

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

March 2002

NEADC Web Site: www.NEADC.org

NEADC GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 6:30 p.m. March 20, 2002 at New England Aquarium Immersion Theater at the base of the Boston Harbor Garage. Our March formal presentation will be Dave Millhouser's "Wrecks of Cape Ann". Recently named as the official Poet Laureate of Marine Services, a New England based salvage firm, Dave Millhouser is an underwater photographer/free lance writer living and working in New England. He was selected as "Artist in Residence of Cape Ann Divers" by a manager unfamiliar with the difference between "Artistic" and "Autistic". His photographs and articles on North Atlantic marine life, dive sites and wrecks have appeared in a number of national magazines, including (honest) Alert Diver, Scuba Times, Discover Diver, Rodale's Scuba Diving, Skin Diver, Sport Diver, Underwater USA, Sources, The Dive Journal,.....and(in the pinnacle of his career) National Bus Trader. If you pay attention...you'll note that several of these are now defunct.

Having done slide presentations at Beneath the Sea, The Boston Sea Rovers, Dive Philadelphia, Chicago's Our World Underwater and the basement of the Gloucester Public Library... Just once he'd like to be invited someplace warm in the winter.

In real life Dave is a cherubic Bus Salesman, While noting Who's Who, he is a What's THAT?.

INFORMAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 6:30 p.m. April 3, 2002 at the home of Jim Stewart and Laura Coldwell-Stewart. See page 2 for Directions.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by **Saturday, March 23, 2002!** for the **APRIL EDITION** of the NEADC Newsletter. Submissions should be forwarded by e-mail at newsletter@neadc.org, Thank you

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ELECTION RESULTS

The positions of Newsletter Editor and Secretary were elected at the February 20, 2002 Meeting.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Scott Bortis

SECRETARY

Anna Krowczynska

Congratulations to our NEW OFFICERS!

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:

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Street: _____
City: _____
State/Zip: _____ State/Zip: _____

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City: _____

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DIRECTIONS TO INFORMAL MEETING:

Hosted by Jim Stewart and Laura Coldwell-Stewart, 30 Parkerville Road, Southborough, MA (508)303-0239

FROM 495

Take exit 23A (Route 9 east) and follow Route 9 through one set of lights.

Turn left onto Middle road about a mile past the lights. This is the first break in the Jersey barriers since the light. Turn left almost immediately again onto John Matthew's Road, you will be parallel to Rte. 9. Follow it to the end then turn right onto Parkerville Road. The house is about 0.4 miles down on the right just barely past the road to the school on the left. To find the driveway look for a very large mailbox, with fish on it, under the street light.

FROM BOSTON

Take the Route 9 West exit from the Mass Pike. Follow Route 9 through 3 traffic lights and under the Route 85 exits and overpass. After Rte. 85 take the second right onto Parkerville Road, just past McCarthy's Pools and the WPI building. There is also a turn lane for Parkerville Road. The house is about 0.5 miles down on the right just barely past the road to the school on the left. To find the driveway look for a very large mailbox with fish on it, under the street light.

MEMBERS' ADVERTISING

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**

SEAQUEST DIVA LX (LUXURY EDITION), 1 season old and in great condition. Features: weight integration (20 lbs max), has weight pockets on strap (2 lbs on either side), zippered pockets, back/wrap-around inflation, adjustable waistband (great if you driesuit dive), lumbar support system. Size: M; Color: black cherry/black; Price: \$350. Please email Jenny Wu at jwu@neaq.org

FOR SALE: DUI CF200 DRY SUIT

Crushed neoprene back-entry design with latex seals, blue/black, warm-neck color, rock boots, cargo pockets on thighs. Also comes with inflator hose, thermal coveralls. Zipper recently replaced; minor wear on knees.

Dry suit was worn by 5'10", ~200 lbs female; can easily be worn by male or female diver.

I just bought a new CF200 - with fewer features, it cost over \$2,100!

