



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

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NEADC Website: www.NEADC.org

NEADC GENERAL MEETING

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

DIVING THE INSIDE PASSAGE: SITKA, ALASKA TO VANCOUVER, BC

This summer, NEADC members Anna and Bryce Flynn spent 9 days on the *Nautilus Explorer*, a 116-foot "expedition and diving yacht" based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. They "played" with Stellar's sea lions, snorkeled among ice floes at the foot of a glacier, toured native Haida burial grounds, and made thousands of photos. Join us at the November General Meeting to hear about a truly unique liveboard adventure!

and OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominations will be accepted up until the election.

Current Candidates are:

President: ___

Vice President: ___

Secretary: Anna Krowczynska

Business Manager: Brandy Derickson, Scott Matey

Program Director: Al Bozza

Membership Director: Trish Katzman

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Shore Dive Coordinator: ___

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INFORMAL MEETING

The December Informal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1st, at 6:30 pm. hosted by Al and Wendy Bozza at 8 Crossbow Road, Norfolk, MA. Phone #: (508) 528-4933.

Directions from Route 495: Take Route 495 South to Exit 15 (Route 1A). Take Route 1A toward Wrentham, following it about 2 miles to the lights in Wrentham Center. Staying on Route 1A, go straight, through the traffic lights and follow Route 1A and Route 115. Take a left onto Route 115 and follow it for about 2 1/2 miles to a stop sign. Take a left at the stop sign onto Union Street. Follow Union Street for about 1/2 a mile and take a right onto Grove Street. Take your first right onto Crossbow Road and follow the road around to the left. Our house is at the end of the cul-de-sac, up a long driveway.

From Route 128: Take Route 128 South to Route 95. Take Route 95 South and get off at Exit 9 (Route 1). Follow Route 1 South for about 5 miles, passing Foxboro Stadium on your left. After you pass Foxboro Stadium, at the first set of traffic lights, take a right onto Pine Street. The Lafayette House will be on your right. Follow Pine Street for about 1/4 of a mile to a stop sign. Take a right. This puts you on Route 115. Follow Route 115 for about 2 1/2 miles to a stop sign. Take a left onto Union Street. Follow Union Street for about 1/2 a mile and take a right onto Grove Street. Take your first right onto Crossbow Road and follow the road around to the left. Our house is at the end of the cul-de-sac, up a long driveway.

From Route 93: Take Route 93 South to Route 95. Take Route 95 South and get off at Exit 9 (Route 1). Follow directions above.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by

Monday, November 22, 2004!

This is for the **DECEMBER/JANUARY 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 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.

FROM YOUR BOAT DIVE COORDINATOR Rick Rosa

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.

FROM YOUR WEBMASTER Steve Whitford

Just because the water's cold doesn't mean that the Scuba Season is over. Stores are starting to have their rental equipment sales; you can find some great deals. It's also a great time to look at continuing your diving education. There are a lot of courses that only have classroom work (Equipment Maintenance, and Nitrox for starters). Drysuit classes are also great for staying warm all year long, and some stores offer NEADC Discounts!

Another way to keep your mind on diving is to visit the website and forum. You can ask other members about diving destinations or their opinion of something you want to buy. The Website will also have info on upcoming news and events -- look for Conventions/Scuba Show listings over the winter months.

As always if you have something you want to add, send me an email. I'm always looking for diving news and photos for the scrapbook.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY Anna Krowczynska

Another diving season in New England is ending - at least for most of us wet suit divers. Air temperature is dropping, leaves are changing colors, and winter is around the corner. Time to bring the skis and snowboards from the basement and start to think snow.

However, before you put away the 7mm wet suit and start looking through the brochures advertising warm water diving, stop for a moment and think about the scuba dive addiction. Are you a real scuba diver?

To help answer this question, think about the statements below:

1. You spit in your mask before putting it on your nose.
2. You are incapable of not seeing the boat passing in front of you as a wreck on the bottom of the ocean.
3. You say, "I am only browsing" at the fish shop.
4. You are showing your C-card when asked for identification.
5. You go down one floor when your cell phone goes bip-bip-bip.
6. You do a back somersault when getting out of bed.
7. You think that diving is more fun than sex because everything seems BIGGER under water, you can change your partner at each dive, and your buddy never nags because you get dressed too quickly.

