



# NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

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## NEADC GENERAL MEETING

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**Immersion Theater at New England Aquarium  
Wednesday, August 20, 2003  
6:30 p.m.**

Richard E. Morris  
Eclipse Diving and Video Productions

Rick will present the parallels of our Native American Culture and those of the indigenous populations of Dominica, Australia and Papua, New Guinea. The best part, of this presentation, is the integration of diving and the undersea world as a metaphoric comparison to the desert and Indian culture. Rick uses incredible ethnic music from the Aborigines and then he transitions to Robbie Robertson performing contemporary native American music; the similarity is astonishing. There is enough above and below water footage to give everyone a real feel for the locations and the diving. This is not a travel log, however, and is meant to be more of an environmental and conservation package. Rick will even bring his Didgeerdoes and play a little for us. He is also finishing a package on Cod Tagging for a sustainable fisheries series and would love to air some of that and discuss how the interests of divers and commercial fishermen have come together in a common cause to save our fisheries and their habitats.

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## INFORMAL MEETING

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The September Informal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 6:30p.m. at the home of Janet MacCausland in Raynham, 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, August 25, 2003!**  
For the **SEPTEMBER 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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Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMAL MEETING INFORMATION**  
**Wednesday September 3rd 6:30PM**  
**DIRECTIONS TO INFORMAL MEETING:**

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Janet MacCausland  
26 Lakeview Drive, Raynham, Ma.  
508-824-1569  
From Boston: (about 30 miles) Take 93 / SE Expressway to 128N / 95 toward Dedham to Rt. 24 south toward Fall River. That's a left hand exit, so get over soon after merging onto 128. Now going on 24 south, pass Brockton, and take the Rt. 104 exit for Bridgewater / Raynham. At the end of the ramp, bare right toward Raynham. Go about two miles until you come to a stop sign at a four way irregular intersection. You will be looking across at a mini mall with a Tedeschi's, Crown Dry Cleaners, and P.O., etc., onto Lakeview Drive, #26 will be the second house on the left. Natural Cedar boards.

From 495: Take the Rt. 138 south toward Taunton exit. Go about a mile and look for a building shaped like a huge milk bottle on the left, and a Texaco. It is a congested area, so slow down and look for a left hand turn onto Center street. Go about a mile to a mile and a half to the same four way intersection above, with the Tedeschi's, Crown Dry Cleaners, and P.O., but continue straight through. You have the right of way and do not need to stop, but take the first right after this mini mall onto Lakeview Drive.

**NEADC VOICE MAIL SYSTEM:** Please call (617) 973-0240

## 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**

Looking to give my **BENTHOS NEOPRENE DRY SUIT** set a new home:  
- incl. pink/multi. dry suit (zipper across back of shoulders), mitts, hood, fins, and undergarment "wooly". - \$300; negotiable.  
Contact: Leonor P. Desmarais [(508) 485-4903].

**DUI CF200X DRYSUIT;** in excellent condition; new seals, waterproof zipper, valves serviced by DUI; attached neoprene hood; fits people 5' 6" or shorter. Asking price \$1000.00. Ray Allen (781) 910-1327

### LOST

1 Shore Dive Leader in the Gloucester area on July 19, 2003. Last seen leaving Stage Fort Park NEADC Picnic at 3PM for a Dive at Old Garden Beach. Answers to Rick Rosa if found. No reward offered!  
Please contact 1-800- ROC-PORT if located

Hi To All My New Dive Buddies:

My name is Matt Bell and I'm new to the NEADC. I've been planning a **DIVE TRIP FOR FEBRUARY 14-21, 2004** since I saw the exhibition at the Sea Rovers show. The Nekton Rorqual is sailing from Puerto Rico, so no hassles with customs or immigration. This trip is to Mona Island and the cost is approximately \$1500.00 Plus Airfare to San Juan, P.R. For more info contact MATT BELL at 617/799-2028 or E-Mail [SCUBACRUISER@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:SCUBACRUISER@HOTMAIL.COM) OR [WWW.Nektoncruises.com](http://WWW.Nektoncruises.com)

Thanks, MATT

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

We had perfect weather for this year's New England Aquarium Dive Club picnic which was held for the first time in conjunction with the Great Annual Fish Count and Stellwagen Bank on Saturday, July 19th, at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. It was the first time in many years that we'd been back on the North Shore instead of Rhode Island.

74 divers conducted 120 surveys at 8 dive sites. Sites included: Cathedral Rocks, Folly Cove, Back Beach, Pebble Beach, Halibut Shores, Magnolia Rocks, Old Garden Beach, and Nubble Light, York, Maine. Approximately 30 species of fish were observed during the survey dives including Torpedo Rays, Wolfish and Thorny skate!

This was THE largest GAFC event in the United States for the second year in a row!! According to Bob Michelson, GAFC Coordinator, when the GAFC first began national organizers though New England divers would not embrace the program.

Five of the day's dives were led by NEADC divers: Anna Krowczynska, Brandy Derickson, Alicia Lenci, Jim Stewart and Rick Rosa. Alicia and dive buddy, Mike Schruben, set up a touch tank of local species collected on their morning dive (and, of course, returned to the sea at the end of the day).

