



# NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

February

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## NEADC GENERAL MEETING

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Immersion Theater at New England Aquarium  
Wednesday, February 19, 2003  
6:30 p.m.

### DOMINICA by Steve Groh

Come see an excellent presentation by award winning editor and videographer, Steve Groh. Many NEADC members recently spent a week on this amazing island enjoying spectacular underwater encounters, tremendous waterfalls, and beautiful rainforests

## ANNUAL DIVE PLANNING MEETING

Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. at the Conference Center of New England Aquarium. Meeting to plan the initial schedule of dives and events for the 2003 Dive Season. Dinner will be served. RSVP to Shore Dive Coordinator, Rick Rosa, at [shoredive@neadc.org](mailto:shoredive@neadc.org)

**New England Aquarium Membership Fees are increasing (new fees page 10).**

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## INFORMAL MEETING

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The February Informal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jonathan and Christine Bird in North Reading, MA. *See page 2 for Directions.*

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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Submit your news for the next Newsletter by **Monday, February 24, 2003!** for the **MARCH EDITION** of the NEADC Newsletter. Submissions should be forwarded by e-mail at [newsletter@neadc.org](mailto:newsletter@neadc.org),  
Thank you

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

If your address has changed recently please fill out this form and mail it to:  
Karl See, Membership Director, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110

### OLD ADDRESS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### NEW ADDRESS:

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State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMAL MEETING INFORMATION

59 Old Andover Road, North Reading (978) 276-0625

### From Boston area and south

Take route 93 North: \* Rte 93 to exit 40 (Route 62) \*Take a right off the exit onto Rte 62 east \*Follow Rte. 62 east to the second intersection with a light. This is Rte 28. \*Take a left onto Rte 28 \*Follow Rte 28 through a set of lights. At your 2nd set of lights, you will find yourself in front of a Shaws Market. Take a left at those lights onto Burroughs Road.

### From 495/Lawrence area:

Get off at Route 28 exit (41). Stay on route 28 through Andover center, past Phillips Academy and into North Reading. You are almost in North Reading when you pass a Ground Round on the left. At the first set of lights after the GR, there is a Shaw's supermarket. Take a Right onto Burroughs road. It should take about 15 minutes to get here from 495.

### From Burroughs Road:

\*Follow Burroughs past the playground by the pond. Then take your first right onto Lakeside Blvd. \*Follow Lakeside to the end (about 1/2 mile), and take a left onto Old Andover Road. \*A few hundred yards down Old Andover Road, you will pass Look Road on your left. Next is Hanson Road. Take a left onto Hanson road, and then an immediate right into your first driveway. This driveway goes way back into the woods. It looks like a gravel road not a driveway. You can't see the house from the end of the driveway. While our address is 59 Old Andover Road, the actual driveway is located on Hanson Road. If you miss the turn for Hanson Road you will drive by a big yellow house. If you get really lost make your way back to the Shaw's and call.

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## MEMBERS' ADVERTISING

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**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**

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## UNDERWATER PHOTO GEAR

I'm cleaning house! (2) Ikelite SLR housings for Nikon 8008 or 8008s cameras. Each housing comes with a flat port and a ball strobe arm. The arm alone almost costs as much as I'm asking (\$300 per housing). I also have an 8008s camera body I'll include with a housing for \$250 (used market price is about \$300 on these bodies). Very inexpensive way to get into SLR's underwater. Contact Jonathan Bird (978) 664-9091 or [jbird@oceanicresearch.org](mailto:jbird@oceanicresearch.org)

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## Dry Suit for Sale

Viking drysuit ("military" black type/size L); very good condition. Plus underwear, dry gloves, mitts, hood: \$600. Contact Scott at (207) 361-1372 or [scronenw@maine.rr.com](mailto:scronenw@maine.rr.com).

## **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT** Maryhelen Shuman-Groh

Another year is underway. Already ready we are seeking volunteers to staff our table at Sea Rovers, to coordinate shore dives, and to participate in the variety of activities the Club has to offer. I've said it before and I'll say it yet again, we can only offer these programs with your continued support and participation!

