



# NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

March, 2004

NEADC Website: [www.NEADC.org](http://www.NEADC.org)

## NEADC GENERAL MEETING

Immersion Theater at New England Aquarium  
Wednesday, March 17th, 2004  
6:30 p.m.

### “Underwater Digital Photography and Editing”

Guest Speaker: Scott W. Matey. Scott is a local business consultant who spends his free time as a PADI divemaster and underwater photographer. Combining his passion for diving with his technical background, Scott has spent the last several years capturing images digitally from dive sites around the world. He will present the basics of digital photography and equipment along with the underwater variables. He will share his images and equipment and discuss the differences in shooting with digital as opposed to traditional film. Scott will also present the basics of digital editing to demonstrate how everyone who brings any type of camera with them underwater can improve the images they capture.

### NOTICE OF AN IMPORTANT VOTE AT THE MARCH MEETING:

*See Page 3 for details regarding the NEAq Fund.*

## INFORMAL MEETING

The April Informal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Janet MacCausland, 26 Lakeview Drive, Raynham, MA. *See page 2 for Directions.*

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by  
**Monday, March 29, 2004!**

This is for the **APRIL EDITION** of the NEADC Newsletter. Submissions must be in writing, preferably via e-mail to [newsletter@neadc.org](mailto:newsletter@neadc.org). Thank you!

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

If your address has changed recently please fill out this form and mail it to:  
Membership Department, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110

### OLD ADDRESS:

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Please call (617) 973-0240.

### The NEADC Website

Check our website, [www.neadc.org](http://www.neadc.org), for updated information. The website is graciously hosted by Jake and Linda Richter.

## INFORMAL MEETING INFORMATION

Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 6: 30 p.m. at the home of Janet MacCausland, 26 Lakeview Drive, Raynham, MA, (508) 824-1569. It is a wooden ranch house with a porch.

### DIRECTIONS:

**From Boston:** (about 30 miles):

Take 93/SE Expressway to 128 N/ 95 toward Dedham to Rte. 24 south toward Fall River. That's a left hand exit, so get over soon after merging onto 128.

Now going on 24 south, pass Brockton, and take the Rte. 104 exit (# 15) for Bridgewater and Raynham.

At the end of the ramp, bear right toward Raynham. Go about two miles until you come to a stop sign at a four-way irregular intersection. You will be looking across at a mini-mall with a Tedeschi's, Crown Dry Cleaners, and Post Office. Bear left onto Center Street, which is still Rte. 104.

Take your first right after the mini-mall onto Lakeview Drive. #26 will be the second house on the left.

**From Rte 495:**

Take the Rte. 138 exit (#8) south toward Taunton.

Go about half a mile and look for a building shaped like a huge milk bottle on the left, and a Texaco. It is a congested area, so slow down and look for, and take, a left hand turn onto Center Street.

Go about a mile and a half to the same four-way intersection above, with the Tedeschi's, Crown Dry Cleaners, and Post Office, but continue straight through. You have the right of way and do not need to stop.

Take the first right after this mini-mall onto Lakeview Drive. #26 will be the second house on the left.

## MEMBERS' ADVERTISING

**NEWSLETTER AD POLICY:** Dive related ads for NEADC Members will be free with the following stipulations: 1. Must be current NEADC member; 2. Ad must be 25 words or less; 3. Ad must be submitted electronically; 4. Ad must be sent to the Newsletter Editor *prior* to Deadline; 5. Ad will be placed for one month only (ads may be renewed by resubmission as stated above). NOTE: This will NOT affect Website policy. Website does NOT contain member advertising.

### COMMERCIAL and NON-MEMBER ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page \$90/insertion; Half Page \$50/insertion; Quarter Page \$30/insertion; Eighth Page \$20/insertion.  
10% discount for 4 or more insertions per calendar year. 20% discount for 8 or more insertions per calendar year.  
Send questions and submissions to the Newsletter Editor. **Ad fees must be paid in advance.**

### For Sale:

**FINS:** (1) pair of Scubapro Jet Fins; X-large; black; w/ strap pulls; \$60.  
Please contact Leonor Desmarais at (508) 485-4903.

**BCD:** SeaQuest Spectrum II; small ladies'; black with blue trim on pockets; 1992 issue, regularly inspected; comes with original manual; \$30. Please contact Leonor Desmarais at (508) 485-4903.