Many of the great prizes offered at the GAFC raffle were won by NEADC divers including at least two the Grand Prizes: a BCD won by Max Arias and a full wetsuit won by Jean Stefanik.

Food was plentiful with some of it donated by Whole Foods Market, Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary and, of course, our Dive Club!

Thanks to Bob, Alice and Christine Michelson, Anne Smrcina, all of the NEADC officers and everyone who participated for making the day go so well! The event was so successful that we're hoping to do it again next year as a joint event. If you enjoyed this year's picnic and would like to see it done again, please make sure you make your views known your officers!

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

Our annual picnic was held on July 19th. The weather was beautiful, and we had plenty of food for those who attended. Several dives took place throughout the day, and Jim Carozza and I participated in the last dive of the day at Old Garden Beach, which was coordinated by Rick Rosa. Jim and I conducted a fish survey for the REEF project/GAFC, and spotted striped bass, flounder and a skate, while Jim's 11-year-old daughter Marilyn snorkeled on shore under supervision. The water temperature on our dive was 50F, and visibility was great! The dive was very nice, and it was a great way to end a terrific day. Thank you to all those who helped make this year's picnic a success!

Our clothing supplier, Wearguard, has some great new products available for purchase, including beach towels, beach bags, backpacks, sweatshirts and caps! Our new sales representative, Allison Hines, attended our last general membership meeting, and is very enthusiastic about working with the Club. Allison can place the Club logo on virtually any item that Wearguard sells. Check out their website at [www.wearguard.com](http://www.wearguard.com). If you'd like to place an order, you can reach Allison by phone at 800-677-6060, x 5624 or via e-mail at [allison\\_hines@wearguard.com](mailto:allison_hines@wearguard.com). You should tell her you're a member of the dive club (account #16444402), and make arrangements to pay for your merchandise and have it shipped directly to you (please ensure your personal merchandise is not shipped to the Aquarium or billed to the Club).

Rick Rosa and Bill Low have been working hard to ensure that there are plenty of shore and boat dives scheduled. If you haven't been diving with the Club recently, come on out with us while the season is at its peak. The diving in New England has been super this year!

## **FROM YOUR SECRETARY Anna Krowczynska**

Imagine yourself suspended in a warm water, above you sand tiger sharks cruising leisurely, below is a ship wreck timing with tropical marine life and you have a hard time to decide where to look – up or down. This summarizes this year club trip to Morehead City.

Every year at the end of June members of NEADC and Laurel Divers from Pennsylvania meet at the Atlantic Beach, NC for three days of wreck diving in the Graveyard of the Atlantic. This is a great and inexpensive trip for all advanced divers (because of the depth on which wrecks are found 80-120 feet the nitrox certification is recommended). This year instead of flying, we decided to drive to North Carolina. Jim Carozza, trip organizer, rented a Ford Excursion, very aptly named the urban tank, which comfortably accommodated four people (Jim, his friend Cathy, Rick Rosa and truly yours) plus our dive gear. We took a scenic route along the coast on Rt 13 through Delaware and Maryland and crossed from Peninsula to Virginia Beach using an engineering marvel – Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (the largest bridge-tunnel complex in the world). During our crossing we could admire the beautiful sunset and we stopped in the middle of the bay on a Sea Gull Pier to ogle ships passing through the Thimble Shoal Channel. We spent night at Kitty Hawk (this year is a 100 anniversary of the Wright's brothers first flight) and travel along the Outer Banks. On Ocracoke Island we saw famous Bankers Ponies, descendants of Spanish mustangs, that mysteriously appeared on the island long time ago. Finally we took a

ferry to Cedar Island and drove to our final destination Atlantic Beach. On the first day open Atlantic had 3-4 feet swells, which made the long trip to our first wreck taxing, but mood improved when we dove on the Papoose. Papoose is a 412 feet long tanker that was sunk by a U-124 in 1942. It lies upside down in 130 feet of water 36.7 miles from shore. Because of its position there is not much interesting features beside the gaping cracks in the hull through which you can peek inside. The wreck is covered with variety of tropical marine life. We saw sea urchins, soft and hard corral, angelfish, amberjacks, barracudas and only one small shark. Our dive master Jim claimed that he saw the brown frogfish on the rudder. For the second dive we moved to USS Schurz – WW I cruiser, which sunk in 1918 after collision in the dense fog with a tanker. It is one of the last nineteenth-century ships built for the German navy that had both steam engines and rigging for sails. It was hard to see wreck because of the dense clouds of the baitfish. But after getting through the fish we saw remaining ribs, pipes, plates, four boilers and an engine. Besides the remnants of the ship we saw lots of tropicals. The second day sea was much calmer, our first wreck – Amagansett, the Menhaden fishing boat, sunk in a violent storm in 1964 in 130 feet of water. It is a small wreck, apparently in a pretty good condition, however visibility was so bad (maybe 10 feet, like in New England, but in much warmer water) that I didn't see much of the wreck. There was plenty of flounder which captain Bob and few others speared for dinner. Next we moved to Caribsea, Great Lakes freighter, which was mistaken by U-158 as the Coast Guard cutter and torpedoed in 1942. Because the wreck has been wire-dragged to prevent the wreckage from obstructing navigation and depth charged as a precaution (not to provide hiding place for a U-boats), not much remains of the original ship's structure. Only a portion of the bow is still almost intact. There is also an engine and two large boilers. The bottom is littered with iron girders and large iron plates. Corals, sponges covers all surfaces, fish is hiding in the nooks and crannies (we saw few moray eels), angel fish butterfly and a large manta ray. And finally we saw plenty of sand tiger sharks that were circling the wreck.

