



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, Oct. 19 2005
6:30 p.m.

British Columbia with Jonathan Bird.

Join Jonathan Bird on a journey to the waters of British Columbia, land of the world's largest sea star, nudibranch, octopus and anemone! With colors exceeding those on many tropical reefs, and invertebrate life as thick as anywhere on Earth, British Columbia is widely regarded as one of the world's greatest cold water dive destinations. You won't need a dry suit for this presentation though...sit back and learn about BC diving with no shivering. From delicate basket stars and pink soft coral to deadly cannibalistic sun stars and wolf eels that eat urchins from divers' hands, BC is truly an amazing place. Jonathan will also have copies of some of his latest books that will be personally autographed and available for sale. One will be raffled off prior to the presentation.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations For the 2006 NEADC Board of Directors:

Nominations will be taken at the October 2005 General Meeting, Oct. 19, 2005 for 2006 board. Elections will be held at the November 2005 General Meeting, Nov. 16, 2005. Interested or curious about an officer position? Contact any current officer and ask them about what they do. We need your help. 2006 in the 30th Anniversary of this club, step-up and help keep the tradition alive!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by
Monday, Oct. 17, 2005!

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!

NEXT INFORMAL MEETING

Wednesday Nov. 2, 2005
6:30 p.m.

At the home of Helen McHowell, 61 Elm St., Canton, MA (781) 828-4524.

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.

UPDATE YOUR INFO

Many of your e-mail addresses are unknown to us. Please update your e-mail on our "Update Your Info" section of our website to receive extra news and information. Your contact information will be used for Aquarium and Dive Club purposes only.

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

FROM YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Al Bozza

TROPICAL FISH HUNT/BBQ: On Sunday September 25th the NEADC hosted a tropical fish hunt and BBQ at Ft Wetherill Jamestown, RI. We had an incredible day with 40-50 members and friends enjoying hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, sausages with peppers and onions, potato salad and baked beans. We also had a surprise birthday cake for Tina Kemper and Janet MacCausland. The weather was great and water visibility was 8-12 feet. We also collected five nice tropicals (three caught by our tropical fish collecting expert - Jean Stefanik): a spotted butterfly fish, a large (4") snowy grouper, a cowfish, a short bigeye and one mystery fish that we think is some type of angel fish (quite rare to catch in New England). All fish were donated to the seacoast science center and we have been updated that they are all doing very well. Everyone had a great time and agreed the club should have this as an annual event.

FROM YOUR WEBMASTER: Steve Whitford

Just because summer is ending there is no reason to stop diving. The water is warmer now than it has been all year and it's going to stay that way into November. All kinds of new opportunities open up: the tropicals show up off Rhode Island, and after having to deal with north shore parking restrictions, nothing beats what's allowed for off season parking! Old Garden Beach is a new experience when you don't have to walk 3 blocks to get to the water! Check with local signs and laws to see what's allowed after Labor Day. I put a poll up on the forum to find out what people think of the new calendar. Please play around with it, and give me some feedback. Speaking of the forum, lots of people are still diving even though there is nothing on the calendar, you can use the forum to look for other divers to go with.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARKS OF THE OCEAN DESERT

Film Premiere

Join us for the world premiere of *Sharks of the Ocean Desert*, produced by Jonathan Bird Productions for National Geographic Channel. This is one of the only films to explore the vast and isolated world of pelagic sharks.

It is being shown on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10th at 2 pm at the National Heritage Museum on Route 2A in Lexington, MA. Bring your family and friends for a fun time and meet Finny the Shark too! Parking is free and there is plenty of it.

Ticket price is \$5 and proceeds will go to benefit the Oceanic Research Group [Marine Scholarship Program](#) as well as to pay for rental of the hall.

Sharks of the Ocean Desert

Synopsis

A diver rescues a blue shark accidentally caught in a the steel cage meant to protect humans. A hammerhead shark gets groomed by a colorful angelfish in the Galapagos. A whale shark, as big as a school bus, travels with an entourage, just like a rock star. These are just a few of the amazing glimpses into the rarely seen world of pelagic sharks featured in *Sharks of the Ocean Desert* by Jonathan Bird Productions.

