



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

October 2004

NEADC Website: www.NEADC.org

NEADC GENERAL MEETING

**Immersion Theater at New England Aquarium
Wednesday, October 20th, 2004
6:30 p.m.**

NORTHEAST INVERTEBRATE ID PREVIEW BY BOB MICHELSON

An introduction to the program and a discussion of "Invertebrates of The Gulf of Maine". Bob will show several examples of each type of critter during this program and talk about what divers can do to help monitor invasive invertebrates in our region. This will be a photo-based presentation using 35mm color slides.

Bob Michelson of Photography By Michelson, Inc., based in Braintree, is a published underwater photographer and underwater videographer who has been diving for 25 years. He is a PADI Dive Master, a Specialty Instructor in underwater photography and video, and a NOAA Science Diver.

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GREAT WHITE SHARK!!!

AND THE WINNER IS.....

Congratulations go out to LOUISE HOWARD, whose ticket was drawn as the winner in our Great White Shark sculpture drawing. Louise will now have a super piece of artwork to enjoy in her home. Thanks to all of you members who purchased tickets in support of your club efforts to raise project funds for the Aquarium.

- Dick Whitehouse

INFORMAL MEETING

The November Informal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd, at 6:30 pm, hosted by Helen McHowell, 61 Elm St., Canton, MA (781) 828-4524.

Directions:

From Boston, take 93 South, which turns into 95 (128) North. Take Exit 13. University Ave. 128 RR station Amtrak. Come off the exit, and go straight to the third set of lights. Take a left onto Canton Ave. Follow past Cumberland Farms. Second left is Elm Street. Approximately one mile on the right is #61, the fourth house after Pecunit St.

From the North Shore, take Route 95 (128) South to Exit 13. Go to the lights, turn right, and follow to Canton Ave. Follow past Cumberland Farms. Second left is Elm Street. Approximately one mile on the right is #61, the fourth house after Pecunit St.

You may take the train to the Rte. 128 station and someone can pick you up - just call. All are welcome; just let me know. We have a cat and a dog for those of you with allergies.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by
Monday, October 25, 2004!

This is for the **NOVEMBER EDITION** of the NEADC Newsletter. Submissions must be in writing, preferably via e-mail to newsletter@neadc.org. Thank you!



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NEADC Website

Look for updated information on our website, www.neadc.org, graciously hosted by Jake and Linda Richter.

FROM YOUR WEBMASTER Steve Whitford

The New England Diving season is wrapping up, but there are still plenty of opportunities to get in the water. Just on our calendar are the Halloween dive and Christmas Tree dive, plus all the drysuit diving.

The travel section of the website is also great if you want to go diving without the cold water. There are more trips added all the time, so if you want to dive to some great places, take a look.

If anyone wants to add something to the Dive Travel section (or any other section), send me an email. I'm always looking for pictures for the scrapbook, and the Dive site reviews section on the forum needs your input!

FROM YOUR BOAT DIVE COORDINATOR Rick Rosa

Shore Dive Leader T -Shirts:

The shore dive leader shirts have finally come in. I handed out six at the September formal meeting. See me at the informal/formal meetings to get yours if you are on the list. For this year's dive leaders, we're planning on a range of prizes as a thank you for helping out. Current suggestions are water bottles, gear bags, beach towels, and small dive gear. Let us know if you have any other specific ideas. Anything left over will be used for raffles and the summer picnic.

Officer Positions:

It is time for the annual club elections again. Most of us have been officers for several years and would welcome the opportunity of some new officers getting involved. Several of this year's officers will not be returning due to life/work events. Please step up to the plate and volunteer for an officer position. The work isn't that demanding and the time commitment is manageable (two meetings per month). We had a well-rounded board this year, had a lot of fun, and much was accomplished (Sea Rovers, two annual parties, several successful Aquarium fund raising events, etc). Please get involved and keep our club vibrant and moving forward into the future.

Boat Charters:

The charter list has been updated this month with the listing stretching from Maine to Rhode Island. Give the boat captains a call and book a charter, or send me an email if you're looking for others to go boat diving with, and we'll put a trip together. Mention the NEADC and get a discount off your charter fee.