In the evening we had a big cookout – shrimps (10 pounds for \$5, right from the shrimp boat), Cajun style fried flounder, beef kebabs, salads and for desert Key lime and chocolate pies. The last day sea was flat and we decided to do the both dives again on Caribsea. Jim found a small octopus and a toadfish. Sharks show up again and were patrolling the wreck. We looked for shark teeth on the bottom and found few good size. These were the best dives of the trip.

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

We've had a great start to the dive season but the best is yet to come. The season usually lasts until the end of October for wetsuit divers before the water gets too cold. The end of September and early October is, in my opinion, the best time to dive with a wetsuit. The weather is perfect so that you can enjoy your surface intervals without being too cold or too hot. The water is still warm from the heat of the summer. And, in Rhode Island dive sites, you can typically spot juvenile tropical fish that are too small to see earlier in the season.

Keep an eye on our website [www.neadc.org](http://www.neadc.org) for the updated dive schedule as we get closer to September. We plan to do a lot of diving in the next few months!

If you don't see a shore dive planned for a weekend that you want contact our Shore Dive Coordinator Rick Rosa at [shoredive@neadc.org](mailto:shoredive@neadc.org). Or if you're interested in a boat dive, contact our Boat Dive Coordinator Bill Low at [boatdive@neadc.org](mailto:boatdive@neadc.org).

See you at the beaches!

## **FROM YOUR SHORE DIVE COORDINATOR Rick Rosa**

The 2003 dive season is in full swing and there are plenty of dives remaining. We've had several excellent outings and, unfortunately, a couple of "no shows", where nobody showed up to dive (sorry Joe & Doug). The scheduled dives that did have divers show up were a great time. We had pleasant dives on both shores in the past two months, including this past weekend at the NEADC annual picnic. Things got off to a late start in the afternoon (everybody wanted to stay for the NOAA raffle), but I wound up in the water with six divers anyway. We spent about an hour in the high 60's water to a depth of about 30 feet. The seas were perfect and we just enjoyed all the marine life hanging around the rocks out at Old Garden Beach (off to the right of the beach at about 60 deg. on your compass). We saw the usual fish, crabs, juvenile lobsters, skates, striped bass, and towards the end, a rather large 20" Sea Raven (<http://www.yahooligans.com/content/animals/species/3332.html>). One of the lobster traps we passed had a least a 10 pounder in it. We stopped and gazed at it for while, it had claws bigger than my hands.

August is going to be another fun diving month. Taking a look at the newly revised calendar, there are several interesting dives coming up on both the North and South shores. Al Budreau is leading a dive on the South end at Humarock on Aug 9th. If you haven't been diving in the South, now is your chance, Humarock/Marshfield is a great area to explore. Then, on Saturday, Aug 16th, Lynn Gipprich is organizing a family picnic event in NH. It should be a great day at the beach and some fun diving, swimming and snorkeling. The next day on Sunday, Aug 17th is one of my favorite events on the South Shore. It is Diver's Market Annual Beach Cookout and SCUBA outing. Diver's Market (<http://www.diversmarket.com/>) is my favorite shop on the South Shore (Plymouth, MA) and this will be a great day of diving and fun (just like the last three years!). It only costs \$5 for the ALL YOU CAN EAT cookout and the diving goes on all day a Sandwich Town Beach. Don't miss this one! Contact Rick Rosa ([shoredive@neadc.org](mailto:shoredive@neadc.org), 617-325-

7820) or Wayne Gomer (Owner: Diver's Market, 781-746-3483) in advance so we can plan the food accordingly. The following weekend is a dive up at Nubble Light in Maine. This is the August New Member Dive and if you haven't been to Nubble yet, you need to go, it is a fantastic dive site and very picturesque to boot!

So, as everyone can see, we have a lot going in off the shore for the rest of the summer. Please contact me, Rick Rosa (shoredive@neadc.org) or the individual organizing the dive as early as possible for these dives so we don't have coordinators standing by the water with no divers.... If there is no interest for a particular dive, we usually put something together at the last minute amongst ourselves (the shore diving community). There is no reason to waste a perfectly good day of diving weather. Also, there are several "TBA's" (to be announced) still in the schedule. Don't let this tentativeness keep you from diving. We will have dives on those dates, just contact Rick or the dive organizer and get the current details of the dive (dive site, meeting place, high tide, weather, dive profile, etc.). Several days notice in advance helps in coordinating these efforts.

**Shore Dive Organizers:** Please send me dive/trip reports of the dives you've been organizing so I can mark you down for a tee shirt and enter you in the drawing for the end-of-season GOT dive. Remember, you get an extra chance for every dive you organize (even if nobody shows up!).

