



New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. Newsletter

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NEADC Web Site: NEADC.org

NEADC GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2001, 6:30 p.m. at the New England Aquarium Conference Center. Guest Speaker: *Ted Maney* of Northeastern University Marine Science Laboratory will talk on Scientific Diving at Northeastern.

REMINDER - NEAq/NEADC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!!!

Always check your membership card prior to General Meetings! If your card has expired, you will not be eligible for GOT drawings. If you have renewed your membership and have not received your new membership card, the Membership Director, Kathleen Sherman, has a list of all memberships processed through the date of the meeting. By confirming that you are on the list, she can issue a temporary membership card good ONLY for the NEADC GOT drawing. NEADC Temporary Cards will not allow you entry into New England Aquarium.

New England Aquarium sends our renewal reminders several months ahead of the expiration date. As it takes several weeks to update membership and issue new membership cards, send your renewal in upon receipt and avoid complications later! If you experience undue delay, please contact Kathleen Sherman.

MARCH INFORMAL MEETING will be held **6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 7, 2001** at the home of Anna and Bryce Flynn, 30 Hill Street, Foxboro, MA, 508-543-9761.
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!!

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by **February 26, 2000!** (Monday after the GENERAL MEETING). This is for the **MARCH EDITION** of the Newsletter. Articles may be forwarded by e-mail to Stéphanie Williams at stefH2O@aol.com or Maryhelen Shuman-Groh at sgroh@mediaone.net Thank you

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

If your address has changed recently please fill out this form and mail it to:
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Street: _____
City: _____
State/Zip: _____

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City: _____
State/Zip: _____

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DIRECTIONS TO INFORMAL MEETING:

The March Informal Meeting will be held at the home of Bryce & Anna Flynn, 30 Hill Street, Foxboro, MA 02035. Phone 508.543.9761.

Directions from Boston: 95 South toward Providence to Exit 8 for Foxboro & Sharon. Right from end of ramp. Take 1st right onto Hill Street. Follow Hill Street as it bends to the left, then right again (do NOT go straight up the hill into the woods.) 30 Hill is on the left, a blue house with a full-length front porch.

Directions from points West and South: 495 South to 95 North to Exit 8 for Foxboro & Sharon. Left from end of ramp. Go over highway, Take 1st right onto Hill Street. Follow Hill Street as it bends to the left, then right again (do NOT go straight up the hill into the woods.) 30 Hill is on the left, a blue house with a full-length front porch.

NOTE: Our steep driveway may be usable only by the most snow-worthy vehicles, but parking on the street is OK.

MEMBERS' ADVERTISING

NEW NEWSLETTER AD POLICY: Dive related ads for NEADC Members will be free with the following stipulations: 1. Must be current NEADC member; 2. Ad must be 25 words or less; 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**

1 bdrm condo: Morritts - East End G. Cayman on the beach, any week 2001.
Dive Operation (4 boats), wind-surfing on-site; patio, full kitchen, cable TV.
e-mail or call Nancy Papagno: nancpants@yahoo.com, 781 449-3805

Earthwatch Volunteer Divers Needed Saving Puerto Rico's Reefs March 16 through March 25, 2001

Project Title: Assessment of Coral Reef Health around Puerto Rico: A Comparison of the Effects of Coral Diseases and Coral Predators between Nearshore and Offshore Reefs.

Six divers, with at least 50 logged dives, are needed to assist in this project.

This is a NOAA project so there are medical evaluation that would need to be completed by volunteer divers. Cost is \$1765.00 and does not include transportation to and from location (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico). Participation in Earthwatch programs is tax-deductible. Interested? Please call Alicia Lenci 617 566-2515

To learn more about Earthwatch and its programs throughout the world, check it out on the Web: <http://www.earthwatch.org/>

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT Maryhelen Shuman-Groh

Another year is upon us already. How the time flies! It's hard to believe in the midst of dull, gray winter that it won't be long before the New England dive season is upon us. Of course, for those die-hards (especially the ones with drysuits), the entire year is open to diving. The rest of us prefer to travel south during the winter months.

It is now 2001. The true start of the new millennium according to Arthur C. Clarke, author of 2001: A Space Odyssey. Unlike the science-fiction novels and movies of the mid-20th Century, we do not have manned stations on the Moon or beyond; we are not capable of faster than light travel and we sure haven't cured the ills of the world. On the other hand, we have avoided some of the dire predictions that we would meet our doom to nuclear holocaust, plague or invasion from outer space.

As it becomes increasingly apparent that our hopes for the future should rest *not* on the colonization of new worlds but on the preservation and protection of the one we have, the exploration of our planet's oceans will be pivotal. Marine scientists often remind us that we know more about the surface of the Moon than we do about our ocean's depths; more about the motion of the planets than the Earth's weather systems. We are seeing far reaching problems in ocean pollution, loss of habitat, extinction of species, to name but a few.