Shore Diving:

Most divers are as unhappy as I am that the season is winding down. However, we do some of our best diving in October!!! If the air temperatures hold out, October is traditionally one of the best months to dive in. The water is still warm (mid-sixties) and visibility is still in the 15-foot range. The hurricanes haven't helped the past couple of weeks, but when they aren't around the diving is great. Several great dives are still listed on the shore dive calendar, so get out there and go diving. You can also contact me (boatdive@neadc.org), or Genevieve Stewart, the shore dive coordinator (shoredive@neadc.org) to get together for a dive. Many of us go out most weekends during the season, weather permitting.

NOTE: The opinions expressed within this newsletter are those of the writers, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the New England Aquarium or the New England Aquarium Dive Club.

The Editor reserves the right to edit all submitted material for the sake of grammar, clarity, and space.

FROM YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR Al Bozza

DIVE TRAVEL:

OCTOBER 2004: GREAT WHITE SHARK DIVING---- SOLD OUT

JANUARY 15th-22nd 2005 - DOMINICA - We started this year with 26 of our dive club members and friends joining together for a trip to Dominica. If you have noticed the write-ups in the newsletter or read the website stories and looked at the pictures; or listened to all of the talk at the dive club meetings, you know how great the trip was; AGAIN. As dive destinations go, Dominica is one of the best. It has so much to offer both divers as well as non-divers. In short, the diving is spectacular; as is the island itself. The water temperature consistently hovers between 78-80 degrees and the visibility just can't be beat. There is enough variety in the dive sites to satisfy any diver. The sites range from wall dives and soaring pinnacles, to swim-throughs and stunning coral heads. We consistently saw frogfish, seahorses, turtles, eels, batfish, as well as a variety of marine life too extensive to name. Above the water, we hiked through beautiful rainforests to swim in remote waterfalls. When you add to this, the resident population of sperm whales, you will see why Jonathan and I consider Dominica to be the world's greatest island. The best part of the entire story is that we are scheduled for another trip, from January 15, 2005 to January 22, 2005. The unbelievable package price we are able to provide is \$1045. Includes: 7 nights hotel, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, 2 night dives, 5 days of 2-tank boat dives, unlimited shore dives, tanks, weights, and weight belt, kayaking, welcome rum punch, r/t airport transfers, service charges, and taxes. Join us next year and see why so many divers and non-divers keep going back to Dominica. The spots are filling up quickly so don't wait. Only 6 spots left!

MARCH 19th - 26th 2005 - ALL NEW WHALE SHARK EXPEDITIONS OF HONDURAS- SHARK DIVER LODGE - \$1895- Discover the shark diving adventure of a lifetime - an encounter with the ocean's largest shark, the Whale Shark. The new inclusive "Shark Diver Lodge," located in the crystal waters of the Caribbean in the Honduras, is the latest amazing shark dive destination. Little was known about this site until just recently, when once again reports from local fishermen and scientists came in of these magnificent animals just off the coast. Absolute divers visited the site in early 2004, where diving with the Whale Sharks truly is an incredible experience. This is your chance to be one of the first shark divers to encounter these 30-50 foot leviathans in 100-foot visibility and all just a short 5-hour average flight away. While you are there, fish for world-class Tarpon, Snook, and Bonefish; dive the multitude of regular reefs surrounding the island; or just sit on the white sands of the Caribbean and soak up the sun. It is all included. Located just off the coast of Honduras in the warm clear waters of the Caribbean, our inclusive Shark Diver Lodge features three dive boats for unlimited regular diving along reefs, walls, and open water pinnacles. Discover fan corals, Groupers, Spotted Eagle Rays and more. Plus enjoy roomy accommodations in your private tropical waterfront bungalows. Our lodge also features kayaks, great food, and a game room with pool table, and satellite television. Only 4 spots left!!

For information on any of these trips, please contact Al Bozza at (617) 212-9108, programs@neadc.org.

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR Kerry Hurd

Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated! Please send your submissions to newsletter@neadc.org. Thanks!

There are some great events coming up, including the Halloween and Christmas Tree dives that Steve mentioned. On Saturday, October 23, is a benefit for the Underwater Education and Training Center of New England, a non-profit marine and freshwater ecosystem educational organization. There will be two slide presentations. One is "Sharks of New England" by Greg Skomal, Senior Shark Biologist for the Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries. The other is "Beneath the Waters of New England and the Socorro Islands, Mexico" by Ken Mostello, Underwater Photographer and UETC Board Member. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call (978) 439-0400 for more information.

