



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

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NEADC GENERAL MEETINGS

Conference Center at New England Aquarium
Wednesday, March 15, 2006
6:30 PM

STILL ON HER KEEL: The Legacy Of The Chester Poling by Aaron Fauls

Using a mix of current footage, brand-new interviews, vintage slides, audio and rare 8mm film unseen in almost 30 years, *Still On Her Keel: The Legacy Of The Chester Poling* explores the cycle of change that surrounds Cape Ann's most popular shipwreck, a coastal tanker violently swallowed up by the Atlantic during a fierce Nor'easter in 1978. Without question, this is a film about a shipwreck, but *Still On Her Keel* is also about touching history.

It's about the raw power of nature - how concrete and steel eventually concede defeat. It's a film about friendships, both forging and renewing. It's about the simple truth that change is a good thing - and that the ocean always has the last word.

An SSI/PADI Instructor for 6 years and a New England diver for 15, Aaron Fauls has been principle cameraman on aquatic locations as unusual as the Charles River and serene as The Cayman Islands. His work has appeared on regional programming as well as abroad on MTV and The Sailing Channel.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by
Monday, March 20, 2006!

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

NEXT INFORMAL MEETINGS

Wednesday April 5, 2006
6:30 p.m.

The Home of Alan Budreau and Diana Hughes
206 Holden Wood Road, Concord, MA
Phone: (978) 369-8132/8469

By public transportation: Red line to Porter; go downstairs and take the S Acton/Fitchburg commuter rail; off at Concord Depot and call us. Check the N. Station to Fitchburg schedule at MBTA.com.

From Rte. 128/195, take Rte. 2 West about 6 miles to the Sudbury Road traffic light and turn left (South). Sudbury Road is not well marked, but is the traffic light past the Walden Pond/Rte. 126 one. The Sunoco station on the left is the best landmark - Sudbury Road is just past it. Go about 1/2 mile on Sudbury Road and cross the Sudbury River. Take an immediate left on Heaths Bridge Road. Go to end and turn right on Valley Road. Take first right on Holden Wood Road. It loops around to left. Look for large red house on left, with "206 HUGHES-BUDREAU" on the sign in front. If you use a map please note that we are at West Circle. Mapquest.com is recommended. Please park on our side of the street.

From I-495, take Rte. 2 East and look for the Rte. 62 intersection and then Emerson Hospital on the right as landmarks. Sudbury Road is the light past Emerson Hospital. Go right and follow the above.

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hosted by
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FROM YOUR SHORE DIVE COORDINATOR: Anna Krowczynska

SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 at 6:30!

On Wednesday, April 12 at Jose McIntyre's we will be holding a shore dive planning meeting.

I know, you probably think that the dive season in New England is light years away, but you are wrong. Spring is around the corner and April is a perfect time to plan next year's shore diving calendar.

One of the club's missions is to encourage local diving, and what the better way to fulfill that mission than to participate in a shore dive or even better lead one.

To be a shore dive leader you don't have to be an experienced diver, nor an instructor or divemaster. Anyone can lead a shore dive.

What are your responsibilities as a shore dive coordinator? You pick up the site, provide your preferred contact information (phone, e-mail, postal pigeons etc.) and on the day of dive show up at the agreed spot and lead the participants to the dive site. You don't even have to dive. I remember one shore dive at the Old Garden Beach lead ages ago by Brandy. She had a bad cold, but nevertheless showed up at the spot as promised, didn't go into the water, but was keeping an eye on our gear while we were enjoying our dive.

Am I responsible for participants? What if someone get injured during the dive? No, you don't have any responsibilities for people who participate in shore diving. The club constitution (the full text of which is posted on NEADC website) is very clear on that point – Part IV of By-Laws Personal Risk states that "All persons taking part in any NEADC activities do so at their own risk". Participants don't sign waivers because the club is not assuming any responsibilities for their well being.

Is there any reward for being a shore dive leader? Yes, after the season ends (most probably at the holiday party) we will be holding a raffle for all shore dive leaders and everyone (even people who will not be present at the party) will get some kind of nifty dive gadget. For a few years we used to give a special shore dive leader T-shirts, however because there are a number of club members who lead shore dives every year, Rick, who was the last to hold my position, asked Leah from PG Dive to pick-up items for the raffle.