Pelagic sharks are not often seen by people because they live in the far reaches of the open sea, hundreds or thousands of miles from shore. Their remote habitat makes pelagic sharks difficult to study, so scientists know little about most of these species. In fact, they are so hard to observe that few filmmakers have attempted to tackle this elusive subject.

Sharks of the Ocean Desert documents efforts by researchers to understand these animals in the face of evidence that some species of pelagic sharks may be in trouble, victims of overfishing. Viewers meet diving boat operator Charlie Donilon, who has helped tag thousands of Blue sharks as part of a long-term research study into their migratory patterns and behavior. He helped discover that the Blue shark regularly journeys between Europe and the United States, traveling thousands of miles annually.

It took years for the low-tech tags to reveal the secrets of the blue shark, but with time running out, scientists at the Shark Research Institute employ real-time satellite tags to study the movements of the Whale shark, the world's largest fish. Viewers learn how SRI researchers use a spear gun to penetrate the Whale shark's thick skin to tag wild sharks. And in Hawaii, viewers meet Kanesa Duncan, who studies the early lifecycle of the Scalloped Hammerhead shark by hand-tagging the pups and then recapturing them to record the changes. Baby hammerheads become relaxed and docile when turned upside down, and they are as cute as puppies too.

The film also offers glimpses of extremely rare pelagic sharks, like the Pelagic Thresher, occasionally seen swimming around a seamount in the Philippines. The film crew also goes searching for Oceanic White tip sharks, known to associate with Pilot whales off Hawaii. They get more than they expected when they witness, for the first time ever, the reason why the sharks follow the whales.

Contradictory evidence makes it hard for scientists to convince governments to protect pelagic species, and a lack of knowledge about the lifecycle and biology of pelagic sharks makes it hard to devise protection strategies. Some pelagic sharks are hunted just for their fins and are thrown back into the ocean alive and bleeding to death. Others are caught accidentally in fishing nets intended for other fish species. Scientists are now scrambling to learn as much as possible about these strange animals of the open sea, who just might be in a lot of trouble.

THE DETAILS

WHEN: Columbus Day, October 10, 2005 at 2 PM

WHERE:

[National Heritage Museum](#)
33 Marrett Rd. (Route 2A)
Lexington, MA 02421
(781) 861-6559

ADMISSION:

\$5 per person

Directions:

From Route I-95/128: Take Exit 30A. This exit will put you onto Route 2A East (also known as Marrett Road). The Museum is located approximately 3 miles from the exit. Our entrance is on your left-- a brick wall and large iron gates.

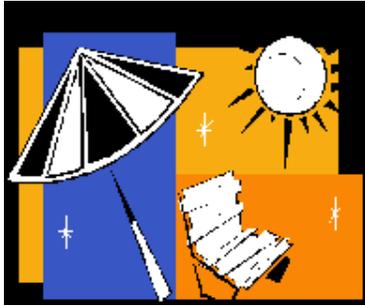
From Route 495: Take Route 2 East to Exit 55 Pleasant Street, Waltham and Lexington. At the end of the ramp, take a left onto Pleasant Street. Go 1/2 mile, and merge left onto Routes 4/225. At the end of the road, turn left onto Massachusetts Avenue. At the junction of Rte. 2A and Mass. Ave., take a left onto Route 2A West. The Museum entrance is your first right-- a brick wall and large iron gates.

From Boston: Take Route 2 West to exit 56 (toward Lexington and Bedford). Turn right at the end of the ramp, following the sign for Routes 4/225. Turn right onto Routes 4/225, which then merges right onto Pleasant St. At the rotary, turn left onto Massachusetts Ave. At the junction of Rte. 2A and Mass. Ave., take a left onto Route 2A West. The Museum entrance is your first right-- a brick wall and large iron gates.