So this one is a BARGAIN at: \$895

Anna Flynn (508)543-9761 annaflynn@mediaone.net

PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE WITH JONATHAN BIRD

Emmy Award winning underwater cinematographer and Skin Diver Magazine contributing photographer Jonathan Bird is teaching comprehensive underwater photography courses in tropical locations throughout 2002 and 2003 starting in August on the Fiji Aggressor. Learn photography from a pro while diving the best spots on Earth. Details at: www.oceanicresearch.org/jbird.html

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Maryhelen Shuman-Groh

Now that we FINALLY have a full complement of Board Members for the Dive Club, it's time to move onto this year's business. Congratulations to the two newest officers elected on February 20th. Scott Bortis joins us as Newsletter Editor and Anna Krowczynska as our new Secretary. You will see that the existing officers have been very busy filling the calendar with dives, trips and group events. We're also working on putting together some classes for the spring to prepare you for your water time. Plans are underway for the annual picnic and Veronica is already working on a holiday party!

Perhaps the most significant news affecting this Club in the coming year will be the change in GOT DIVE POLICY. As most of you know, it has become increasingly difficult to attract and keep Officers for the Club. Frankly, it's a pretty big commitment for people who already lead full and active lives with their jobs, their families and, of course, their own dive activities. After many months of discussion among Board members and with New England Aquarium, the following policy has been adopted: **GOT DIVES for 2003** - In order to attract and keep NEADC officers, each person elected to office who *completes the term of service*, will be given a GOT dive in the year following the end of the term of service (term of service is year end) [there are some details in definition of replacement terms of service being worked out]. Beginning in January 2003, there will be ONE GOT dive, and ONE Alternate drawn per Dive Club Meeting. Dives will continue to take place on the first Saturday of each month and will include the drawing winner and an eligible previous year officer. We've already seen that this new policy has had an effect, drawing forth the candidates for the Newsletter Editor position. It is hoped that this policy will not only attract but keep strong candidates that a Club of this size and diversity requires to continue into the future.

PROGRAMS Al Bozza

SHARK DIVES: I will once again be leading three shark dives this year-June, September and October-- exact dates and a write up on what we have previously encountered will be in the April Newsletter.

HUMPBACK WHALES: Nine NEADC members recently traveled to the Silver Banks to spend a week snorkeling with Humpback Whales. Come to the May informal to see some incredible slides and video of encounters very few people will ever have in their lifetime. If you have ever been on a New England Whale watch and have been amazed with the activity you were observing -- imagine more whales, more calves, 78 degree water with 100 foot visibility, and you in a zodiac with your snorkeling gear ready to enter their world. That is how we spent our week!!! This is a show you will not want to miss. Did I mention we are planning to rent the entire boat next year and bring 18 divers?

DOMINICA: Plans are being made for January of 2003, we will do a presentation on this later in the year.

As your program director I am working to put together a variety of dive club trips that will range from local shark dives to distant Pacific destinations. If you would like to receive information and updates on future trips please forward your email address to me.

JANUARY PRESENTATION - Jonathan Bird's Galapagos by Al Bozza

Back in October, our globe-trotting club member Jonathan Bird told me excitedly about his recent trip to the Galapagos. He kept using words like "the best diving I've ever done" and "unbelievable" and this was from a diver who has done quite a bit of diving in some of the best places on Earth. So, I asked him to make a presentation at the January meeting. I was really looking forward to it, and apparently so were a lot of people, because the meeting was packed.

Jonathan gave a 40 minute presentation that had the club rolling in their seats with stories about whale sharks sneaking up on unsuspecting divers, seals blocking the island paths, and boobies taking over the Aggressor. His images were incredible. Afterward, every person in the room wanted to go to the Galapagos, including me!

Jonathan was asked to join the expedition run by the Shark Research Institute (www.sharks.org) to be the first ever to tag whale sharks in the Galapagos. SRI chartered the Galapagos Aggressor and took it on a special trip to Darwin Island, the most remote island in the Galapagos archipelago and home of the whale sharks. Not only did they see sharks, but they actually tagged two of them, and Jonathan got the pictures to prove it. In the months ahead, data recorded by the tags should reveal much about the migration habits of the whale sharks in the Galapagos.

During the trip, Jonathan was able to learn a lot about the "art" of finding whale sharks from Alex Antoniou of SRI, and he learned when and where to go in the Galapagos to find the big stuff. Now, he is addicted to the Galapagos and I've asked him to run trips for our club there in October 2002 and 2003. There was so much demand that he recently added a second trip for 2003 and a few spots are still available. And yes, I'm going!!! Check out the trips at:www.oceanicresearch.org/darwin.htm

Missed out on the 2003 Darwin Island, Galapagos Trip??