So come to Jose's on April 12 and put your name on the calendar. Snacks will be served. If you can't come, please e-mail me the day when do you want to lead a dive. You don't even have to decide where you want to go: TBA is perfectly fine.

FROM YOUR PROGRAM OFFICER: Al Bozza

It has already been an exciting year for the New England Aquarium Dive Club. We started off the year with the New Years' Day dive in Jamestown, RI. After a brisk dive, club members enjoyed a warm truck with comfortable

seating, hot clam chowder, hot cider, delicious snacks, good music and great company. The weather was sunny and cold with water temperatures at 40 degrees, perfect for a New Years' Day dive.

The next weekend, club members were off for a long weekend winter/ski trip to Bethel, Maine (near Sunday River). As many as four nights were available at this awesome seven bedroom, three bathroom, 5200 square foot waterfront home. The house accommodates up to 26 people. On the main floor, there is plenty of seating, a huge fireplace and a TV area with cable, DVD player, a VCR and a CD player. Downstairs, there are two game rooms which offer ping pong, a pool table, a TV and a bar. Towels, linens and wood are provided, along with the use of two washers and dryers. Outside, there is barbeque grill and a six person hot tub on the spacious deck. The cost for the trip was \$300.00 per bedroom and included some drinks, a BBQ party and some snacks. There was skating and ice fishing available on the pond, great skiing and snowmobile rentals nearby. Snowshoeing, tubing, sleigh rides and cross country skiing was also available. We have reserved this house again for the last weekend in January, 2007.

After two chilly events in January, it was time to head to a warmer destination. So it was off to Crystal River, Florida to snorkel with the amazing manatee. The base for this trip was a waterfront home on the Homosassa River. Our primary snorkeling destination was the Three Sister Springs on the Crystal River and we spent a delightful morning playing with the abundant manatee. Due to cool weather conditions, which tends to bring the manatee further inland, we found ourselves kayaking on the Homosassa River with enough manatee to keep us happy for hours. It is hard to describe the feeling as you watch your smiling four year old son, on his first kayaking trip on a small tropical river surrounded by beautiful birds and scenery, leaning over and caressing his first manatee. A full trip report will be in the April newsletter. We have reserved this house for February 2007.

Now, onto upcoming events and future trips. Through a combination of my last eight years as Program Director, discovering some truly amazing locations during my travels and utilizing the experiences and knowledge of many of our great club members, I have put together an incredible schedule that should offer something to everyone.

June 22-25, 2006 - "Fossils" Venice, Florida

Join us in Venice, FL as we descend to chilling depths to cautiously search for the amazing Megalodon shark tooth. Now, the truth. We dive in 20'-30' of water, not far offshore, which allows for plenty of bottom time and you will come home with fossils. Venice is the "shark tooth capitol of the world". The waters were prehistoric feeding grounds for the ancient, giant shark "Carcharocles Megalodon". On our dives, you will find giant shark teeth, manatee bones, whale bones, prehistoric bones and other unique fossils. We do a two tank dive, with visibility usually at 8'-10' feet. If the excitement of finding a rare tooth or other fossils appeals to you, then join us for some pleasant diving. The cost is \$69.00 for the two tank dive, which includes tanks and weights. We have the boat reserved for Friday, June 23rd A.M. dive.

August, 2006 - Les Escoumins, Quebec, Canada

More information to follow.

September 1-10, 2006 - Darwin Island, Galapagos -

The ultimate diving experience. SOLD OUT

September 17, 2006 - Jamestown, RI - Tropical Fish Collecting/Barbeque

Fort Wetheral, Jamestown, Rhode Island. Free food and drinks (hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, etc.) a great family event, especially for the kids. We will also be seining: dragging a fish net through shallow water up onto the beach and discovering all sorts of marine life. There will also be regular diving, volleyball and music. Bring your kite too! I will have extra collecting nets and aerators for anyone who needs them.

October 20-25, 2006 - Great White Shark Diving - Isla Guadalupe, Mexico

The world's ultimate shark dive adventure is closer than you think. Join us this year (2006) to discover huge Great White Sharks (Carcharodon Carcharias) with our upscale shark vessel in the industry's largest shark cages. Divers seeking a week long encounter with the ocean's ultimate predator no longer need to travel over 5000 miles to South Africa or Australia. This newly named "Bio-Sphere Reserve " located 210 miles into the Pacific has it all...and we can take you there!