I've just returned from a fabulous trip to Dominica organized by Jonathan Bird and Al Bozza. It's special offerings like this that help make this a really great dive club.

We have some exciting new offerings coming up this year. Although the site is yet to be confirmed, we are hoping to host our annual picnic in a new venue in Maine. Program Coordinator, Al Bozza, has new destinations to dive with GREAT WHITE SHARKS scheduled. We're currently working on a new destination in Canada near Halifax. Our new Boat Dive Coordinator, Bill Low, is busy contacting new charters for the 2003 season. Let 2003 be the year you give in to your URGE TO SUBMERGE!!

## **FROM YOUR SECRETARY** Anna Krowczynska

### How I survived Boiling Lake.

Dedicated to all participants of the recent trip to Dominica who decided that they prefer looking at the pictures and listen to the stories instead of hiking to see the Boiling Lake with their own eyes. Island of Dominica, as other islands in Lesser Antilles, was born from volcanic activity. However, while other islands erupt (Montserrat now and Martinique earlier in the last century ) Dominica just simmers gently. However, the hot water is never far away. The dive site Champagne owns its bubbles to vents from which hot water escapes and there is plenty of natural hot "spas", even a "hot tube" in the sea in front of the Soufriere Church. But the most famous hot (or rather actively boiling water) is, yes you guess it right, the Boiling Lake. The hike to the Boiling Lake has a reputation of grueling and very muddy trek which is undertaken only once by the hardest or most foolish tourists. The trail itself is around seven miles and officially should take around three hours to walk it each way. The trail is not well marked and having a local guide is recommended. On the last full day on Dominica Katie, Andrew, Steven and I decided to see this wonder, one of the only two fumaroles flooded with boiling water (the other one is in New Zealand).

Our trip started with the driver showing up an hour late with the message that he doesn't want to drive us there after all, but he will find somebody who will. After another half an hour driving around Roseau center he found the driver who took us to the Titou Gorge, starting point of the trail. Here we found our first obstacle in the person of the park official who demanded that we pay \$40 (US not EC) per person for the privilege of entering trail with a local guide.

After some haggling the price dropped to \$35 and we have hired a very nice young man named Julian who is half Black and half Carib and who is licensed to guide tourists to the Boiling Lake. The weather wasn't great – it was overcast and raining, but we decided to press on. Once we entered the rain forest its dense canopy was shielding us from a rain anyway. Julian was showing us various plants, trees and flowers. We did hear the famous green Amazon parrot, but we couldn't spot it. The parts of the trail have wooden steps, but many of them are missing or covered with mud. There is plenty of mud everywhere. At the beginning we were trying to avoid it and were hoping from stone to wooden step to stone again. However, after while we gave up and were splashing in mud, only trying to avoid getting it inside our hiking boots. At some points the trail was clearly visible, at others it was indistinct or was taking a sharp turn up the hill when you least expect it (who the hell designed it anyway ?). The first brief stop was at the Breakfast River, after that it was all-uphill for the next hour or so until we reached the Morne Nicholls, the highest point in our trip. When the weather is good hikers are rewarded at this point with a spectacular view of Guadeloupe and Martinique and the Boiling Lake itself. But we had a pouring rain and could see only the clouds around. We were walking on a narrow trail that had a steep drop offs on the each side (according to our guide a German tourist fell down and broke his neck there). But this wasn't the worst part. We met a pair of very muddy and tired tourists whose guide told us that we haven't seen the worst part yet. The trail was going downhill, and it was consisting entirely of very sticky mud. We were sliding on our fannies towards the ridge from which we finally could see The Valley of Desolation and the steam rising from the Boiling Lake.

The weather improved and the sun came out. We scrambled over the rocks on a very steep trail going almost straight down towards the bottom of the Valley (who needs the switchbacks anyway). The floor of the valley resembles set from the Star Trek. The floor of the valley has a purple green color thanks to mosses and lichens and many brightly colored springs. The minerals deposited by water are turning ground around the springs into gray, blue, black green, yellow and orange hues. There are mini-geysers and fumaroles and the air is full of sulphoric smell. We have to pass couple small streams full of hot water (we were warned not to stumble into them).