### For Rent:

**Cottage** in Nahant, MA, walking distance to 40 Steps and the NE Marine Research Station.  
Bordered by Audubon property. \$950/mo. Contact George at (617) 876-0390 or [gbeng@world.std.com](mailto:gbeng@world.std.com).

## EXCITING NEW DIVE CLUB PROJECT WITH THE NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

The New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. is undertaking an exciting new initiative for which the Board seeks the support of all members. As you are aware, the New England Aquarium is in the midst of a financial crisis. Many of this year's projects were postponed or cancelled due to lack of funding. Dive Club Board members obtained a list of some of these projects and found several that might be within the resources of the Dive Club to facilitate. Although there were many worthy projects, the project chosen was selected because it is within the financial means of the Club and because it involves the Giant Ocean Tank – to provide two cownose rays (*Rhinoptera bonasus*) for the Giant Ocean Tank.

It has been several years since these beautiful rays have graced the Giant Ocean Tank at the New England Aquarium. The last of the pair of cownose rays died after a long life at the New England Aquarium. During their lives, the pair successfully reproduced and their offspring still populate several other aquaria in the United States. It would be wonderful to have these magnificent and popular members of the shark family back at the Aquarium.

We do need your support and VOTE on this project as it falls outside the regular expenses of operating the dive club and outside the usual level of donation. As mandated by our Constitution and By-Laws, Notice of a Vote to be held at the General Meeting of March 17, 2004 is hereby given to the membership. The vote will be on a motion as follows:

That the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. provide one half of the funding required to provide two cownose rays to the New England Aquarium for the Giant Ocean Tank in an amount up to \$700.00. The second half of the funding is to be provided by the weekly 50/50 drawing and other designated fundraising efforts of the Dive Club under the direction of the Board.

There will be a brief discussion period for members to pose questions and/or present arguments for or against the motion prior to the vote.

Please join us in the groundbreaking project to provide direct assistance to the New England Aquarium!

For more information on cownose rays: <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/Gallery/Descript/CownoseRay/CownoseRay.html>

### FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT Dick Whitehouse

Hello all. By the time this newsletter reaches you, the Sea Rovers show for '04 will be history. Thanks to all of you who tended the club booth.

There are still a few club shirts with embroidered logo available at the general meetings at the bargain price of \$10 each. Logowear can also be ordered from WearGuard. I'll have the latest catalog at the next meeting.

We on the Board are excited about getting a pair of Cownose Rays for the GOT. I hope you all will join us in getting behind this club project by participating in the raffles and candy sales at our meetings. Donations to the Ray fund would be very much appreciated.

See you soon, Capt. Dick.

### FROM YOUR SHORE DIVE COORDINATOR Genevieve Stewart

The **Dive Planning Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Location is the Hauser Board Room on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Gadsby Hannah LLP, which is at 225 Franklin Street in Boston. You **must** RSVP at [shoredive@neadc.org](mailto:shoredive@neadc.org) in order to get into the building. Parking is available AFTER 4:30 p.m. for \$7.00 at the Post Office Square Garage across the street from the building. Hope to see you all there!

## FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR Kerry Hurd

Thank you to the people who have contributed to the newsletter. Remember, all submissions need to be in writing, and are accepted via e-mail, on CD or floppy, or on paper. Our **June issue** will have information about almost anything dive related. Please send your submissions to [newsletter@neadc.org](mailto:newsletter@neadc.org), or hand them to me at any General or Informal Meeting. Thanks!

Make sure you continue to send in those reports of a favorite dive from last year, and your dive-related goals for the coming year. See page 8 for some that I have received. Let's see your reports next issue!

A recent event that was well attended was the Boston Scuba Show in Marlborough on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was quite enjoyable, as usual, with a variety of speakers. Thanks go to Fred Calhoun and crew!

The upcoming date of April 17 has two excellent events. You may wonder which one to attend, and I say do both! As luck would have it, they both take place in Framingham, MA. The first event is the Wrecks 2004 Show, presented by the MetroWest Dive Club ([www.mwdc.org](http://www.mwdc.org)). It starts at 8:30 a.m. and runs throughout the day with four presentations.