The United Divers of New Hampshire is having its Annual Banquet on Saturday, November 13, with Bernie Chowdhury as Guest Speaker. I have seen him speak several times, and he's always great! The topic at this event will be "Safety First: Lessons From the Last Dive." Check out www.udnh.org for more information and tickets.

Another event to put on your calendar now takes place on Saturday, April 2, 2005. It is the annual benefit for the Oceanic Research Group. This time, the two Guest Speakers will be Jonathan Bird talking about the making of "Sharks of the Ocean Desert," and Ed Jameson with his amazing 3-D pictures and slides. It will take place in Framingham, Mass. Check out www.oceanicresearch.org/benefit.htm for more information and directions.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Maryhelen Shuman-Groh

ELECTIONS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Ask not what your dive club can do for you – ask what you can do for your dive club, to paraphrase the most famous call to service made in my lifetime (Churchill may have had a few more compelling calls to action, but that was before my time). Another year has passed and autumn is already approaching. We again look forward to NEADC's annual elections, which will take place on November 17th at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Now is the time to consider, "What can YOU do for your dive club?" Do you want to see the Club head in a different direction? Consider running for office. Do you want to see even more boat and shore dives scheduled? Consider running for office. Do you want to support the Club's on-going environmental and NEAq funding initiatives? RUN FOR OFFICE!!!

I will be stepping down from the office of President after five years and ending ten years of service as an officer. It's time for others to step up to bat and to assist those officers who will be staying on to continue the efforts of NEADC. All positions are open to candidates. Positions we know will need filling for sure are President, Vice President, Business Manager, and Newsletter Editor. Every board position is vital to the smooth running of the New England Aquarium Dive Club. All that is required is enthusiasm! If you have any questions about any position on the Board, please do not hesitate to ask me or any other officer (past or present). We'll be happy to provide any information about the jobs.

WIN A SPOT ON THE 2005 SPRING COLLECTING TRIP TO THE CARRIBEAN!!!

Beginning at the September General Meeting, you will have an opportunity to purchase a chance for a spot on the 2005 New England Aquarium Collecting Trip to the Caribbean. Chances are only \$10 each, and there will only be 500 tickets issued. If every member of the dive club purchases one ticket – they will all be sold!

Certified SCUBA divers age 18 and older are eligible. This unusual "working" vacation is open to both beginners and experienced divers, and is a great opportunity to dive with and learn from Aquarium professionals. You will dive and collect at some of the most beautiful underwater sites in the world. The last day of the trip is spent in Miami, preparing fishes for shipment to the New England Aquarium in Boston. After the trip, you can see your hard work showcased at the Aquarium, which entertains and educates more than 1.6 million visitors each year, from all over the world.

The Prize Package includes airfare, shipboard accommodations on the R/V Coral Reef II (meals, lodging, cocktails), and up to five dives per day (weights and tanks are provided). Also included is a rare opportunity to dive in the Aquarium's 200,000-gallon Caribbean reef exhibit.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Maryhelen Shuman-Groh at president@neadc.org.

MARINE ANIMAL STRANDING NETWORK UPDATE

Please help us in our efforts to respond quickly and efficiently to marine animal emergencies by keeping your contact information current! As often happens this time of year, a notice of an upcoming Stranding event was sent via e-mail to program participants. More than half of the addresses bounced back. If you have attended any of the marine animal stranding seminars offered by the New England Aquarium Dive Club, in conjunction with the New England Aquarium and the Cape Cod Stranding Network and wish to be on the active call list in the event of an emergency or to be notified of continued field training, please send your current e-mail address to president@neadc.org.

If you have not been trained and are interested in participating in future training workshops, please watch this newsletter for announcements of winter and spring workshops to be scheduled. Thank you.

FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT Dick Whitehouse

Nominations will be taken for all board positions at the October General Meeting. Some of you have stepped forward to express your interest in running for office, and I sincerely hope more of you are thinking about running for office. As in most clubs and organizations there are the doers and the sit backers. It surely would be great to have an honest-to-goodness election in November. ALL positions are open for nomination. Please get active and take part in the process.

For members who have not attended one of our informal meetings, I urge you to do so. It is a fun evening during which the officers conduct the club business while the rest of the attendees prepare the newsletter for mailing. This is a great way to get to better know your fellow club members. Many friendships have been developed due to "informals". There have also been several marriages! Once again, get active in your club! - See you next meeting!

