



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

September 2001

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NEADC GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2001 GUEST SPEAKERS from NEARS: Dale Findlay, current President, and Rob Falk, Director of Marketing and Education. The presentation will center around a video (approximately 20 minutes in length) and a PowerPoint Slide show about the work required to prepare a ship for becoming an artificial reef based on the sinking and diving of the "HMCS Yukon" in San Diego and the Slide Show is about the NEARS organization including Reef project status and recent newspaper articles talking about the state of fishing and lobstering in New England. Our "pitch" will be that we need everyone's help to make artificial reefs a reality in New England and we encourage all to join and contribute to its success.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by

Monday, September 24, 2001!

(Saturday after the GENERAL MEETING) for the **October EDITION** of the NEADC Newsletter. Submissions should be forwarded by e-mail at newsletter@neadc.org

INFORMAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, October 3, 2001, AT 6:30 P.M. at the home of Nancy Papagno in Needham. Directions on Page 2

PHOTO CONTEST

Your underwater photograph could be selected for the 2001 badges. See details for submission Page 6.

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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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Street: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

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State/Zip: _____

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DIRECTIONS TO INFORMAL MEETING:

The October Informal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2001 6:30 p.m. at the Home of Nancy Papagno **19 Mt. Vernon Ave., Needham - 781-449-3805**

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GOING NORTH ON 128, take Exit 18 "Great Plain Ave. - West Roxbury"

Go right off ramp app. 1.2 miles. You will have passed a Mobil station and a drug store on the right. Three or four streets after, at the LEFT BEND - make a SHARP RIGHT turn onto Mt. Vernon Ave.

Seventh house up on the left, cedar shingled, #19

ON 128 SOUTH, take Exit 19A - "Highland Ave - Needham" (not Newton) Go to the 2nd light (passing the light at Muzi Ford).

Make a LEFT at Webster Street.

About one mile down (passing the high school on the right), make a LEFT at the light at Great Plain Ave.

EXACTLY 1/2 mile later, the road makes a wide bend to the right like a C... DO NOT BEND! Make a LEFT (which will seem like you are going straight) at Mt. Vernon Ave.

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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**

Gear for sale:

Dacor Nautica BC SM in mint condition. Used 1 season-only \$150.

Poseidon Biscaya Tec BC LG in good condition \$150 or best offer.

dsands1@caregroup.harvard.edu or Dorothy Sands 781-391-2991

Gear for sale:

Men's large wetsuit (165-185lbs) Farmer John 6mm with hood, boots, mitts and gloves. Excellent condition. \$150.00

Also, older wetsuit men's large, fair condition. \$75

Call 617-328-0077

For rent:

DIVE FOR TROPICALS IN NEWPORT

Oceancliff 1 bdrm condo, sleeps 4, 1 mile f/Kings Beach, across f/Wetherill, right on the Bay, 10/19-10/26.

781-449-3805; nancpants@yahoo.com; pix at eAtlantis.com

Gear for sale:

Mares 3 regulator, Seaquest ADVI BCD (medium), Sherwood Octopus, Sherwood Gauge set (Depth/pressure/compass/digital dive timer), Luxfor 80 cu/ft Tank/boot and Sherwood valve - Never used.

Top of the line setup- Originally \$1450, Will let go for \$650 O.B.O zerodowt@aol.com

617-247-1973

John Kurkomelis

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Maryhelen Shuman-Groh

What can I say except - GO TO THE 25th ANNIVERSARY PARTY on October 7th. A lot of time and effort has gone into this event and I really hope you will ALL attend. Wouldn't it be fabulous to have the entire membership in one place at one time? That's 500 of us! Plus all those people who have been members and officers over the past years. Please help spread the word!

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT Caroline Starita

Interested in NEADC logowear? Please talk to or e-mail Vice President, Caroline Starita. She has many samples of various items that will be available for purchase. Right now, we're trying to determine what items people are most interested in purchasing. We hope to have information on the website soon.

FROM YOUR BOAT DIVE COORDINATOR Veronica Atlantis, photos by Peter Donahue

Sharks and other Boogie Men

Lately there has been a lot of media press about shark attacks in Florida, the Bahamas and even scares off of Cape Cod. Being a "shark lover" I will try to refrain from ranting and raving ...