Well, demand is so strong that Jonathan is adding a second week October 2003, so you have plenty of time to prepare. Contact Jonathan Bird at jbird@oceanicresearch.org or see <http://www.oceanicresearch.org/darwin.htm>

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS Alicia Lenci

Lobster License Renewal time! The Massachusetts resident non-commercial lobster license needs to be renewed each year. Valid January through December no matter when you purchase it. Don't get caught taking those bugs without one! There are also options for the non-resident. To download an application and/or get more information go to <http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dmf/dmflic.htm> or contact the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries at (617) 626-1520

FROM YOUR SHORE DIVE COORDINATOR Peter McCarthy

I'd encourage everyone to get actively involved in our Club's activities this year (not only our shore dives, but also the many other activities). Each activity provides an excellent opportunity to make new friends and improve your knowledge of diving. The shore dives are a particularly good way to stay involved with the Club, because they are fun, they allow you to learn about new dive sites in the area, and they are inexpensive (free)!! We're extremely fortunate to have many of New England's best dive sites right here in our backyard!

Our 2002 shore dives will officially start in late March, and we will have dives regularly (nearly every week) once the season begins. The shore diving activities will be family-oriented and appropriate for ALL members, regardless of age or experience level. Come on out with us and have some fun!

If you're not a Club member and are just visiting our website, now is a great time to join our Club! We are the best dive club around, and have lots of wonderful activities to keep you (or get you) involved in diving. If you've heard of us and are thinking about joining, stop by one of our monthly meetings to see what we're all about. You won't be disappointed!!

CHECK OUT THE DIVE CALENDAR - DIVE PLANNING MEETING MARCH 16th

OTHER SHORE DIVING NEWS

Bryce Flynn had a great idea for the shore dives this year: buying a couple of small, portable mini-grills that can be brought to the sites for cooking hot dogs, etc. and feeding our divers! We are looking for 2 members, one on the north shore and one on the south shore, to volunteer to store the units for the club. The idea is to make the units accessible to shore dive leaders, so that they can swing by and pick them up before the shore dives if they would like to bring them along and use them. Anyone willing to store a grill should therefore live in a convenient location (near a major access route), and be able to store the grill in such a way that it could be picked up by a shore dive leader with minimal inconvenience to both you and the leader. If anyone is able to volunteer, please let me know. This is a great idea, and implementing it would really add to our shore dives!

FROM YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hello, My name is Scott Bortis and I will be your newsletter editor for the coming months. By trade, I am an Information Technology consultant, a long title synonymous with "computer guy". I joined the NEADC primarily to meet and dive with new people, but what I found was a group with a family-like atmosphere united by their passion for diving. I knew from attending my first meeting that I wanted to be a part of that. I have been actively diving for about three years. Ever since the day I took that first plunge into the brisk waters of the Atlantic, I've been hooked. Since that momentous day, I have made it my personal quest to raise the level of interest and safety in diving. I feel that I can best convey those messages through the telling of your stories. Every diver, from novice to expert, is in a constant state of growth; whether it is learning how to dive using mixed gasses or just figuring out your optimum buoyancy. We, as divers, have so much to learn from each other. It is to this point that I ask you, tell us your story. See you under the waves! [As always, send your newsletter information to newsletter@neadc.org]

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR Jim Carozza

ARE YOU READY !!!!

Well Spring is just around the corner and the Club is working very hard on bringing some exciting changes for the upcoming diving season in the Boston area. Peter McCarthy and myself are working on putting together the shore dives and need **YOUR** help! We are looking for members, new & old to be shore dive leaders this year. Many members have lead shore dives in the past and we are always looking for new leaders. Please check the newsletter or website for the shore dive meeting planned and try to attend if you can.

The Morehead City trip is now full! We will be splitting the boat with my friends from the Laurel Divers Dive Club from Ebsburg, PA. This will be my 4th trip to the Morehead City area that offers some of the best wreck diving on the East Coast. Plenty of Sand Tiger sharks on the wrecks and visibility of 50-90 feet on average along with warm water (76-80 degrees).

We had two new members join the club at last month's meeting. Toy Sharks were awarded to Luke Wilson and Baby Bozza. Also some great birthday cake thanks to the Bozza family celebrating Al's big "50". Dive Safe & Dive Often!



