



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

April, 2003

NEADC Web Site: www.NEADC.org

NEADC GENERAL MEETING

Immersion Theater at New England Aquarium
Wednesday, April 16, 2003
6:30 p.m.

Applied Subsea Technologies Inc. is a scientific dive support entity based in southern New England. Their recent experiences have focused on supporting marine science interests in extreme environments (deep >200fsw, in marine caves, and beneath the Antarctic ice. This lecture will provide a brief overview of each of these recent expeditions, and will discuss the application of modern 'technical diving' techniques to the science community which is affording ACCESS to these unique areas. AST will also present its multidisciplinary in-house initiative entitled 'Project Innerspace 2004' which will likely prove to be the most comprehensive record of marine science at depths of 200-500fsw in history. Check us out at www.appliedsubsea.com for more exciting info about the company, the services we provide, and our scientific pursuits.

About Michael Lombardi:

Michael is the founder/president of AST. He has traveled extensively in support of scientific diving operations that include work from the Gulf of Maine through to the Gulf of Mexico, Belize, the Bahamas, and the Antarctic. He is a strong advocate of applications of diving technology to foster a renewed interest in exploratory science. Michael also supports marine science outreach and educational programs, and is developing such programs to supplement AST's current research initiatives.

INFORMAL MEETING

The May Informal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Tom and Tina Kemper in Wayland. *See page 2 for Directions.*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by
Monday, April 21, 2003!
for the **MAY EDITION** of the NEADC Newsletter.
Submissions should be forwarded by e-mail at
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:

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City: _____
State/Zip: _____

NEW ADDRESS:

Name: _____
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City: _____
State/Zip: _____

INFORMAL MEETING INFORMATION

Wednesday May 7th 6:30PM

Tom and Tina Kemper

3 Lawrence Rd, Wayland, MA (508)655-0546

Directions: From Route 95/128, take Route 30 West (Exit next to Mass Pike Exit). Follow Route 30 West for 5 miles to a fork in the road (there is a Mobil station on the left and a Sunoco station on the right). Bear right onto East Plain Street (past Villa Restaurant). Take second right onto Pollock Street. Follow to the end and take a left onto Willow Lane. Take the first right onto Lawrence Road. #3 is the second house on the right.

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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**

Dacor FlytSuit

Wetsuit: Dacor FlytSuit 7 mm Farmer John, size XL. Great condition. Asking USD 100,-
Just a tad tight for me :-). nils_fredrik@hotmail.com or 617-696-8875

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- (1) Newport, sleeps 6. JVC Jazz Festival, 8/8-15, 1 mile f/Ft. Adams, diving around corner.
 - (2) East End G. Cayman, sleeps 4, any week, dive operation on-site.
Pictures eAtlantis.com, Nancy 781-449-3805, gemini.nancy@verizon.net

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT Peter McCarthy

If you are new to this Club or to the sport of diving itself, our shore and boat dives are a great way to meet other divers and dive buddies, and learn about this sport! There are some wonderful dive sites in New England, and you don't know what you're missing if you don't get out and participate. As you know, diving competes with the many other work, family and social activities that quickly fill our busy schedules. If you want to dive this year, you should start scheduling certain days for diving, well in advance. The season will go by quickly! We're in the process of planning our dive schedule for the year, and you should look for some terrific dives and activities on this year's calendar!

I am also considering planning a trip to Bonaire later this year, with the opportunity for Club members to obtain advanced and/or specialty training while on the trip. If any of you are interested, please feel free to speak with me at any upcoming meeting.

If you're interested in ordering some new Club clothing, you can call Wearguard directly and place an order by calling them at 800-677-6060, x 5727. You should tell them 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.

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR Trish Katzman

The warmer season for diving here in New England is starting soon. For those of you who do not dive around New England, you'll find that it's really quite good diving. Lots of wrecks and shore locations worth gearing up for! Come to our Dive Planning meeting on March 26 and you'll hear a lot about the great sites to dive and why. There will be no pressure to lead a dive and you might like to hear about where some experienced local divers love to dive.