If you said, "Yes, it's me," to at least four of the above statements, then you are a REAL SCUBA DIVER. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR Kerry Hurd

Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter. Please send your submissions to newsletter@neadc.org. Thanks!

The United Divers of New Hampshire's Annual Banquet is on Saturday, November 13, with Bernie Chowdhury as Guest Speaker. His topic will be "Safety First: Lessons From the Last Dive." Check out www.udnh.org for more information and tickets.

The annual benefit for the Oceanic Research Group takes place on Saturday, April 2, 2005. The 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. Check out www.oceanicresearch.org/benefit.htm for more information and directions.

I followed Anna's advice from the September newsletter regarding books, and agree with her assessments. I enjoyed both of Kevin McMurray's books, "Deep Descent," and "Dark Descent." I also found "Fatal Depth" by Joe Haberstroh not done as well as "Deep Descent." "Shadow Divers" by Robert Kurson is outstanding! I found it very exciting, even though I knew the identity of the U-boat before I started reading it. I also recommend the Audiobook version of "Shadow Divers." Even though it is abridged (it's six hours on five CDs), it is presented nicely. There is the added advantage of an interview with both Richie Kohler and John Chatterton at the very end. This was a very pleasant surprise. My only complaint is it's too short and seems to be cut off. I'd like to hear more. "Shadow Divers" also made me re-watch the great NOVA episode, "Hitler's Lost Sub."

Another book that has recently been published is by fellow NEADC member Jonathan Bird. It is called "Dominica: Land of Water." It highlights both above and below water scenes. Subjects include amazing (and high!) waterfalls (look for the people to check out the scale), frogfish, marketplace scenes, and sperm whales. Jonathan presents them all in very colorful pictures. The few pages of text among the dozens of well-presented photos provide some insight into the culture, people, and diversity of Dominica. I wanted to visit Dominica before seeing this book, and now I want to go even more. Well done, Jonathan!

FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT Dick Whitehouse

NEADC DISOLVED DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST.....

Come on now people, do you want this headline to be for real? Granted the turnout for the October General meeting was low due to the Sox tending to business in N.Y., but even so those in attendance just sat on their butts when it came to nominations for the 2005 board of officers. It has been said tons of times but it must be said again apparently; this is YOUR club. If people don't step forward to take the reins, there wouldn't be a club. Think about that. Elections are held at the November General meeting. Some folks better get cracking to keep the club going as the great club it has been for years. Nominate or be nominated; there are slots to be filled and YOU just might be the perfect person to do the job!

Want a neat Holiday gift? Put out a hint for someone to order you clothing from WearGuard with our club logo embroidered on each piece. See the catalog at the General meeting and ask how to make an order.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. Capt. Dick

NEADC – 2004 Boat Dive List:

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

Easy Diver - Gloucester. 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 lovanna, <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. Boats: Night Owl (31') & Argonaut (25'), <http://www.oceanstatescuba.com/>, (401) 423-1662.

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

Greetings Divers,

The **Conserve Our Ocean Legacy** (COOL) campaign just launched its new diver website! Check out www.oceanlegacy.org/divers to meet our coalition partners, learn how divers are making a meaningful contribution to ocean conservation, and even see photos of friends posted.

If you have not signed the petition yet, please do so online. In addition, please help us spread the word by encouraging others to sign the petition or putting a link to our website from yours. The more folks we get involved, the stronger our coalition will be.

Thanks for your support. See you underwater,
Leda Cunningham, Dive Outreach Coordinator.

Conserve Our Ocean Legacy (COOL) Campaign
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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 halfpage 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.

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

Used only several times. Trilaminate 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

BONAIRE: A Studio timeshare rental for 1 week (week 50 - the week before Christmas week). The Divi Flamingo Beach Resort for \$650, a one-time rental fee that is very reasonable. The timeshare unit is right next to the dive shop that has boat dives daily. Of course, a truck can be rented at the airport for shore diving, as Bonaire is well known for its shore dives. I won't be able to go this year so I am renting it Very Cheap rather than have it go without being used at all. Buy the timeshare for \$6,500 plus closing costs with a \$450 maintenance fee that is paid for the first year. I know a closing company that I have used before that will do the work.

Please call George O'Brien at 617-794-5946 for more information.

For Sale: Two steel 120 tanks with Nitrox Only labels. Last visual inspection was in April 2003.