Diving the Shipwrecks of the St. Lawrence 1000 Islands by Anna Krowczynska

I've been hearing a lot about the 1000 Islands Region in Ontario as the best fresh-water shipwreck diving destination – plenty of wrecks, water around 70 F and great visibility (thanks to the Zebra Mussel). So when I learned that PG Dive was organizing a trip there, I signed up immediately. Because Daniela, who organized the trip, loves Montreal and its fabled nightlife, she rented a private apartment in the center of the French-speaking part of the City. I had to brush off my French to communicate with the natives. I haven't used this language much in ages; besides the French used by an inhabitant of Quebec differs greatly from Parisian French that I learned from my Governess.

The Thousand Islands Region is a two-hour drive from Montreal, so we had to get up at 6 am on Saturday to catch the dive boat in Brockville, Ontario. The morning along the St Lawrence River was very foggy; and we barely saw highway 20, but after the arrival at the marine park, the fog lifted and the sun broke through the clouds.

Our boat was an inflatable Zodiac with a skipper from Neptean Dive Center in Montreal, Gaetan Dumais. Because of the small size of the boat, we had to assemble gear on the shore, suit up, and jump into the boat. The ride to the first dive site was short. We were about to dive the tugboat Muscallonge, called in short Muskie. The current was swift and we had to do a back roll from the boat clutching the rope and pulling ourselves to the anchor line. The water was pretty warm, around 70 F. Once we got to the bottom at around 100 feet, we still had to battle the current in order to get to the wreck. The Muskie perished of fire, so not much of the boat is left. There is one side sticking from the bottom, with a boiler and engine next to it, and some debris scattered around. However, there are plenty of fish swimming around the wreck and the water temp is in the high 60s.

After the first dive, we came back to the marina to have lunch and change tanks. Our second dive was on the wreck of a wooden barque, Robert Gaskin, that sank in 1889 trying to salvage the railroad ferry Armstrong. The wreck actually looks like a boat; and one can swim inside through the huge hole near the stern. Since the deck is almost gone inside there is plenty of light and you can see the rest of the masts and old barrels at the bottom. Again there are plenty of fish and barnacles covering the wood. And not much current! I was surprised how well the wooden parts were preserved! A large anchor is located at the bow. Inside the wreck, I found a plaque strictly forbidding removal of any objects from the wreck.

These were two excellent dives. We refilled our tanks at Sea & Air Dive shop in Brockville and drove back to Montreal.

We had such a great night on the town that some members of our expedition slept till 11 am. We packed our stuff and drove to Prescott for a shore dive on the Rothesay. This is the wreck of the twin side-wheeler that sank in 1889 after colliding with the American tugboat Myra. Unfortunately, in 1901 the Canadian Royal Military used the wreck for explosive practice and flattened her middle section. Fortunately, the stern and bow are relatively intact and one can see the rocker arm and the paddles' outline. You have to follow the rope from shore to the wreck that lies in the shallow water (around 30-40 feet). Again we saw schools of fish. We planned another shore dive on Conestoga, but since we started so late we had to change our original plans.

I will come back to Thousand Islands to dive more wrecks. However next time I will stay close by. I am getting too old for night parties followed by scuba diving next day.

NEADC – 2004 Boat Dive List:

Contact Rick Rosa, Boat Dive Coordinator with questions at boatdive@neadc.org

Easy Diver - Gloucester, MA. Captain: Fred Calhoun, <http://www.easy-diver.com/index.htm>, (617) 846-5151.

Captain Rob's – Rye, NH. Captain: Rob Kenney, <http://www.captainrobs.com>, (603) 926-9350.

Boston Harbor Diving Company - Boston. Captain: James Sullivan, <http://www.Bostondiving.com>, (617) 846-5151.

PilotHouse Charters - Plymouth, MA. Captain: David Iovanna, <http://www.pilothousecharters.com/>, (603) 785-8777.

Cape Cod Bay Charters - Barnstable, MA. Captain: John Carty, <http://www.ccbcharters.com/>, (888) 488-3483.

Ocean State Scuba - Jamestown, RI, <http://www.oceanstatescuba.com/>, (401) 423-1662.