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB 2002 WHALE WATCH, 9:30 a.m. SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2002

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 28 2002 at 9:30 a.m. Boat returns between 2-4:00 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.)

Binoculars, Camera and Film

LOTS OF ENTHUSIASM

Sea sickness *preventative* is HIGHLY recommended

Tickets: Tickets are \$22 adult \$15 child under 18 (children must be at least 3 yrs. old and 30" tall) and must be paid with reservation

No. of Adult Tickets _____ X \$22 = \$_____.

No. of Child Tickets _____ X \$15 = \$_____. TOTAL \$_____

Please make checks payable to NEADC (New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc.)

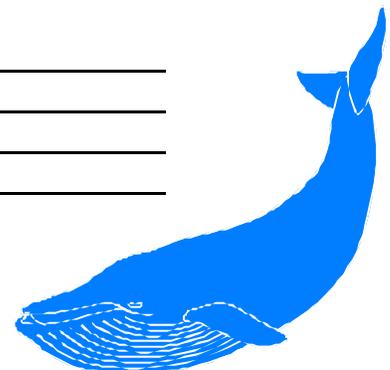
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PHONE: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

For more information, please contact Maryhelen at (508) 821-4704
e-mail sgroh@attbi.net



MASS DIVING UPDATE

Looking for something to do this winter? Try one of our continuing education classes! Full details are available on our website www.massdiving.com

PADI Enriched Air (NITROX) - One day course - Saturday, March 9. Students can take a referral and complete their training on their vacation or complete their dives with us. Preregistration required. Students must complete the PADI Enriched Air manual before class.

Underwater Photography Using the Sea & Sea MX10 Camera - Course begins on Thursday, March 7. Students can take a referral and complete their training on their vacation or complete their dives with us. Participants on our Grand Cayman and Fiji Trip can complete the course with Mark Potter. If you own an MX10 Camera this is a course you must take. You will be amazed at the results. MASS Diving has six MX10 Deluxe Cameras in rental.

Underwater Naturalist - Course begins on Thursday, March 14. This is a great course to take. Brandon Schmidt will amaze you with all the wonderful creatures the ocean has to offer. This course will cover both New England waters and tropical waters. Going on vacation? You will be amazed at how many more creatures you will see once you know where and what to look for. Brandon Schmidt worked at the New England Aquarium and is very knowledgeable about the underwater world.

Dry Suit Course - Course Begins Friday, March 22. Increase your diving pleasure in New England, extend your dive season, and most important, be warm and comfortable.

Dry Suit Experience - Sunday, March 10. Demo a dry suit in the pool and see how easy it is to use!

DIVE TRAVEL: Australia - October/November 2002 - The main focus of this trip will be diving on Mike Ball's Spoil Sport for 8 Days/7 Nights. This trip can be tailored to your needs, vacation time, and budget. The group can stay additional nights in Cairns, Sydney, and Guam. Join Mark Potter and see the wonders of what Australia has to offer! The boat offers different levels of cabins - Premium, Standard, Economy, and Budget. Sign up early and get the cabin of your choice! Premium cabins are currently sold out.

WINTER DIVE PROGRAM

Boat Dives - Cape Ann Diver's big boat is out of the water. They are installing a new engine. Once the boat is back in the water, we will be offering in March - Seal Dives, Scallop Dives, Wreck Dives, and more. Their smaller boat is running this month with a maximum of four divers. This boat is heated! Sign up early, space is limited! The best way to enjoy winter diving is off a boat with a heated cabin!

Saturday Shore Dives with MetroWest Dive Club - "Date at Ten" Meet at the Burger King on Route 128 North in Beverly at 10 a.m.

Shore Dive with a MASS Diving - We are looking to set up a shore dive on Sunday, March 10. Meeting place will be Roy Rogers at 9 a.m. Let me know if you are interested in attending. Dry Suits recommended.