As a nice way to get back in the spirit of diving, come visit the New England Aquarium. It's free to all members and it's always interesting. I'm a volunteer once a week and I can tell you that there's always something entertaining to see. You might catch the octopus in the process of learning to open a latch box (with a crab waiting inside). Or you might catch our vets performing an endoscopy on a green moray eel. You may also find us in the process of training the turtles to come in response to a specific sound. You can see a lot more walking comfortably around this building than diving anywhere!

FROM YOUR SECRETARY Anna Krowczynska

According to the calendar the winter is finally over (although in New England you never know when you might get buried by a snow again, I do remember an April Fool Days snow storm few years back).

It's time to start thinking about diving again, remember we are a DIVE CLUB after all.

If you haven't dove for a while it's maybe a good idea to refresh your skills – Rick Rosa, our shore dive coordinator, is working to organize bleach dives in a pool. It's also a great opportunity to check all this new dive gear Santa brought you, so check the web site for dates and location.

If you joined the Club to find new dive Buddies or to find out what is local diving all about, keep your eyes on the event calendar in the Newsletter, or better on the web site.

As usual, we are going to have a season full of interesting shore and boat dives.

This year we plan to conduct shore dives not only on Cape Ann, but also South Shore and Rhode Island (even if you missed shore dive planning meeting on Wednesday, March 26, you can lead a dive to your favorite dive spot, just e-mail Rick). Bill Low is very busy talking to the dive boat operators securing not only their schedules, but also discounts for the NEADC members. Keep looking for a special edition of Newsletter with a boat dives schedules.

If diving for diving sake is not enough, check with our environmental coordinator, Alicia Lenci, who is working on the clean-up dives. You will not only have the opportunity to dive, but also help environment and feel good about it.

You can start your dive season by participating in Treasure Hunt organized by BSCD on Sunday, May 18 at Stage Fort Park. We need a strong team this year to improve our standing in the snorkel event. Last year, our three-person team, came next to last. We can do better than that. Besides, it is a fun day with picnic and raffle with great prizes! You win the raffle tickets by diving for a "treasure", last year it were small washers and everybody got maximum number of tickets thanks to generosity of organizers who seeded hundreds of those in the cove. And since diving is in the shallow cove, the water temperature is not that bad, wet suits are just fine.

Start thinking local diving!

FROM YOUR BOAT DIVING COORDINATOR Bill Low

I am happy to announce that the NEADC has two dates set with Captain Rob's charters. They will be on July 26 and August 23 and Captain Rob has agreed to charge NEADC members \$50.00 instead of the regular fee of \$60.00. This applies to other charters also. Also members will have the opportunity to dive with The Boston Harbor Diving Company run by Captain James Sullivan. Members will get \$10.00 off the regular charter fee of \$60.00. How can I write about boat diving without including the one and only Fred Calhoun of Easy Diver. Captain Calhoun will also give members a \$10.00 discount so that the Easy Diver fee will be \$45.00 instead of \$55.00. These are just a few of the boat charters that will be serving the members of the NEADC.

Lastly I would like say when you get through diving you should make sure that your mask is off your head before taking your hood off or else your mask will go flying through the air and smash into a number of pieces and a number of expletives will be heard by your diving friends.

FROM YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR Al Bozza

Let me start by saying we started this year with 24, members and friends, going to Dominica. If you notice the write-ups in the newsletter, or the website stories and pictures, or all the talk at the dive club meetings then you know how great the trip was- AGAIN. As dive destinations go, this island is one of the best. Dominica has so much to offer both divers, as well as, non-divers. In short, the diving is spectacular. The water temperature hovers between 78-80 degrees and the visibility can't be beat. There is enough of a variety of type of dive sites to satisfy any diver ranging from wall dives, soaring pinnacles, swim throughs, and stunning coral heads. We constantly saw frogfish, seahorses, turtles, eels, batfish, as well as other marine life to varied to list. In addition, we hiked though beautiful rainforests to visit and swim in remote waterfalls. When you add to this the resident population of sperm whales you will see why Jonathan and I consider Dominica the worlds greatest island. And the best part of this entire story is we are scheduled for another trip January 17th to January 24th, 2004. Our package price will be the same, as this year, \$995 US per person and will include: hotel, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, 5 days of 2 tank boat dives, 2 night dives, unlimited shore diving, kayaks, roundtrip airport transfers, rum punch on arrival, tanks, weights and weight belt, taxes and gratuities. Join us next year and see why so many divers and non-divers keep coming back.