The second one is the Oceanic Research Group's Second Annual Benefit. If you choose to do Wrecks all day, then you would miss some of the afternoon event (3-5 p.m.) entitled Shark-A-Thon. It is geared towards children, but kids of all ages are invited. The evening event follows, and is the premiere of "The Silent Wrecks." Since this part doesn't take place until 7 p.m., there will be plenty of time to arrive after attending Wrecks. NEADC members Jonathan and Christine Bird (with the help of baby Elise) manage the Oceanic Research Group. For details, check out [www.oceanicresearch.org/benefit.htm](http://www.oceanicresearch.org/benefit.htm). There is no cost for either presentation, but donations are gladly accepted.

Many thanks again to the behind-the-scenes people for their help in putting together this newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated! I wish you all fun and safe diving!

## FROM YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR Alicia Lenci

Mark your calendars for these fun events. For info, contact Alicia @ (617) 389-3458, [environmental@neadc.org](mailto:environmental@neadc.org).

Sat, April 24, 2004                      Earth Day Dive/Cleanup on Cape Ann; Day Specific Photo Contest

Sun, May 23, 2004                      BSC/South Shore Neptunes Annual Treasure Hunt. Join the NEADC TEAM!

Sat, July 17, 2004                      GAFC – Halibut Shores - Advanced Dive; Stage Fort Park for NEADC Picnic

Sat, Sept. 25, 2004                      CoastSweep 2004/NEU Marine Lab Open House; Cleanup - Great Family Event - Prizes!

More to come throughout the dive season. Check the Dive Calendar on the website, [www.neadc.org](http://www.neadc.org), and in the newsletters.

## FROM YOUR BOAT DIVE COORDINATOR Rick Rosa

First, some business from the **2003 Shore Dive Season** - I have heard from everyone who led dives during the 2003 season so the T-shirt order is finally going in. Next year, we plan on having additional goodies (towels, gear bags, water bottles, etc.). Come to the Shore Dive Planning Meeting (April 28) and help lead a dive to your favorite site! The winner of the GOT dive raffle for shore dive leaders was picked at the February Meeting, and is Doug Stevenson. Thanks for all the help in 2003, dive leaders!

Bleach Dives are back!!! Since we lost this benefit in 2003, we didn't have the opportunity to have club members get back in the water and check out their gear before the open water season started. Our new Shore Dive Coordinator, Genevieve Stewart, has arranged with the Newton YMCA to take club members for gear check out dives on Monday nights. E-mail Genevieve ([shoredive@neadc.org](mailto:shoredive@neadc.org)) or me ([boatdive@neadc.org](mailto:boatdive@neadc.org)) to sign up for the pool. This is a rare opportunity for our members and I hope you take advantage of it (I will!).

Genevieve has also offered to provide equipment to divers if needed. This will really benefit new/returning divers or members that are just interested in checking out new gear. On top of that, she is offering to do a full scuba refresher class (skills matrix) for club members FREE OF CHARGE. If you haven't been in the water for six months and are heading for the tropics this winter, take us up on this one.

Now for some updates on the **2004 Boat Dive Season** - I'm in the process of updating the boat charter list from last year as well as adding a few new charters that I know of. If you have a favorite boat, send me an e-mail and give me a description and I'll add it to the list. Also, I've had several requests for a "what's what" with New England boat charters. Drop me a line with any notes from charters you've been on (what was good/what was bad) and I'll put together a sort of members guide to NE charters. Also stated from last month, I'm putting together a loose schedule for charters so if you have any specific dates or boats in mind, let me know and I'll add them to the schedule. Charters in our area range from beginner's trips (mouth of Folly cove) to advanced wreck diving. I'll be including the level of the dive with the schedule.

Please forward any questions, comments, or dive trip logs to [boatdive@neadc.org](mailto:boatdive@neadc.org) for the next newsletter.

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**START HERE, DIVE ANYWHERE - - - [www.pgdiver.com](http://www.pgdiver.com)**

**PADI Dry Suit Class:** April 10 Class and Pool; April 11 Ocean Dives.  
These dives are open to anyone who wants to go diving. \$99 for NEADC members.