It appears that the media loves this sort of thing perhaps because our current President is well behaved and that there is no news in that department to write about. Or maybe because it's the summer and they need a "shocking" summer story.

I was down Cape Cod July 19-21 when I heard about this "monster shark fishing tournament" in Martha's Vineyard. A former work-mate of mine (who happens to think sharks are "evil and a pox to the beaches") told me that 1,500 sharks were caught off of Oaks Bluff. She was horrified to THINK that so many sharks were "cruising the beaches" but, thankfully, eliminated. Needless to say, I was sick for days after hearing that 1,500 sharks were killed for the sake of some macho sport.

I decided to do some research and find out more about this "shark hunt" before I decided to write this article.

Through careful research I contacted the Boston Big Game club's captain. The captain turned out to be not only a true sportsman but a gentleman as well. He was concerned about the future of sharks survival as well. Yes, they did catch 1,500 sharks but 1,470 were released and tagged. Thirty were taken and the meat was donated to the Boston food bank. A record setting Mako that weighed 1,210 pounds was caught and used for food.

It was interesting to know what species of sharks do exist in our NE waters such as threshers, makos, blues and even hammerheads.

I personally don't like fishing or lobstering but I am sane enough to appreciate the people who do that follow the rules and treat the animals that bring them dinner on the table with RESPECT.

I think as divers if we are lucky enough to see sharks in the wild it is like a gift. On August 4th I was that lucky.

I was crewing on the Easy Diver dive charter boat that day. We were diving north of Foley point. I was on the boat when divers Kevin and Linsley Mordasky yelled out to me, "Sharks!! Hundreds of them!!" I first thought they were joking then realized they weren't. I literally FLEW into the water and there were schools of two foot long dogfish sharks. There must have been a hundred of them. It was like being at Walker's Cay with all these beautiful sharks swimming all around you. It was amazing! Crew member Peter Donahue grabbed his camera and got a few shots of these beauties. (*Ed.: Our apologies to Peter - the photos did not reproduce using our newsletter copy service and were deleted. We will attempt to have them available for viewing on our website.*)

I am THANKFUL that there ARE sharks in our New England waters... HA!

FROM YOUR SHORE DIVE COORDINATOR Ken Mulzet

Happy September everyone! I can't believe the year is almost over. I just returned from a great trip at Jonathan Bird's place up in Eastport Maine - check out the article in this issue. We have plenty of dives planned for September so just because Labor Day has come and gone don't pack up your gear!
See ya at the meeting. Ken

FROM YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR Al Bozza

There have been cancellations on our upcoming trip to Silver Banks to **SWIM WITH HUMPBACK WHALES** - February 9-16, 2002. Please contact me if you'd like more information! Al Bozza, (508) 384-1377 or Programs@neadc.org

FROM YOUR SECRETARY Brandy Derickson

Anybody interested in taking my spot on Jonathan Bird's dolphin trip to the Bahamas in April? E-mail me secretary@neadc.org or call (603)436-6424.

Also, for those of you that missed the first one, there will be another REEF Northeast Fish ID course from 10-12 on Saturday, October 27. This one will be held at Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary headquarters in Scituate. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail or call as above.

ENVIRONMENTAL COASTSWEEP 2001 MISERY ISLAND CLEAN-UP from Alicia Lenci

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2001

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meet: Tucks Point Manchester, MA

Contact: Alicia Lenci (617) 889 1486

Free parking and free boat ride: Please call to confirm your space on the boat ride to the island. Non divers welcome. Assist in clean-up of "Cocktail Cove" and then spend time enjoying over 80 acres that make up this beautiful island: 3 miles of cut grass footpaths, diving, snorkeling, swimming, bird watching, scenic vistas, kayaking (bring your own). Bring your own lunch/refreshments to enjoy the day on the island.

Legend has it that in 1600's a shipwrecked man spent three cold December days alone before being rescued, thus the island was named Misery Island. In 1935, following a public campaign to keep Great Misery Island from becoming the site for an oil storage operation, 68 acres were acquired and given to the Trustees to create public reservation. After a final 5 acre acquisition in 1997, all 87 acres comprising Great and Little Misery Islands were owned and protected by the Trustees of Reservation.