**For non-shore diving activities,** I've been on a couple of trips I'd like to talk a bit about.

**North Carolina:** First, was our trip to Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. Although it was a rather advanced dive profile, we had a great time and the sights were spectacular. The water temperature is in the high 70's and the visibility was 50-70 feet on most dives. They call this the, "Graveyard of the Atlantic" because the cape (Hatteras) area can be shallow and very treacherous. This is a good thing for us GPS age divers. The trip out to the sites took around two hours, but was well worth it. Once you get into the Gulf Stream water, it turns that nice Caribbean blue and the temp shoots right up. Then there are the wrecks. All three days consisted of double dives to 100-120 feet onto the wrecks (on rented 100cuft high pressure steel tanks). The Sand Tiger Sharks were the highlight. On the Carib-Sea wreck, there were so many sharks swimming around (minding their own business) that it was hard to keep track of them. I even managed to find two souvenir shark's teeth on the bottom (not easy) on the last dive. We also saw a fantastic 10' sting ray with a 25' tail. Three feet behind the ray were two 6' cobias, who had a go at the ray as we woke them from their nap (divers are a loud bunch). We had a feast of a cookout on Saturday night, complete with the catch of the DAY, with the rest of the divers on the boat. We all had a great time. If you are up to the dive profile, this is one trip you will remember.

**Ft. Lauderdale:** A few weeks prior to the Club NC trip, I found myself back in one of my favorite spots on the planet, Ft. Lauderdale. If you have never been here and you are traveling to places like Cayman, Bonaire, and Mexico to dive, you have NO IDEA of what you are missing. The plane ride down is around \$200, then I usually rent a car for a few days to shuffle gear and food around. I stay at a nice motel off the beat in path called the Nina Lee (3048 Harbor Drive – 800-646-2533). Nice efficiency apartments with real kitchens and a charcoal grill out back. Rooms are around \$50-60 a night. From here, you can walk to my favorite dive operator/dive school, Pro Dive (<http://www.prodiveusa.com/>). I call it a school, because they produce around 300 new instructors per year. This is no resort course, these people know their stuff. As for the charter, they have a fantastic 60' boat called the, "Pro-Dive II", located just around the back of the shop. The Pro-Dive II goes out at 1pm everyday, and they usually do night dives on the weekend (I never miss them). The reefs are on par with the Caribbean (color and marine life) and Lauderdale/Palm Beach has one of the most aggressive artificial reef programs (sunken ships) in the world. If you do go to Lauderdale, try to dive the Mercedes, it is a great wreck and has a colorful story. The water temperature is a constant 85 degrees and the ocean breeze is around 90+. I usually go in early summer or early fall to avoid most of the tourists and get the travel deals. It is tough to beat Ft. Lauderdale as a dive/vacation destination for its "bang-for-the-buck".

Unlike these other island places, you don't need your passport 'cause you're not leaving the country (think customs here). When you are done diving, there is a great pub attached to the back of the shop called the Tap Room. You step off of the boat and you are staring at the Tap Room. Great food, many great brews on tap, chat with the locals (not a tourist type pub), and enjoy the wild scenery that is Ft. Lauderdale. On my last trip, one of the coolest sights was a 140' yacht, complete with his/hers 22' sport boats that drop down off the side. On the top deck was the HELICOPTER, just in case you had to jet into town for a cappuccino. For the non divers, there is a 10 mile stretch of beach that ranges from the Lauderdale strip (bars, shops, restaurants) to state park and nothing but wildlife. They also have the world famous, Elbo Room and another favorite watering hole, the Treasure Trove. Let's just say you won't be eating caviar at these establishments. Speaking of food, don't even get me started on how many great restaurants there are in the area. If I now have your attention, talk to me about Lauderdale, you won't be disappointed. Look for a club trip scheduled soon....

## **FROM YOUR BOAT DIVING COORDINATOR Bill Low**

Wouldn't it be great to combine the sensations of diving and the allure of looking at a time capsule that will never stop engrossing all that are fortunate enough to find it. That is what divers can look forward to when they enter the underwater world that holds so many different meanings to so many people and encounter a shipwreck..

I was finally able to dive the Chester Poling and I was not disappointed. The Chester Poling is a ship that sank in January of 1977 in a ferocious storm that took the life of the cook on the ship; he fell from the rescue basket and was never to be seen again. Then in the blizzard of 1978 it broke in half and now the stern rest in 100 feet of water with the deck reachable at 80 feet.

As I descended down the mooring line the shape of the ship started to come in to view and then it just appears out of the darkness of the deep. You can visualize the crew that were manning the decks and the captain barking orders out in the hope of saving his doomed ship. That is the time capsule of every wreck that still holds some shape of its past life and even wrecks that are just rotting ribs in the sand.

The USS New Hampshire is a wreck that has a lot of history to it but with little of the actual ship remaining. But the lucky few who look hard enough can bring a piece of history up with them.

In Rhode Island you can dive back to World War II and visit the wreck of the German submarine U 853. The sub sent two ships to their watery graves on the day that she was to be sent to the bottom of the Atlantic with all hands lost.