With such overwhelming problems, it sometimes seems impossible to help. But help you can and should. This year take the advice of bumper sticker - THINK GLOBALLY - ACT LOCALLY. Start by being informed, recycle at home and in your community and participate in Club clean-ups. Alicia Lenci returns as our Environmental Affairs Coordinator. She is working hard to develop a schedule of environmentally active dives and activities for the Club. She welcomes suggestions and would like to be informed of environmental events throughout New England.

In the coming months the General Meetings will feature speakers who will highlight some of the problems and what methods are being developed to analyze and mitigate them, particularly as these issues apply to divers: Ted Maney on Scientific Diving at Northeastern; Marianne Farrington of the Edgerton Research Lab on Fisheries By-Catch Issues; Nancy Cann from Save the Manatee on efforts to preserve the species; Holly Martel Bourbon on Great White Sharks in South Africa. Last month, Sherrie Floyd spoke on efforts to save leatherback turtles in Costa Rica.

Looks like it will be a big year for thinking about and acting on conservation issues. Please lend your support to these activities and help insure that we'll leave a diveable planet full of fascinating creatures for future generations to enjoy.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year of diving.

A NOTE FROM THE SHORE DIVE COORDINATOR Ken Mulzet

Greetings fellow divers and Happy New Year! Well now the proverbial cat is out of the bag - we have official NEADC club badges! As announced at the January formal meeting I am planning on having a Photo contest for the backdrop for the 2001 badges, so dust off your cameras and bring out your favorite shots. Details will follow but the contest will probably take place in late Fall.

Secondly I am working with a member to coordinate another trip to *Morehead City, NC*. The dates are set for August 3 through 6. Details on cost and other things will follow in subsequent newsletters. So keep these dates in mind - the diving is great!

I will be out of the country for 6 weeks so unfortunately will not be at the next two formal meetings. However the 2001 Dive Planning Meeting is set for April 11.

Please contact me at: mulzet@yahoo.com for any information.

Thanks and happy diving!

MINUTES OF INFORMAL DECEMBER 6, 2000

Hosted by Anna Hundt and Jack McLaughlin. We extend our extra special thanks for Anna and Jack who weren't expecting us and kindly hosted the meeting anyway.

Present: Maryhelen Shuman-Groh, Steve Groh, Kathleen Sherman, Ken Mulzet, Alicia Lenci, Veronica Atlantis; guest Stephanie Williams - 2001 Newsletter Editor. Absent: Al Bozza, Donna Romano. Heidi Van Meter has resigned as Secretary and is out of the country. Membership Director - Vacant

Thanks to Marla Strickland for the mailing labels.

BUSINESS

NAME TAGS/Volunteer Gifts - Update. Many given out at Holiday Party. Donna and Ken present to those present at next General and Informal. Ken ordered the missing tag. Ken now has all the badges to bring to the General Meeting.

ELECTIONS - Introduce any new officers attending meeting. Stephanie Williams.

Holiday Party - Thanks to Donna Romano for scheduling space and arranging catering. Initial results

are that it was financially successful - meaning it broke even. Input from attendees - received several nice e-mails from people saying they had a good time. A couple of suggestions that we hire a professional DJ next year. SCHEDULE AGAIN FOR NEXT YEAR (see section on 2001 Calendar)

NEXT GENERAL MEETING is the Show and Tell - no speaker fee. Should we use fee towards pizza afterward or do you think attendance will be low and we should hold it for sometime in the new year?

Because December is a low attendance meeting, we will hold fee for future allocation by general consent.

SEA ROVERS March 3-4, 2001. Need volunteers. We'll again host the Saturday night dinner at Bertucci's but they don't want to book until after the holiday so Maryhelen will confirm the space mid-Marine Mammals Strandings Training session this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. 35 NEADC members signed up. Alicia and Maryhelen will be there as officers (Alicia is also working R&R). We'll serve continental breakfast.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline is January 22, 2001
Sea Rovers March 3rd and 4th
Beneath the Sea March 23rd-25th. If there are any Club members going we would like to arm them with Club info.

Dive Planning Meeting - Ken Mulzet; is working on March meeting date and location closer to Boston.

Catch the Wave date to be determined.

Earth Day (estimated to be April 21, 2001 - April is a very FULL month!) - often too cold to dive yet but would like to have table at Esplanade.

Bay State Council of Divers. Next meeting is March 28th. Alicia will attend. Underwater Treasure Hunt usually the Sunday of the weekend before Memorial Day (May 20th)- plan ahead for Club participation and maybe teams. Alicia will get the date into the newsletter as soon as she can and round up teams.

Whitewater Trip April 15th
Whale Watch April 29th

Club Picnic - suggesting July 21st (Saturday after July meeting). Fort Getty Pavilion is available and we have been penciled in along with 5 campsites. Solicit suggestions for another location or summer event. We need to confirm the reservations by March, 2001.