Imagine diving in 100' vis with water temps of 74 plus degrees, surrounded by up to seven great whites. They combine this awesome experience with world-class tuna fishing on an 88' luxury, long-range dive boat. These 5-day trips are only available during October and part of November at a cost of \$ 2,650.00 per person.

2007 Schedule of Trips:

January 2007

- Dominica
- Ski/winter trip, Bethel, Maine

February 2007

- Manatees, Crystal River, Florida

May 2007

- Spotted Dolphin, Bahamas

November 2007

- Norway with Orcas and Sea Eagles - We are collaborating with Norway's leading Orca whale expert, Tiu Simila, to offer you a fantastic whale watching encounter that includes both whale watching from a small boat and for our customized itinerary, a chance to snorkel with the Orcas!!!

If you would like any additional information on this or any other event, please contact Al Bozza at programs@neadc.org or (617) 212-9108.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOSTON SEA ROVERS ANNUAL UNDERWATER CLINIC

DISCOVERY & EXPLORATION, MARCH 4-5

The Boston Sea Rovers 52nd Annual Underwater Clinic is a two day program dedicated to “Raising the level of knowledge of the underwater world.” The clinic features: a world renowned film festival where international underwater film makers present their most recent works; daytime seminars focused on hands on training; and last, but not least, is an exhibit hall filled with equipment, travel destinations, dive clubs, and more. It is held at Boston’s Fairmont Copley Plaza. For more information visit www.searovers.org

IT'S BLUE LOBSTER BOWL TIME AGAIN!

The 9th Annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl, known in Massachusetts as the Blue Lobster Bowl, is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2006 on the campus of MIT in Cambridge. The event is hosted by the MIT Sea Grant College Program and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

For the past eight years, scores of volunteers have helped to make the Blue Lobster Bowl a terrific experience for hundreds of high school students from across the state. I hope that many of you will choose to volunteer again in 2006.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED throughout the day (8:00am-8:00pm). Volunteers can choose to participate for part or all of the day, come early to help set-up, and/or stay late to help clean-up. Be a part of the volunteer crew that makes the day happen for all of the participating teams. The 24 teams (that's 120 kids and 24 teachers) will thank you. Plus, you'll get a Blue Lobster Bowl vest or sweatshirt and a few meals.

Moderators, scorekeepers, timekeepers and runners are needed throughout the round robin-style competition.

Training provided. For more info about the National Ocean Science Bowl and Massachusetts Blue Lobster Bowl go to: http://www.coreocean.org/Dev2Go.web?anchor=nosb_home_page

Come and encourage future marine scientists. To join the NEADC team of volunteers for this event please contact Alicia Lenci, environmental@neadc.org.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MARINE SCIENCE CENTER EVENING LECTURE SERIES

"Ten Hours From Dawn: A True Story of Heroism and Tragedy aboard the Can Do"

Michael Tougias, Award Winning Author - Tuesday, March 14th, 2006 7:00PM

During the height of the Blizzard of 1978 the pilot boat Can Do, with five men onboard, set out from Gloucester to assist a lost Coast Guard boat and an oil tanker that was in a Mayday situation. Ten Hours Until Dawn tells the story of what happened on that awful night when the seas were producing monstrous waves of 40 feet and the wind was screaming at 100 miles per hour.

Michael Tougias is the author of 15 books including his latest book, Tens Hours Until Dawn. Using slides of the boats, the men involved, and photos of the storm, Tougias will take the viewer through this incredible night where many lives hung in the balance. With the aid of maps Tougias lets the audience see the progression and location of these boats off the Massachusetts coast, and explains what happened and why.

Praise for Ten Hours Until Dawn includes a Booklist review which said: "Arguably the best story of peril at sea since Sebastian Junger's 'Perfect Storm.' Superb!" Former Governor Michael Dukakis said: "What a story! Tougias' research and writing make the reader feel as if they are onboard the Can Do during the Blizzard of '78."

This lecture is free to the public. Light refreshments served at 6:30PM. The lecture begins at 7:00PM and is roughly an hour long. The Marine Science Center is wheelchair accessible.