Cape Ann Divers - Gloucester, MA, <http://www.capeanndivers.com/scubacharters.htm>, (978) 281-8082.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES

Dive related ads for **NEADC Members** will be free with the following stipulations:

1. Must be current NEADC member in good standing.
2. Ad may be up to the half-page size, depending on space availability. For larger ads, the member will be charged for the additional space at the current rates.
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.

Do an **ANDROS Bahamas** long weekend with the crew of **EASY DIVER**: Pat Walsh, Peter Donahue, Chris Christensen, and Fred Calhoun.

Fly November 5, return November 10.....5 nights (4 days of diving) double occupancy divers: \$1355.....non-divers: \$1115.....includes round trip from Ft. Lauderdale

Dive the ANDROS barrier reef, where we filmed most of our movies in the mid 60s. If you're into video, bring the stuff along and we'll help you shoot an epic!

Fred Calhoun, Apple Ridge 2-6, Maynard, MA 01754; 1-978-897-0877.

For Sale: Men's 3XL- 4XL DUI TLS350 Blue Drysuit for Sale ~~\$1,200.00~~ NOW ONLY \$999!

Used only several times. Trilaminar with full green polar fleece jumpsuit, hose, and carrying bag from DUI. Will fit large male 5'11" - 6'3"; 275-375 lbs. I've shrunk and need a smaller one!

Please call Jim Carozza, cell # (617) 966-0111.

OMS Double 98s Tanks For Sale

I am selling a pair of steel OMS 98 tanks with a 7/98 hydro. They have not been used for several years, but look in great shape. This includes DiveRite manifold with center isolation valve plus stainless steel Highland Millworks bands. \$650 or best reasonable offer. Call Maria at (617) 281-5155 or send mail to mdm@aquamarinedivers.com. I will also consider selling the tanks without the manifold and bands separately.

LADIES DRY SUIT FOR SALE: Ladies Mobby's Armor Shell Dry Suit; Suit Size Medium, Shoe Size 9.

Good condition with brand new neck seal (\$100 cost). A truly self-donning suit complete with suspenders for added comfort.

Trilam construction in black with purple details. Offers around \$400.

Contact Jane at (617) 838-5118 or fatbob@rcn.com.

New England Aquarium Dive Club Holiday Party

Saturday December 4, 2004; 7pm-11pm

American Legion Hall #273, 162 Winn Street, Burlington, MA

Tickets: \$25 per person.

For tickets, please contact Al Bozza (508) 384-1377 email: programs@neadc.org or any other NEADC officer.

Come join us to celebrate the holiday season. There will be Italian-style buffet, dancing to your favorite tunes, raffles, and good company. Plenty of free parking.

For further information, please contact Veronica Atlantis (781) 272-1387, email: atlantis_shark@yahoo.com.



Rental Sale – Dry Suit Sale – Wetsuit Sale
Sale starts now!

Rental Sale

Regulators \$150 & up	Atomic Aquatics Z1 & B2 first and second stage Oceanic Delta 3/PX2 first and second stage Oceanic Alpha 7/PX2 first and second stage
Octopus \$69 & up	Atomic Aquatics Z1 Alternate Air Source Oceanic Alpha 1 Alternate Air Source
Computers \$225 & up	Cressi Sub SPG, compass and Archimedes Computer Oceanic SPG, Compass and Veo 200 Computer Oceanic SPG and Veo 100 Computer
BCDs \$99 & up	Cressi Sub S114 weight integrated BCD Oceanic Flex weight integrated BCD Oceanic Isla weight integrated BCD (women's BCD) Oceanic Explorer BCD (junior BCD)
Wetsuits \$125 & up Good quality.	Bare 7mm Farmer John/Jane two-piece wetsuits. Bare 7/5mm one-piece junior full suits. Well-maintained. Mix and match.

Dry Suit Sale

Small	Bare, NexGen with Soft Boots – DEMO \$499
Medium	Bare, NexGen with Soft Boots – DEMO \$499
Medium	Bare, XCD2 Pro Dry with XL Boots – NEW \$899
Xlarge	Bare ATR HD with Soft Boots – used once \$1199
XXLarge	Bare XCD2 Pro Dry with 3XL Boots – DEMO \$799

In-stock undergarments 50% off.