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) organizes the annual statewide event, officially kicking off September 15, 2001. So be sure to mark your calendars and check out their website www.state.ma.czm for specific cleanup locations and times. The cleanup list is always growing, so be sure to revisit. Every year the cleanups are led by a dedicated group of local coordinators. Last year, these local coordinators organized over 3,500 volunteers who collected almost 60,000 pounds of trash from over 130 locations covering 217.5 miles of Massachusetts coastline!

Directions:

From RT 128 take exit 16 Pine Street

Take a left at the end of the ramp heading towards Manchester by the Sea.

Turn right onto RT 127 when Pine Street ends

Approximately 1/4 mile out of town turn left onto Harbor Street

There is a little island with a tree at the turn to Harbor Street

Go over the railroad tracks and turn left onto Tucks Point Road

Follow Tucks Point Road to the parking lot



Commemorative ticket design by Stephanie Williams, NEADC Newsletter Editor

25th ANNIVERSARY GALA - DON'T MISS THE FUN!

The 25th Anniversary of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. is rapidly approaching. Join the Celebration!

Sunday, October 7, 2001

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

New England Aquarium

DANCING to live entertainment of The Buck Dewey Big Band

Door Prizes:

Giant Ocean Tank Dive plus Behind the Scenes Tour for 6 Guests

Giant Ocean Tank Dive

Week's Accommodations in the Florida Keys

Food,

Member Photography Displays

Special Guests

Club Memorabilia,.

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Send a check payable to

NEADC,

c/o Steve Groh

P. O. Box 70

Raynham, MA 02767.

For more information: www.NEADC.org

ANNIVERSARY 2001 NEADC PHOTO CONTEST RULES

1. Each entrant can submit up to three (3) photos for consideration.
2. The submitted photo format should be 8" x 10" print. Framed pictures will be accepted however they need to be able to be scanned in to a color scanner.
3. The deadline for entering the photo contest will be the formal meeting occurring in September of this year (September 19, 2001).
4. The judging shall take place by the board of directors of the NEADC and will occur no later than the informal meeting of October of this year (October 3, 2001).
5. The decision of the judges is final and a simple majority vote by the board shall determine the winner.
6. We reserve the right to change the size of the photo in order to make it fit onto a badge. By doing so we only wish to ensure the best presentation possible.
7. The winner will be announced at the 25th Anniversary Banquet.
8. The winner's photograph will be used as a backdrop for the 2001 participation nametags for the NEADC.
9. Entrants are limited to amateur underwater photographers who are also NEADC members.
10. Prizes for first and second runner up will be considered as well.

Here are some tips to keep in mind when creating entries:

Remember this is for a badge. If you have a year 2000 badge take a look at it and see how it is laid out. One of the issues we ran into when considering photographs for the backdrop was whether the name would be visible.

Part of the reason for this contest is to get people out diving and taking pictures. Ultimately this is for fun and a little healthy competition. So go out and take lots of pictures – even if you don't win you will still have some great shots for your study!

Good luck and have fun!

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE 25th ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY

1. The material can include but is not limited to: underwater photographs, photos of club events, and historical photos related to NEADC.
2. Make sure your picture is presentable. In other words you are responsible for providing any framing or hanging devices to present the photograph.
3. You are responsible for claiming the picture at the conclusion of the banquet. We cannot assume responsibility for returning any photographs.
4. If you would like to include a caption with the photo please feel free. Also any photo credit (name of photographer, name of photo, location, etc.) can either be submitted with the framing material or in a presentable format to display directly beneath or next to the photograph.
5. We cannot guarantee that all material submitted would be displayed. However we will make every effort to ensure that anyone that submits material will have at least one photograph appear in the exhibit.
6. Photographs submitted for the badge contest can also be displayed. If the submitter wishes for this then they should express their desire when submitting.
7. All submissions are due by the formal meeting in September, which is September 19, 2001. Ken Mulzet is the organizer for both events so please present your submissions to him.
8. Format for the photographs should be 8" x 10" print.

UPCOMING TRIPS LES ESCOUMINS, QUEBEC, CANADA, September 20-25, 2001

Don Eva is coordinating a trip to Les Escoumins, Quebec, Canada, from Thursday, September 20th through Tuesday September 25th. Two chalet have already reserved but another can be arranged should you wish to go (6 max. in each). The rates for the chalets for the 5 nights are \$460 Canadian for up to 4 people, \$100 each additional person + about 10% tax (approximately \$120US per person to be safe). We'll bring most of our food, but plan on having 1 or 2 dinners at local restaurants.