Tanks were purchased new in Sept-Oct 2003 for \$360 each. Letting them go for **\$500 for both** or \$300 each or best offer. For more information, contact George O'Brien at 617-794-5946.

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.

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) 528-4933 email: programs@neadc.org or any 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.

Directions to American Legion:

From Boston:

Take I-93 North to Rt. 128 South. Take Exit 34 (Winn Street). At the end of the ramp, take a right onto Winn Street towards Burlington. American Legion is about half a mile on the right.

From North:

Take Rt. 128 South Exit 34 (Winn Street). At the end of the ramp, take a right onto Winn Street towards Burlington. American Legion is about half a mile on the right.

From South:

Take Rt. 128 North Exit 34 (Winn Street). At the end of the ramp, take a left onto Winn Street towards Burlington. American Legion is about half a mile on the right.

For further information, please contact Veronica Atlantis (781) 272-1387, email:

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Dive Your T-Shirt

by Barry Holt

Five years ago during a ski trip to Canada, I bought a t-shirt at a dive shop. It reads "La Plongee au Quebec", which translates into "Dive Quebec." Arranged "Hollywood Squares" style under the caption are depictions of 16 Quebecian dive sites at river, lake, and ocean locales. The small drawings conveyed the unique dive appeal of each site. One, Lake Memphremagog, is home to a relative of the Loch Ness monster (or is at least haunted by it). The other sites are known for equally interesting reasons: war artifacts, caverns, wrecks, creatures, fossils, and geological formations. One site appears to be the final resting place of a massive marine harmonica - or ancient filing cabinet, it's hard to tell. I knew I had to have this shirt as a souvenir - admittedly, a dumb souvenir for a skiing vacation - but I envisioned someday diving these places.

Someday came when a business trip to Montreal materialized just before Labor Day. I decided to take advantage of it and bring my gear with me. So I drove the 5 hours to Montreal, worked, and then began my trip on Saturday morning wearing my 100% cotton dive guide. My first stop on the shirt was Les Escoumins, symbolized on the shirt by a beluga whale smiling at (or perhaps eating) a cluster of anemones. It is one place I already knew about and that I am sure has good diving. The 7-hour drive intersects Quebec City, then follows the north shore of the St. Lawrence River until it dead ends at North America's only fjord, the Saguenay River. A free ferry ride takes me to the opposite side and adds the possibility of some spontaneous whale watching. No hungry belugas yet. Travel always teaches you something. I learned from all the full motels I stopped at that Canada celebrates Labor Day weekend too, and it's just as popular. I eventually got settled at a motel in a speck on the map called Longue Rive. In Quebec, a friend had given me the number of some friends who happened to be diving that weekend so I was all set for tomorrow. (Stephan Germain, Josee and their twins say "Bonjour.")

Sunday morning I phoned my new dive buddies and, using the "dueling banjos" technique (I use English on you, you speak French back at me), we communicated a meeting time at a place called Paradis Marin. Paradis Marin was an assortment of campers, divers and kayakers. It's a beautiful area on the banks of the river with all the conveniences. Access to dive is included with a parking fee. The weather was warm and sunny as we slid down rocks into the 37-degree chill. The steep riverbanks are like wall dives, and in a short distance we descended to 110 feet. We planned to go against the current before stopping and drifting back to the entry point, which was handily marked by a rope on the bottom. We saw numerous giant red

anemones, sea peaches, sea cucumbers, sun stars, frilled anemones, and other invertebrate life densely packed everywhere - but no happy belugas. From shore it's a different story. Minke whales swam by continually only a few hundred yards away. Kayakers held position while the whales swam by, usually diving just before and coming up just beyond them.

Another option for diving in Escoumins is the Parks Canada Marine Visitor Center just a mile down the road. It too has great facilities. A \$10 fee gets you maintained dive sites with decking, stairs, benches, a rental shop and an air fill station. You also must complete a safety orientation because the currents can be tricky. I spent the rest of the day snoozing on the hot rocks, drinking the local produce, and watching to see if a whale would ram a kayak.