2001 Holiday Party. Go for December 1, 2001 at The Atrium.

Kathleen took the check for Joe Gobbini dated January 3, 2001 for \$65 for hosting informal.

Memorial Donation for Kima Cua of MetroWest Dive Club. The Club will split DAN annual donation - Bronze level and Memorial Donation. Motion by Ken Mulzet, seconded by Veronica Atlantis and passed unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORT will be sent to Secretary of the Commonwealth this week.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF INFORMAL JANUARY 3, 2001

Hosted by Joe Gobbini in Hudson, MA. There was no business meeting due to lack of quorum of Officers attending.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF JANUARY 17

Meeting held in Conference Center. Officers attending: Maryhelen Shuman-Groh, Steve Groh, Caroline Starita, Kathleen Sherman, Ken Mulzet, Alicia Lenci, Stephanie Williams, Kelly Henderson in for Brandy Derickson

Absent: Al Bozza, Veronica Atlantis, Brandy Derickson
Who's Been Diving: Max Arias and Mike Whyte - New Year's Day in Rhode Island, 37°, 4' vis; New Member GOT Dive; Steve Groh - Bay of Islands, New Zealand; Barry Rabinovitz - Florida Keys, recommends Lady Cyana and Eagle wreck dive

OFFICER REPORTS:

President : Letter received from NEAq Conservation Action Fund thanking us for our donation in lieu of speakers fees to Greg Stone and Ken Mallory

Letter received from DAN acknowledging a memorial donation made to the Kimo Cua Memorial Fund. Mr. Cua was the president of Metro West Dive Club who died while vacationing in the South Pacific.

A diver death occurred 01/15/01 in Manchester, MA. Thomas E. Hadden, 50, of Bristol, Conn. was part of a group diving for scallops off the coast of Beverly when he encountered trouble no other details available.

DAN SPONSORSHIP - renewed our Bronze Level Sponsorship.

SEA ROVERS - March 3 and 4 at Fairmont Copley Plaza. Holly will be at February meeting to sell discount tickets. We need people to staff the Club/Seamark table on Saturday and Sunday. Please see the sign-up sheet and schedule for a slot. NEADC will again host BERTUCCI'S PIZZA PARTY at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3rd, between day session and film festival. All you can eat meal will be \$21 pp. We have room for 60 people this year (since we sold out last year). See Flyer.

WHITEWATER RAFTING - Sunday, April 15, 2001, Deerfield River. Good beginners run only two hours from Boston. \$52 pp includes lunch and gear (wetsuit if you don't own one, PFD, helmet, etc.). You must book by credit card directly with Crab Apple. See Flyer.

WHALE WATCH - Sunday, April 29, 2001, 9:00 a.m. \$21.53 pp (includes new City of Boston surcharge of \$1.03 pp). Fourth year we've been out and past watches have all be successful. See Flyer.

CLUB PICNIC - already scheduled for Saturday, July 21, 2001 at Fort Getty in Rhode Island. We've also booked six tent sites available on first-come, first-served basis.

NEXT INFORMAL - Wednesday, February 7th at Al and Wendy Bozza's in Norfolk - directions in Newsletter

PRESENTATION of badges for the year 2000 to all those people who have done service who were not at holiday party or last meeting. - Max Arias, Shelley Floyd, Bryce and Anna Flynn, Greg Hunter, Tom McLaughlin honored with badges for service;

We'll do this every year and pictures may be submitted for background. Contest later this year.

PARKING - Boston Harbor Garage has upped their fees (\$12 evening charge for Members) and changed their payment system. You must pay before returning to your car. Please remember that International Place parking discounts are for evenings (after 4:30 p.m.) and weekends only and only costs \$3!!

Vice President - Caroline Starita - M/A Com Dive Club will host Dan Crowell speaking on his explorations of Andrea Doria, Britannic (sister ship of the Titanic), sunken subs and ancient artifacts on Tuesday, February 6th, at M/A Com, 1011 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell, MA 01853. Tickets are \$7.00.

Business Manager - Steve Groh. Club is in the black. Financial records are available for review at each meeting and monthly statements published in the newsletter.

Secretary - Brandy Derickson. Kelly Henderson, designated committee member for the Secretary is taking minutes.

Membership Director - Kathleen Sherman. See her if there are any problems with membership.

Program Director - Al Bozza - Al and Wendy are in DOMINICA.

Shore Dive Coordinator - Ken Mulzet. Dive Planning Meeting will be Wednesday, April 11, 2001, in Boston. Location to be announced. Ken would like to organize another trip to North Carolina this year if payment is guaranteed by participants.

Boat Dive Coordinator - Veronica Atlantis (absent)

Environmental Affairs - Alicia Lenci There are a lot of events coming up but nothing in the near future. If you have suggestions for environmental events, please let her know.