UNITED DIVERS, INC. WINTER UPDATE

DRYSUIT DEMO We will have the Mobby's Armor Shell Demo DrySuits in for the weekend of March 16 and 17. You are invited to come along to dive a great self-donning, tri-laminate suit. These suits are comfortable, easy to wear and above all dry and warm. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan on joining us, so I can try and get a suit in your size! Visit the Mobby's web site for information on their drysuits. <http://www.mobby.com/armorshell.htm>

DIVE TRAVEL Walker's Caye in the Bahamas (March 16 to March 23): Join Doug Schueler for a wild week of shark diving at Walker's Caye in the Bahamas. Trip includes: Accommodations, Flight from Ft. Lauderdale, boat dives, unlimited shore diving, shark awareness seminars, three awesome shark feeds, one bull shark experience and a beach barbecue. Sign up now; trip costs \$1699. Contact dougs@uniteddivers.com for more information.

Bahamas Live-Aboard (April 13 to April 19): Join Jim Estabrook for a fun-filled trip aboard the SEA FEVER. The SEA FEVER will take you to the best dive sites in the Bahamas and you can dive up to five times a day. NITROX is also available. The food and accommodations are world-class! Don't miss out on this awesome trip of cruising and diving the Bahamas; be sure to sign up soon as space is limited - only 7 staterooms! This all-inclusive trip only costs \$995 (air fare to Ft. Lauderdale is additional) For more information visit: www.seafever.com or www.uniteddivers.com

Bonaire (April 20 to 27): Bonaire is known throughout the world for offering travelers the ultimate in diving convenience and freedom. A gently sloping reef and one of the Caribbean's most popular shipwrecks make Bonaire an ideal choice for both experienced and new divers. Genevieve Stewart is heading back to Bonaire to explore as many of the 80 dive sites possible. Courses offered on the trip: Deep Diving, Night Diving, Navigation, Stress and Rescue, and NITROX. The trip has filled, but due to popular demand extra accommodations have been added, but to keep the group small, only one spot is left! Trip Includes: Flight from Boston on Air Jamaica, airport transfers in Bonaire 7 nights/8 days accommodation, car rentals (A must for all the shore diving), Six one-tank boat dives and unlimited shore diving tanks and weights and trip T-shirt (Cost = \$1595) training@uniteddivers.com

Visit our website for more information. www.uniteddivers.com

HUMPBACK WHALE SNORKEL TRIP by Janet MacCausland

This is my synopsis of the spiritually rewarding Humpback Whale snorkel trip to the Silver Banks off the Dominican Republic which some of us went on, organized by Jonathan Bird of the NEADC, who did a very good job. The Humpbacks do their feeding up in the northern waters, and you can see them well on the NEAq whale watch boats, or those out of Plymouth and Gloucester. However, these whales go south to do their romancing, and refrain from food, other than the nursing calves. So a group of us went south to get into the water with them.

It was a lot of fun! It is really hard work. I think the two inflatable boats had too many people getting into the water at one time and often the whales just swam away. The Humpbacks were really something to see and hear! They are not easily approached, but we did have a couple of really close encounters, and when that happens, it is such a *huge* thrill! One practically touched me with his flipper. I was the closest, as I had separated myself from the group slightly. He had been resting on the bottom and we figured he had to breathe in 25 minutes or so, so we agreed not to kick or swim at him, and wait him out. It worked. He slowly elevated and came up with his face right next to me! I could see the hairs in his "stove Bolts", those sensory knobs on their faces. I hope I got a few decent photos, but I now have new respect for the ones I've seen. The calves are somewhat curious, but they really don't stick around long. The other group did have an *unusually* long encounter (45 min.) with a mother, calf and escort. Our group got really close to a mother and calf for a few precious moments. I mistakenly grabbed my camera with the standard lens on it for that encounter. I won't have the calf above the mother picture I had the opportunity to get. It gets pretty rushed at times. We would go off in one of two inflatables for 22 customers and look for whales which were not too rowdy. Once they seemed slow enough to be potentially approachable, the captain would give his OK for us to slither into the water as quietly as possible, but often the whales would leave. Then someone would often get impatient and chase the whales, and that would upset some of the others, so there was some temporary dissension in the group at times. All was quickly forgiven. We saw far more than we were actually close enough to photograph, though of course we all took some dumb photos anyway. The viz varied from forty to 100 feet, but there was a lot of snot in the water at times, and a whale fifty feet away was looking rather faint. It was hard to shoot even half a roll at an encounter. This was true partly because we were spell bound, but mostly because the whales just didn't stay around long.

We hovered over a "singer" for some time, and listened. Actually we did this over two different males. They would lie at about 80-100 feet. One sang kind of a three note repeating tune, and the other went rambling on with all kinds of high, mid and low pitches and gurgles. Kind of like Pop music versus Beethoven.