And of course with wrecks you get another opportunity to see even more marine life because now there is a new habitat for underwater life to flourish.

Everyone should make an effort to go on at least a couple of boat dives and explore some wrecks and see what awaits them in the abyss that will constantly keep you swimming back for more.

The Chester Poling and the U 853 are wrecks for the advanced diver but are a great reason to get your advanced certification and open up even more of the incredible world of diving that awaits all of us.

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## NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. COASTSWEEP 2003

Canoe Beach/Forty-Steps Underwater & Beach Cleanup/Northeastern University Marine Lab Open House

**Date:** September 20, 2003; **Time:** 10am-4pm; **Where:** Canoe Beach, Nahant, MA

**Contact:** Alicia Lenci 617 389-3458, [environmental@neadc.org](mailto:environmental@neadc.org)

A great family event. Non divers and divers are welcome to cleanup the beach and the underwater area of Canoe Beach & Forty-Steps. Also Northeastern University's Marine Lab will be having their open house. Check out what is going on at the Marine Lab. Prizes for those that participate! For the diver...this area usually has restricted parking but not for this event. Come check out an awesome dive site so close to Boston and help make a difference!

### **What is Coast Sweep?**

Every year the cleanups are led by a dedicated group of local coordinators who in 2002 organized 4,000 volunteers who collected almost 40,000 pounds of trash and marine debris from 125 locations. That's over 180 miles of Massachusetts' coastline! COASTSWEEP is part of an international campaign organized by the Ocean Conservancy in Washington, DC. Participants all over the world collect marine debris and record the types of trash they collect. This information is then used to help reduce future marine debris problems.

### **Directions: From the South: Via Tobin Bridge.**

Take I-93 N Route 1N. Take Route 16 exit (Revere Beach Lynn) from route 1. Follow Route 16 to Bell Circle (First Rotary with lights). At Bell circle take Route 1a (Lynn, fork right at Nahant/Swampscott sign to Nahant rotary. Take first right off of rotary. go over causeway and stay on Nahant Road to its end. Marine Lab is on the left at East Point at the end of Nahant Road. **Park inside NEU property.**

### **From the North Shore:**

From Routes 128& 95 South: Take exit for Route 1 South. Take exit for Lynn/Route 129 East. Follow 129A to its eastern end at the ocean. Take a right and follow the water to Nahant rotary. Take second left off of rotary, go over causeway and stay on Nahant Road to its end. Marine Lab is on the left at East Point at the end of Nahant Road. **Park inside NEU property.**

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## ARE YOUR KIDS DROOLING OVER YOUR SCUBA GEAR?

The PADI Seal Team program is an exciting underwater activity-filled introduction to the world of diving. This program gives children as young as eight a chance to swim around underwater and experience adventure, discovery and thrills. It also provides parents or guardians with a structured program that lets their children develop skills, learn about the aquatic realm and have a lot of good, clean fun. PADI Seals will complete five aquamissions. Each aquamission includes a classroom activity, followed by a pool skill aquamission and very cool underwater games.

Next Start Date at the Newton YMCA: Aquamission 1 – Sept 6, Aquamission 2 – Sept 13, Aquamission 3 – Sept 20, Aquamission 4 – Sept 27, Aquamission 5 – Oct 4.

Note: This is a pool only course and not a certification course.

**Genevieve Stewart • [Genevieve@pgdive.com](mailto:Genevieve@pgdive.com) • 617-964-0443 • [www.pgdive.com](http://www.pgdive.com)**

## 2003 DUTCH SPRINGS TRIP

This years trip to Dutch Springs will be leaving on September 26th (Friday) and diving on Saturday (27th) and Sunday (28th). It is a 5 hour drive from the Boston area and there is camping on site and motels close by. Please visit their web site at [www.dutchsprings.com](http://www.dutchsprings.com) for more info.

Dutch Springs Diving and Recreation Facility features a 47 acre freshwater lake which has been set up specifically for SCUBA diving with underwater platforms, submerged vehicles, aircraft, and other sights to see, and a variety of interesting fish life including rainbow trout, palamino trout, largemouth bass, bluegills, carp, and goldfish. For non divers, Dutch Springs is a place for picnicking, boating, swimming, and snorkeling.

### 2003 RATES

#### ADMISSION (per day)

- \$22.00 - Diver \$10.00 - Non-diver \$5.00 - Children (non-divers) 5 to 9 years, May 15 - Sept. 30 Instructor with current certification card - **FREE**
- \$5.00 - Night Dive (Saturday night only, please present advanced c-card or be under instructor supervision)
- \$10.00 - Adult Camping \$5.00 - Child Camping (Friday and Saturday night, must be at Dutch Springs by 8:30 pm each night. Camping for other nights - Call for arrangements)
- Group Rates Available
- Master Card and Visa accepted
- No personal checks for payment of daily admission or airfills

Contact:

Jim Carozza

NEADC

Business Manager if interested 617-966-0111

\* I will also have a signup sheet at the next two general meetings also.