From the Massachusetts Turnpike: Get on Route I-95/128 and take Exit 30A. This exit will put you onto Route 2A East (also known as Marrett Road). The Museum is located approximately 3 miles from the exit. Our entrance is on your left -- a brick wall and large iron gates.

Public Transportation:

Monday through Saturday Boston/Cambridge -- Take subway (Red Line) to Alewife Station. Change to bus #62 or #76 to the Museum. The Museum is located at the intersection of Mass. Ave. (Route 4) and Route 2A West (Marrett Road).



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!!*
Three Spots Left!

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

***Airfare, gear rental and marine park fees not included**

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.

United Divers of Central Mass

*cordially invites you to our
Second Annual Dinner Banquet
featuring:*

John Chatterton

*October 7, 2005
at the Devens Common Center
31 Andrews Parkway
Devens, MA*

Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m., a presentation from John Chatterton at 8:00 p.m., and ending with a raffle giveaway. Tickets for United Divers of Central Mass members are \$30.00 and for nonmembers are \$35.00. For the months of August and September we are offering other local club members a special discounted ticket price. If a club would like to purchase a table for a group of eight the total cost would be \$240.00. The tickets must be purchased as a group of eight in order to get this special club pricing. Seating is limited; do not miss out! For more details or to purchase tickets contact the United Divers of Central Mass secretary, Christine Duval at (978) 343-6330.

Special room rates are available for overnight stays! Contact the Spring Hill Suites by Marriott at (978) 772-3030 and mention the United Divers of Central Mass dinner banquet.

NEADC DIVE AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

New England Aquarium Dive Club Fall 2005 Shore Diving and Event Calendar

If you plan to participate in a shore dive you should contact the designated leader prior to the dive date to let him or her know that you will be attending. Decisions to cancel or modify dive plans (due to weather or other factors) are left to the discretion of the individual leaders who organize the dives, and confirming your attendance beforehand will help ensure that you are notified of any last minute changes. 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.

Also, there are too many open dates to list this season. Please look at the calendar and volunteer for an open day. Rick Rosa, NEADC Shore Dive Coordinator, shoredive@neadc.org

Date	Location	Meeting Time / Details	Contact	Event/Purpose
October				
Oct. 7 (Fri)	Devens Common Center, Devens, MA	United Divers of Central Mass Dinner Banquet, featuring John Chatterton \$30 for UDCM members, \$30 nonmembers. Special rates for groups		
Oct 9 (Sun)	Rhode Island – TBA	9 AM – Day/Night Dive/Tropical Fish Collection	Alicia Lenci 617-285-6737 environmental@neadc.org	Tropical Fish Hunt
Oct. 10 (Mon)	National Heritage Museum on Route 2A in Lexington, MA	Sharks of the Ocean Desert Premier By Jonathan Bird Parking is free and there is plenty of it. Ticket price is \$5 and proceeds will go to benefit the ORG, Marine Scholarship Program	Oceanic Research Group (See Announcement in this Newsletter)	
Oct. 15 (Sat)	Old Garden Beach	9:15 AM at Burger King Route 128 Beverly	Bill Low	
Oct. 19 (Wed)	General Meeting	6:30 PM		General Meeting
Oct. 25 (Tue)	Back Beach	6:30 PM at Back Beach	Steve Whitford	
Nov. 2 (Wed)	Business Meeting	6:30 PM		Business Meeting

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.

Social Get-togethers for Everyone

by Trish Katzman, Membership Director

Come meet at Jose McIntyre's prior to our next General Meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 19 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.

HURRICANE RELIEF

NEADC MEMBERS: If you or any members of your family have been affected by Hurricane Katrina and require assistance, or if you would like to make donations, please contact Al Bozza at Programs@neadc.org or any other NEADC officer. New England Aquarium Dive Club is currently putting together donations and has access to furniture and emergency housing (in Florida) and may be able to offer other help. Please contact us today!
THANK YOU!



Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110