Newsletter Editor - Stephanie Williams. DEADLINE for newsletter submissions is January 22, 2001 (preferably SOONER). Please send newsletter submissions to Stephanie Williams at her e-mail address SteffH2O@aol.com

Aquarium Liaison - Sherrie Floyd Earthwatch looking for 7-9 people to go to Puerto Rico. Need 50+ dives; experienced divers only. Leader goes almost free; rest are discounted; March team "Saving Puerto Rico's Reefs"; tax-deductible

Diving Flamingo Beach Resort; good rates; Bonaire May not be able to park at reduced rate at Boston Harbor Garage (validation complications)

March and April meetings at Immersion Theater instead of meeting room

Turtle Palooza at Aquarium March 10; need lots of volunteers to staff info table

GOT DIVE: Date of GOT Dive is Saturday, February 3, 2001. Winners of the February dive are: Dean Barker, Karina Osgood and the Alternate is Brad Robie If you're already a member and need a temporary card - you must see Kathleen PRIOR to the GOT Drawing Introduce tonight's presentation by Sherrie Floyd on Costa Rican efforts to save Leatherback turtles.

Number of people attending this meeting: 48

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Wednesday, February 21st - Guest Speaker will be Ted Maney, Northeastern University Marine Science Center on "Scientific Diving at Northeastern University."

FROM THE BOAT DIVE COORDINATOR Veronica AtlantisFYI: www.easy-diver.com gives info on the "Easy Diver" dive charter that the Club often uses out of Cape Ann.**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** Steve Groh, Business Manager**December 2000**

Opening Balance	\$ 4,856.64
Checks & Transactions	\$ -551.95
Ending Balance	\$ 4,304.69
Outstanding Checks	\$ -328.00
Actual Cash on Hand as of 1/16/01	\$ 3,976.69

January 2001

Opening Balance	\$ 4,304.69
Checks & Transactions	\$ -1,639.50
Deposits	\$ 1,350.00
Ending Balance	\$ 4,015.19
Outstanding Checks	\$ -769.90
Outstanding Deposits	\$ 170.00
Actual Cash on Hand as of 1/24/01	\$ 3,415.29

The holiday party was a great success (socially and financially this year, just ask Ken Mulzet!) Within a few dollars the advance party ticket sales pretty much paid for everything. We renewed our DAN sponsorship at the bronze level this year. We are also due for an infusion of cash from the Aquarium finance department. Just in case you did not know how the system works with the Aquarium, here is a simplified explanation. When Dive Club members renew their annual aquarium memberships, the club membership portion of their payments goes into an escrow account with the Aquarium. Aquarium's finance director disburses a lump sum payment to the club two or three times a year.

2001 DIVE PLANNING MEETING

One of the most important member participation meetings of the year is the annual DIVE PLANNING MEETING to be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at 149 13th Street, Charlestown (this has been the site of the Holiday Party for the past two years). Please come to the meeting to contribute ideas and suggestions for types of dives, dive sites or dive activities. Help organize a dive or volunteer to be Beach Master! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!! You can be newly certified and pick up a phone and organize a dive or other activity (fishing trips, excursions, etc.) through your local dive shop, boat charter company, with other dive clubs or a group of NEADC members! Please contact Ken Mulzet, the Shore Dive Coordinator, at (617) 666-4984, mulzet@yahoo.com

**NORTH SHORE FROGMEN'S
NEW ENGLAND UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
EXHIBITION DATES SET**

BEVERLY MA (December 6, 2000) The North Shore Frogmen's Club announced today the start of its annual Photography Contest, for the first time ever opening it to all amateur photographers. Entries are being accepted now through May 1, 2001. Categories for entry are New England Underwater-Close Up, Cold Water-Close Up, Warm Water-Close Up, Surface Fun, New England Underwater - Standard, Cold Water-Standard, and Warm Water-Standard.

Prizes will be awarded in each category as well as a Most Unusual Photograph Award. All entries will be eligible for publication in the 2002 New England Divers' Calendar.

Entry forms and complete rules are available at most area dive shops, via the club's website at www.northshorefrogmen.com, and by mail to the club: PO Box 3604, Peabody, MA 01960.

About the New England Divers' Calendar

The "New England Diver's Calendar" is published annually by the North Shore Frogmen's Club. It is a full color, twelve-month calendar loaded with stunning underwater photographs, including the winners of the North Shore Frogmen's Club Annual Photography Contest. It also includes daily Gloucester tides, Cape Ann dive site descriptions and directions, area dive club meeting times and places, and interesting historic dates and facts.

About the North Shore Frogmen's Club

The North Shore Frogmen's Club is the world's oldest sport diving association, established in 1957. The non-profit organization is dedicated to sharing the enjoyment of our undersea world with fellow divers, and to making fellow divers of the public. Our purpose in establishing this contest and exhibition is to promote diving in the New England area.