We could see the steam rising from the lake, but we had still a mean climb out of the valley. We were almost at the lake. The guide promised us that in another five minutes we would see the lake. And then finally, we reached the rim of the Boiling Lake! We were tired, but happy after achieving our goal. The lake was enveloped in a cloud of vapor. Sudden gusts of wind were moving the cloud of

steam away and then we could see the surface, a cauldron of grayish-blue water with a bubbling middle. A small waterfall and two streams feed the lake which sides are made of pumice, clay and small rocks. We eat our lunch sitting on the boulders near to the rim. After taking few pictures we were ready for the trip back. The return was as hard as the hike in. Only the parts on which we were sliding down were now an uphill climb (often we had to use the vegetation to hold onto when climbing the muddy steps up). But finally we reached the beginning of trail. We jumped into a pool at the entrance to Titou Gorge to wash off some of the mud and we were ready to board the bus for our trip back to castle Comfort, dinner, hot tub and the bed.

### **FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR Trish Katzman**

Since the water has been too cold, I recently traveled to the Florida Keys to dive reefs and the Spiegel Grove, my first wreck dive. The reefs we dove include Pete's, Hens & Chickens, and a night dive at Davis Ledge. It was amazing to swim with barracudas, parrotfish, angelfish, nurse sharks, and many other beautiful corals, fishes, and crustaceans. The Spiegel Grove is a huge wreck intentionally sunk last spring for the purpose of creating an artificial reef and dive site. We had the pleasure of diving with our friend Tom Scott who lives in Key Largo and writes diving books, one titled Histories and Mysteries: Key Largo Wrecks. He was the best. I was skeptical about wreck dives because I mostly enjoy seeing fish not scary old military ships. But the water was a beautiful medium blue color with at least 50 feet visibility so you can see all my other diver friends float around. The great visibility also gave a better perspective of the depth and size of the wreck. I felt very small. When we reached the wreck, at about 90-100 ft. deep, I was happy to see much sea life including butterflyfish, wrasse, juv and more. It was fun to watch huge schools of fish swimming in and out of openings or lingering inside the wreck. The life around the Spiegel Grove will continue to grow and I recommend visiting this site.

We used an especially good dive charter; so if anyone would like that information, feel free to contact me at [membership@neadc.org](mailto:membership@neadc.org).

### **FROM YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR Al Bozza**

GREAT WHITE SHARK DIVING-- Imagine diving in 100' vis and water temps of 74+ surrounded by up to 7 great whites. A company in California has found a location that is offering the most incredible cage diving with great whites on the planet today. They combine this with world-class tuna fishing on an 86' luxury long-range dive boat. These 5-day trips are only available during October and part of November at a cost of \$ 2200. Per person. We will be offering a trip in October 2003 and November 2004, if you would like any additional info please contact Al Bozza.

WINTER SKI TRIP-- Nordic Village, Jackson, NH Feb 27 --Mar 2, 2003. We will be staying at the luxurious Nordic Village Condo's with fireplaces, Jacuzzis, outdoor heated swimming pools, etc etc. If you would like to join us for any part of our 4 day weekend please let me know. We will be ice-skating, snowshoeing, sleigh riding, tobogganing, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, and partying. The cost for 4 nights in a one-bedroom luxury suite is \$698. Two or more couples sharing larger condos can reduce this cost. If you would like any additional info contact Al Bozza

### **FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT Peter McCarthy**

Congratulations to Alicia Lenci and Donna Romano! We conducted a vote and raffle for 2002 shore dive leaders at the December general membership meeting. Alicia won the vote for leading the most enjoyable shore dive last year, and Donna won our raffle and will receive a dive in the GOT! Thank you Alicia, Donna, and everyone else who led shore dives last year . . .you all did a fantastic job for the club!

