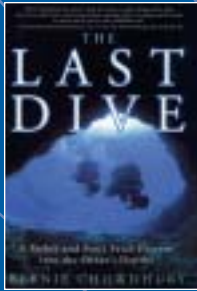


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"I've seen hundreds of presentations all over the country. When I know Bernie Chowdhury is going to speak at a show, I always look forward to seeing and hearing him. His visuals are interesting, his topics are most certainly not run-of-the-mill, and his down-to-earth manner makes technical subjects understandable. He is well-respected by audiences and never fails to deliver a great show. Bernie Chowdhury is a class act."

Joan Forsberg, Chairperson — Shipwreck Presentation Room, Our World Underwater

"If you were considering scheduling a dynamic and captivating speaker for any programs or events with your organization, club, or group, I would recommend that you add Mr. Bernie Chowdhury to your schedule. Mr. Chowdhury has lectured here at The Explorers Club on several occasions to a packed house each time."

Stephen D. Nagiewicz, Executive Director, The Explorers Club, NY

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**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS**

**SAFETY FIRST: LESSONS
FROM THE LAST DIVE**

The light-hearted meets the serious in this examination of diving safety. The lessons learned from *The Last Dive* are applicable to all types of diving. This engaging slide and video presentation focuses on the wreck and cave diving world, as discussed in Bernie Chowdhury's book *The Last Dive*, with safety lessons for everyone. Attend this talk, whether you dive in 30 feet or in 300 feet of water, so that YOUR next dive is not your last!

**WRECKS OF THE NORWEGIAN
ARCTIC AT NARVIK**

Few subjects in diving spark such heated debate as the status of shipwrecks, and whether or not artifacts should be recovered from wrecks. Narvik is a cool Arctic Circle location that has become a hotbed of controversy. Convolved diving policies and artifact rules have resulted in at least one Norwegian home raided by police, with a diver arrested for illegal possession of artifacts. Interpol Oslo requested that the U.S. State Department investigate Bernie's diving activities in Norway. This World War Two battle ground left more than 55 freighters, surface warships, submarines/U-boats and planes sunk in and around the city's harbor during April, 1940. Today, Narvik is both a spectacular diving site and a wreck-diver's Orwellian nightmare.

**CONTROVERSIAL WAR
WRECKS OF THE ORKNEY
ISLANDS/SCAPA FLOW**

Wreck diving history at its best. This Scottish site has been Europe's wreck diving Mecca since the 1970's, when sport divers started exploring the seven remaining wrecks of the German World War I High Seas Fleet. These wrecks include three dreadnought class battleships and four light cruisers. Technical diving has opened up ever more challenging sites. Bernie was part of an Army team on a project that was the first of its kind approved by the British military and is noteworthy because it employed technical, rather than commercial or military, techniques. The team found and dived the wreck of *H.M.S. Pheasant* in 280 feet of water. Other dives include the controversial war grave *H.M.S. Hampshire*. Recent British Parliamentary action has now

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Are you looking for exciting, dynamic programs that will educate and motivate your audience?

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This brochure will give you an overview of some of the many programs that I offer, as well as some background information about myself, and feedback from others in the diving world.

If you want your next meeting, conference, dive show, or dive store to stand out, then get in touch with me to make arrangements for one or more of my many, dynamic presentations. If you do not see a program you're looking for, let me know so that I can tailor something for your specific audience requirements.

Plan well, dive safely.

All the best,



Bernie Chowdhury

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**What
Audiences
Say**

"Well done!"

Raymond Cooper,
Newspaper Manager,
Rockaway, NJ

**"Very detailed and
informative. Bernie
knows his topic."**

Thom Torode,
Sales Manager,
Roxbury, NJ

**"Very informative.
Really held my attention.
The video and slides
were great."**

Georges S. Chalemin II,
Director of Purchasing,
Manasquan, NJ

officially restricted these sites. Video and slides selected from Bernie's eleven trips to Orkney are shown.

ON LOCATION WITH IMMERSSED MAGAZINE

A humorous look at traveling around the world for diving magazine functions, including dives, expeditions, and conferences. Encounters with foreign coast guards, customs officials, and angry moose are just some of the stories covered.

ICELANDIC CAVE DIVING EXPEDITION

Geology and history combine in this educational and entertaining presentation. Iceland remains far off the beaten path. Those explorers with the desire, skills and equipment will be rewarded in Iceland with a cache of mostly undiscovered shipwrecks, and underwater caves that have rarely been explored. Bernie organized and led a team of Canadian, US, and Icelandic divers that became the first to survey and map any underwater cave in Iceland. The caves of this North Atlantic island nation are still being formed by tremendous geologic activity. This, combined with freezing, glacial waters, makes for challenging conditions in which to explore Iceland's underwater world. Slides from Bernie's three explorations in Iceland are shown, as well as documentary footage from Bernie's expedition that carried the Explorers Club flag.

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"Bernie is one of the most engaging speakers that we have ever had the good fortune to hear. His blend of story telling, humor, and lessons for life make for great entertainment. In addition, his in-depth knowledge of scuba diving and other topics combine for a wonderful learning experience. Featuring him as the main speaker at our event spurred attendance and made it a success."

Kim D. Parker & Tom Rhoad
Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival

Cris Kohl
Historian, author, and speaker

"Bernie Chowdhury fuels his excellent presentations with the spirit of adventure, the demeanor of experience, the diction of a knowledgeable gentleman, and the control of an iron judge rendering a powerful decision. He persuades his audiences as much as he entertains them."



