



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

November 2002

NEADC Web Site: www.NEADC.org

NEADC GENERAL MEETING

Conference Center: Wednesday, November 20, 2002
6:30 p.m.

Fantastic FIJI with Al Bozza and Jonathan Bird

Come explore gorgeous coral reefs teeming with underwater life and visit traditional Fiji villages with Al and Jonathan's amazing slide presentation.

This one you will not want to miss!!!

Nominations will be accepted at the November meeting for all NEADC offices. Elections will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2002.

Currently nominated are:

- Vice President – Peter McCarthy**
- Business Manager – Jim Carozza**
- Secretary- Anna Krowczynska**
- Program Director – Al Bozza**
- Membership Director – Trish Katzman**
- Boat Dive Coordinator – Bill Low**
- Environmental Coordinator – Alicia Lenci**
- Newsletter Editor – Scott Bortis**
- Webmaster – Bryce Flynn**

INFORMAL MEETING

The November Informal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ana and Bryce Flynn in Foxboro, MA. *See page 2 for Directions.*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by **Monday, November 25, 2002!** for the **DECEMBER and JANUARY EDITION** of the NEADC Newsletter. Submissions **THROUGH FEBRUARY** 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:
Karl See, Membership Director, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110

OLD ADDRESS:

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

NEW ADDRESS:

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

INFORMAL MEETING INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS TO INFORMAL, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 p.m.

Hosted by Ana and Bryce Flynn, 30 Hill Street, Foxboro, MA,
508-543-9761.

Directions from Boston: 95 South toward Providence to exit 8 for Foxboro and Sharon. Right from end of ramp. Take 1st right onto Hill Street. Follow Hill Street as it bends to the left. 30 Hill is on the left, a blue house with a full-length porch.

Directions from points West and South: 495 South to 95 North to exit 8 for Foxboro and Sharon. Left from end of ramp. Take 1st right onto Hill Street. Follow Hill Street as it bends to the left. 30 Hill is on the left, a blue house with a full-length porch.

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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**

Dry Diving Gear -- Wicked Cheap!

All nearly new. Viking (black/size L) drysuit + underwear, etc. \$750; OMS 98cf tanks, \$200/ea. Plus DUI BC, gear bag, the works. Contact Scott at (207) 361-1372 or scronen@maine.rr.com.

SKI TRIP

We are organizing another SKI TRIP to Jackson, New Hampshire, the end of February 2003 anyone interested contact Al Bozza at Abozza@aol.com or see me at the meeting.

USED GEAR FOR SALE

- SeaQuest Black Diamond BC with Air Source - \$400

Size Large, weight integrated pockets (holds up to 40 lbs), back inflation, excellent condition, comes with air integrated inflator (Air Source), blunt tip BC knife and mini retractor. Contact Paul at 617-964-0443 or paul@pgdive.com

USED GEAR FOR SALE

- Mares Abyss Regulator and Oceanic Computer/Console - \$400
DINMR22 first stage and titanium Abyss second stage;
Data Plus Oceanic computer with SPG and compass

Contact Paul at 617-964-0443 or Paul@pgdive.com

DON'T GO COLD TURKEY!

Take a dry suit class this winter and become a true New England diver!

PG DIVE is offering a dry suit course at a reduced-rate for NEADC members only.

Let's meet on the first weekend of December for a class and pool session on Saturday and two dives on Sunday.

Course Fee: \$99 includes class, pool, two dives, course materials and use of dry suit.

Receive a PADI Dry Suit certification upon completion of the program.

Already a dry suit diver? Come and dive with us!

DIVE DRY OR STAY DRY

All interested divers please contact Genevieve Stewart at 617-964-0443 or divewithus@pgdive.com or www.pgdive.com

SECONN Dive Club events coming up:

SECONN's 39th Annual Frozen Fin Dive will be held on January 1, 2003 in New London CT. Certified divers from the East Coast shores of the United States come and show their skills at retrieving painted shells and unusual items from underwater. Refreshments are served after the dive and assorted dive prizes are awarded. In previous years our generous sponsors have donated dive equipment, accessories, and dive charters. Registration starts at 10:00am and the dive starts at 12:00 noon sharp. The dive site has been at Green's Harbor Beach on Pequot Avenue in New London, CT. Visit our website at www.seconndivers.org for further details, location, and directions.

