



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

May 2005

NEADC Website: www.NEADC.org

NEADC GENERAL MEETING

Immersion Theater at New England Aquarium
Wednesday, May 18, 2005
6:30 p.m.

The Great White Shark in my Backyard

Presented by Greg Skomal

On September 21, 2004, a 14 foot, 1700 pound great white shark entered a small estuary on the private island of Naushon, Massachusetts. The shark remained in the embayment for 14 days, frustrating state officials until efforts had to be taken to move the animal out. This presentation highlights the highs and lows of this rare event while providing a glimpse into the natural history of the great white shark in the western North Atlantic.

As the principal investigator of the Massachusetts Shark Research Program, Greg Skomal has been studying and diving with sharks for over 20 years. His research has ranged from studying blue shark physiology off the New England coast to tracking Greenland sharks in the Arctic Circle. He has been an avid diver and underwater photographer since 1978.

NEXT INFORMAL MEETING

Wednesday June 1, 2005
6:30 p.m.

The home of Angela Ponte and Barry Rabinovitz
467 Quincy Shore Drive
Quincy, MA
617-328-7080 (home)

From Boston and points North: Route 93 South to Exit 12-Neponset/Quincy, continue straight ahead off exit ramp past Staples & Walgreens and follow signs for Quincy. As you cross the Neponset River Bridge stay in left lane following signs for Wollaston Beach - you are now on Quincy Shore Drive. Continue 1.3 miles and turn right onto Webster Street. House is on the corner of Webster and Quincy Shore Drive - white house with red roof with a white fence.

From the South: Route 93 North to Exit 9-East Milton/North Quincy, continue straight ahead through one set of lights and turn right at 2nd set of lights onto Squantum Street - follow for 1.8 miles and turn left onto Webster Street - last house at the end on left side-corner of Quincy Shore Drive - white house with red roof with a white fence.

Public transportation: Red Line to North Quincy station on the Braintree line - call the house # and we'll send someone down to pick you up! or take the #211 Bus to Squantum (a 2 min ride) and get off near Webster Street and follow directions above.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by
Monday, May 16, 2005!

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

THIS MONTH'S CONTENTS

Officers / Voice Mail / From the Officers.....	Page 2
Announcements.....	Page 3
NEADC Events Calendar.....	Page 6
Social Get-togethers / Membership Form	Page 7

**2005 New England Aquarium
Dive Club Officers**

President

Michael Schruben
president@neadc.org

Vice-President

Scott Matey
vicepresident@neadc.org

Business Manager

Julia Cichowski
business@neadc.org

Boat Dive Coordinator

Leah Neal
boatdive@neadc.org

Shore Dive Coordinator

Rick Rosa
shoredive@neadc.org

Newsletter Editor

Robert O'Neill
newsletter@neadc.org

Program Director

Al Bozza
(508) 528-4933
programs@neadc.org

Membership Director

Trish Katzman
membership@neadc.org

Secretary

Anna Maria Krowczynska
secretary@neadc.org

Environmental Affairs

Alicia Lenci
(617) 285-6737
environmental@neadc.org

Webmaster

Steve Whitford
webmaster@neadc.org

NEADC Voice Mail

Please call (617) 973-0240.

NEADC Website

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

FROM YOUR SECRETARY: Anna Maria Krowczynska

On Saturday evening after coming back home from a tennis match I found a message on my answering machine from my friend Jacki asking whether I would like to join her for a dive in Rhode Island. I looked at the calendar and thought that she must be nuts – it's only April 16. I never got into the ocean in New England before mid-May and the earliest I ever wandered into the North Atlantic was May 3, 2003 during the DUI Demo days wearing a dry suit.

However, I didn't have a dry suit and it was only mid-April. On second thought, I didn't want to look like a wimp so I called her back and asked if she checked conditions – she said yes, the ocean was going to be calm and water temperatures were 45.

So I decided to give it a try. I packed my gear and on Sunday morning drove with Jacki to Ft. Wetheril in Jamestown, Rhode Island. In the parking lot we spotted several vans and trucks carrying divers, mostly from Connecticut. Once we started gearing up, two club members, Anna and Bryce, showed up too. I was the only person wearing the wet suit, everybody else was diving dry or as dry you can ever dive in the so called dry suit. To my surprise the water wasn't as cold as I imagined and my Pinnacle Artic suit kept me warm in 43-degree water for almost 40 minutes. Visibility was 10 feet and there were only a few things to watch – three pairs of horseshoe crabs locked together, a few crabs and small lobsters, and one skate buried in the sand.

But it was great to be diving again in New England. After the dive we decided we would come back for some more diving in a couple of weeks. This season I want to make 100 dives. So far, including the Honduras trip, I have logged 15 dives. Only 85 to go.

If you want to jump start your local diving experience you can participate in the Earth day cleanup and dive at the Lane's Cove on April 23 or in the Treasure Hunt on May 22 at Stage Fort Park (an event organized by Bay State Council of Divers at which you can win lots of cool prizes).

So, come and join me and other club members in the fun beneath the North Atlantic.

FROM YOUR WEBMASTER: Steve Whitford

The wetsuit season is almost upon us. Last I checked, the water temperatures were 45 and rising on Cape Ann, and in the mid-50s off Rhode Island. As soon as all the dives are compiled from the Shore dive planning meeting, I will have them online. I'll have all the boat dive info up soon too - it's a great way to see some of the dive sites you don't see from shore, and you can usually get a discount for being a NEADC member.