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Speaker, Magazine Publisher, Author, Entrepreneur, Explorer, Educator

- Founder, publisher, and editor of *Immersed: The International Diving Magazine*, a leading periodical in its category with subscribers in 99 countries and territories. Now in its eighth year of publication
- Critically acclaimed book author of *The Last Dive*. This top-selling and award-winning book was released in six foreign languages, two audio versions, and has various future releases pending
- Explorers Club fellow since 1995. Bernie carried the Explorers Club flag on his Icelandic Cave Diving Expedition
- Team member of Operation Pheasant Hunt. At the invitation of the British Army, Bernie worked with the first authorized use of technical diving operations by any military. The operation successfully found the *H.M.S Pheasant*, a missing World War One destroyer in 280 feet of cold Scottish water
- Motivational dive instructor since 1988, leading both recreational and expedition diving projects in various parts of the world
- Consultant for the marketing and development of a new line of diving computers in 1991, resulting in new diving computers such as the air, nitrox, and trimix models
- Professional technology trainer on Wall Street
- Professional Member of the National Speakers Association. Bernie has spoken in eight countries, and has made numerous television and radio appearances
- Host of Scuba Radio's weekly syndicated "Tech Talk with Bernie" segment
- Beneath the Sea, Inc.'s "2001 Diver of the Year – Education"



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What Program Organizers and Industry Leaders Have to Say

"Bernie Chowdhury's professional manor, candor, and knowledge of the subject, coupled with his entertaining style of communication, provided one of the finest presentations we have ever experienced in our eighteen year history. He impacts his audience with an educational lesson that will never be forgotten. I highly recommend 'Safety First: Lessons from *The Last Dive*!'"

Joyce Hayward, Event Chairperson, Bay Area Divers, Ohio

"Bernie Chowdhury was always one of our most popular and effective teachers. He continues to draw a crowd at his special lectures, and they love his presentations.

Bernie has an excellent understanding of the industry from an instructional standpoint [and] he is the head of a widely respected publication which remains at the forefront of the industry's trends."

Peter Hearn, Owner, Pan-Aqua Diving, Inc., Manhattan & CT.

"Bernie is an excellent public speaker and presenter, someone who has a natural charisma and charm, and a flair for dramatic and engaging story-telling. As part of the publicity tour for his nonfiction book *The Last Dive* Bernie made nearly 30 presentations to audiences large and small from cozy bookstore anterooms to large college auditoriums. He's a wonderful speaker, and a dream author."

Dan Conway, Executive Editor, HarperCollins Publishers

I know Bernie Chowdhury personally as being an excellent author, speaker, and publisher and a wonderful influence in the world of diving; he has taken the industry to exciting new levels, yes, world-wide. His work over the years have been varied and exciting for new divers, old salts, and even non-divers. I know he will continue his efforts at attracting new people to the sport, as well as keeping current divers enthused and informed.

Armand Zigahn, Executive Director, Beneath the Sea, Inc., NJ

"Perhaps the most telling evidence of Bernie Chowdhury's skill as a presenter was that very rare occurrence – he spoke to a soundless room, followed by thunderous applause.

Interest shown during the question period following the presentation was one of the highest in Shipwrecks history. I was impressed with the open and respectful responses to the many questions he fielded.

Each of our 500 attendees is asked to fill in a feedback form. We listened to these comments – Bernie's back with a new presentation for Shipwrecks 2003."

Barbara Marshall, Past President
Shipwrecks 2003 Committee, Niagara Divers' Association

"During our tenure with the Charlotte, NC chapter of HammerHeads, the international dive club, we had the pleasure of hosting Bernie Chowdhury, who presented his talk entitled 'Safety First: Lessons from *The Last Dive*.'"

We speak for the entire club when we say that we were thrilled from start to finish. Bernie's presence at our club event produced an audience two and a half times the size of any other event before or since. The logistics were handled with ease, and Bernie's approach was one of approachability and professionalism all wrapped up in one! He is a fine man, a terrific speaker, and an important force in the international diving community."

Jim Seifert and Nancy Brown, Past President and Secretary
Charlotte HammerHeads

"Bernie held us spellbound for a full half hour with his account of the fateful "last dive" – we let the questions run over the usual time limit because so many Club members were so intrigued. The book-signing line was as long as I can ever recall – and I've never seen the normally blase waiters buy books before! All in all, Bernie's appearance was a resounding success."

Tom Bisky, Dutch Treat Club, Manhattan

"In our year-end evaluation of the many programs we sponsored over the past year, "Safety First: Lessons from *The Last Dive*" stands out above the rest."

R. Douglas Shaw, Executive Director, Long Island Maritime Museum, NY

What Other Speakers Say

"After presenting with Bernie Chowdhury across the country, we have noted that he is a highly sought after speaker, often packing the house. Bernie is a powerful and dynamic story-teller, captivating any audience with his enthusiasm, knowledge, and love for diving."

Jim and Pat Stayer, Authors, documentary film makers, speakers

"Bernie's genuine warmth combined with excellent speaking skills, and tremendous in-depth knowledge of the human psyche, makes his speaking engagements a pleasure. Bernie is recognized for "making it happen," and this, coupled with his entertaining style of delivery, promises a great experience. And just perhaps, by sharing his personal experiences and those of the Rouse family in the *The Last Dive*, others "pushing the edge of the envelope" will do so in a more thoughtful manner."

David Trotter, Shipwreck hunter, discoverer, explorer, and speaker

