



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

November 2005

NEADC Website: www.NEADC.org

NEADC GENERAL MEETING

Immersion Theater at New England Aquarium
Wednesday, Nov. 16 2005
6:30 p.m.

"Dive Trips Spanning the Last Nine Years," with Al Bozza

Come see an amazing collection of encounters from past Dive Club trips, both above and below the water. Join me as I travel from Canada down to the Bahamas, through the Caribbean, south to the Galapagos Islands, west to Mexico and finally to the South Pacific. From my experiences over the past nine years, I believe I have put together some of the best possible dive trips available. Some of these trips are currently being scheduled for future dates and sign up sheets are available.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Elections For the 2006 NEADC Board of Directors:

Elections for the 2006 NEADC Board of Directors will be held at the Nov. 16 General Meeting. For more information turn to page 3. Next year is the 30th Anniversary of this club, so please step-up and help keep the tradition alive!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by
Monday, Nov. 14, 2005!

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

NEXT INFORMAL MEETING

Wednesday Dec. 7, 2005

6:30 p.m. Scott Matey's

103 Gainsborough Street, Unit 104

Boston, MA 02115

PARKING ALERT: Direction below are to my home but be advised it is the city so parking is limited. There are a number of meter (free after 6) spots on Mass Ave and the beginning blocks of Gainsborough. There is a parking garage on Westland Ave (next to Whole Foods market). You can always park on my street and risk the ticket - you have a good chance of getting away with it!

FROM NORTH: 93 South to Boston. Take Storrow Drive Exit. Take Storrow Drive West to Fenway Exit. Take Fenway Exit (on left) and stay to left. Pass first traffic light, bear right following the Riverway. At second light, turn right onto Hemenway Ave. Take first left onto Symphony St. End of street take right onto St. Stephen Street. Next Right onto Gainsborough.

FROM SOUTH: 93 North to exit 18 Mass Ave. Follow signs for Mass Ave exit. Turn Right onto Mass Ave. Follow Mass Ave north until you reach Symphony Hall on left (Huntington Ave). First light past Huntington, turn left (hard) onto St. Stephen street. Turn right at first block onto Gainsborough.

FROM WEST: Mass Pike into Boston. Take Prudential Exit and stay left on exit to merge onto Huntington Ave. Take Huntington staying left to travel under the overpass. After the underpass, turn right at light onto Gainsborough.

MBTA: Green line to Symphony. Orange line to Mass Ave.

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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 PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Al Bozza

Here are some of the club events planned for this year.

January 1, 2006 - New Years Day Dive, Jamestown, R.I.. Warm truck with comfortable seating, nice music and hot cider. Get together afterwards at the home of Max and Delores Arias in Warwick, R.I. Full details will be in next month's newsletter.

Jan. 6-8, 2006. Weekend Ski Trip to Sunday River, Maine. A seven bedroom, 5,200 square-foot ski house, sleeps up to 26, with game rooms, hot tub, grill, washer and drier, and towels and linens included.

April 2006 - White water rafting

June 2006 - "Fossils" Venice Beach, Florida

August 2006 - Les Escoumins, Quebec

September 2006 - Tropical Fish Hunt/BBQ, Jamestown, Rhode Island

October 2006 - Great White Sharks, Guadalupe

January 2007 - Dominica

May 2007 - Wild Dolphins of the Bahamas

FROM YOUR WEBMASTER: Steve Whitford

The charters are shutting down for the season, but drysuit season is beginning. It's a great skill to have, and it extends your diving season to year-round! Some stores offer discounts to members, and even free classes when you buy a suit! If there are any divers going out this winter, let me know and I'll add it to the calendar and I might even join you!

Winter is also the time when many New England divers fly south for the winter. If anyone is going away and wants more people to join them (and get group discounts), send me an email and I'll put that on the dive travel page. I am running for webmaster again, but that shouldn't stop anyone from running for webmaster (or any other position) competition is always a good thing. All the job descriptions are on the website

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Robert O'Neill

Our club will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2006. That's a fair bit of history for a sport as young as ours. And it couldn't have happened without the support and dedication of the membership. But it also wouldn't have been nearly as much fun, or as well organized, without the club's officers.

Whether it's welcoming a new member, coordinating shore dives, or organizing a fish count and picnic, the officers help make the club the unique institution it has become. With the elections to the 2006 NEADC Board of Directors coming up at the next General Meeting, Nov. 14, we want to encourage everyone to consider running for a position, and to show up and vote.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

With the 2006 NEADC Board of Directors elections just two weeks away, here's an excerpt of the club's by-laws describing the role of the board and each club officer. Candidates with relevant technical experience are obviously welcome, but enthusiasm and dedication are probably the best qualifications!