Our ski trip to Nordic Village in February was fun for the 11 adults and 5 children who participated. We enjoyed skiing (downhill and cross country), snow shoeing, skating, sleigh riding, tobogganing, and especially the 95-degree outdoor swimming pool. Next year we will be renting some less expensive cabins as well as the condos at Nordic Village--more info to follow.

BAHAMAS-- (May 17-23,2003) Once again, Jonathan Bird and myself are running a dolphin trip to the Bahamas. Join the trip aboard the "Dream Too" out of West Palm Beach for a week of diving in the northern Bahamas and snorkeling with pods of wild spotted dolphins! Each day usually involves two reef dives in the morning, a few hours snorkeling with the dolphins in the afternoon, and then a fantastic night dive. We will also do some shark dives. This is a trip that has a lot of action for everyone (sharks, dolphins, macro, great reefs, etc.) and always results in a lot of great pictures and jealous friends!! Did I mention the free photo and video instruction that Jonathan is always so eager to give. Check out details and pictures from last year: www.jonathanbird.net. Cost is \$1499.00 (all inclusive) plus airfare to West Palm Beach, Florida. Four spots are currently available.

May 3rd and 4th, 2003. Stagefort Park, Ma. --- DUI rally and demo. Test dive some of the best diving equipment in the world. For \$5.00 (does not include entrance fee to facility) --Come out for the weekend and test dive DUI dry suits, BC's, insulation and weight and trim systems-- meet industry leaders like Dick Long and other DUI professionals--- Sea and Sea digital camera demos--Barbecue lunch---raffle prizes. If you are interested or need more info contact me.

GREAT WHITE SHARK DIVING --October 26th -30th, 2004 Imagine diving in 100' visibility and water temps of 74 degrees surrounded by 7 to 10 great whites. Shark Adventures 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 (shark bait!!) on an 86' luxury long-range dive boat. These 5-day trips are only available during October and part of November. We have reserved the boat for Oct 2004 at the cost of \$2100.00 per diver. This price will include a video of our trip.

SHARK DIVING-PT. Judith, R.I. There are two trips being planned for this season. One in July and one in Oct dates will be available on our website shortly- if you are interested please contact me.

SHADOWS AND LIGHT ----Jonathan Bird's new book is now available. This is an 80-page book of artistic black and white underwater photography. Bird presents the ocean in a whole new light without color, but using subtle lighting to create haunting moods of wrecks, marine life, caverns and reefs. This book might change what you think about underwater black and white photography! There are only 2,500 copies of this limited first edition book. Jonathan will be donating one of these books to be raffled off at one of our meetings. He will also be giving one of his great slide presentations in June and will be available to sign copies of his new book at that time.

If you have any questions or are interested in any of my scheduled events please contact me at: Abozza@aol.com or call me at (508) 384-1377

(Flemington, NJ – March 16, 2003) – The **Women Divers Hall of Fame™**, a unique honor society that is dedicated to the women who shape the world of diving, will recognize the contributions of nine outstanding women during the Beneath The Sea Dive & Travel Expo to be held March 28-30, 2003 at the Meadowlands Convention Center in Secaucus, New Jersey.