We dive year-round - starting on New Year's Day. Our activity schedule includes weekly club dives, night dives, ice dives, boat dives, deep dives, and wreck dives. Also included are family weekend trips, a club picnic and banquet, and winter dives every week. In addition to our vigorous dive schedule and weekly meetings, our members use our "Buddy List" to contact other members and to dive in small groups throughout the week.

The club has participated in search and rescue operations in support of area harbor masters, police and fire departments. Weekly meetings (at the Franco American Club) include discussions and presentations on equipment maintenance, underwater photography, lobstering, seafood recipes, safety instruction and guest speakers. Guests are always welcome.

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THERE'S A WEIGHTBELT IN MY SHOWER

By Gail Sendecke (wife of Tom McLaughlin)

[Spousal note: this does not seem to be an entirely accurate portrayal, but in the interest of domestic harmony it is being submitted unaltered].

I know there are many worse things that could happen to a person than finding a weight belt and regulator in my newly renovated bathroom on a Sunday morning, but after over 20 years of finding stray dive equipment in every imaginable place in our home, it has grown old. When my husband and I were dating, it was almost intriguing to find his wet suit and other less recognizable items dripping in the miniscule bathroom of his tiny 2-room apartment. I was a lot younger and more understanding then. Besides, where else could a poor student get frequent lobster and flounder dinners for free -the proceeds from his under-water hunting.

However, after we married and moved to a somewhat bigger apartment, I mistakenly thought the debris would disappear. Now, the equipment was rinsed near the parking area of the townhouse and dragged - dripping and smelly -through the kitchen, up the stairs, through the hallway, and into the bathroom. When I complained, it took roost on the floor of the bathroom, waiting for its next calling to the sea the following weekend.

Increased affluence allowed us to buy a house. More space, a basement –I would certainly not have to live in a house decorated with neoprene! No such luck.

We still had only one full bathroom, and my husband did not see why I objected to sharing the shower with a wet suit. Banished to the basement, the equipment seemed quite happy to me. Something about the humidity in our dank cellar caused periodic migrations of the stuff to the living areas. Add 3 cats, a toddler with his assorted tub toys - the bathroom was more crowded than ever. My husband insisted that all this would change once we moved and bought a house with a garage.

New jobs, another kid, and that bigger house followed soon after. Dive storage options were many. We finally had that garage, a drier basement, more bathrooms. And more dive equipment - a dry suit, more tanks, back-ups for everything. Now after a dive the suit gets rinsed in the driveway it swings from our basketball hoop making neighbors wonder if we have had a lynching over the weekend. Assorted small items rest in blue crates at the feet -a look reminiscent of college dorm decor. At dusk, all this takes a little voyage to the garage, where it obstructs access to the cars, rots the wall, and invites thieves.

So why was there a weight belt in my shower? Apparently the wet equipment does not like to be in the unheated garage. And there was no room for the weight belt in the other bathroom, because the dry suit, fins, mask, long underwear, regulator, tanks, gloves, etc. were already there. But, worst of all, dinner last night was roast chicken because they would not let my husband spear and trap in the Giant Ocean Tank.

Members Comments

To Everyone at NEADC:

I did my marathon in Bermuda on November 19th. After four and a half months of training, I was able to average 15 minutes 41 seconds and finished the power walk in six hours 50 minutes. I was shaky, but exhilarated at the finish line. It was a push for this body of mine, but I had had lots of support. I had raised 'way over my original goal, and donations like that from the club encouraged me and made me go on and do it. Thanks to everyone (whether or not you knew), because this all went to research to beat leukemia and other blood-related diseases. I am proud of this club, and very grateful for its support.

Nancy Papagno

TNT- The Great Bermuda Walk

PROFESSIONAL DIVING INSTRUCTOR CORP (PDIC)

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Jct. Rte 495 and Rte 20, Marlboro, Massachusetts

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Directed by Alan Budreau

**SHAKE OFF THE WINTER BLUES WITH A DAY OF INTERESTING DIVING
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**Applaud Cathy Church's receipt of
The Paul Revere Spike Award**

Also on the program: noted lecturer and author

Fred Calhoun PDIC Technical Diving Director

- Debunking More Not-So-Sacred-Cows
- What The Dive Magazines Don't Tell You
- How To Make A Motion Picture

Tickets at \$10.00 each available at the door on the day of the program, or in advance through the mail from: Cecile Christensen, Apple Ridge 2-6, Maynard, MA 01754.

Checks payable to PDIC. Show phone is 1-978-897-0877

WHAT IS A SEA ROVER'S CLINIC?

On March 3 & 4, 2001, the Rovers will celebrate their 47th straight year of continuous service to the dive community with their annual international underwater clinic. For divers in the northeast familiar a Sea Rovers show, the upcoming historic 47th Clinic is shaping up to be a great event full of can't miss presentations and activities. Those new to the area, new to diving, or who have never been to a Clinic before are truly in for a memorable experience.