430 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908

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

<http://www.marinescience.neu.edu/outreach>

TRIP OF A LIFETIME

FISH ROUND UP

Or Tropical Adventure in Bahamas with New England Aquarium Dive Experts.

Certified Scuba Divers age 18 and older are invited to join the staff of NEAq Dive Department on a fish collecting trip to the Berry Islands, Bahamas from April 22nd through May 3rd, 2006.

Bring back not only pictures, but also colorful reef fishes and invertebrates that will populate the GOT and other tropical exhibits. And you will have bragging rights as a supplier of creatures for NEAq.

This unusual working vacation is open to both beginners and experienced divers, and is a great opportunity to dive with and learn from NEAq aquatic experts. This eight day adventure features dive sites in the Bimini and Berry Islands area, with a visit to Atlantis in Nassau. The last day of the trip is spent in Miami, preparing fishes for shipment to Boston.

The estimate trip fee is approximately \$3500-\$3800. The fee includes airfare, shipboard accommodations on the R/V Coral Reef II (meals, board and cocktails), up to five dives per day (weights and tanks are included) and a rare opportunity for a check dive in the GOT.

For more information, or to reserve a space, call Sherri Floyd, Senior Aquarist /Expedition Leader or Sarah Zibailo GOT Aquarist at 617-973-5248, or e-mail Sherri at sfloyd@neaq.org.



Don't let Your Gear Dry Out!

Need an excuse to dive this winter?

Want a safe place to try out your new dry suit or gear?

Are you a beginner and don't want to wait 6 months to practice your new skills?

Want to learn how to collect scientific data underwater?

Think about joining me this winter for easy shore dives off of Cape Ann and participate in surveying for the Top Ten Invasive species (www.neadc.org/invasives.html)

Top Ten Invasive Species: Green Crab; Sea Squirt; Star Tunicate; Orange Tunicate; Colonial Tunicate; Dead Men's Fingers; European Flat Oyster; Asian Shore Crab; Chinese Mitten Crab; Veined Rapa Welk

Winter months are times of great visibility. I will be mapping the cove and surveying for invasive species from November to May off Plum Cove in Gloucester, MA. and then monitoring this site throughout the year.

Why Plum Cove? This is an easy beginner site and safe for winter diving. It also has rocky sandy and eel grass habitat. Also parking is not an issue since this area is not restricted to non-residents from October to May. This type of survey has never been done at this cove. Many new divers want to help collect this information and need practice doing so.

Bring your own dive gear (little extra weight for shallowness) and a camera (if you own one). Training, slates and a hot beverage will be provided.

Dates: TBD. Saturdays and/or Sundays depending on tides and weather.

In interested or for more information contact: Alicia Lenci, environmental@neadc.org

OCEANIC RESEARCH GROUP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 6:30 PM at Nevins Hall, Framingham Town Hall, Framingham, MA

For the Fourth Annual Oceanic Research Group, Inc. Fundraiser, we are very pleased to present world-renown underwater photographer, author and Emmy Award-winning film maker Marty Snyderman! Marty doesn't come out to the east coast often, so we are thrilled to have him as our featured speaker. Don't miss out on a rare opportunity to see Marty and his amazing photography in person. Marty Snyderman will present "Sharks in the Wild", a slide/video presentation on the natural history of sharks. Marty has spent over 20 years photographing sharks around the world. In addition, he has made several television documentaries about sharks that have aired on PBS/Nature and Discovery Channel, among others.

Also, Emmy Award-winning cinematographer, Jonathan Bird, will present the first scenes from his new high definition film "Secrets of the Reef." This amazing program explores the hidden behaviors of animals on a remote reef in the Philippines from cleaning stations to predation and reproduction.

There will be many raffles and silent auctions items, both dive-related and land based, including a limited-edition print from Wyland, dive gear, book, prints, and more. Of course, Finny the Shark will make an appearance too!

Admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years old. There are a limited number of preferred seats available for \$25.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance, online. The benefit is being held to raise money for the Oceanic Research Group, Inc. Marine Scholarship program to benefit college students in marine-related majors. The scholarship for 2006 will be awarded at the benefit. Visit <http://www.oceanicresearch.org/benefit.htm> for more information and directions.