If you're interested in purchasing club logowear, Wearguard now allows you to order merchandise directly from them. Our new representative Nora Finnegan can be reached at 800-677-6060, x 5629. You should tell her you're a member of the dive club, and make arrangements to pay for your merchandise directly and have it shipped to you (please ensure your personal merchandise is not shipped to the Aquarium or billed to the club). If any of you would like to browse through a current Wearguard catalog, please see me at any upcoming informal or general meeting. Wearguard has a wide selection of quality products available for you to choose from.

Last call for the upcoming live-aboard dive trip to the Southern Bahamas!! This trip will be from February 22-March 1, 2003, on the Nekton Rorqual, and it is being co-sponsored by our friends from the Laurel Divers dive club in Pennsylvania. For those of you who are

not familiar with Nekton cruises, they offer very comfortable accommodations and excellent diving. This will be a great trip, and Nekton recently lowered the price by \$200!! If you're interested in joining the group, please contact Jim Carozza for additional details.

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Metrowest Dive Club's 11th Annual Diving Symposium. "Wrecks 2003"

April 5th, 2003. Keefe Tech High School. Framingham, Ma.

8:30 am. - 3 pm. Meet the speakers party: 3-5 pm.

Show consists of 4 world class speakers, including Tom Mount and Kevin McMurray, author of "Deep Descent".

The show also consists of: Wreck artifact displays, Equipment displays, Photography displays, Manufacturers Booths, Raffles.

Cost \$15 (buy your ticket at our display at the Boston Sea Rovers show in March for \$12)

For more information. [WWW.MWDC.ORG](http://WWW.MWDC.ORG)

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## **NEW YEAR – PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION!**

Shortly after the New Year, I sent a mass e-mail to the NEADC list to apprise everyone of an underwater related event for a local non-profit. I have about 300 names with e-mail addresses regularly updated from the Aquarium database. More than 10% of the messages bounced back. Each month we have a minimum of a half dozen newsletters returned to us as unforwardable by the USPS. Although returns are a fairly small expense, it is still an unnecessarily wasteful expense for a non-profit organization like NEADC.

In this age of information, it is very important that you keep your contact information as current as possible. You may do so by submitting the form that appears in each issue of the NEADC Newsletter to the Membership Director at a NEADC meeting, by sending the form by mail to the Membership Department at New England Aquarium or by the most expedient method - e-mail to [members@neaq.org](mailto:members@neaq.org)



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Patricia Morton  
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### The Boston Sea Rovers Announce the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Clinic and Film Festival

December, 2002 - BOSTON, MA - The Boston Sea Rovers, one of this country's oldest and most prestigious dive clubs, have announced they will be sponsoring their 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Clinic on March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, St. James Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. This year's two-day show upholds their time-honored tradition to "*Raise the Level of Knowledge of the Underwater World*". Features of the Clinic include forty daytime seminars covering every aspect of scuba diving and the marine environment, a dozen detailed workshops on advanced diving techniques, a world class evening film festival, and, with over sixty booths, the largest display of dive equipment and services in New England for the year. Tickets for the evening show are \$20 per person, as are tickets for the Clinic Saturday, that includes exhibit displays and the diverse programs offered. On Sunday, admission is \$15, 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 8, and 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 9th.

The spectacular Saturday Evening Film Festival, one of the most prestigious in the underwater world, is host this year to world premiers from some of the most recognized names in the business. This year we're proud to feature **Al Giddings**, **Howard & Michele Hall**, and **Paul & Jill Heinerth**. The Saturday Evening Film Festival runs from 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM, and will be held at the John Hancock Hall, in Boston.

The Sea Rovers are a not for profit, volunteer organization dedicated to increasing the awareness and appreciation of the marine environment. The entire show is handicapped accessible. A portion of proceeds benefits scholarships, and SeaMark, an organization dedicated to helping children with disabilities. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or obtaining further information should call (617) 424-9899, write to the Boston Sea Rovers, P.O. Box 935, Bedford, MA 01730-0935, or visit our website at <http://www.bostonsearovers.com>.

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# MASS Diving Inc. and the Metrowest YMCA Presents: Underwater Monopoly

"DIVING FOR DOLLARS 2003"

SCUBA diving certification not required! Anyone can play!