A Sea Rover's International Underwater Clinic is much more than just a trade show for divers. Held at the beautiful Fairmont-Copley Plaza Hotel, the Grand Dame of Boston hotels, the gold-gilt halls transform themselves for the weekend into a diver's paradise. The grand ballroom is host to over sixty exhibit booths, representing the largest display of diving equipment and services in New England all year. Concurrent with the exhibit hall are three different daytime seminar rooms. All day Saturday and Sunday, forty-two of the top professionals from all fields of diving and the underwater world gather to present their latest discoveries, and to premier their most exciting footage and images. There truly is something for everyone, whether you have a friend that is interested in finding out what diving is all about, or you are a veteran wreck diver interested in seeing rebreathers used on a search for a lost shipwreck off of Istanbul.

Some of this year's features include: diving with the US Navy; the latest shipwreck discoveries off New England and the Great Lakes; pirate's treasure from the depths of the sea; exotic live aboard dive travel destinations; recent developments and research results in dive medicine; the latest advancements in free diving and spearfishing; the cutting edge of exploration from cave country.

The Clinic also features over a dozen specialized workshops with world-renown instructors at the tops of their fields. This year's workshop lineup includes: professional workshops presented by PADI, Genesis, Sherwood, and PSI, and technical diving workshops led by cave explorers Jim Bowden & Ann Kristovich, Diving Physiologist expert Dr. Bill Hamilton, and DiveRite's Lamar Hires. For underwater photographers, there's a new digital imaging workshop, and a special course for Motor Marine II owners. We also will have workshops on freediving, dry suit maintenance and repair, and O₂ and CPR! (did we mention that you could win a complete MMII camera system and strobe, full sets of dive gear, or a dream vacation, all-inclusive, for two to the Cayman Islands?)

The cornerstone of each Clinic is the world famous Saturday Evening Film Festival, and this year's star-studded show is sure to be a sell-out again! Featured speakers include **Stan Waterman**, **Rick Rosenthal**, **Adam Ravetch**, **Nick Caloyianis** and **Barry Clifford**. **Stan Waterman**, long considered the dean of underwater cinematography, has been at the forefront of scuba diving since its inception as a recreational sport in the early '50's. Stan will be showing a special film featuring short excerpts of some of his favorite sequences from almost forty years of shooting. The presentation is a montage of encounters in locations that range from the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea to New Guinea, the Eastern Pacific and the Western Atlantic, all seasoned with the humor for which his films and videos are famous. Renowned marine wildlife filmmaker **Rick Rosenthal** has traveled around the globe in search of the rare, the wonderful, and the amazing in the underwater world. With a background as a professional marine biologist, Rick possesses an uncanny knack of capturing never-before seen behavioral footage of many hard-to-approach marine mammals. In one of his rare appearances before an audience, Rick will be world premiering some of his most favorite shots from around the globe, including footage from the upcoming BBC series "*Blue Planet*". **Adam Ravetch** is an award-winning cinematographer that has specialized in capturing the hard-to-find marine life of the Arctic on film. In this hostile environment, Adam has swum with polar bears, chased Narwhals, and gotten close to wild walruses, the toothed titans of the North. He will be premiering his latest Arctic adventure. **Nick Caloyianis**, the veteran underwater filmmaker, has teamed up with local explorer Barry Clifford on a search for Captain Kidd's pirate ship, sunk off the coast of distant Madagascar. Nick, A Sea Rover Associate and our 1994 Diver of the Year, is a talented award-winning director and cinematographer who is perhaps best known for his documentary work. He has produced and/or filmed numerous projects for National Geographic Television and the Discovery Channel. Aside from work off the coasts of MA, NY, Panama, Scotland, Florida and Venezuela, Barry is best known for the discovery and ongoing archaeological recovery of the pirate shipwreck "*Whydah*" off Cape Cod. For this film festival, Nick and Barry are world premiering exciting footage from the upcoming Discovery Channel special on the sunken pirate ship *Adventure Galley*!

Tickets for the evening show are \$15 per person, as are tickets for the Clinic Saturday which includes exhibit displays and the diverse programs offered. On Sunday, admission is \$12, children under 12 are free, and admission for students with valid ID and Senior Citizens is only \$10. Daytime events run from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 3, and 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 4. Additional information, including the full daytime presentation schedule and the list of exhibitors is available at the Rover website: www.searover.org.

HOLLY MARTEL-BOURBON WILL BE AT THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING WITH DISCOUNT TICKETS TO SEA ROVERS. NEADC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF THE NEADC/SEAMARK TABLE. CONTACT MARYHELEN OR STEVE (508) 821-4704.

CALENDAR OF DIVES AND EVENTS

Please call the Contact Person prior to the dive to confirm meeting time and place.

Check the NEADC VOICE MAIL for updates (617) 973-0240.

Please report errors or omissions to the Newsletter Editor or Dive Coordinator as soon as possible!