The Bottom Time II, the "Mother" boat, was really nice, as were the three Captains and crew. I also went onboard the Wind Dancer which was in dock at the same time. The rooms and space in general was more generous on the Wind Dancer, but they didn't seem to have the whale encounter-ship down. Nor did it matter much as most of the time we were out on the inflatables. While the Bottom Time Captains spoke well of the Aggressor, also having a permit for the humpbacks, they had nothing nice to say about the Wind Dancer operation. The food was really good, they did a good job, and the rooms were adequately large, each with a twin bunk and a sink and a porthole. Having done the Pirates Lady with Blackbeard's, it was comparatively luxurious!

We saw some excellent testosterone driven breaching, really close. They would sometimes splash down more than seventeen times in succession. Almost everyone had nothing to take photos with, as they were afraid to bring land cameras out. I did one day, but not for this close encounter. Finally a use for the Nikonos 80 mm. When the action happens, it happens fast, and everyone grabs cameras and shifts around to see where it is that the whale(s) have come up this time. The Captain was able to get video of this surface encounter, and my friend Al Bozza bought a copy. He plans to splice it with some of the video he shot and Becky Green shot. She got some really nice stuff of the mother and calf. This is the first time I ever really wished I was doing video. They are so smooth in the water, and to see them interact is incredible. I have nothing to show for much of the beauty I witnessed, but it will last forever in my memories. I would do it again, but Jonathan and I were talking about how the groups would have to be smaller on the inflatables. I guess it might be possible to arrange for a third inflatable. Now I want to go back and try again to get some good photos, with all my equipment working. What an experience!

SPECIAL DIVE BOAT OFFERS FOR NEADC MEMBERS

BOSTON HARBOR DIVING COMPANY

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www.bostonharbordivingcompany.com

\$10.00 off the normal charter fee for NEADC members. So that the half day charters usually \$60.00, are \$50.00, and the night dives usually \$50.00 are \$40.00.

May 12 (half day) 25 (half day) 31 (night dive)	June 2 (half day) 15 (half day) 21 (night dive)	July 6 (half day) 21 (half day) 26 (night dive)
August 11 (half day) 24 (half day) 16 (night dive)	Sept 8 (half day) 21 (half day) 13 (night dive)	Oct 6 (half day) 19 (half day) 11 (night dive)

2002 EASY DIVER BOAT SCHEDULE

May	5	Bay View Shores	August	3	Thatcher Island
May	11	Lanesville Shores	August	11	Emerson Point
May	19	Folly Point	August	17	Bemo Ledge
May	25	Hoop Pole Cove	August	25	Norman's Woe
June	2	The Ledges	August	31	Kettle Island
June	8	Mitchell Rock	September	8	Egg Rock
June	16	Sandy Bay Breakwater	September	14	USF New Hampshire
June	22	The Haight	September	22	Boohoo Ledge
June	30	The Salvages	September	28	Paddock Rock
July	6	Gully Point	October	6	Brace Rock
July	14	Straightsmouth Island	October	12	Londoner
July	20	The Mouth of Loblolly Cove	October	20	Paradise Cliffs
July	28	The Chelsea	October	26	Halibut Point

EASY DIVER. 25 years operating dive charters around Cape Ann. Normal charge is \$50.00. NEADC members pay only \$40.00 (cash or check payable to Fred Calhoun). Passengers may bring two cylinders. EASY DIVER sails from "J dock" at the Cape Ann Marina leaving at 10 a.m. Boat returns to the marina around 3 p.m. EASY DIVER boasts a clean toilet and a private 'changing' area. The captain will make every effort to safely dive the locations noted on the dates indicated. However, weather and other conditions may dictate that the captain chooses a different dive site. EASY DIVER does not sail during inclement weather...fees are refunded. The crew is composed of certified scuba instructors. We will dive with you if you wish...we will leave you alone if that is what you wish. The boat tends to fill up fast, so advance registration is recommended. Fred Calhoun, Apple Ridge 2-6, Maynard, MA 01754, telephone: (978) 897-0877.