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### ***KAYAKERS AND DIVERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER 2003 EELGRASS FLOWERING SHOOT COLLECTION***

We need your help!! Save The Bay in cooperation with URI's Graduate School of Oceanography is trying to collect 6 million seeds this summer. These seeds will be used to grow shoots for future eelgrass transplants so we can minimize our impact on the natural eelgrass beds of Narragansett Bay. However, this is a huge goal in terms of time spent in the Bay collecting seeds, so your help is essential. We'll be meeting at Fort Getty in Jamestown, RI from 9am-2pm on Saturday, August 9 and Saturday, August 16. As usual, snacks, lunch, and beverages will be provided.

If you are interested in coming out with us, please contact: Michelle Denault: [mdenault@savebay.org](mailto:mdenault@savebay.org) or (401) 272-3540 ext 114

*We look forward to seeing you once again!!*

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### **UWATEC DIVE COMPUTERS RECALLED**

*Jul 17, 2003 11:16 pm US/Eastern* **WASHINGTON (AP)** A Swiss company is recalling 6,000 computers for divers because the computers can malfunction and pose a risk to a diver's safety. UWATEC AG has received two reports of the dive computers not working properly but no injuries have been reported, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday.

The recalled units are the UWATEC Smart PRO and Smart COM dive computers. The Smart PRO is available as a console and wrist unit. The Smart COM is available in a console model.

UWATEC dealers nationwide sold the dive computers from February 2002 to June 2003 for between \$638 and \$910.

Consumers should contact UWATEC for a free replacement unit at 1-800-806-0640.

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## UNDERWATER RUGBY

Underwater Rugby has its official birthplace in Germany back in the 60's. Since then, it has evolved and spread over the European continent eventually finding roots in Russia, Colombia, Peru and the United States. It found a home in Quincy about 20 years ago where scuba divers eagerly engaged in the sport in the winter when diving in the ocean was less frequent than in the summer months. In 1999, the Quincy group organized themselves with the help with some members of the Baltimore group and went to the Underwater Rugby World Championships in Germany. They returned in 2003 when the Championships were held in Denmark joined this time by a women's team. The Colombian and Sweden Women's Team were extremely supportive of the USA Women's team. Most countries have extended invitations to the USA Teams to come to their local tournaments. Many countries expressed interest in coming to the USA if we had local and regional tournaments. Of course, we need to have more teams locally if we were to have any tournaments! Martha from Colombia will be visiting in August to share with us some of her knowledge in training, skill development and conditioning. We are very fortunate to have her here for this short time. Since the Quincy Club is so well established, we would like to organize several clubs in the other parts of Greater Boston. We are inviting NEADC club members to check out Underwater rugby as an activity that can supplement and enhance their scuba experiences. Come while Martha is with us to get a more professional experience in approaching this aquatic sport. The Quincy Club plays on Mondays & Wednesdays at the Randolph High Pool from 7:45-8:45 PM. We gather at 7:30 PM to be dressed and at the water's edge by 7:45. Martha will go through some techniques before we play the actual scrimmage. Currently Tony and Jeannine are investigating pools in the area to find ones that are suitable and open to the program of underwater rugby. Any input from the NEADC club members is gladly welcomed. Ideally, the pool time would be one hour or more. Half the time will be used for skill development and the last half would be actual scrimmages. As a bonus, CBS filmed the Quincy Club shortly after the Teams came back from the World Championships. They were focusing on the Women's Team and their experience but the footage captured the Quincy club members in action. The piece is to be aired on the CBS Early show in late July or early August.

So, we invite you to check out Underwater Rugby and to become a charter member of a new club in the Boston area. Our goal is to form several clubs that will have the opportunity to compete with each other. And we are definitely looking for people to help lead this endeavor. Contact either Jeannine at [miata\\_nina@operamail.com](mailto:miata_nina@operamail.com) (or [jfabi@sunlife.com](mailto:jfabi@sunlife.com)) 617-365-5588, or Tony Rodriguez at [Anthony.Rodriguez@genmills.com](mailto:Anthony.Rodriguez@genmills.com) 617 293 6664, or Andres Mejia at [andresmejia@yahoo.com](mailto:andresmejia@yahoo.com); 508-277-4869. <http://www.underwaterrugby.org> for the Quincy Club's website <http://www.uv-sport.dk/> Danish website [http://www.gfi.uib.no/~even/boblen/eng\\_index.html](http://www.gfi.uib.no/~even/boblen/eng_index.html) Norway's website

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## PADI RESCUE DIVER

Sounds serious, well, yes it is, but you will be amazed at how much your own skills and confidence improves while learning to help divers in potentially disastrous situations. The information you learn in this course is invaluable! Class and pool training is scheduled on August 23 (Newton YMCA) and is followed by two full days of diving on August 30 and 31 (Cape Ann). Be prepared for some action.

Current first aid and CPR training is required for final certification. Course is limited to four divers.

Cost \$300 (includes course materials)

**Genevieve Stewart • [Genevieve@pgdive.com](mailto:Genevieve@pgdive.com) • 617-964-0443 • [www.pgdive.com](http://www.pgdive.com)**

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## CENOTE (SI-N'O-TE)

*Noun:* A deep sinkhole in limestone with a pool at the bottom that is found especially in Yucatan.