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS/CONTACT INFORMATION
Friday, February 9	Winter Dive	Condition dependent. Contact Frank Dudas (508) 580-6025
Saturday, February 17	BOSTON SCUBA DIVING SEMINARS	10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Holiday Inn and Resort, Marlboro, Massachusetts. See full page Ad this edition!
Wednesday, February 21	GENERAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. New England Aquarium Conference Center. Guest Speaker: Ted Maney, Northeastern University Marine Science Center on "Scientific Diving at Northeastern University."
Wednesday, February 28	Bay State Council of Divers Meeting	7:30 p.m. South Shore Neptunes Club House Contact Angelo Correnti (781) 391-1634
Saturday, March 3 & Sunday, March 4	Sea Rovers Underwater Clinic	Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel. Volunteers needed to staff the NEADC/NEAq/Seamark table Saturday and Sunday. See Article this issue.
Saturday, March 3	NEADC Dinner at Bertucci's (Sea Rovers Weekend)	\$21 (includes tax and tip) All you can eat pizza, pasta extravaganza designed to feed you quickly and in good company with plenty of time to go to the Sea Rovers Film Show at John Hancock Hall 3 blocks away. A good time and a great deal. Advance registration necessary! Contact Maryhelen Shuman-Groh, (508) 821-4704
Wednesday, March 7	Informal Meeting	6:30 p.m. Informal Meeting at the home of Bryce and Anna Flynn. See directions Page 2.
Saturday, March 10	Turtlepalooza	Special Day of Marine Turtle events at New England Aquarium. Volunteers to staff information table at top of the Giant Ocean Tank are needed. Contact: Sherrie Floyd, (617) 973-5248.
Wednesday, March 21	GENERAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. New England Aquarium IMMERSION THEATER. Guest Speaker: Marianne Farrington of the Edgerton Research Lab.
Friday through Sunday, March 23 - 25	Beneath the Sea	Dive Show and Underwater Photography Contest. Info: www.BeneathTheSea.org Ticket requests: Tickets@BeneathTheSea.Org
Coming in April	Catch the Wave 2001	Multiple Dive Club Charity Event. Watch the Newsletter for the date!!
Wednesday, April 4	Informal Meeting	6:30 p.m. TBA
Wednesday, April 11	2001 DIVE PLANNING MEETING	6:30 p.m.. 149 13th Street, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, MA Please come to help plan the 2001 Dive Season. Dinner will be served. Contact Ken Mulzet (617) 666-4984 or Donna Romano (617) 723-3212
Sunday, April 15	Whitewater Rafting	Deerfield River, Charlemont, MA - Crabapple Whitewater. Contact Steve Groh or Maryhelen Shuman-Groh, (508) 821-4704. See Article This Issue.
Wednesday, April 18	GENERAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. New England Aquarium IMMERSION THEATER. Guest Speaker: Nancy Cann, Save the Manatee.
Sunday, April 22	EARTH DAY	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade
Sunday, April 29	WHALE WATCH	Annual NEADC Whale Watch. 9:00 a.m. at New England Aquarium. Contact Steve Groh or Maryhelen Shuman-Groh, (508) 821-4704. See Article This Issue.
Wednesday, May 2	Informal Meeting	6:30 p.m. TBA
Saturday, May 5	Boat Dive ✓	Lanesville Shores*
Sunday, May 13	Boat Dive ✓	Folly Point*
Wednesday, May 16	GENERAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. New England Aquarium Conference Center. Guest Speaker: Holly Martel-Bourbon on her recent expedition to South Africa to study the Great White Shark.
Saturday, May 19	Boat Dive ✓	Andrews Point*
Sunday May 20	Bay State Council of Divers Treasure Hunt	Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA. Registration starts at 8:00 am and SCUBA event starts between 9:30 am & 10:00 a.m. For info call Angelo Correnti (781) 391-1034
Sunday, May 27	Boat Dive ✓	The Ledges*
Saturday, June 2	Boat Dive ✓	Bartlett Rock*
Sunday, June 10	Boat Dive ✓	Sandy Bay Breakwater*
Saturday, June 16	Boat Dive ✓	The Haight*
Sunday, June 24	Boat Dive ✓	The Salvages*
Saturday, June 30	Boat Dive ✓	Gully point*
Wednesday, July 4	Boat Dive ✓	Straightsmouth Island*
Sunday, July 8	Boat Dive ✓	Paradise Cliffs*
Saturday, July 14	Boat Dive ✓	The mouth of Loblolly Cove*
Friday through Sunday July 20-22	Camping	Fort Getty, Rhode Island. Sites are \$25 per night. One tent with up to six people per site. This is also the weekend of the NEADC picnic. Contact Maryhelen (508) 821-4704.