The nine women inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame in 2003 are representative of the many facets of the diving world - from tourism & recreation to research, conservation and the military. The 2003 honorees are:

1. Renee Steven Applegate, a former head nurse, is a PADI Master Instructor with over 26 years of diving experience. She is the owner of Dive Paradise in Cozumel Mexico.
2. Carole Baldwin, Ph.D., a research biologist with the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of Natural History is an authority on tropical and deep-sea fishes.
3. Kathleen Dudzinski, Ph.D, a Researcher-in-Residence at the Mystic Aquarium, has been featured in documentaries, articles and books for her work on dolphin communication using a video/acoustic system of her own design.
4. CDR Gina Harden is the 7th female to become a US Navy Diving & Salvage Officer. She was Barge Operations Officer for the USS Monitor Expedition (2001, 2002) and has worked around the world as a US Navy Diving Specialist.
5. Kalli de Meyer set up the now famous Bonaire Marine Park. As a result of her leadership, this park attained National Park status and has become a model for marine parks around the world.
6. Linda Pitkin's underwater photography has won national and international awards. The author of four books on marine life, she is also an entomologist at The Natural History Museum in London, England.
7. Shirley Pomponi, Ph.D. is Vice President and Director of Research at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution. Leader of a research group that discovered a unique chemical in a rare sponge that is now in development as a cancer drug, Shirley serves on several Committees that advise on US ocean policy.
8. CDR Lori Yost is a Diving and Salvage Officer for the US Naval Reserve. Highlights of her military diving career include the recovery mission for the Titan Rocket and Satellite and the USS Monitor Expedition (2001, 2002).
9. Rusty Murray's interest in teaching person with disabilities started with the Easter Seals swimming program she moved on to co-found Moray Wheels Adaptive Scuba Association more than 20 years ago. Rusty advises on disabled diving instruction.

Women Divers Hall of Fame™ is an international (501)(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by Beneath the Sea Dive and Travel Expo, Women Underwater E-Zine, Womens Scuba Association, The Underwater Society of America, and Hillary Vidars, Ph.D. For more information on the Hall of Fame inductees or about careers in SCUBA diving and application forms and requirements for 2004 scholarships and nomination forms, visit www.wdhof.org. For more information on BTS, visit www.beneaththesea.org.

Seal Dive and Triple Wreck Dive

The Seal Dive Charter is booked and is a definite trip set for AUGUST 1st 2003 I am offering the group a discount off of the regular charter price of \$90.

NEW THIS YEAR... is a TRIPLE WRECK DIVE AUGUST 15th 2003 Please reserve your spot by sending me a check with your payment. Last year these trips sold out very quickly as we always have a great time. I can pair you up with a dive buddy if you are joining us by yourself. Please pass this flyer on to whomever you think might be interested diving with us. See FAQ below or please email me with any questions.

Dive Safely,
Donna Romano

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How do I reserve my spot??

Print out the enclosed registration form and send it in with full payment. You will receive an email or phone call telling you that your spot is secured and your check has cleared.

Do I have to be an NEADC member?

No but members will get first priority for securing a spot

Can a non-diving friend/spouse join us on the boat?

Yes absolutely, but the charter price is the same for the non-diver and advance registration is required. We would love to have one less diver in the water while helping to defray the cost of the charter.

For the SEAL DIVE CHARTER AUGUST 1st... Will I really see seals underwater??

Interaction with the seals are not guaranteed since they are wild animals, however in the five past years we have done these trips nearly everyone has seen seals underwater. The best thing to do is pick a spot and don't move around....lay on your stomach and they will hear you and be curious and hopefully swim by. They will buzz by and will check you out. Occasionally they have playfully pulled on divers' fins. This happened to me once and everyone saw it except me. I felt it turned around and it was gone. Many times they hover right overhead and when you turn to look behind you they swim off.....so watch over your buddy's back as a likely place to see them. I have found that the surest way to scare them off is to try to make direct eye contact.

Do I have to be a certified scuba diver to go on the Seal BOAT Charter?

If you are not a certified diver you may not scuba dive but you are welcome to come on the boat to observe or to snorkel with the seals.

Are children allowed to go on the seal dive?

Yes but they must be with an adult guardian at all times on and off the boat. One child per adult guardian. If the child is snorkeling the adult guardian must be in the water at the surface with them.

What is the interaction with the seals like if I am snorkeling and not diving?

I have had snorkelers tell me that the seals approached them on the surface and also underwater. Others have said that they are not scared off of the sound of breathing on scuba gear.

Do I need advanced certification for the Wreck Dive charter on August 15th?