Monday was another road day. I took the ferry 20 miles across the St. Lawrence to my next shirt site, the city of Rimouski. Indicated on the shirt by a sinking ship, I learned that Rimouski is now the home of two wrecks. The most famous, the Empress of Ireland, sank in 1914 and is the sister ship of the Titanic. It's at 80-140 feet with low visibility - more advanced than I was interested in. (See Anna K.'s review of "Dark Descent" in the September newsletter, which concerns this site.) Two miles upriver, the HMCS Nipigon was sunk in 2003 as an artificial reef. It sits in 30-90 feet of water and those wishing to dive the Empress often train there. I eyeballed the boat launch area at Pointe aux Peres, near the Musee de la Mer, which features a lighthouse. But I had a long way to go my next destination, the town of Perce. So my only diving at Rimouski was into a restaurant for breakfast.

Perce sits on the easternmost tip of a peninsula shaped like a hitchhiker's thumb. Known as the Gaspesie, it's a pretty 7-hour drive from Rimouski to Perce, within sight of the ocean the entire way. This scenic stretch of road climbs and dips along the foothills of the Chics Chocs mountains (love that name), past everything from wind farms to native sculptures along the shoreline. Not one billboard ever spoiled the view. Every town is tucked down in a tiny cove, and everywhere poissoneries sell fresh smoked salmon, and fromageries for cheese. Along the way I checked off another shirt site, at Forillon. The site is represented on my shirt by seals, but I did not have plans to stop just yet. I gave a hitchhiker a lift who had camped at the national park there, and she told me it is also the Canadian endpoint of the international extension to the U.S. Appalachian Trail that starts in Georgia.

Perce's emblem is the only one that doesn't show something underwater. Its picture is a large, narrow, arched Rock. The monolithic Rock is the first thing I notice as I round a bend just before entering town. Called the "Rocher Perce" (Perce Rock) it's a 300' tall slab of sheer cliff that extends from the sea to within 100 yards of shore, like a grounded battleship. At low tide you can walk there, but it sheds 300 tons of rock per year so bring your hard hat. Perce's other famous attraction is an island, "Ile de l'Aventure," home to the world's second largest gannet colony. Perce reminded me of Rockport - touristy, but not obnoxiously so. A 12-hour drive from Montreal, it's a popular vacation spot. Art galleries and B&Bs exist along with campgrounds and a mix of restaurants, from pizza to fine cuisine. Everything is a stone's throw from the water and, being on a hillside, everywhere are views of The Rock and The Island. Whale watching, kayaking, biking, and tours of the island are available.

But none of that for me - I signed up for a two-day package deal with the local dive operation, Club Nautique de Perce. The package includes B&B accommodations and dinner each night at "La Maison de Pecheur," the best restaurant by far. The next morning at Club Nautique, we assembled our gear on shore for the first of two dives and crammed it into the zodiac for a lively 10-minute ride past the omnipresent Rocher and out to the island. The French dive briefing was not overly helpful, but another diver translated for me. In the process I learned that the French word for seals is "les phoques." Sure enough, they were already popping up all around the boat. Once in the water they tended to sneak up from behind and bite my fins. If I waved my feet they would play tug of war in a friendly, blubbery Labrador retriever kind of way. On each dive we definitely had a good time with the little phoques. The first thing I saw upon entering the water, however, was the largest jellyfish I had seen, a lion's mane the size of a mildly deflated basketball, expanding and contracting as it flopped along. The island is a protected marine park so the lobsters are huge - one claw covers an entire dinner plate. Compared with the frosty St. Lawrence, the water is a balmy 55 degrees. Although I didn't tour the island on foot, during our four dives over two days we saw all sides of it. The staggering number of birds roosting in the cracks and crevices of the sheer cliffs was another memorable sight as was the sun hitting the Rock on the way back.

The drive back to Massachusetts from Perce took 13 hours. After 6 days and 1,000 miles I had only scratched the surface of the shirt, with 12 more sites yet to visit. It may be a new way to travel - buy the souvenir first and do the trip later. As they say at Capital One: What's on Your T -shirt?

Some additional info: Paradis Marin: www.paradismarin.com; Saguenay / St. Lawrence Marine Park: www.pc.gc.ca; Rimouski area dives, including Les Escoumins: www.centredelongeebsl.com; The Gaspesie region, including Club Nautique: www.info-gaspesie.com; Spur of the moment ski / dive trips in Canada: Me: comrade99@mindspring.com.



PG DIVE TRAVEL

Dominica

March 5 to 12, 2005

Dominica is arguably the best all-around adventure vacation island in the Caribbean, with gorgeous reefs, plenty of tropical fish, lush rain forests, hiking, waterfalls, warm water springs, splendid fruits and vegetables (prepared by great local cooks) and modest hotels.