A couple of the dive and/or kayak launch sites charge a nominal (\$5-10 Canadian) usage fee. You should be able to launch kayaks and maybe do a shallow dive right in front of the chalet.

Anyone else who wants to go, contact Don Eva, DPEVA@aol.com or 603-672-5608. We're sorry not everyone interested can go that weekend. Seems like everyone had different schedules. Maybe next time?

TRIP REPORT MOREHEAD CITY TRIP 2001

The weekend diving was a case of "Good News, Bad News". The Good News was the weather conditions were beautiful and the seas were calm, the Bad News was a week of NE winds turned the usual excellent visibility into varying degrees of soup depending on the site and proximity to the shoals.

On Saturday, 4 August, with the sun shining down and seas running 2-3 foot mostly in swells we headed South to the wreck of the USS Schurz, sunk on 21 June 1918 due to a collision with the SS Florida in the dark of night. The Florida was running blacked out due to the WWI U-Boat Threat. Today the wreck rests in 113 feet of water, mostly intact, and is the home for numerous species of tropical and game fish and is often visited by Sharks, Turtles, Rays and an occasional Ocean Sunfish. Visibility was approximately 50-60 feet with a fair amount of particles in the water from the week of NE winds. The water temperature was 79 degrees at the bottom and 81 degrees at the surface.

For our second dive we headed over to the German Submarine, U-352, which lies in 115 feet of water and is mostly intact. The U-352 went down on 9 May 1942 due to being depth charged after an unsuccessful attempt at torpedoing the USCG Cutter Icarus during a desperate daylight attack, making U-352's only successful sinking during her deployment, her own. She now serves a different purpose, providing a home for many small fish and crustaceans as well as being an oasis of life in a desert of sand. Located at various spots along her hull are resident spotted Moray Eels while a wide variety of bait, tropical and game fish occupy areas around and inside her pressure hull and below the bow and stern of the wreck. The wreck is often visited by large Southern Stingrays and Sea Turtles but sharks are a rare sight except in the early Spring. She rest on her keel with a starboard list of about 45 degrees with all her hatches open to the sea. The inside is filled with a heavy layer of silt and mud that is easily stirred up knocking visibility to near zero and also house a rather large Conger Eel that hangs around the Conning Tower tubes. Visibility was a murky 25-30 feet which some how seems appropriate for this Ghost of World War II. There was a slight current running stern to bow making it an easy return to our anchor. The water temperature was 80 degrees on the bottom and 81 degrees at 20 feet.

On Sunday, we decided to head East to the wreck of the Atlas Tanker, another WWII U-Boat Victim, where we hoped to see some of the local Atlantic Sandtiger Sharks. The wreck lies in 125 feet of water with high relief at 85 feet near the stern. It is contiguous with boilers and engines exposed near midships. When the conditions are right it is possibly the most beautiful dive in the whole Cape Lookout area. Dive Boats on the wreck the previous day had reported visibility in the 25-30 foot range so our expectations were high since the night before had been relatively calm. Visibility was unexpectedly much less than the day before at 10-15 feet making any "Gray Suit Encounters" a bit more interesting. There were only a few sharks hanging around the stern but the few hardy souls who ventured to the bow saw plenty. The poor visibility also contributed to a higher level of physical activity when a few of our adventurers had to make a longer surface swim after losing the anchor in the murky waters.

Our second dive site was the Caribsea and as we motored over to the wreck to join the Midnight Express from Olympus Dive Center we were joined by a pod of frolicking Dolphins who obviously were in a mood to play. Being in no real hurry, Captain Bob slipped slowed her down a bit so the dolphins could race the bow which they did all the way to the wreck. Once there the Captain slipped her into neutral and several of our divers bailed off to snorkel with these beautiful creatures. To everyone's delight, they not only hung around but spent several minutes swimming near and around our divers in the water. After awhile the dolphins wandered off and we managed to get everyone back on board and moved on to anchor up on the wreck. Jim tied us in once again close to the stern where we actually had 25-30 feet of visibility. There were several small Sandtigers cruising the wreck near our anchor but the bigger ones were forward just off the bow in the sand.