YES. If you do not have advanced certification you can come on the boat for the day but you can only do the last dive the wreck of the HAIGHT.

Is the water cold?

Yes the water in New England is always cold, but June-September in a 6mm wetsuit it is quite comfortable as the water is near the warmest it will get all year.... about 55 degrees and of course colder the deeper you go. Since the seal dive is a shallow dive the temp is about the same on the surface as it is at 15 feet.

How deep are the wreck dives? *Since we have the boat for the day we can go anywhere or do any wreck.... some suggestions*

Wreck of the Charles Haight : A Liberty ship sunk 1946, depth about 45'. Great dive, lots of sea life on it. Bow portion intact laying on side. Very pretty dive. Off Rockport.

Wreck of the Chelsea: Bow of tanker, in 60' - 70' of water, broken up. Sunk in 1957. Just Northeast of Thacher Island off Rockport.

Wreck of the Poling: An Oil tanker split in half and sank in 1977 sits in 90+ ft. outside Gloucester Harbor. Upright, intact, and really awesome dive. see <http://www.capeanndivers.com> for more dive site info

Can I rent gear?

Yes you can rent all or any gear from any dive shop or from the charter dive shop <http://www.capeanndivers.com> I would suggest you arrange this ahead of time and go to the dive shop to try on a rental wet suit. You can also rent from United Divers in located in Somerville <http://www.uniteddivers.com> if you are closer to the Boston area than the Cape Ann area.

What happens if it is bad weather?

Regarding inclement weather, if the boat will sail based on the captains' discretion 1/2 hour prior to sailing. You must be at the dock and already signed in at the dive shop (details to follow) if the captain cancels due to inclement weather. All those that show up that morning will be booked on another day. If you are not there because you thought the weather looked bad and the captain does indeed cancel, you will not be rescheduled for another day.these are not my rules ...they are the dive shops rules. If it looks like inclement weather you must still show up at the shop check in and then proceed to the boat where the Captain will make a final go or no-go decision. Do not call me or do not call the dive shop. If you do not show up at the shop and the boat is cancelled due to inclement weather you will not be rescheduled on another boat. Therefore show up at the shop regardless of the weather and you will be put on a boat for another day if it is cancelled. Got it? Get it? Good!

Where does the boat leave from??

CAPE ANN MARINA, Gloucester Massachusetts

Where do we meet??

Please be at the CAPE ANN DIVE SHOP at 7am sharp the day of the charter to check in and show your certification card. If you do not have a card, you will not be able to dive. You will need a basic open water card for the Seal dive and an advanced certification card if you are doing the Triple Wreck Charter.

Where is the dive shop??

See <http://wwwcapeanndivers.com> for directions the shop. You will then get directions from the shop to the marina. You must check in with the shop and fill out a waiver morning of the dive.

Can I proceed directly to the boat the morning of the dive?

The only way you can do this is to go to the dive shop prior any time prior to the day of the dive, show your c-card and fill out a waiver that will be good for thirty days. Then and ONLY THEN can you proceed to the Cape Ann Marina without checking in at the dive shop first.

Are tanks included in the price of the charter?

No you must bring your own tanks or rent from the dive shop

Will I be able to get my tanks filled at the shop the morning of the dive??

You will be able to get tanks filled that morning at the shop only (no refills on the boat), rent tanks (\$12/tank) or rent any last minute gear like weights or wetsuits.

Can I rent tanks from the dive shop? Yes

What kind of tanks does the shop rent??

Rental tanks are mostly aluminum 80's so bring extra weight if you are used to diving with steel.

Do I have to reserve these tanks ahead of time??

NO they have assured me there will enough staff available that morning to take care of everyone who needs tanks the morning of the dive. You DO NOT have to call a head to reserve any needed rental tanks or gear.

What's for Lunch??

Bring your lunch and PLENTY of water (there is an ice chest on board) with you, as we will not be returning to town for lunch as the web site states. We will be the entire day at sea. :-) Staying hydrated is key to keeping warm if you re diving wet and plan to do all three dives. So start hydrating the day before.

What else should I bring??