Dive Snorkel Kayak Beachcomb ! Join the New England Aquarium Dive Club for a DIVE INTO EARTH DAY Event!

When? Saturday April 22, 2006 10am – 3pm **Where?** Lane's Cove, Gloucester MA **Why?** You love the North Atlantic! And...

This popular fishing, boating, diving, sunset viewing site needs some underwater, and shoreline clean up. Early season enables us to get to trash and rogue fishing gear near seawall (later in the year too many fishermen and boat traffic makes clean up difficult for divers) PHOTO CONTEST! Take photos of this special event and enter your photo to win prizes. First prize is an underwater camera! (Photos must be of this event – see Alicia for more contest rules) All participants will receive the new club water bottle and special this year only a Dive into Earth Day T-shirt (limited supply)

Contact? Alicia Lenci, Environmental Affairs, 617 285 6737 or environmental@neadc.org

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.

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.

MARINE ANIMAL STRANDING NETWORK UPDATE

Please help us in our efforts to respond quickly and efficiently to marine animal emergencies by keeping your contact information current! As often happens this time of year, a notice of upcoming Stranding event was sent via e-mail to program participants. More than half of the addresses bounced back. If you have attended any of the marine animal strandings seminars offered by the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. in conjunction with New England Aquarium and the Cape Cod Stranding Network and wish to be on the active call list in the event of an emergency or to be notified of continued field training, please send your current e-mail address to Maryhelen Shuman-Groh at Emesge27@aol.com or call and leave a message at (508) 942-9119 or fill out and return this form at me at P O Box 70, Raynham, MA 02767. Please update the following information (please print legibly):

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell:

Other Phone:

E-mail 1:

E-mail 2:

Best means of contact:

Availability (weekends, nights, days, etc.):

Willing to travel to Cape Cod?

Willing to provide assistance at the Duxbury Rehabilitation Facility?

Willing to provide overnight/late hour assistance at New England Aquarium?

Gear:

Dry Suit?

Wet Suit?

Boat?

Any other information or skills that you would like us to know about (vet tech, large animal handling, fisheries, underwater photography, etc.)?

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

BOOK CORNER: Anna Krowczynska

This month I am going to recommend two books that are very different in subject and writing style, but both worth time spent on reading them. I can very well relate to a person who said: I am finding TV very educational; every time someone turns the TV on I am going to the other room to read a book.

First book that I've found so interesting is *Sea Salt: Memories & Essays* by Stan Waterman. First thing that struck me was the author's command of the English language and occasional quotes from Joseph Conrad or Henry Beston that sets this work apart from other memoirs about the sea. In the graceful writing, Stan Waterman shares with the readers his amazing life spent on and under our last frontier, the sea. The first part consists of vignettes from the author's life and his many adventures in exotic locales from the Aegean Sea to the Amazon, from Polynesia to the Caribbean. I was struck by his candor in talking about his childhood, his beloved house in Maine Punch Bowl (the book opens with haunting recollection of a fire that destroyed the original Punch Bowl and his collection of artifacts from many travels), his family and certain events at the Sea Rovers. One has to admire his wife of fifty-four years, Susy, to whom he dedicated this book. What a forgiving woman she must be, allowing her husband to go off for adventures in faraway parts of the globe and leaving her to take care of a growing family and the large house. Of course she got plenty of warning what kind of life she was going to share with Stan. After their engagement, during a trip to Nova Scotia in Yarmouth, Stan decided to board the schooner Nelli B. for a fishing trip that lasted several weeks leaving his future wife and mother-in-law ashore to bring the car back to Maine. Similarly, during the honeymoon in Europe, Stan decided to make a solo side trip to Corsica. But the best are recollections from his travels, shooting the famous movie *Blue water, White Death*, wreck hunting in the Turks & Caicos and other adventures.

The second half of the book is a collection of Waterman's writings, originally published in *Ocean Realm* in 1990's. They include descriptions of his many shark encounters (62 whale sharks in Australia!) and stories from his various expeditions around the globe. The book includes also 72 photographs and introductions written by late Peter Benchley and Howard Hall. Pick up the book, relax, start reading and you will be transported to exotic places and feel like you are diving with Stan.