Executive Board

The Executive Board shall transact the business of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc.. All business requiring a draft on the treasury, except routine expenses incurred in the running of the Club, shall be submitted to the membership for a majority vote. Informal Meetings may be closed by vote of the Board. Club members may be invited to attend any Board meeting by any member of the Board. Such guests are non-voting participants in discussions by the Board.

The President shall preside at all Board meetings and parliamentary procedure will be followed. In the event that the President is absent, the Vice President will preside at the meetings. In the event that both the President and the Vice President are absent, the Treasurer will preside.

The Executive Board is the judge of its members. Any officer may be removed from the Board for just cause by a unanimous vote of the other members of the Board.

Officers

The Club officers and their duties are as follows:

President

The President shall preside over all general meetings. He/She will guide and coordinate the activities of the Club. He/She shall execute all agreements and contracts on behalf of the Club. He/She will also keep an accurate record of monthly Giant Ocean Tank (GOT) dive winners to ensure that the GOT rules are followed. He/She may appoint committees as he/she deems necessary. He/She may be a member of all such committees. All appointed committees report to the Executive Board.

Vice President

The Vice President shall preside over any general meeting or Board meeting at which the President is not present. He/She will assist the President in guiding the activities of the Club. In the event the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President and he/she will provide for an immediate election to fill the Vice Presidential vacancy. The Vice President is responsible for overseeing the physical inventory of NEADC (i.e. clothing).

Treasurer

The Treasurer is the Club banker and custodian of the financial records. He/She is responsible for meeting the routine expenses of the Club. No other drafts may be made without the concurrence of the membership as provided in Paragraph I above. A comprehensive report of finances is to be given at each general meeting. He/She will submit a concise financial statement detailing the business transactions at the November general meeting and at the end of his/her tenure in office. He/She will coordinate his/her activities with the persons designated by the New England Aquarium Corporation to monitor Club financial activities. All financial records are the property of the Club. He/She is authorized to accept membership dues or any property, grant, gift, purchase, devise, or bequest on behalf of the Club.

Shore Dive Coordinator

The Shore Dive Coordinator may chair a committee responsible for the direction and guidance of Club shore dives or activities not under the jurisdiction of the Program Director. He/She also is responsible for the logistic coordination of

Club dives. He/She has the authority to cancel any Club dive for whatever reason he/she deems proper. He/She has the authority to prevent any person from participating in any Club dive if that person is adjudged by the Shore Dive Coordinator to be improperly equipped or unprepared.

The Shore Dive Coordinator is not responsible for personal injuries incurred by any person during a Club dive, nor is the Club, nor the New England Aquarium Corporation. Each person is responsible for his/her own safety.

Boat Dive Coordinator

The Boat Dive Coordinator may chair a committee responsible for the direction and guidance of Club boat dives or activities not under the jurisdiction of the Program Director. He/She also is responsible for the logistic coordination of Club dives. He/She has the authority to cancel any Club dive for whatever reason he/she deems proper. He/She has the authority to prevent any person from participating in any Club dive if that person is adjudged by the Boat Dive Coordinator to be improperly equipped or unprepared.

The Boat Dive Coordinator is not responsible for personal injuries incurred by any person during a Club dive, nor is the Club, nor the New England Aquarium Corporation. Each person is responsible for his/her own safety.

Recording Secretary

The Secretary will record the minutes of the general meetings and the Executive Board meetings. He/She will submit the minutes for publication in the next edition of the NEADC Newsletter. Corrections or omissions are to be reported to the Secretary and made to the minutes. He/She will maintain these records during his/her entire tenure. All records are the property of the Club.

Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for the editing and publication of the monthly New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. Newsletter. The Newsletter Editor may chair a committee responsible for the publicity of all NEADC functions. He/She is responsible for notifying members of all Club activities and General Meetings in the Newsletter.

Program Director

The Program Director is responsible for the coordination of the General and Informal Meetings as provided in the NEADC Constitution including scheduling locations for Informal Meetings; scheduling speakers for General Meetings; coordinating General Meeting equipment needs with the New England Aquarium Liaison; and organizing and/or assisting with special events and functions.