Join us for an exciting trip with a twist.

November 8 – 15, 2003

Your trip to Cozumel includes five two-tank boat dives, one night dive and a day trip option to dive the cenotes of the Yucatan. No cave or cavern experience necessary – just the desire to try something few others divers have experienced!

Hotel (Plaza Las Glorias), Air (US Airways), Diving (Aqua Safari), Breakfast and Lunch included: \$1499.00

### **Scuba Diver (scu'ba-dive'r)**

*Noun:* One who uses scuba gear in underwater swimming. **Where do you swim?**

Info: [www.pgdive.com](http://www.pgdive.com) / [divewithus@pgdive.com](mailto:divewithus@pgdive.com)

## BOSTON HARBOR DIVING COMPANY

**Capt. James Sullivan**

Winthrop, MA  
(617) 846-5151  
js@bostondiving.com  
www.Bostondiving.com

NEADC members receive \$10.00 off all charters, whether it is one of the group trips listed, or one they book themselves.

The first person to book a trip will choose the dive sites for the day. Note that I run 2 half-day trips per day, a morning and an afternoon. Morning trips run from 8am to 1pm, and the afternoon trips run from 2pm until 7pm. Night dives are also available. 1 or 2 tank dive depending on group.

August 10th Sunday 8am-1pm    August 30th Saturday 2pm-7pm  
Sept 13th Saturday 8am-1pm    Sept 21st Sunday 2pm-7pm

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### NEADC BOAT DIVES WITH EASY DIVER

Aug 2    The Haight	Sept 21    The Wreck of The Chelsea
Aug 10    The Dry Salvages	Sept 27    Thacher Island
Aug 16    The Headlands	Oct 5    Salt Island
Aug 24    Gully Point	Oct 11    Bass Rocks
Aug 30    Straitsmouth Island	Oct 19    Bemo Ledge
Sept 7    Paradise Cliffs	Oct 25    Kettle Island
Sept 13    Mouth of Loblolly Cove	

EASY DIVER. 25 years operating dive charters around Cape Ann. Normal charge is \$55.00. NEADC members pay only \$45.00 (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.



Are you looking for a day under water with the seals? Want to snorkel a secluded cove five miles offshore? Or just go diving? Captain Rob has the boat. Grab a buddy and bring your dive gear.

Enjoy half day charters aboard the M/V Giant Stride with Captain Rob Kenney. Rob is an experienced Captain with 18 years of diving experience, and he's been the Captain of the Giant Stride since 1995.

#### **Trips and Pricing:**

Up to three trips leave daily from Rye Harbor, New Hampshire, just one hour north of Boston. Charter fees range from \$25 to \$60 based on number of tanks and destination. A typical 2 tank half day charter is \$60. Special group rates and private charters for diving, snorkeling, fishing or just enjoying a day on the water, are available. The charter fee of \$60.00 is reduced for NEADC members to 50.00.

To find out more information or reserve a charter please contact us at:

**On the web:** [www.captainrobs.com](http://www.captainrobs.com)

**\_ Phone:** (603) 926-9350.

Captain Rob's Dive Charters is a family owned and operated business. We thank you for your patronage.

## 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	Notes
Aug 9 (Sat)	Humarock	9:30 AM – Route 3 Exit 14 South – Hanover Home Depot Parking lot	Alan Budreau 978 369-8132 <a href="mailto:dihughes@theworld.com">dihughes@theworld.com</a>	Lunch	Shallow, Warm, Possible drift dive.
Aug 10 (Sun)	Cathedral Rocks, Gloucester	9 AM Cape Ann Dive Shop	Trish Katzman 781-648-1850 <a href="mailto:p-katzman@yahoo.com">p-katzman@yahoo.com</a>		
Aug 15 (Fri)	Cape Ann Wreck Dives	Cape Ann Divers	Donna Romano. Questions call 617-726- 4222 or email <a href="mailto:romano@helix.mgh.harvard.edu">romano@helix.mgh.harvard.edu</a>	NEADC Triple Wreck Dive	
Aug 16 (Sat)	Odiorne State Park, NH <a href="http://www.nhparks.state.nh.us/ParksPages/Odiorne/Odiorne.html">http://www.nhparks.state.nh.us/ParksPages/Odiorne/Odiorne.html</a>	10 AM at site	Lynn Gipprich 978-741-4094	Family Event: Picnic Style  Grills Allowed	Snorkeling, lots of horseshoe crabs.
Aug 17 (Sun)	Diver's Market Annual Cookout Sandwich Town Beach \$5 All you can eat (Please RSVP in advance so we can plan the food accordingly)	10 AM - Diving Starts at the beach  11:30 AM – BBQ is Served!!!	Rick Rosa 325-325-7820 <a href="mailto:shoredive@neadc.org">shoredive@neadc.org</a> OR Wayne Gomer ( <a href="http://www.diversmarket.com">www.diversmarket.com</a> ) 781-746-3483	Sandwich Town Beach – Cape Cod  Directions: <a href="http://www.scuba-newengland.com/DiveSites.asp">http://www.scuba-newengland.com/DiveSites.asp</a>	Family Event Diving, Snorkeling, Swimming, and EATING!!!  Meet other divers, Have fun at the Beach
Aug 20 (Wed)	Immersion Theater	New England Aquarium	General Meeting	Speaker Meeting	Dinner after the meeting at Il Panino Express on Hanover St.
Aug 23 (Sat)	Nubble Light, Maine A great beginner shore dive. Easy entry/exit. Varying depths	9 AM at Nubble	Mike Whyte 508-226-4818 <a href="mailto:mbwhyte@attbi.com">mbwhyte@attbi.com</a>	Nubble Light	<b>New Member Dive</b> Nubble Light, ME
Aug 24 (Sun)	Tropical Fish Hunt -	TBA	Jean Stefanik 603-647-1063 <a href="mailto:jeango4it@aol.com">jeango4it@aol.com</a>		Tropical Fish Hunt
Aug 28 (Thu)	Night Dive	TBA	Alicia Lenci 617-389-3458 <a href="mailto:environmental@neadc.org">environmental@neadc.org</a>	Night Dive	Full Moon Night Dive
Aug 30 (Sat)	Cape Ann – TBA	8 AM - Burger King Route 128N, Beverly Gloucester	Scott Matto 508-478-5710 <a href="mailto:spm20@attbi.com">spm20@attbi.com</a>		
Aug 31 (Sun)	South Shore – TBA	TBA	Andrew Eddy 617-287-8971 <a href="mailto:andreweddy2002@yahoo.com">andreweddy2002@yahoo.com</a>		
Sept 3 (Wed)	Raynham, MA	Home of Janet MacCausland	Informal Meeting		Join us for dinner and assembling the Club newsletter