This trip is for divers and non-divers alike. Each afternoon you will have a choice of some topside exploring or you can chose to do nothing

Your trip includes round trip flights from Boston, accommodations at the Castle Comfort Lodge, breakfast and dinner daily. Five days of two-tank dives, a night dive and unlimited shore diving.

Contact Daniela@pgdive.com

Solomon Islands

March 24 to April 5, 2005

While many destinations are often referred to as world class, few can actually live up to that description. Located between Papua New Guinea and Fiji, the Solomon Islands have been described as 'the edge of the earth' and 'the pearl of the Pacific.

The walls, reefs, pinnacles and coral gardens of Solomon Islands support an amazing variety and quantity of sea creatures; making it an annual destination for the world's best photographers.

Join us aboard the Bilikiki liveaboard for a pampered diving experience and the trip of a lifetime.

Fathoms magazine recently had trip report on the Solomon Islands see it at:

<http://www.fathomspub.com/cgi/articlesFullView.pl/8/index.html>

Limited space remains.

Contact Paul@pgdive.com

Belize

May 4 - 11 2005

Join us for an amazing trip to the second largest barrier reef in the world. Spend the week at Blackbird Resort - diving, snorkeling, kayaking, windsurfing, fishing or just doing nothing!

This trip includes flights, transfers, all meals, 6 days of 3 tank boat dives and an amazing day trip to the Blue Hole.

Just a few spaces are left.

Contact Jane@pgdive.com

www.pgdive.com · 617-WOW-DIVE · divewithus@pgdive.com

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.

(Directions)

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:

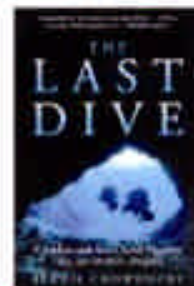
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**Problem buying tickets?
Call John Magruder, President
603-487-3025
evenings**

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
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." Tickets \$35 each; see ad this issue.
Nov 17 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Diving the Inside Passage by Anna & Bryce Flynn; dinner after 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 ; Al & Wendy Bozza; (508) 528-4933	Norfolk, MA	
Dec 4 (Sat)	7-11pm	NEADC Holiday Party	www.neadc.org	American Legion, Burlington, MA	Tickets \$25 each; see info in this issue.
Dec 15 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Member Show & Tell; dinner following meeting at local restaurant
Jan 5 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and Social Event	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 12 (Sat)	10am-4pm	Boston Scuba Show	For info, call (978) 525-3432 See ad this issue.	Holiday Inn and Resort, Marlboro, MA	Tickets \$20 per person; Cathy Church, Herb Rafael, Technical Dive Panel; displays
Feb 16 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local restaurant
Mar 2 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and NEADC Newsletter assembly	www.neadc.org	TBA	
Mar 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
Apr 6 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club Informal Meeting: Dinner and NEADC Newsletter assembly	www.neadc.org	TBA	
Apr 20 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local restaurant

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.

Social Get-togethers for Everyone

by Trish Katzman, Membership Director

Come meet at Jose McIntyre's prior to our next General Meeting on Wednesday, November 17, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for drinks, appetizers, dinner, or to just say hi. Or if you are more of a late night person, we usually walk together to a dinner place after the meeting.

We offer both an early and later get-together to meet the variety of styles of our 500 members. These get-togethers are meant to help answer questions and talk with new or less active members. If you are an active member, come out with us and help us greet people!

If you don't know anybody, just ask for me and I'd love to tell you about the latest club news and hear about your interests in diving. Hope to see you there!

Directions to Jose McIntyre's at 160 Milk Street, Boston:

Jose's is walking distance from the Aquarium.

Park in the garage next to the Aquarium.

Turn left when exiting the garage.

Cross the street at the light.

Walk straight to the upcoming block and look to your right.

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 _____

____ Check here to receive the newsletter electronically. ____ Check here to receive other club information electronically.

Note: Contact information will be used for Aquarium and Dive Club purposes only.

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

____ MasterCard ____ Visa ____ Discover ____ American Express

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.

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Tickets at \$20 each may be acquired at the door or in advance (recommended) by writing to:
Cecile Christensen, 2 Ocean Ave., Unit 1-H, Magnolia, MA 01930. Checks payable to Cecile Christensen.
Show phone is 1-978-525-3432



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