Sunday, March 30, 2003

9am to 9pm

Location: Metrowest YMCA 280 Old Connecticut Path, Framingham

Participants need to register for a 1-hour time spot!

**OBJECTIVE:** To raise money for the Metrowest YMCA's High Flight Program.

**PARTICIPANTS NEEDED:** This program is a great way to give back to the community. We are looking for both non-certified divers and certified divers to play Monopoly on scuba for one hour.

**DONATIONS:** Each participant must raise or donate a minimum of \$50.00 in order to play for a one-hour time spot. If a participant raises or donates more than \$200.00, they will be eligible for a two-hour time spot. Pledge sheets can be obtained at MASS Diving.

**PLAYERS:** Every hour four players will be exchanging play money and battling it out over the properties. Players can sign-up individually or make up their own groups of four players to play against! Sign-up early for the best time spots!

**PLAYING UNDERWATER MONOPOLY:** Underwater Monopoly is played like normal Monopoly, except underwater! Four players start the game and play for one hour. The next four players will continue the game already in progress. If someone gets Monopoly, the game will be restarted from the beginning. Two games will be played simultaneously, one in the deep end for certified divers and one in the shallow end for non-certified divers.

**POOL:** We will be using the first two lanes of the pool, allowing the remaining two lanes to be open to Discover Scuba participants.

**EQUIPMENT:** All scuba equipment will be donated for use by MASS Diving, Inc. Masks will be provided, however, divers are encouraged to bring their own mask for proper fit.

**SAFETY:** There will be PADI dive instructors, PADI divemasters, and safety divers in the pool area for the entire 12 hours. All non-certified divers will receive basic scuba training before playing.

**SPECTATORS:** All spectators will be able to watch the game poolside through a Plexiglas window. Participants can also view the game underwater on Scuba by signing up for our Discover Scuba Program.

**PRIZES:** Diving manufacturers and sponsors have donated a variety of scuba equipment and related items to be given away as prizes. The prizes will be distributed beginning with the highest amount raised and ending with the least amount. All participants will receive a free t-shirt. A list of prizes will be made available a week before the event.

**REGISTRATION:** Participants must pre-register at: MASS Diving, Inc. in Natick.

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO:** 48 Certified Divers, 48 Non-Certified Divers

**CHECK PAYMENTS:** Makes checks payable to The Metrowest YMCA.

Tips on collecting money and making the event successful

1. Always approach the companies or individuals who will donate the most amount of money first. People will look at your sheet to see what other people have donated. If they see \$5.00, then you will get numerous \$5.00 amounts. If they see \$25.00, then you are more likely to see \$25.00 amounts.
2. Approach everyone: Companies, Organizations that donate to charities, Family, Friends, and Yourself.  
Note: Some companies will also match your pledges.
3. Encourage people to play. Remember, you do not have to be a certified scuba diver to play. Explain underwater on scuba.
4. Advertise the event and talk it up as much as possible. We can supply you with flyers to display at work, school, and at other companies or organizations. Any good contacts with the media would be greatly appreciated.
5. Get people involved - businesses, schools, friends, clubs and other organizations. Form your own groups of four players.
6. If companies will not donate money, will they donate a raffle prize? Prizes do not have to be dive related.

## California Wreck Alley

By Deb Greenhalgh

California Wreck Alley: is an artificial reef within one mile of the San Diego coast. It is a coordinated project between the San Diego Diving Council and the California Fish & Game Dept. The dive I did was on the HMS Yukon, a 366-foot Canadian Destroyer Escort that lies in 102 feet of water sunk for divers in 2000. This wreck was featured in the July issue of Immersed Magazine. Visibility was 40 ft, water temp 54 degrees on the bottom and 70 degrees at the 15 ft hang. It has no less than 300 Metridium Anemone's. There are also small soft corals taking root, a giant Black Sea Bass living under the bow with an abundance of fish making the wreck home. Midship there's even an American flag hanging from the UW mast at about 80ft.