Wet Suit Sale

Pinnacle 30-45% off	Merino-Lined Polar 7mm, Semi-Dry Merino-Lined Arctic 7mm Merino-Lined 7mm Hooded Vests
Bare 30-40% off	Arctic SGS 7mm One Piece -Large Tall Arctic 7mm One Piece – X-large Short Arctic SGS 7mm Jacket with Hood – Large Tall Arctic 7mm Jacket with Hood – Women's 14 Supra 7mm Farmer John/Jane – Assorted Sizes Supra 7mm Farmer Jacket - Assorted Sizes Bare Vests – Assorted Vests

Applies to In-Stock Items Only.

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Phone 617-969-DIVE



Belize

May 4th to May 11th, 2005

Belize has remained the best-kept secret in the Caribbean. Belize lies 700 miles south of Miami on the east coast of Central America in the heart of the Caribbean Basin. Of great interest to divers is the fact that, off-shore lies, the second largest barrier reef in the world, extending over 185 miles; three major atolls each ringed by a coral perimeter of at least 50 miles, plus the world's largest and most renowned Blue Hole, first explored by Jacques Cousteau. Inside the barrier reef there are 450 emerald green cayes of which only a few are inhabited.

Average Air Temp: Day: 79° F Night: 68° F

Water Temp: 79° - 84° F

There is something at Blackbird Caye Resort for everyone – even non-divers! Sunfish sailboats, windsurfers, kayaks, canoes, fishing and more. You can be as busy as you like, or just slow down among the 166 acres that encompass the resort. Most of the cabanas and rooms face the ocean with hammocks on the porch. Enjoy the palapa-style restaurant and lounge area, and take advantage of the private docks for swimming and soaking up the tropical sun.

Land

- 8 days/ 7 nights accommodation at Blackbird Caye Resort (Accommodations are double occupancy in private rooms)
- All meals are included
- Hotel tax included

Sea

- 3 Boat Dives per day (tanks and weights included)
- Day trip to the famous 'Blue Hole'
- Free advanced training or two specialty dives
- Free use of sunfish sailboats, canoes and kayaks
- Snorkeling sites include Blackbird's Reed, located directly in front of the main dock.
- Optional extras – fly fishing (tarpon, permit and bonefish) or offshore fishing (Wahoo, sailfish, marlin and more)

Air

- Round trip air from Boston with American Airlines
- Airport transfers by boat from Belize to Blackbird Caye

Starting at \$2299

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United Divers of New Hampshire

Annual Banquet

November 13, 2004

Featuring Bernie Chowdhury

This year UDNH will hold its annual banquet at the Puritan Backroom Conference Center in Manchester, NH.

*Cash bar - 6:00 pm
Dinner - 7:00 pm*

*Tickets - \$35 per person.
Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door so buy them early!*

Available by credit card



Or send a check with your name, address, phone number and email address to:

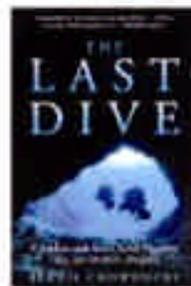
**UDNH-Banquet
P.O. Box 4176
Manchester, NH 03108**



**Problem buying tickets?
Call John Magruder, President
603-487-3025
evenings**

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!



Autographed copies of "The Last Dive" will be available for sale.

Go to www.udnh.org to purchase tickets.



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.*

Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location	Notes
Every Monday	6PM to 9PM	Bleach Dive/Scuba skills Refresher	Genevieve Stewart, shoredive@neadc.org	West Suburban YMCA in Newton	Members MUST register in advance. Review your skills, or test a new piece of gear in a controlled environment
Oct 9 (Sat)	TBA	Night Dive / tropical fish optional GAFC Survey	Alicia Lenci, (617) 285-6737 environmental@neadc.org	Rhode Island	
Oct 20 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Invertebrate ID with Bob Michelson; Dinner following at local restaurant
Oct 23 (Sat)	10am to 12pm	Invertebrate Workshop	Brandy Derickson, derickba@netzero.net	Conference Center, New England Aquarium	
Oct 23 (Sat)	6pm to 9pm	Slide presentations	Underwater Education & Training Ctr; (978) 439-0400	BATV Studios, Billerica, MA	Greg Skomal - Sharks of NE; Ken Mostello - NE & Socorro
Oct 31 (Sun)	TBA	Halloween Dive	TBA	TBA	
Nov 3 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and NEADC Newsletter assembly	www.neadc.org	TBA	
Nov 13 (Sat)	6:00pm	United Divers of NH Annual Banquet	www.udnh.org	Puritan Backroom Conference Center, Manchester NH	Bernie Chowdhury - "Lessons From The Last Dive"
Nov 17 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local restaurant
Nov 27 (Sat)	Noon	Christmas Tree Dive with United Divers of NH	Kerry and Linda Hurd newsletter@neadc.org	Nubble Lighthouse, York, ME	
Dec 1 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and NEADC Newsletter assembly	www.neadc.org	TBA	
Dec 4 (Sat)	7-11pm	NEADC Holiday Party	www.neadc.org	American Legion, Burlington, MA	
Dec 15 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local restaurant
Jan 5 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and NEADC Newsletter assembly	www.neadc.org	TBA	
Jan 19 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local restaurant
Feb 2 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and NEADC Newsletter assembly	www.neadc.org	TBA	
Feb 16 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local restaurant
Apr 2 (Sat)	6:30pm	ORG Benefit	www.oceanicresearch.org	Nevins Hall, Framingham, MA	Jonathan Bird & Ed Jameson