**Add Nitrox for only \$99 more.** Class is on April 6 and the dives will be on April 11.

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**Galapagos this summer... the trip of a lifetime!**  
August 26 to September 2, 2004

Join us on this unique experience. Whale sharks, schooling hammerheads, and more. The price is \$2895.00 per person in a cabin double occupancy. Includes: accommodations, diving, meals, and all the thrills of this truly exceptional destination. Limited space aboard the Galapagos Aggressor still remains.

Contact Genevieve at [Genevieve@pgdiver.com](mailto:Genevieve@pgdiver.com) or (617) 969-3483.

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**Bahamas for the weekend... can you handle the adventure?**  
Dive Nassau from April 29 to May 3, 2004.

**Thursday** ~ arrive in time for happy hour!...**Friday** ~ two morning reef dives followed by two afternoon shark dives. Yes, sharks and lots of them!...**Saturday** ~ two morning reef dives and two afternoon wall flying dives, cruising on scooters...**Sunday** ~ two morning reef dives...  
**Monday** ~ return with lots to brag about!

Airport transfers, diving and ocean-view accommodations, right next to Stuart Cove's world famous dive center, all for \$899. Details at [www.pgdiver.com](http://www.pgdiver.com). Let us know if you need help arranging flights. These typically run from \$350 to \$550.

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**Oceanic Probe BC rated #1**

Rodale's Scuba diving magazine just rated the Oceanic Probe BC the best weight-integrated BC around and we have it in stock.... come and check it out, or take it for a test dive.

**All cameras, flashlights and travel gear bags are on sale.**

Visit [www.pgdiver.com](http://www.pgdiver.com) for sale details.

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## ***Benefit for the Care for Cara Fund***

You are invited to join us for  
**THE CENTURY BEACH PARTY**

Celebrating the 50+50 Year Birthdays of Steve Groh and Maryhelen Shuman-Groh

**Saturday, April 3rd,  
Noon-4 p.m.**  
The Irish American Club  
177 West Street  
Malden, MA 02148

A family gathering for all ages  
Hawaiian shirts and sarongs welcome!  
**DJ, Dinner and Door Prizes**  
Suggested Donation \$50 per family (any and all donations  
GRATEFULLY accepted)

Who is Cara and why do we care? Cara Gillis is a delightful toddler from Russia who was adopted by Claudette and Jim Gillis in 2003. During the post-adoption waiting period Cara became severely ill with pneumonia. While in the hospital in Moscow, Cara was found to be HIV+. Despite being legally adopted and now in need of medical care, the U.S. embassy initially refused to grant Cara's visa. Claudette remained living in Moscow with Cara in the hospital while Jim returned home to fight the legal battle and enlist medical aid. Cara and her mom finally arrived home where Cara is now thriving with the love of her new parents, her extended family, and the great medical care at Children's Hospital.

The Care for Cara Fund will help reimburse medical and legal expenses and help advocate for HIV+ children. This is one way you can make a major contribution to a great cause and have a really great time doing it! Please join us for The Century Beach Party!  
Make your reservation at [president@neadc.org](mailto:president@neadc.org).

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## **Oceanic Research Group**

### **O.R.G. Benefit: Shark-A-Thon and "The Silent Wrecks" Film Premiere**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 17, 2004

- **3:00-5:00 P.M.** - Shark-A-Thon for kids! This exciting event will feature a shark video and a shark slide show. Jonathan Bird will sign copies of his new book *Adventures with Sharks*.
- **7:00-9:00 P.M.** - *The Silent Wrecks* film premiere.

**WHERE:** Nevins Hall, Framingham, MA.

**ADMISSION:** *Free*. Donations will be gladly accepted.

**HOSTS:** Jonathan Bird, *author, cinematographer, producer* and Art Cohen, *narrator, producer*.

**ABOUT THE BENEFIT:** Oceanic Research Group produces [educational films](#) for use in schools. They are distributed on videotape by traditional educational film distributors. Many schools cannot afford them. We feel that we could get our message out to more schools via the internet, since many schools have high-speed internet connections these days. We are launching a new program called the *Streaming Video Project* to stream the entire O.R.G. educational film library on our website *for free* in the very near future. This is going to require a site redesign, a much larger server with more bandwidth and the creation of streaming files. The whole thing can be accomplished for \$20,000 including three years of server space. Last year, our benefit raised \$2,000 but we hope to double that this year! For more information, check our website [www.oceanicresearch.org](http://www.oceanicresearch.org). Thank you!