Besides the diving we had dined out at several good local restaurants and some of the group had most of the day on Monday to act as the tourists we were. I myself got to visit Cape Lookout lighthouse and Island up close for the day before heading off for the airport and our trip back to Boston.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in this trip and look forward to going again in 2002.

Jim Carozza NEADC

TRIP REPORT DIVING EASTPORT MAINE

This past weekend a small group of NEADC members were accompanied by some North Shore Frogmen to Eastport Maine at the home of Jonathan and Christine Bird. After a long drive I arrived at 4:00 am with the assistance of Jonathan's excellent directions. Friday the 24th found us suiting up for the first dive, located all of 50 feet from the front doorstep of Jonathan's beautiful Eastport house. We had to be careful to time the dive with the tides as the ebb and flow can produce strong currents here at the border of Maine and New Brunswick, Canada. Needless to say we were quite astonished and impressed by the wide variety of sea life we encountered. After walking between two rock piles at the shoreline we descended safely in a slack tide to a depth of 40 feet where we saw sculpin, sea ravens, flounder anemones, and hermit crabs. There were also lobster twice the size of anything I had seen on Cape Ann (remember they are protected by Maine state law) and stalked tunicates, as well as starfish, Dawson sun stars, Smooth sun stars, spiny sun stars, and nudibranchs.

Nicknamed Woody's Beach by our fearless leader, we dove this site later the same day as well as Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Jonathan had found two resident wolffish which he nicknamed Jack and Jeanne after his favorite relatives. Since several of us were lugging underwater cameras he gladly showed us the location of these fish and showed us how to feed them their favorite snacks – whelks. These were in abundance around the site as well. The wolffish were happy recipients of these snacks and proved to be quite photogenic as well.

Saturday morning we drove approximately 1 mile through town to another dive site known as Dog Island. Approaching at low tide we noticed that it was connected to the land so our dive profile was to start at the right of the peninsula and swim around it counterclockwise. Most of my dive was spent at 40 feet where I encountered even bigger lobster than the day before and large numbers of starfish. Many of these starfish I had never seen or imagined existed as well as the color variations in the anemone. Towards the end of the dive (after using up my film of course!) I saw a spider crab and dozens of sea cucumbers. There was a pair of sculpin seemingly posing (and teasing me) and a lobster climbing across the reef with both claws banded. I promptly removed the bands so he could fend for himself and was happily on my way. One of the most interesting sights for me on this dive was a cucumber feeding itself. This was a fascinating spectacle as the cucumber exposed its tentacles and used them to catch food, then guide it into its centrally located mouth.

As we were climbing up from the site some people were watching out into the bay and noticed a whale breaching. Unfortunately we were all looking the other way (of course!) and saw only the splash after he (she?) dove down using his (her) fluke. Despite our group watching for 10 – 20 minutes none of us saw this elusive creature surface again. On the way back through town Jonathan pointed out some of the landmarks and houses that were used in the filming of "Murder in Small Town X." Saturday night we dined out at the only Mexican restaurant in town. The meal was quite tasty and appreciated by all.

Sunday morning provided us with the biggest adventure of the weekend. After loading all 8 divers' gear in one vehicle and half the group in another we all made our way to the ferry terminal in Eastport. At 9:30 am on the dot we were all aboard and on our way to Deer Island, located across the bay in the great province of New Brunswick, Canada. We passed right by Dog Island and the spot where the whale was sighted, as well as Old Sow, the largest whirlpool in the Western Hemisphere. The southern tip of Deer Island afforded a state park (province park?) and, in the words of a Canadian diver on site, the best dive in the Maritime Provinces. Jonathan seemed to agree with this assessment so we all had quite high expectations, especially after the beautiful dives of the previous two days. Prior to the dive Ralph and Miriam had made their way up the island to climb on a boat for some boat diving, so 6 of us descended on the site at low tide. After entering the water most of us made our way through a colony of sea pouts and descended to a depth of 60 – 80 feet. Jonathan had told us to take our lights and look in holes. Sure enough one of the divers spotted two wolffish sharing a hole and looking cute as can be! As I explored further I located a third wolffish approximately 30 feet away and the usual incredible assortment of anemone and starfish. Also as advertised there were some impressive sponges that got bigger the deeper we went. As I ascended the dive got more and more beautiful and I located numerous nudibranchs at a depth of approximately 20 feet. After getting out everyone agreed this was the best dive yet.