Don't forget sunscreen, sunglasses, camera, towel, something warm and dry to wear (no matter what the temp is on land it will be 10 degrees colder at sea, then count on a fast moving boat going from site to site and add being wet and you can see how you can get cold quickly on a 90 degree day.) I often wear a polar fleece hat or a wool hat in between dives even in the Caribbean.

Can I buy anything on board the boat??

Soda coffee, candy and chips are available for purchase on the boat from the Captains honor bar.

How much should I tip the crew?

Plan on \$7-10 per diver for the crew tip. Captain Steve has been especially good to the group in the past and I like to see him and his crew get tipped out well....besides you are saving some bucks (regular charter price is \$90) on the trip to begin with. Last time they passed out fresh fruit and snacks for us...can't say that will happen again but they have been really accommodating to us in the past.

SPECIAL JUNE EDITION OF THE NEADC NEWSLETTER

Members, Dive Clubs, Dive Shops, Charters, so on and so forth. Don't forget about our ANNUAL SPECIAL EDITION of the New England Aquarium Dive Club Newsletter. Free listings of your dives, charters, contact information for the month June! Just send your information in electronic format to newsletter@neadc.org by May 15th to be included!



**AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB
2003 WHALE WATCH,
9:30 a.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2003
CHANGE OF DATE!!!**

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.

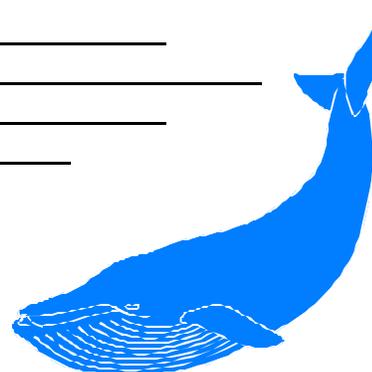
- When:** Sunday, May 11, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. Boat returns between 2-4:00 p.m.
Where: New England Aquarium, Central Wharf. Meet in front of the Whale Watch Kiosk on the Aquarium Plaza.
What to Lots of warm, weather resistant clothing and waterproof no-slip shoes. The
Bring: weather can be wet, wild and 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 \$22.00*/adult \$16.00*/child under 18 (children must be at least 3 yrs. old and 30" tall) and must be paid with reservation
(*includes tax)

No. of Adult Tickets _____ X \$22.00 = \$_____
No. of Child Tickets _____ X \$16.00 = \$_____. TOTAL \$_____
Please make checks payable to NEADC. By Mail: NEADC c/o P.O. Box 70, Raynham, MA 02767

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For more information, please contact Maryhelen at (508) 821-4704
e-mail: president@neadc.org



Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area

Island Clean Up

May 3, 2003

8:30-2:00 PM

Come Celebrate National Parks Week and help prepare for the 2003 opening of Boston Harbor Islands national park area

A Boston Harbor Cruises passenger ferry will take volunteers to the islands from Long Wharf, Boston at 8:30 am and return at 2:00 pm.

Divers and non-divers welcome. Family event!

To register and for more info: Alicia environmental@neadc.org or 617 389-3458

Islands Info: www.bostonislands.org or www.nps.gov/boha or 617 223-8666

SCUBA EQUIPMENT RECALL

A California company is recalling about 24,700 pieces of scuba diving equipment that could leak air, possibly causing divers to drown.

Oceanic USA, of San Leandro, has received six reports air leaks, along with either noise or vibration, from their Oceanic CDX first stage regulators, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. No injuries have been reported.

CDX regulators included in the recall have serial numbers 9200001 through 9205622, 9800013 through 9801711, 0200001 through 0213294, 0D0001 through 0D3046, and 9D0001 through 9D3273. They were sold with second stage regulators: Alpha 7, Delta 3, Gamma 2 and Zeta.

Authorized dealers sold the equipment worldwide from May 1999 through October 2002.

The commission advises consumers to immediately stop using the equipment and take them to an authorized Oceanic dealer for a free repair. The company can be reached at 1-866-723-2642 weekdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST.