**Beverages, T-shirts, videos, books, and posters will be available.**

Please join us, have some fun, and contribute to the project by making a donation or buying some goodies!

## REEF's Nova Scotia Field Survey

A quietness remains on the reservations end for the Nova Scotia Field Survey. Unfortunately, REEF will have to cancel this trip by late April if we do not get divers signed up on this trip. Here's where you come in! Do you know of any other dive clubs we can prod into joining us? Were you thinking of calling to save a space but haven't picked up that phone yet? This is your chance!

This is REEF's first ever Field Survey in the Northeast and I hope we can make it a success! For reservations or to receive a flyer with more information on this trip, please contact Sarah at Dive Reservations by calling 888-363-3345 or e-mailing [reef@diveres.com](mailto:reef@diveres.com).

### **Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia • Scuba Tech and Highlander Motel • August 3-8, 2004**

5 nights/6 days - \$480 USD, includes accommodations at Highlander Motel and 4 days of 2 tank diving with Scuba Tech. \* REEF Fee \$100 (Non-diver price \$155 USD) 13 Divers Maximum.

Thank you, Leslie Whaylen (e-mail address: [leslie@reef.org](mailto:leslie@reef.org)).

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**SECONN SCUBA Swap Meet:** is on Sunday on April 18, 2004, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Polish American Club, 85 Maple Ave., Montville, CT. This is an opportunity to buy/sell new or used scuba gear prior to the 2004 "Dive" Rush. Local dive shops show up with new and used equipment on sale. Individuals also sell used gear. You can try your luck at winning a scuba tank during the raffle or get a good deal at the silent auction with an admission fee of merely \$1.00. Where else can you spend up to four hours INDOORS during a New England winter talking dive lingo with other divers? Bring a friend! Directions located on our website, [www.seconndivers.org](http://www.seconndivers.org).

Thank you, Debra Greenhalgh, Vice President SECONN Dive Club

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## *WRECKS 2004*

### ***MetroWest Dive Club's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Wrecks Symposium***

***"It's not just for wreck divers!"***

**Saturday April 17, 2004**



The Metro West Dive Club is proud to announce the 12th annual "Wrecks" show that covers wreck diving as well as other activities to all divers. We have assembled a world-class line-up of speakers for this year's event.

**Registration is 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
Welcome, announcements and introductions - 8:45-9:00. The symposium begins in the main conference room at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 3:30 p.m., with four presentations during the day.**

**If you have comments or questions, please let us know by**

**e-mailing [wrecks@mwdc.org](mailto:wrecks@mwdc.org).**

## MEMBER REPORTS OF LAST YEAR'S DIVES AND THIS YEAR'S GOALS

**Jenny Wu:** I had an excellent couple of dives up in Eastport, Maine, in July and October 2003. The abundant marine life up there is quite amazing! What made it excellent was the microcosm of marine life in just a few feet of water compared to diving in Cape Ann where you have to swim at least 100 feet or more depending on the tide to see critters. If you were doing a dive off Dog Island in Eastport, the wall is completely covered with 80% of what is in Andy Martinez's book, *Marine Life of the North Atlantic*. It's a spectacular site.

Secondly, my goal for the current year is basically the same every year since I've been diving - to become a better diver, to continue absorbing knowledge, and disseminate what knowledge I have to my diving and non-diving friends.

**Barry Holt:** My goals for this year are for my gear to become reacquainted with the wide world outside of the hall closet and to lead at least one club dive.

An interesting feature of last year was the August coral-spawning dive in the Texas Flower Garden Banks marine sanctuary. In addition to watching coral do it, it also included diving an oil rig for the first time.

Some other great places that I have been meaning to write about before but never did were trips to Cape Breton (wrecks on every dive, scary big lobsters, and warm(!) water), and Vancouver Island, British Columbia, for the giant octopus, kelp, salmon, mountains, whales, hot springs -- and then there was Tuesday....

