of close to 1,000 artifacts -- some dating back to the turn of the century and before -- was exhibited at the New York's Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation, located at the Boardwalk on West 8th Street. It drew rave reviews from visitors who viewed the period pieces.

Featured artifacts included glass bottles, artillery shells, fishing reels and

ironware.

Gene Ritter and Peter

Oliver are co-presidents of PDA.



Co-President Peter Oliver displays some diving equipment.



Girl scouts Kelly Lukasz (left) and Kelly Krohmer display their some of the prized "scoop," collected by PDA members over the years.



Snapped up with their "loot" are (left to right): Co-Presidents Gene Ritter and Peter Oliver; Executive Vice President Debra Williamson and Technical Adviser Russell Friedman.

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Six-year-old Kelly Townsend is awestruck by the Coney Island "booty." Joining the Flatbush youngster is Margaret Bracci.