I also picked up *Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story Of Heroism And Tragedy Aboard The Can Do* after Al, our Program Director, mentioned that its author, Michael Tougias, would be a speaker at one of our upcoming club General Meetings.

I didn't experience the famous Blizzard of 1978 since at that time I was still living in Europe, but heard a lot of stories from people who were affected by it.

At first I was a little apprehensive since I've read Sebastian Junger's "The Perfect Storm" and thought that this will be a similar book about disaster at sea.

How mistaken I was, while Junger in his book speculates about the fate and last moments of the crew of Andrea Gail, Tougias listened to the tapes of radio conversations between the crew of the doomed Can Do and the Gloucester Coast Guard station. The chilling tapes revealed the worsening situation aboard the fifty foot pilot boat as it battled thirty feet waves and blinding snow. Everything that could go wrong did, the boat lost radar, in heavy snow they couldn't see a thing, they lost the windshield, Captain Frank Quirk was seriously hurt, they didn't know their location. Finally the engine quit, but the crew valiantly fight to survive by dropping the anchor to avoid capsizing. But the strength of the storm was such that they lost the battle with the forces of nature. One Coast Guard member commented that the perfect storm wasn't half as bad as Blizzard of 1978.

The rocky shores, ledges and shoals that make such a great terrain for scuba diving are deadly during the heavy storms. The Can Do met its end near Gooseberry Island where the huge waves smashed the boat on the shoals after the line holding the anchor broke.

The chain of events leading to final struggle of Can Do crew was precipitated by a Mayday call from the oil tanker Global Hope that had run aground near the entrance to Salem Sound. The tanker captain sent a signal that the ship was taking water, whereas in fact the tanker was stuck on the rock. Two small Coast Guard boats from Gloucester went to help the tanker and when one of them got into trouble, Frank Quirk, skipper of the Can Do volunteered to go out and try to help.

For anyone who ever dove on the Chester Poling, Chapter 5 is of special interest because it describes the breaking up and sinking of the costal oil tanker and rescue of its crew. The only person who died in this accident was the ship cook who missed the rescue basket and fell into the sea. The next time I will be diving on this wreck and will see it in the very different light knowing the story of its sinking.

The next time you are at the Cape Ann Marina waiting for a dive boat, go and see the granite plaque that commemorates the lives and death of Captain Frank Quirk and the crew of Can Do.

NEADC DIVE AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

New England Aquarium Dive Club Winter/Spring 2006 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.

Date	Event/Purpose Location	Location	Meeting Time / Details	Contact
March 3-5	Boston Sea Rovers	Fairmont Copley Hotel, Boston		See Rovers Website
March 4	Blue Lobster Bowl	MIT Campus (See Announcements section for details)	8 AM-8PM	
March 15	Club General meeting	NEAq Conference Center	6:30 PM	Rick Rosa (president@neadc.org)
March 24-26	Beneath The Sea	Meadowlands Expo Center, Secaucus, NJ		See Beneath The Sea Website
April	NEADC Whale Watch		TBA	Al Bozza (programs@neadc.org)
April	Club Whitewater Rafting Trip		TBA	Al Bozza (programs@neadc.org)
April 1	MWDC 14 th Annual Wrecks Symposium	Keefe Technical High School, Framingham		See MetroWest Dive Club Website
April 22	Earth Day Clean-Up Dive	Lane's Cove, Gloucester	10 AM-3 PM	Alicia at environmental@neadc.org
April 29	Ocean Research Group Annual Fundraiser	Nevins Hall, Framingham	6:30 PM	See OCR Website
June 4	Bio Diversity Day – Plum Island	Join Stellwagen Bank NMS/Mass Audubon Joppa River Refuge/NEADC Bio Diversity Day Dive	TBA	Alicia at environmental@neadc.org or Bob (SBNMS) pbm.inc@verizon.net
June 11	Bio Diversity Pleasure Day	Dive Urban Waters! Join Stellwagen Bank National NMS and NEADC Marine Life census and display.	TBA	Alicia at environment@neadc.org or Bob (SBNMS) pbm.inc@verizon.net

Social Get-togethers for Everyone

by Trish Katzman, Membership Director

Come meet at Jose McIntyre's prior to our next General Meeting on Wednesday, February 15 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

SEA ROVERS

March 3-5, 2006

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Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110