Membership Director

The Membership Director is responsible for encouraging Club membership and providing information about the Club to new or prospective members. The Membership Director is responsible for maintaining the membership records for the Club. He/she will update these monthly with details of new members, renewals and changes of address received from the NEAq. Using this information, he/she will send out a welcome letter to new members and print out labels for the newsletter each month. He/she will respond to inquiries about membership of the Club, and send information and/or a copy of the newsletter to prospective members.

Environmental Affairs Coordinator

The Environmental Affairs Coordinator is responsible for proactively informing and representing the membership of the Club on current environmental issues and will act as liaison to external environmental groups, agencies, etc. Positions of the Club concerning environmental issues shall be communicated and/or promoted by the Environmental Affairs Coordinator only after discussion and approval by the Executive Board.

Webmaster

The Webmaster is responsible for maintaining the Website of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. The Webmaster may chair a committee to assist in administration of Website functions. The Webmaster has the authority to monitor, to edit or omit materials submitted for website publication if the material is deemed improper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Anemones, Tunicates, and Nudi what? A Naturalist's View of Local Marine Life," with David Norman, Underwater Photographer.

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

The marine life in our area is comprised of fascinating and beautiful creatures that have evolved behaviors to survive our very rigorous environment. See these animals in their natural environment through a series of slides showing off some of their unique traits. Join David Norman, a former student at Northeastern University/Marine Science Center and (amateur) underwater photographer for a peek at what lies just beyond your doorstep.

Marine Science Center

430 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908

Call Tracy Hajduk for more information at 781-581-7370 ext 321, or e-mail t.hajduk@neu.edu.

For more information go to <http://www.marinescience.neu.edu/outreach>

The Explorers Club Special Event: "Sea Stories"

Saturday, November 19, 2005.

Sea Stories will be a day focused on diving and exploration. Presenters will include:

Dr. William C. Stone FN '79, world authority on cave exploration, founder of Cis-Lunar rebreathers, and author of Beyond the Deep.

Peter E. Hess FN '88, diver and maritime attorney involved in preserving exploration rights;

Bernie R. Chowdhury FR '95, author of The Last Dive and founder and publisher of the diving magazine Immersed;

Patricia A. Jordan FR '97, underwater photographer;

Eric J. Takakjian FN '97, New England oceanographic and shipwreck researcher; and

Tim Taylor FN '04, deep-water coral expert and shark specialist.

The day begins at 9 am at the Explorers Club (46 East 70th Street between Park and Madison) with coffee and a continental breakfast. The presentations begin at 10 am. The \$50 admission includes lunch (served at noon) as well as a cocktail party at 5 pm (beer, wine and soda).

Please confirm soon as tickets will not be sold at the door. Attire: smart casual.

You may make your reservation by emailing the Club - Ms. Stephanie Chambers: events@explorers.org, or by calling her at 212-628-8383 x18 or by faxing her at: 212.288.4449.

CLASSIFIEDS

Scubal N8 aluminum underwater housing for Nikon 8008s. This is the finest housing ever made for this workhorse camera with an outstanding viewfinder. Includes Nikonos flash synch connector and TLC tray and handle. Does not include ports or lens gears. \$200. Contact Jonathan Bird (978) 664-9091.

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.

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.

NEADC DIVE AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

New England Aquarium Dive Club Fall/Winter 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
November				
Nov. 16 (Wed)	Immersion Theater, NEAQ	General Meeting 6:30 PM		General Meeting - NEADC 2006 Board of Directors Election
Nov 13 (Sat)	Old Garden Beach	Old Garden Beach 10 AM	Contact: Steve Whitford webmaster@neadc.org	Dive
Nov. 15 (Tue.)	Marine Science Center, 430 Nahant Rd., Nahant	"Anemones, Tunicates, and Nudi what? A Naturalist's View of Local Marine Life"	Call Tracy Hajduk for more information Phone: 781-581-7370 ext 321 Or email t.hajduk@neu.edu	Marine Science Center Lecture
Nov. 19 (Sat.)	Explorers Club, 46 E. 70 th St., NY, NY	"Sea Stories" A day focused on exploration, scuba diving and marine life. \$50 adults, \$25 students.	Call Stephanie Chambers for more information: Phone: 212-628-8383 ext 18 Or e-mail events@explorers.org	Explorers Club Special Event
Nov 29 (Sat)	Back Beach	Back Beach 6:30 PM	Contact: Steve Whitford webmaster@neadc.org	Night Dive
Dec. 7 (Wed.)	Scott Matey's 103 Gainsborough St. #104, Boston	Informal Meeting 6:30 PM		Club 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 Hurricanes Katrina or Rita 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!



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