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS/CONTACT INFORMATION
Saturday July 21	NEADC ANNUAL PICNIC	Fort Getty, Rhode Island. Watch the Newsletter for more information.
Sunday, July 22	Boat Dive ✓	The Chelsea*
Saturday, July 28	Boat Dive ✓	Thatcher Island*
Friday through Sunday August 3-6	MOORHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA	Details to follow. Contact Ken Mulzet (617) 666-4984 or Jim Carozza (617)-966-0111

✓ **BOAT DIVES EASY DIVER:** Leaving at 10:00 am. Passengers are advised to be aboard at 9:30 am. EASY DIVER sails from the Cape Ann Marina ("J dock"). Normal charter fee is \$45, *NEADC members enjoy a \$10 discount*. Dive sites depend upon the weather and the Captain's judgement. Charter space should be arranged well in advance as the boat tends to fill up fast. Checks payable to Fred Calhoun, mailed to Apple Ridge 2-6, Maynard, MA 01754. Tel: 978 897-0877. When the weather says we can't go, we don't go. The Captain and crew will dive with passengers if they desire so at no extra fee. Charter passengers may bring two cylinders. Passengers should bring a lunch and appropriate clothing. EASY DIVER boasts a clean toilet and a secure changing area.

SEA ROVERS WEEKEND PIZZA PARTY AT BERTUCCI'S, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2000, 5:30 P.M.

For those of you who have searched for dinner accommodations between the shows, you know the advantages of having a place big enough for all the people who want to get together and of having a meal ready so that we can eat, socialize and get to the Film Festival on time! Join us!

PIZZA PARTY \$21.00 pp (includes tax and tip): Salad, Pasta Dishes, Variety of Pizza, Rolls and butter, Coffee, Tea and soda (Alcoholic beverages can be purchased and paid for separately). Kids under 11 - \$8.00. Kids' meals include individual kid-size pizza, soda and ice cream.

Reservations and non-refundable deposit of \$5 required by February 24, 2000. *Contact Maryhelen or Steve (508) 8214704*

WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP, DEERFIELD RIVER - ZOAR GAP, SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2001

(PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS EASTER SUNDAY)

Fun, easy Class II-III rapids through the Zoar Gap. Great for beginners. Raft the scenic Deerfield River in Massachusetts less than two hours from Boston. \$52.00 pp Rafts, oars, helmets and lifejackets are provided (includes wetsuit if you don't own one). Lunch included! End with a gathering to view the day's photos and sip cocoa. What to bring: Wetsuit/drysuit, pack like you would for a day of diving on a cold day!

Reservations: directly to Crab Apple Whitewater 800-553-7238 - advise them you are a making PAYMENT on Reservation #13859 (Maryhelen Shuman-Groh/NEADC)

NEADC WHALE WATCH, 9:00 a.m. SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2001

Join us for an early Spring journey onboard the Voyager II for a day of seeking the great Rights, Humpbacks and Atlantic White-sided Dolphins on Stellwagen Bank. Voyager II is the whale watch vessel of the New England Aquarium and is crewed by knowledgeable and enthusiastic naturalists who will identify and provide information on the species we will see. They also conduct an informational tour as we motor out of Boston Harbor. The Voyager II is equipped with educational materials including a computerized fluke identification station, Loran and chart station, live-well and whale biofacts.

When: Sunday, April 29, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. Boat returns between 3-4:00 p.m.

Where: New England Aquarium, Central Wharf. Meet in front of the Whale Watch Kiosk on the Aquarium Plaza.

What to Bring: Lots of warm, weather resistant clothing and water-proof no-slip shoes. The weather can be wet, wild and cold on Stellwagen even if it is warm and sunny dockside so bundle up!

Food service available on board or you may bring your own. (NO GLASS or ALCOHOL, please.) Sea sickness preventative is HIGHLY recommended. Tickets are \$21.53*/adult \$16.00/child under 18 (children must be at least 3 yrs. old and 30" tall) and must be paid with reservation (*reflects new City of Boston surcharge of \$1.03 per adult passage) Contact Maryhelen or Steve (508) 8214704.

New England Aquarium Dive Club Membership Form

Type of Membership:

Has your address changed since last renewal? No _____ Yes _____ New _____ Renewal _____
previous town _____

New England Aquarium Membership Categories: **Choose One Plus Dive Club:**
(Membership in Dive Club requires current membership in New England Aquarium)

- Individual \$40
- Couple/Family \$70
- Quartermaster \$100
- Master Mariner \$150
- Friend of Aquarium \$250

- Dive Club Membership \$15 (per person)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Dive Club dues plus Aquarium membership)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

MasterCard Visa Discover American Express Signature _____

Account # _____ Expiration _____ Amount \$ _____

Mail to: Membership Dept. New England Aquarium
Central Wharf, Boston MA 02110

Requirements for Dive Club Membership include current membership in the New England Aquarium and payment of Dive Club dues. 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 listed above. Your membership card will be returned to you marked "DIVER". If you have any questions, please call the Aquarium Membership Office at 617-973-6555/6564.



Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110

Boston Sea Rovers March 3-4, 2001