While returning on the ferry I was treated to an interesting narrative about the history of Eastport from a gentleman who was born and raised in the area. Eastport was a bustling fish market for many years, and one of the largest industries was sardines. This gentleman had spent numerous hours as a child catching cod, pollock, and haddock from the shore and watching large flounder swim by. At one point there were 27 docks along the shore dedicated to offloading and processing the different fish that were caught in the bay and further out to sea. Now there are only the remnants of these docks to remind visitors of the heyday of the fishing industry. However Eastport remains a truly beautiful town on Cobscook Bay, and when combined with Jonathan Bird's down home hospitality this makes for one of the nicest dive trips I've been on!

Ken Mulzet, NEADC Shore Dive Coordinator

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB MARINE ANIMAL STRANDINGS NETWORK DIVER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

In order to reinforce and expand our network of divers qualified to respond to stranding events, New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. will offer a training session in MARINE ANIMAL STRANDINGS on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th, on **Cape Cod** (location to be finalized) beginning at 9:30 a.m. to Noon. The program will be conducted by Connie Merigo of the New England Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue & Rehabilitation Department and will include classroom and FIELD training.

Volunteers must complete the training and required paperwork to be called in the event of a stranding.

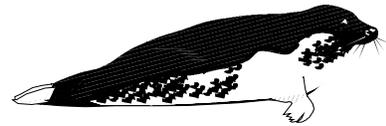
Strandings occur most frequently in late fall and early spring during periods of lunar high tides and shifting wind conditions. Experienced divers make good volunteers for several reasons - their experience in cold water, ownership of heavy wetsuits and dry suits, their ability to take instruction, work as a team and act quickly. Stranding events often require long hours in bad weather. Animals are in great distress and many animals may be dead and dying. If these sound like harsh conditions, they usually are. Anyone who has a commitment can be of help - wet and dry volunteers are needed for water rescue, retrieval and shore support. THERE IS NO SCUBA DIVING INVOLVED.

If you have completed previously year's training and are on the active call list, we recommend you take this training class as it will include new information and field training.

Written Preregistration is required. If you would like additional information about the NEADC Marine Mammals Strandings Network please contact Maryhelen Shuman-Groh at (508) 821-4704.

PREREGISTRATION BY September 29, 2001, IS NECESSARY.

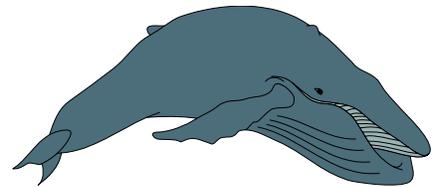
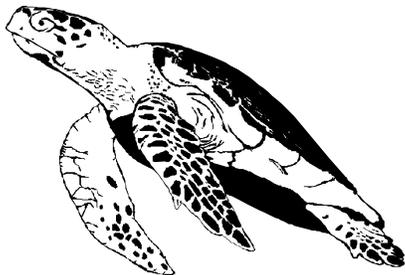
Mail this completed form to:
Maryhelen Shuman-Groh,
P. O. Box 70
Raynham, MA 02767.



Please register me for the October 13th Marine Animal Strandings Volunteer Training:

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO(s): _____
E-MAIL _____



FEATURING NEW ENGLAND DIVE SHOPS - DISCOVER DIVING, 17 Main Street, Atkinson, NH 03811, (603)362-6272,
www.DiscoverDiving.com

Shark Dives

Several of us just got back from Maine this past weekend from our attempt to dive with SHARKS. The day started out great; we got to the dive site on time about 30 miles off shore. The seas were calm enough for most of us, and the water temp ran about 65 degrees. We lowered the cage in the water at approximately 10:30 and set the bucket of chum. The captain briefed us on how to approach the sharks, and as far as most of us were concerned, it would be from inside the cage. Now it was time to see some sharks. The sharks were around for hours. We all had a memorable experience with the sharks, however, Rich was actually patting the largest of all the sharks -- a 10' blue. We also had a chance to see many sun fish. We left at 4:30, so we had 6 hours of shark encounters.

Our web site will be soon have pictures of the shark dive, so check often.