Date	Location	Meeting Place	Dive/Event Leader	Social Activity	Notes
Sep 6 (Sat)	Nubble Light	9 AM Rest Area on Rt 95	Joe Gobbini 978-568-8261 <a href="mailto:joegobbini@comcast.net">joegobbini@comcast.net</a>		
Sept 7 (Sun)	Rhode Island – TBA	TBA	Anna Krowczynska 978-452-4399 <a href="mailto:secretary@neadc.org">secretary@neadc.org</a>		
Sept 11 (Thu)	Night Dive	TBA	Alicia Lenci 617-389-3458 <a href="mailto:environmental@neadc.org">environmental@neadc.org</a>	Night Dive	Full Moon Night Dive
Sept 13 (Sat)	Assabet River cleanup too shallow to dive (freshwater river)	10 AM Assabet River Stow, MA	Alan Budreau 978 369-8132 <a href="mailto:dihughes@theworld.com">dihughes@theworld.com</a>	Meet Organization for Assabet River	Cleanup Dive- probably wading & snorkeling
Sept 14 (Sun)	Folly Cove, Gloucester	9:30 AM – Friendly's Route 128N, Gloucester	Jacki Kronenberg 617-469-2618 <a href="mailto:kronen@world.std.com">kronen@world.std.com</a>		
Sept 17 (Wed)	Immersion Theater	New England Aquarium	General Meeting	Speaker TBA	Dinner following meeting at local restaurant
Sept 20 (Sat)	Coast Sweep	TBA	Alicia Lenci 617-389-3458 <a href="mailto:environmental@neadc.org">environmental@neadc.org</a>	Environmental Clean up	New Member Dive & Coastal Sweep
Sept 21 (Sun)	Tropical Fish Hunt	TBA	Jean Stefanik 603-647-1063 <a href="mailto:jeanq04it@aol.com">jeanq04it@aol.com</a>		Tropical Fish Hunt

**40th ANNUAL FROZEN FIN DIVE NEW YEARS DAY 2004**

Greens Harbor Beach  
Warm Indoor Registration & Coffee  
Ferry Slip Dockominiums  
112 Pequot Ave New London, CT  
Registration time starts: 10:00 am, Dive Time: 12:00 noon sharp  
A \$15.00 registration fee entitles all participants to:  
Warm Indoor Awards Ceremony  
Hundreds of dollars in prizes, numerous categories  
Food and hot refreshments (just \$3.00 for non-divers)  
Scuba tank raffle open to all  
Bring C-Card and Buddy  
Commemorative shirts on sale while supplies last  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL:  
Tom: (860) 848-9400, Deb: (401) 742-4898, Ken: (860) 885-1359  
or email us at [officers@seconndivers.org](mailto:officers@seconndivers.org)  
SPONSORED BY: SECONN DIVE CLUB

Divers come one, come all! Dive into the New Year at the SECONN's 40th Annual Frozen Fin Dive, Jan 1, 2004 at Green Harbor Beach, at 112 Pequot Avenue, New London, CT. Registration starts at 10:00am with a fee of \$15. Dive for shells and a chance at hundreds of prizes. Refreshments and awards ceremony indoors. Heated changing facilities are also available. Learn more about this event or SECONN dive club by visiting [www.seconndivers.org](http://www.seconndivers.org).

**CONGRATULATIONS to JONATHAN and CHRISTINE BIRD**  
on the birth of their daughter  
**ELISE JEANNE**  
born July 22, 2003

# 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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