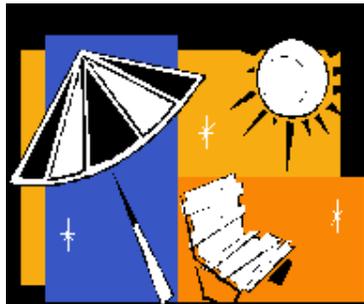
If anyone has something they want to put on the website, send me an email (webmaster@neadc.org). This can include trips, shore dives that didn't make the planning meeting, news, or dive-related websites. I'm also looking for more photos for the NEADC Scrapbook, and Dive site reviews on the forum.

I'm looking forward to some great diving this year, and don't forget to use the forum if you have questions, or are looking for someone to dive with!

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Robert O'Neill

If you don't recognize my name, that's understandable. This is my first issue as editor of the newsletter. (I'm taking over from Brad Bonn, whose fondness for the job couldn't make up for a hectic and demanding real-world work schedule.) And I haven't been around the club, or New England diving, that long. But I'm looking forward to getting my feet wet. On all counts. As I do, I look forward to your company, your contributions, and your counsel. There is one small change I'd like to point out. From now on, trip announcements in the newsletter will be accompanied by icons, intended to differentiate between trips organized by club members, and those organized by the club itself. The diver icon represents a member-organized dive, while the club logo will represent club-organized trips.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention: NEADC club member and friends
JOIN US IN SUNNY COZUMEL!!

November 5-12, 2005

Comfortable Dive Village with own dive boats & shop
air conditioned rooms, private porches and hammocks!
In-room refrigerators, coffeemakers and purified water

7 nights in a deluxe room-5 (2 tank dives) plus unlimited shore diving
Continental breakfast served daily

\$435/week for diver-double occupancy
\$190/week for non-diver sharing a room with a diver
Sign up early-this will sell out quick!!*

Call Angela Ponte or Barry Rabinovitz at 1-888-273-9790
Or email amonte@msn.com

*Airfare, gear rental and marine park fees not included

New England Aquarium
DIVE CLUB



www.neadc.org



**4th Annual SBNMS Celebration Event in conjunction with
the Great Annual Fish Count & NEADC Summer Picnic**

The 2005 GAFC Event will be held at
Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center
23 Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA

July 16, 2005

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- Check out the dive calendar and join a fish count dive around Cape Ann in the am (to lead a dive, contact Bob, pbm.inc@verizon.net)
- 12 pm - Lunch and data sheet turn begins at Maritime Heritage Center, receive a raffle ticket for each fish count dive completed
- 2 pm Raffle begins for over \$8,000 worth of prizes!

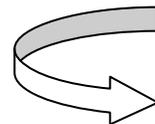
(detach and give to a Club officer at a meeting or mail to club address) OR

RSVP -Alicia, environmental@neadc.org

- Yes, I will be attending the free fish id class June 15th at the NEAq (see reverse side)
- Yes, I will be attending a dive and submitting fish count data sheet
- Yes, I will be attending event at Maritime Heritage center but NOT diving
- Yes, I will be attending and want to help with picnic set up
- Yes, I will be attending and want to help with picnic breakdown
- Other: _____

Name : _____ Phone #: _____

email: _____





Bay State Council of Divers 20th Annual Treasure Hunt

Date: Sunday May 22, 2005 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Place: Stage Fort Park Gloucester, MA

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Free Parking (no fee until Memorial Day)
- Bring your own food and beverages (no alcohol allowed)
- Cooking OK - - Bring your own grill
- Take-out food available

TREASURE HUNT

- Objective - To find small objects in shallow water
- Independents and dive club members welcome
- Prizes - Diving equipment, dive charters, etc.
- SCUBA Event - - Everyone will be on their own in this scramble for prizes
- Snorkel Event - Team Snorkel Competition 1:00 - 2:00 PM
- 6 person teams club or shop
- Proof of certification required for SCUBA event
- Treasure Hunt entrance fee (includes both events)
- Advanced Registration \$ 7.50
- Day of Event \$10.00

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

For SCUBA Event - - Wet or dry Suit with buoyancy compensator, tank, regulator with pressure gauge, weight belt, mask, fins, snorkel, knife and catch bag.

For Snorkel Event - - All of the above except tank and regulator.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

09:00 - 10:00 am Registration
 11:00 - 12:00 pm SCUBA Event
 01:00 - 02:00 pm Snorkel Event
 02:30 - 03:00 pm Trophies & Prizes

Bay State Council of Divers Treasure Hunt - - Advanced Registration helpful. Can sign up day of!

Yes, I want to participate in the 2005 Bay State Council Of Divers Treasure Hunt. Enclosed is my \$7.50 advanced registration fee (non-refundable). Make your check payable to **BAY STATE COUNCIL** and mail it to:

Bay State Council of Divers P.O. Box 518 Quincy, MA 02169

Name: _____



New England Aquarium Dive Club

Spring 2005 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
May 18 (Wed)	6:30pm	Dive Club General Meeting	www.neadc.org	Immersion Theater, New England Aquarium	Dinner following meeting at local Restaurant
May 19 (Thurs)	7 pm	Night Dive Full Moon	Alicia (617) 285 6737 environmental@neadc.org	Canoe Beach, Nahant, MA	
May 22 (Sun)	9am-4pm	BSC/South Shore Neptunes Annual Treasure Hunt	Alicia (617) 285 6737 environmental@neadc.org	Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA	
June 1 (Wed)	6:30pm	Informal Meeting and Newsletter Assembly	Michael Schruben president@neadc.org	The Ponte/Rabinovitz house, Middleboro, MA	

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.

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.

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.

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.

Social Get-togethers for Everyone

by Trish Katzman, Membership Director

Come meet at Jose McIntyre's prior to our next General Meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 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)

- | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| <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.



Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110