Shop Hours

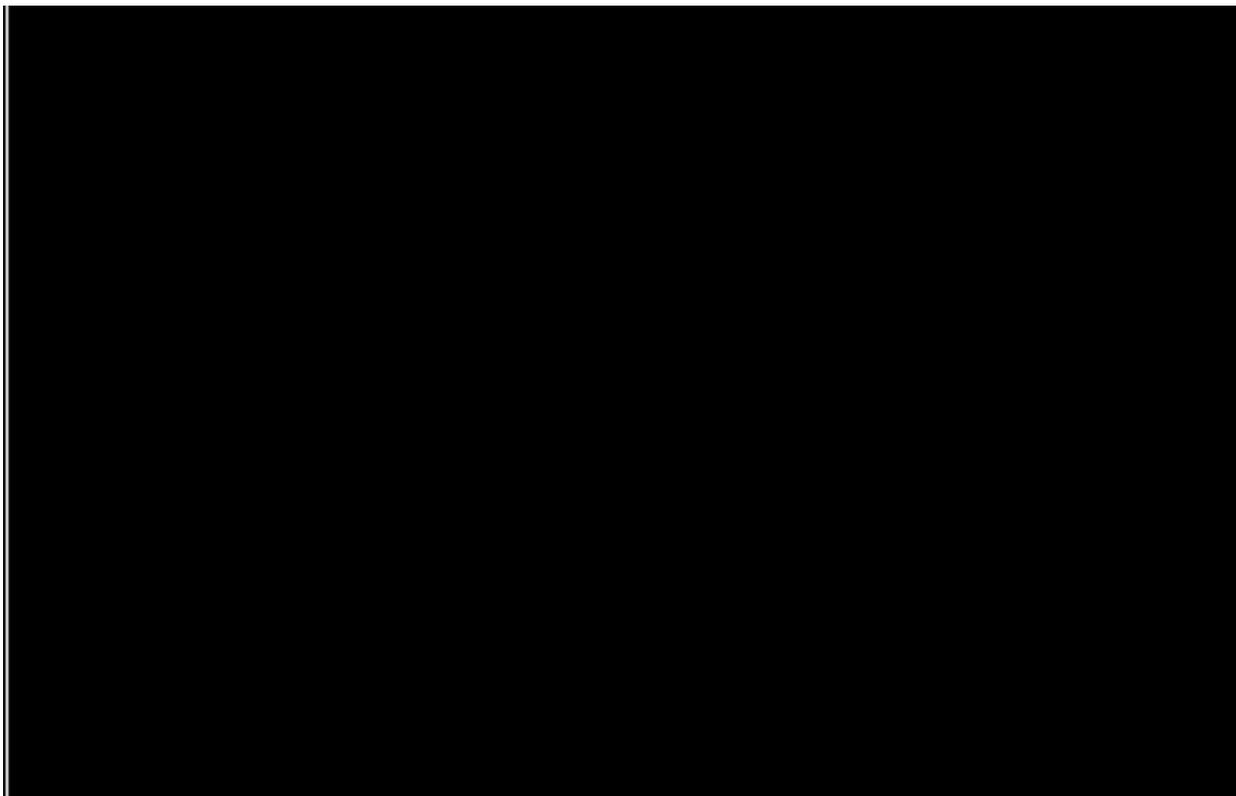
Starting on Labor Day, our hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11 am to 7 pm and Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 5 pm.

Full Moon Dives

The full moon dives have been running all summer and will continue through the winter. Call for more details and check the schedule below for other up coming dives.

Updated Schedule

Sept 8 **CHARTER**
Sept 17 Open Water Class (Mon. & Wed.)
Sept 22 Advanced
Sept 23 **CHARTER**
Oct 1 Open Water Class (Mon. & Thurs.)
Oct 2 **FULL MOON DIVE**
Oct 16 Open Water Class (Tues. Thurs.)
Oct 20 Advanced
Oct 21 **CHARTER**
Nov 1 **FULL MOON DIVE**



BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

✓ **BOAT DIVES EASY DIVER:** Fred Calhoun, Tel: 978 897-0877.