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, UWATEC AG, of Hallwil, Switzerland, is voluntarily recalling about 390 dive computers manufactured in 1995 and sold under the model name Aladin Air X NitrOx.

Software in the dive computers may inaccurately calculate desaturation times, resulting in possible decompression sickness.

UWATEC AG has received five reports of decompression sickness allegedly associated with the use of the 1995 dive computers.

This recall involves Aladin Air X NitrOx dive computers manufactured in 1995. The manufacture date is located on the back of the dive computer, in the lower right hand corner. The date code reads the number of the month followed by a decimal point and the year, for example, "01.95." The dive computers are blue and black with the words "Aladin" and "NitrOx" printed across the front. Aladin Air X NitrOx dive computers with date codes other than "95" are not included in this recall.

Scuba diving stores sold the dive computers nationwide from July 1995 through March 1996 for between \$950 and \$1,200.

Consumers should stop using these dive computers immediately and contact UWATEC for a free replacement. Consumers will receive the current model, Aladin Air Z NitrOx.

For more information, consumers can contact UWATEC toll-free at (800) 806-0640 anytime.

(Recall information from WBZ4 website at www.wbz4.com)

2nd Annual Sanctuary Celebration in conjunction with the Great Annual Fish Count

On July 19, 2003, The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) will host the 2nd annual Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Celebration in conjunction with the Great Annual Fish Count (GAFC). The Foundation is the private, non-profit partner to the federally managed National Marine Sanctuary system.

The Sanctuary celebration will be centered in Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, Massachusetts. . There will be exhibits, workshops, free raffles and door prizes, as well as an update on fish sightings by divers participating in the Fish Count program. As part of the GAFC, local dive clubs are planning dives at five (5) shore locations around Cape Ann, while an additional NOAA team will dive in the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. About 100 divers are expected to participate in the 2003 Cape Ann GAFC dives and Sanctuary Celebration.

Members of both the print and broadcast media will be invited to join in the survey dives.

Recognized as one of the nation's most significant marine treasures, the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary is home to endangered whales, flocks of seabirds, schools of fish and a wide variety of invertebrates. The Sanctuary is a living classroom and laboratory for nature's wonders. In 2001, the Sanctuary joined forces with the Reef Environmental Education Foundation to bring the acclaimed REEF Fish Survey Project and Great Annual Fish Count to New England's SCUBA-diving community. The GAFC mobilizes and trains volunteer dives and snorkelers to identify and document fish diversity and population trends in marine sanctuaries and coastal areas.

During our first Sanctuary Celebration held last year, 78 divers conducted 132 fish surveys at 6 locations around Cape Ann, making this the largest single day GAFC event held in the United States in 2002. Join us in support of this year's event by making a donation to the Foundation's Fish Counters Raffle. Prizes in the raffle will reward those divers who have undergone Northeast Fish ID training and have volunteered their time by conducting survey dives. An additional raffle open to the public will seek to raise funds for Sanctuary marine education and stewardship programs.

The Foundation is asking for your support through the donation of dive equipment and supplies for this event. The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation is a Section 501^c(3) not-for-profit charitable organization. Any equipment or cash contributions donated to the Foundation are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law for the donor.

Upon receipt of your donation, NMSF will forward an "Affidavit To Verify Charitable Contribution" statement to your office for tax purposes.

For more information, please contact: Bob Michelson, event coordinator for the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary at (781) 848-8870, or by e-mail, pbm.inc@verizon.net.

NEADC Boat Dive's With EASY DIVER

May 4	Bay View Shores	Aug 2	The Haight
May 10	Lanesville Shores	Aug 10	The Dry Salvages
May 18	Folly Point	Aug 16	The Headlands
May 24	Halibut Shores	Aug 24	Gully Point
June 1	Hoop Pole Cove	Aug 30	Straitsmouth Island
June 7	Ocean Bluff	Sept 7	Paradise Cliffs
June 15	The Ledges	Sept 13	Mouth of Loblolly Cove
June 21	Fisherman's Canyon	Sept 21	The Wreck of The Chelsea
June 29	Mitchell Rock	Sept 27	Thacher Island
July 5	Bartlett Rock	Oct 5	Salt Island
July 13	Granite Pier	Oct 11	Bass Rocks
July 19	Rowe Point	Oct 19	Bemo Ledge
July 27	Sandy Bay Breakwater	Oct 25	Kettle Island

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.