The second dive site was on towers that lie in 60 ft of water. The Towers were once a US Navy research platform that collapsed during a hurricane. Since it's collapse, the tower has exploded with marine life. Again, CA has far more abundance of fish, corals, sponges than we have off shore CT or RI. The last dive was in Point Loma kelp beds. Swimming through a kelp bed felt like flying through a forest among the tall stalks reaching the surface. Literally there was spiny lobster galore in every rock crevice. Our dive boat the Louis Ann, included a large cabin, bathroom facilities, and large multilevel dive platform. It is set up to handle up to 20 divers, full service compressor onboard (air/Nitrox mixes) and rental equipment available. Our captain and crew were very knowledgeable, friendly and helpful. This boat operates out of San Diego, CA and can be contacted through [www.loisann.com/](http://www.loisann.com/) (800-201-4381).

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### Glimpse at U-853 By Deb Greenhalgh

Beings of the lithosphere,  
Lured by the treasures and shoreless creatures below.  
Penetrate downward, where the sun glistens against warm blue green hues.  
Down Deeper, hand-over-hand, a white line cutes into the vast darkness.  
Surrounding cold blackness presses in and around making the eager breathes of life an arduous task. While atmospheres of liquid stone weight you deeper below.

Wreckage emerges, a shadow of a scarred, rusted tomb.  
Hatches removed, wooden decking eroded, on a ghost of the deck gun remains.  
Entrances to the black tomb beckon for invasion disguising her intention to permanently engulf from within.  
Encrusted with clinging hydroids and anemones, these crawlers and diggers by the thousands maintain a silent vigil over this watery grave.

Fifty-five crew lie witness to this arena where the balance of nature is the rule.  
Time is endless in this paradise while the jaws of death give way to everlasting life.  
Some may say they paid the price to witness the glories of war entombed now in the essence of matter, their very last breaths untold.

Minutes have passed, time to journey back to the sun, hand-over-hand.  
One weightless stop amongst a void of blue space, a white line secures the way.  
Return to where droplets of the sea are hurled high into the sky,  
as silver crests break off and fly.  
Passion burns in the errant heart.  
My human entity is regained.

Background: U-853 was the last German submarine sunk by the United States during World War II, May 6, 1945, and now lies seven-miles southeast of Block Island in 130 feet of water. It is the grave of fifty-five crewmen. The twin-brass propellers and deck gun were removed by divers. However, the propellers can be viewed on the lawn of the Castle Hill restaurant in Newport, RI.

# New England Aquarium Dive Club 2003 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.*

Date	Location	Meeting Place	Dive/Event Leader	Social Activity	Theme
Wednesday, February 19 6:30 p.m.	NEAq Immersion Theater	Boston, MA	GENERAL MEETING	GENERAL MEETING	Guest Speaker: Steve Groh DOMINICA
Wednesday, March 5 6:30 p.m.	Home of Jonathan and Christine Bird	North Reading, MA	INFORMAL MEETING	Dinner and Newsletter Preparation	
Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9	Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</b>	Boston, MA	SEA ROVERS UNDERWATER CLINIC	Discount Tickets available at February General Meeting	49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Clinic and Film Festival
Wednesday, March 19 6:30 p.m.	NEAq Immersion Theater	Boston, MA	GENERAL MEETING	GENERAL MEETING	TBA
Wednesday, March 26 6:30 p.m.	NEAq Conference Center	Boston, MA	Dive Planning Meeting	Planning of 2003 Dive Schedule with Dinner	Diving 2003
Wednesday, April 2 6:30 p.m.	TBA		INFORMAL MEETING	Dinner and Newsletter Preparation	

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BOSTON SEA ROVERS WEEKEND

NEADC members needed to help staff the joint NEADC/Sea Mark tables Saturday and Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Meet and greet Sea Rovers attendees and provide information on New England Aquarium Dive Club, the Aquarium and this year's Sea Mark event in October. No experience necessary! Assistance also needed with breakdown on Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:00 p.m. Contact Maryhelen at [president@neadc.org](mailto:president@neadc.org) to sign up for 1-2 hour time slots.

# 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 Dive Club requires current membership in 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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. Your membership card will be returned marked "DIVER". If you have any questions, please call the Aquarium Membership Office at 617-973-6555/6564.



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