REMINDER: If you would like to participate in a club dive, *PLEASE* make sure you contact the dive leader at least a day or two before the dive date. Dive leaders may cancel or modify their dive plans. Likewise, if you confirm attendance but then cannot attend a dive, 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.

Tropical Fish Hunting Aug. 28-29, 2004
by Jean Stefanik, with picture and additional text by Mark Rosenstein

Hi all! What a wonderful weekend of tropical hunting! The weather was perfect both days, and the vis was reasonable at both Kings Beach Sunday and Green Bridge Saturday.



Congratulations to Mark Rosenstein on catching two little butterfly fish on his first venture!

On Saturday, we delivered 10 cute-as-a-button small spotfin butterflies I caught to the Newport holding station. On Sunday, Lea and Elsbeth (also from United Divers of NH) were able to see several at King's Beach. I caught 3 more butterflies, and Lea helped capture what we are pretty sure is a crevalle jack - a cutie which insisted on swimming under my arm before I noticed him following me in the water. He almost jumped into my net he was so eager - it was amazingly easy for a change!

I'll be doing quite a bit of traveling in the next few weeks but I may get down again in mid October. I'll send out another email if I do pick a date. Best wishes to everyone who came - hope you will try it again!

Jean

Mark adds: Both of the fish I caught made it home in good shape and are happily swimming around my reef. For those of you who didn't see any in RI, here's a picture of a spotfin butterfly, Chaetodon ocellatus. The two that I caught are now in one of my home aquariums, where I took this picture. They are only about 3/8 inch long.

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 the Dive Club requires current membership in the New England Aquarium)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$45.00 + | Dive Club Membership \$15.00 | = | \$60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family | \$80.00 + | Dive Club Membership \$15.00 | = | \$95.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quartermaster | \$100.00 + | Dive Club Membership \$15.00 | = | \$115.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master Mariner | \$150.00 + | Dive Club Membership \$15.00 | = | \$165.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

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Signature _____

Account # _____ Expiration _____ Amount \$ _____

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

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.

Huge Lobster Claws Found

Elizabeth Davis of Arlington, Virginia writes:

I recently returned from vacation on the South Shore in Massachusetts at the end of August. While there, my children and I found an intact pair of cruncher and scissor claws which we feel may have belonged to a lobster of record-breaking size. The sad part to this story is that we did not bring the lobster claws home. However, I do have some fabulous pictures and a video of my children holding the claws, which show their size and perspective beautifully. We are writing out of curiosity to find out whether you have any sort of record of the largest lobster ever caught/photographed in the New England region. We would welcome any information you could provide. My address is davis@davisfamilymail.com.

I actually grew up in Marshfield, Massachusetts, which is a coastal town north of Plymouth. I have combed the beaches along the coast all my life, and, like the other beachgoers that day, I have never seen any lobster that even comes close to something this size! Here is a photo that I think shows the perspective and size of the claws quite well. Thanks, Beth Davis



ANNOUNCEMENT:



The 2004 Northeast Invertebrate Workshop will be hosted by the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. at the New England Aquarium on October 23, 2004 (Conference Center) from 10am to 12pm. This is an exclusive Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary diver education program, and the first of its kind in the United States. Contact Brandy Derickson at derickba@netzero.net to enroll.



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