✗ **BOAT DIVES BOSTON HARBOR DIVING COMPANY** Jim Sullivan, Tel: 617 846-5151 Email: captainjim@bostonharbordivingcompany.com

DATE	EVENT	DIVE SITE
Sunday, September 2	Boat Dive ✓	Bemo Ledge
Saturday, September 8	Boat Dive ✓	Eastern Point Shores
Saturday, September 8	Boat Dive ✗	Nahant ((half - day)
Sunday, September 12	Boat Dive ✗	Outer Brewster (night dive)
Sunday, September 19	Boat Dive ✓	Norman's Woe
Friday, September 21	Boat Dive ✗	Martin's ledge ((half - day)
Saturday, September 22	Boat Dive ✓	Kettle Island
Sunday, September 30	Boat Dive ✗	Grave's lighthouse ((half - day)
Sunday, September 30	Boat Dive ✓	Egg Rock (northeast)
Saturday, October 6	Boat Dive ✓	Egg Rock (southwest)
Sunday, October 14	Boat Dive ✓	U.S. Frigate NH
Saturday, October 20	Boat Dive ✓	Boohoo Ledge
Sunday, October 28	Boat Dive ✓	Paddock Rock

NEW: CAPTAIN ROB'S DIVE CHARTERS

I am a graduate of the Mass. Maritime Academy (93), and hold a 100 ton unlimited Masters License. The vessel is the Giant Stride formerly owned by York Beach Scuba. The boat docks and picks up divers at York Harbor's Town dock #2, the Hampton address is my mailing address. The G.S. is a 30' custom dive boat certified for 12 passengers. She has a full head on board, a v-berth and hot shower for rinsing off. Our everyday schedule is as follows; AM trip 830-1230 PM trip 130-430 Twilight dive 7-9.

We're also starting what is called a sand dollar fireworks trip, this trip goes from York to Hampton beach to dive for sand dollars. Sand dollar trips leave Weds. nights from York at 6:30 P.M. We bleach and clean the sand dollars right there get changed back into regular clothes then watch the fireworks at 9:30 then get underway and back to York by 11 p.m.

For groups of six or more I would offer ten dollars off each person.

Check out the website at www.captainrobs.com for detailed pricing.

Captain Rob.

CALENDAR OF NEADC DIVES

Please call the Contact Person prior to the dive to confirm meeting time and place. Check the NEADC VOICE MAIL for updates (617) 973-0240. *Please report errors or omissions to the Newsletter Editor or Dive Coordinator as soon as possible!*

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS/CONTACT INFORMATION
Saturday, September 1	Nubble Light, ME	9:30 a.m. Contact james.carozza@bos.frb.org or (617)966-0111
September 1-2	MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA	Contact Brandy at derickba@netzero.net or call (603)868-1493. See article this issue.
Sunday, September 2	Full Moon Dive - location TBD	Contact Alicia Lenci 617 889-1486 or AL@nutter.com
Sunday, September 2	Shark Dive	Contact Al Bozza at (508) 384-1377 or awexprsinc@aol.com
Saturday, September 8	Tropical Fish Collecting - Fort Wetherill	Contact Al Bozza at (508) 384-1377 or awexprsinc@aol.com COOK OUT WEATHER PERMITTING
Sunday, September 9	Shore Dive -Norman's Woe	Meet at Burger King on Route 128 - time TBD. Contact Max Arias at (401) 822-3296 or 103477,3073@compuserve.com
Saturday, September 22	Tropical Fish Collecting - King's Beach	Contact Tom Kemper at (508) 655-0546 or tom.kemper@pollak.com
Tuesday, October 2	Full Moon Dive - location TBD	Contact Alicia Lenci 617 889-1486 or AL@nutter.com
Friday, October 5	Shark Dive	Contact Al Bozza at (508) 384-1377 or awexprsinc@aol.com
Saturday, October 13	Source to Sea Clean Up of Connecticut River	River clean-up taking place in locations from Vermont to Long Island Sound. Participation details to follow.
Sunday, October 14	Shore Dive - Nahant	9:00 am meet at Dockside Restaurant in Nahant. Contact Al Bozza at (508) 384-1377 or awexprsinc@aol.com
Saturday, October 20	New Member Dive - location TBD	10:00 am meet at Burger King on Route 128. Contact Ken Mulzet (617) 666-4049 or mulzet@yahoo.com

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 | \$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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25th Anniversary Party October 7th