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
April 5 (Sat)	Metro West Dive Club Framingham, MA http://www.mwdc.org/wrecks2003/index.html	8:30 am – 3:30 pm Keefe Technical H. S. 750 Winter Street Framingham, MA	MetroWest Dive Club's Annual Wrecks Symposium 11th Annual	Wreck Show \$12 Members \$15 Non-Members
April 12 (Sat)	Back Beach Rockport, MA	9 AM - Burger King Route 128N, Gloucester	Bill Low boatdive@neadc.org	Cold Water Dive
April 13 (Sun)	Old Garden Beach Rockport, MA	9 AM - Burger King Route 128N, Gloucester	Bill Low boatdive@neadc.org	Cold Water Dive
April 16 6:30 p.m.	NEAq Immersion Theater	Boston, MA	GENERAL MEETING	GENERAL MEETING
Apr 17 (Thu)	Full Moon Night Dive	TBA	Alicia Lenci 617-389-3458	Night Dive
Apr 19 (Sat)	Lane's Cove Gloucester	Lane's Cove Gloucester 10AM	Alicia Lenci 617-389-3458 Dive Into Earth Day	Clean Up Coast
April 26 (Sat)	North Shore	9 AM - Burger King Route 128N, Gloucester	Max Arias (401) 822-3296 103477.3073@compuserve.com Dry Dive	Spend day checking out North Shore dive sites.
April 27 (Sun)	Folly Cove Rockport, MA	10 AM - Burger King Route 128N, Gloucester	Jim and Laura Stewart 508-303-0239 nediver@charter.net fishgirl@fishgirl.com	Cold Water Dive
May 3 & 4 (Sat/Sun)	DUI Dog Rally & Demo Days (DUI Drysuit Demo) http://www.dui-online.com/	Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA	E-Mail to register: CustomerService@DUI-Online.com	Try on drysuits & gear. \$5 all day PLUS parking. Free DUI hat for all Demos!
May 3 Sat	Boston Harbor Islands Beach and Underwater Cleanup.	Boat leaves Long Wharf at 8:30 AM returns 2PM. Please call to Register as location may change	To register: Alicia Lenci 617 389 3458 or environmental@neadc.org	Boston Harbor Islands Beach and Underwater Cleanup. Divers & Non Divers welcome. Family Event. National Parks Week 2003 Opening of Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area
May 7 6:30 p.m.	Home of Tom and Tina Kemper See Page 2 for Directions	Wayland	INFORMAL MEETING See Page 2 Annual Cinco de Mayo Party	Dinner and Newsletter Preparation
May 8 (Thu)	Night Dive	TBA	Alicia Lenci 617-389-3458 environmental@neadc.org	Full Moon Night Dive
May 11 (Sun) (Mother's Day)	2003 NEADC Whale Watch On the Voyager II	9:30 AM Boat Leaves Central Wharf, Boston Returns 2 - 4:00 PM	Maryhelen 508-821-4704 president@neadc.org	Whale Watch
May 17	Starbucks/NEAq Cleanup Duxbury Beach	Duxbury Beach 9:30AM-1PM	Alicia Lenci 617-389-3458	Starbucks/NEAq/NEADC Beach and Underwater Cleanup
May 17 (Sat)	Nubble Light	11:00 AM at Nubble	Brandy Derickson 603-740-0343 derickba@netzero.net	Nubble Light, ME
May 24 (Sat)	TBA	TBA	Rick Rosa 617-325-7820 shoredive@neadc.org	New Member Dive - meet other divers and get back in the water
May 25 (Sun) (Memorial Day Wkd)	Cathedral Rocks, Gloucester, MA	9 AM - Burger King Route 128N, Gloucester	Jim and Laura Stewart 508-303-0239 nediver@charter.netfishgirl@fishgirl.com	Divers must be able to climb rocks to enter/exit water

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.



Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110