**Steve Whitford:** One very memorable dive I had last year was the Seal Dive run by Donna Romano. I heard about it early on, and had never done anything like it before, so I signed up. On the ride out to the Isle of Shoals, I heard stories about how playful the seals were, but was completely unprepared for the reality. On my first dive I found a nice shallow area where a few were playing, and watched them for a while, then I started to swim away, and the seals followed! I was swimming along and felt a tug on my fin. When I turned around, there was a seal, less than two feet away! This continued for a while, and on the second dive, I found a spot where one seal let us come fairly close, and he just watched us for a while – it was an incredible moment just staring into each other's eyes. Once in a while I swam up from the bottom, and the seal followed, mirroring my movements. Even when we were swimming away, the seal continued to swim along parallel to us. I took my eyes off of it to check my compass and start heading back to the boat, and suddenly I felt another tug – and there were three swimming around my fins!

This year, I plan to do the seal dive again, and I now have my advanced certification, so I'm going to try some of the wrecks, possibly even the Triple Wreck Dive. I've dived some small, shallow wrecks in other places, but I've never gone to one in New England, and I'm looking forward to giving it a try.

Hey, all you **Members, Dive Clubs, Dive Shops, Charters and anyone else dive related:**

Our annual **special June edition** of the New England Aquarium Dive Club Newsletter is coming soon! You can list your dives, charters, and contact information for free! Just send your information before May 15<sup>th</sup> to [newsletter@neadc.org](mailto:newsletter@neadc.org). Thank you!





April 24, 2004  
10 a.m.  
Lane's Cove, Gloucester, MA  
Underwater/Shoreline Cleanup  
Contact: Alicia Lenci

### **Dive In To Earth Day 2004 Photo Contest**

Coral Org wants to see what we doing in our community to help out with marine conservation this Earth Day. Be sure to capture your Dive In activities on camera for a chance to win great prizes (prizes will be announced in January). Photos can be entered into two categories:

1. Underwater
2. Above Water

Photos will be judged based on how well they capture the spirit of Dive In: a fun, community activity that takes action to protect our marine environment. Some examples of winning photos might be before and after shots of a cleanup, divers in action removing garbage or conducting a survey, children enjoying a snorkeling trip, etc.

### **Rules and Regulations**

All entries must be taken during a 2004 Dive In To Earth Day activity.

Competition is open to any Dive In To Earth Day participant or organizer (your Dive In activity must be posted on the Dive In site).

Entries are limited to two images per contestant, per category (four photos maximum).

All underwater photographs must meet our environmental standards.

All entries for judging will remain the possession of the Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL). CORAL reserves the right to use the submitted images and winners' names to promote Dive In To Earth Day, the competition, the winners and the prizes/sponsors.

CORAL accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of entries.

Slides, prints and digital formats are all accepted.

All entries must be submitted along with are registration form.

All photographs and registration forms must be sent to CORAL no later than May 20th, 2004. Contest results will be announced in June 2004.

### **How to Enter**

Complete the questions in the registration form found online at [www.coral.org](http://www.coral.org).

Send the registration form and photos to CORAL no later than May 20, 2004 by:

**E-MAIL:** Send photos by e-mail (minimum 300 dpi) with subject heading, "Dive In Photo Contest Submission" no later than May 20, 2004 to [divein@coral.org](mailto:divein@coral.org).

**MAIL:** Send a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller or your slide. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Images must be sent to CORAL at the address below, postmarked no later than May 20, 2004:

Dive In To Earth Day Photo Contest

The Coral Reef Alliance

417 Montgomery Street, Suite 205

San Francisco, California USA 94104

## New England Aquarium Dive Club 2004 Shore Diving and Event Calendar

The leaders for a dive may cancel or modify their dive plans so please contact him or her prior to the dive date. Likewise, if you confirm attendance but then cannot attend a dive for any reason, please notify the dive leader as soon as possible, so that the group does not wait for you at the meeting site on the day of the dive. *Note: Meeting minutes are posted on [www.neadc.org](http://www.neadc.org).*

Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location	Notes
Mar 17 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	<a href="http://www.neadc.org">www.neadc.org</a>	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	<b>IMPORTANT VOTE</b> ; Digital Photography; dinner after meeting
Mar 26-28 (Fri-Sun)		Beneath the Sea	<a href="http://www.beneaththesea.org">www.beneaththesea.org</a>	Meadowlands Exposition Center Secaucus, NJ	
Mar 29 (Mon)		DEADLINE for Newsletter Submissions	<a href="mailto:newsletter@neadc.org">newsletter@neadc.org</a>		
Apr 7 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and NEADC newsletter assembly	Janet MacCausland, (508) 824-1569	Raynham, MA	See page 2 for directions
Apr 17 (Sat)	8:30am- 4pm	Wrecks 2004	MetroWest Dive Club <a href="http://www.mwdc.org">www.mwdc.org</a>	Framingham, MA	See Article this issue
Apr 17 (Sat)	3-5pm	Oceanic Research Group Benefit - Shark-A-Thon	<a href="http://www.oceanicresearch.org">www.oceanicresearch.org</a>	Framingham, MA	See Article this issue
Apr 17 (Sat)	7-9pm	Oceanic Research Group Benefit - Film Premiere	<a href="http://www.oceanicresearch.org">www.oceanicresearch.org</a>	Framingham, MA	See Article this issue
Apr 18 (Sun)	10am- 2pm	SECONN Scuba Swap Meet	<a href="http://www.seconndivers.org/">www.seconndivers.org/</a>	Montville, CT	See Article this issue
Apr 21 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	<a href="http://www.neadc.org">www.neadc.org</a>	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local Restaurant
Apr 24 (Sat)	10am	Earth Day Dive/Clean-Up	Alicia Lenci, (617) 389-3458 <a href="mailto:environmental@neadc.org">environmental@neadc.org</a>	Lane's Cove, Cape Ann, MA	See Article this issue
Apr 24 (Sat)	6pm	Divers Intro	Atlantic Aqua Sport (603) 436-4443	Yoken's Portsmouth, NH	"Dive New England" Wayne & Diane Russell
Apr 28 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Planning Meeting	Genevieve Stewart <a href="mailto:shoredive@neadc.org">shoredive@neadc.org</a>	Gadsby Hannah LLP Boston, MA	
May 5 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and NEADC newsletter assembly	TBA	TBA	
May 12 (Wed)		Bay State Council of Divers Meeting		South Shore Neptunes Clubhouse Quincy, MA	
May 19 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	<a href="http://www.neadc.org">www.neadc.org</a>	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local restaurant
May 22 (Sat)	TBA	Night Dive	Alicia Lenci, (617) 389-3458 <a href="mailto:environmental@neadc.org">environmental@neadc.org</a>	Cape Ann, MA	
May 23 (Sat)	TBA	BSC/South Shore Neptunes Annual Treasure Hunt	Alicia Lenci, (617) 389-3458 <a href="mailto:environmental@neadc.org">environmental@neadc.org</a>	Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA	Join the NEADC Team!
Jun 2 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and NEADC newsletter assembly	TBA	TBA	
Jun 16 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	<a href="http://www.neadc.org">www.neadc.org</a>	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local restaurant
Jun 19 (Sat)	TBA	Night Dive	Alicia Lenci, (617) 389-3458 <a href="mailto:environmental@neadc.org">environmental@neadc.org</a>	Cape Ann, MA or Rhode Island	

# New England Aquarium Dive Club Membership Form

Type of Membership: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_  
Has your address changed since last renewal? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ previous town \_\_\_\_\_

New England Aquarium Membership Categories: **Choose One:**  
(Membership in Dive Club requires current membership in New England Aquarium)

- Individual \$45.00 + Dive Club Membership \$15.00 = \$60.00
- Couple/Family \$80.00 + Dive Club Membership \$15.00 = \$95.00
- Quartermaster \$100.00 + Dive Club Membership \$15.00 = \$115.00
- Master Mariner \$150.00 + Dive Club Membership \$15.00 = \$165.00
- Friend of Aquarium \$250.00 + Dive Club Membership \$15.00 = \$265.00

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Dive Club dues plus Aquarium membership)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to New England Aquarium or charge to:

MasterCard       Visa       Discover       American Express      Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Membership Dept. New England Aquarium  
Central Wharf, Boston MA 02110

Requirements for Dive Club Membership include current membership in the New England Aquarium and payment of Dive Club dues. New members receive a New England Aquarium membership card marked "DIVER". **IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE AQUARIUM**, send your membership card, Dive Club dues payment and this application to the Membership Department. Your membership card will be returned marked "DIVER". If you have any questions, please call the Aquarium Membership Office at 617-973-6555/6564.



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