CALENDAR OF NEADC 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	DIVE SITE
Saturday, March 16	SHORE DIVE PLANNING MEETING	5:00 p.m. Quincy Market (Dining Area on first floor of Center Market), Boston, MA Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be discussing and finalizing our shore dive schedule for the year, and I will be filling the schedule with additional Shore Dive Leader volunteers. If you plan to attend, please Peter McCarthy via e-mail (shoredive@neadc.org) or phone (617-423-2171). If a large number of Club members are going to attend, we will likely relocate to another site near Quincy Market shortly after we meet there at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 17	FIRST SHORE DIVE OF THE YEAR	11:00 a.m. White's Beach, Manchester, MA: Dive Leader: Peter McCarthy <u>Theme and Social Info:</u> We will have lunch together before traveling to the dive site. Once we arrive at the dive site, we will be talking about gear maintenance and upkeep. Then it's time to dive! This dive will be an easy, relatively shallow dive, so that Club members can get acclimated as we start the diving season. <u>Meeting Place and Time:</u> We will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Burger King on Route 128 in Beverly, MA. <u>Directions:</u> From Boston: Take Route 1 North or Route 93 North to Route 95/128 North. Stay on Route 128 North until you reach Exit 19 (Brimbal Avenue, Beverly). Stay on Route 128 past this exit (don't take Exit 19); just past the exit you will travel under a bridge. Take an immediate right into the rest area/restaurant area. We will meet in the parking lot at 11:00 a.m., and then depart for the dive site.
Wednesday, March 20	GENERAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. New England Aquarium Immersion Theater. Speaker: See Page 1.
Saturday, March 23	SHORE DIVE	Old Garden Beach , Rockport, MA. Dive Leader: Peter McCarthy <u>Theme and Social Info:</u> On the way to the dive site we will be stopping for coffee/light breakfast . Once we arrive at the dive site, we will be discussing some of the popular dive sites on Cape Ann before we actually begin this dive. If you haven't spent much time diving Cape Ann, this area has some of the best diving in New England!! <u>Meeting Place and Time:</u> Burger King on Route 128 in Beverly (directions above) at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot.
Thursday, March 28	FULL MOON NIGHT DIVE	Canoe Beach , Nahant, MA. Dive Leader: Alicia Lenci <u>Theme:</u> Full Moon Night Dive . This is a wonderful dive site!! <u>Meeting Place and Time:</u> If you're interested in performing this dive, please contact Alicia at 617-889-1486 for additional info.
Sunday March 30	APRIL FOOLS DIVE	10:00 AM. Meet at Friendly's on Route 128 in Gloucester. We will probably do Folly cove but if conditions are right we could end up at Cathedral ledge. For information call Jim and Laura Stewart (508) 303-0239.
Wednesday, April 3	INFORMAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim Stewart and Laura Coldwell-Stewart. See directions on Page 2.
Wednesday, April 17	GENERAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. New England Aquarium Immersion Theater. Speaker: Underwater Photography Andy Martinez
Friday, April 26	FULL MOON NIGHT DIVE	Canoe Beach , Nahant, MA. Dive Leader: Alicia Lenci <u>Theme:</u> Full Moon Night Dive . This is a wonderful dive site!! <u>Meeting Place and Time:</u> If you're interested in performing this dive, please contact Alicia at 617-889-1486 for additional info.
Sunday, April 26	ANNUAL WHALE WATCH	9:30 a.m. Meeting at Whale Watch Kiosk at New England Aquarium. See details this issue. Contact Maryhelen Shuman-Groh (508) 821-4704 or e-mail president@neadc.org
Wednesday, May 1	INFORMAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. Annual Cinco de Mayo Informal at Tom and Tina Kemper's home in Wayland, MA.
Saturday and Sunday May 4 and 5	RHODE ISLAND COLLECTING TRIP	Dive trip to Jamestown RI to do some collecting for the New England Aquarium's Newport Exploration Center. Anyone who wants to come on down and knows their Rhode Island fishes and inverts would be very helpful! Contact Jake Levenson at 978 281-7899 or Jacob.Levenson@noaa.gov
Sunday,, May 12 th	Bay State Council of Divers Treasure Hunt	Mark the date. Details to follow.

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:**

(Membership in Dive Club requires current membership in New England Aquarium)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$40.00 + | Dive Club Membership \$15.00 | = | \$55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family | \$70.00 + | Dive Club Membership \$15.00 | = | \$85.00 |
| <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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