The SECONN 2003 Scuba SWAP Meet will be on April 6, 2003, 10am-2pm at the Polish American Club, 85 Maple Ave., Montville, CT. This is an opportunity to buy/sell new or used scuba gear prior to the 2003 "Dive" rush. Local dive shops show up with new and used equipment on sale. Individuals also sell used gear. You can try your luck at winning a scuba tank during the raffle or get a good deal at the silence auction. Where else can you spend up to four hours indoors during the winter talking dive lingo with other divers in New England. Bring a friend. Directions are located on our website at <http://www.seconndivers.org/>.

Thank you
Deb Greenhalgh
SECONN Dive Club Secretary

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Maryhelen Shuman-Groh

I can hardly believe that as I type, snow is falling outside my window! Where the heck did the summer go? Despite today's inclement weather, I personally find the fall the best season for just about everything New England including the diving! This year we enjoyed some of the warmest water temperatures in years. Crisp fall days are great to take advantage of the still warm waters and not die from the heat as you try to get your thermally layered body and gear into the water! This is also a great time to be ON the water. Some of the whale watch boats have extended their season into November to catch the southerly migration of the great whales as they pass through Stellwagen Bank.

As we're approaching the cold months, the Club is looking into scheduling dive related activities. We are currently working on scheduling a CPR course. Our annual holiday party will be held December 13th. If you have suggestions for activities, please talk to one of your officers or feel free to attend one of the monthly informals and let us know!

I'm just back from a quick trip to Florida during which Lynn Gipprich and I had an opportunity to dive the Living Seas at the Epcot Center. It was a really fun experience and we made some great friends. The Living Seas is a 2 million gallon tank – 10 times the size of our Giant Ocean Tank. They provide all the gear. The facilities are luxurious with private hot showers and towels and all that great stuff – heck, it's Disney! I just have to tell you though, that despite having all that, I still love our tank best. We have twice the number of species integrated into the GOT. And nowhere else on earth can you find Myrtle. For an even more personal view of the GOT, read this month's article by a GOT dive winner.

Hope to see you all at a meeting soon.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY Anna Krowczynska

For the most of divers, including myself, diving season in New England is slowly winding down. Nights are getting cold, and when in the morning you have to scrape frost off the car windshield, for me it's a sure sign to dust off skies, snowboard, ice ax and crampons. Winter is coming. Another great New England diving season is coming to a close.

Many non-divers ask me these questions: What's so great about diving in New England?

Is there anything interesting to see? How cold it is? Are there any sharks?

Usually I am starting with an explanation of the difference between diving in tropical waters and local diving. My first scuba instructor had the following comparison – diving tropics is like a walk in the beautiful, manicured garden – it's pretty and anyone can do that. On the other hand, diving in New England is like hiking in White Mountains – it can be great, but sometimes is hard and rough and only the hardest are doing it. If you can scuba dive here you can scuba dive anywhere.

And then I am trying to describe what is hidden beneath the North Atlantic waters. All of you who ever ventured into Atlantic off the Cape Ann beaches or other northeast locations know well about the diversity of the marine life there. But, you have to be very observant and patient. So many creatures put their trust into camouflage and mimicry that you have to look hard to find them. My first sea raven – I've almost sat on him. I was going down on the anchor line attached to the bow of the Nina T and didn't realize that sea raven was sitting on the deck. After my buddy started waving her arms I've slowed down, look closer and saw him. During a dive at Nubble Light I've seen another sea raven sitting on the rock – my buddies were swimming too fast to notice him. I really cherish that chance encounters – I never forget the wolfish I've come across at Old Garden Beach. I've come across the opening in the rocks and on the sand was a large and mean looking wolfish. I was observing him for few minutes and swam away (of course I didn't have any more film left in my camera since I've used it all earlier to shoot moon snails and frill anemones. And only last week I was diving near a Granite Pier in Gloucester and came across school of cunners which started to swim around my head, into my mask and the bravest one didn't even back off when I was exhaling bubbles. One even started nibbling on my glove. It seems that fish is as curious about us as we are about them.

Yes, there is a lot to see down there and water temperatures in summer are in sixties, so if you never done that join us next year to explore our watery backyard.

FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT Peter McCarthy

There will be a live-aboard dive trip to the Southern Bahamas from February 22-March 1, 2003, on the Nekton Rorqual. For those of you who are not familiar with Nekton cruises, they offer very comfortable accommodations and excellent diving. This trip is being co-

sponsored by members of the Laurel Dive Club in Pennsylvania. Cost of the trip is \$1733.80 per person, plus roundtrip airfare from Boston to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. If you're interested in joining the group, please feel free to contact me for additional details.

The t-shirts for this year's shore dive leaders have arrived from Wearguard, and were distributed at the last general meeting. If you were a shore dive leader this year and have not yet received your shirt, please see Rick Rosa or me at any upcoming general or informal meeting.

A terrific way to show your support for the Club and help attract new members is by wearing Club logo wear. Wearguard now allows members to order merchandise directly from them. If you're interested in ordering some new clothing, you can call Wearguard directly and place an order by calling our representative Kiyana Gunderway at 800-677-6060, x 5727. You should tell her you're a member of the dive club, and make arrangements to pay for your merchandise directly and have it shipped to you (please ensure your personal merchandise is not shipped to the Aquarium or billed to the club). If any of you would like to browse through a current Wearguard catalog, please see me at any upcoming informal or general meeting. Wearguard has a wide selection of quality products available for you to choose from.

FROM YOU SHORE DIVE COORDINATOR Rick Rosa

We had an excellent shore diving season this year with dive sites ranging from Nubble Light Maine to Plymouth and everything in between. This would not have been possible without the help of the shore dive coordinators. Just as we did this year, there will be a shore dive planning meeting or two in the early spring. We had a great turn out last year with lots of great ideas and many volunteers (and free Chinese food). So plan on attending the planning meeting this year, sharing your dive site ideas, and picking some dates to act as shore dive coordinators. It is not necessary to be an expert diver or an expert in the location to coordinate a dive, it means organizing the dive and contacting everyone that is interested in going. Besides, if you lead a dive, you get a really cool t-shirt (dive coordinators only).

In addition to the many fun filled dives we had this season, there were also several successful "new member" dives. The new member dives are usually held at an easy dive location with the purpose of introducing new club members to our local waters. This is a great opportunity to get your feet wet if you haven't been out diving for a while and to meet other club members. Regardless of your experience or diving level, join us for a new member dive and have some fun! New member dives are usually the first weekend after each month's general membership meeting. This is during the regular dive season of course (March – October).

As for the dive season coming to an end, this is only for those of you who have never tried diving dry. Look in the newsletter in the following months for some dry suit shore diving dates and locations. If you are interested in dry suit diving, ask any of the club officers or your local dive shop about up coming classes and dry suit diving opportunities. If you are headed for tropical waters this winter, please give a dive report back to the club of your adventures, and Happy Diving!

FROM YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR Al Bozza

DOMINICA 2003---You heard the stories, you saw the slides, and you wished you were there!! After a two year lapse the NEADC DOMINICA TRIP is back. Join your program director along with underwater photographer Jonathan Bird for a fun-filled week exploring the world's greatest island. Underwater you will see frogfish, seahorses, octopus, incredible coral reefs and spectacular night dives. In addition you will swim in waterfalls, hike through the rainforest, spend 8 hours hiking through the valley of desolation to the boiling lake(optional), visit the resident sperm whales, lounge in the hot tub and party on the beach. You will soon see why Al and Jonathan consider Dominica the world's greatest island. Dates: Jan 18-25, 2003. Cost: \$995 per person includes: 7 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners, Two (2) tank boat dives (am) x five (5) days, weights, belts, boat and dive master, unlimited shore dives off dive shop, Airport Transfers, Service Charge and Government Hotel Tax, and Rum Punch on arrival. Only Two spots left---more details at: <http://www.oceanicresearch.org/dominicatrip.htm>

December Meeting will offer club members the opportunity to show some of their own slides. If you would like to be allocated some time at the December meeting please contact your Program Director, Al Bozza

Galapagos Trip Report

By Jonathan Bird

In October, our intrepid group of excited divers including flew in from around the world (including the NEADC!) and met up at the beautiful Unipark Hotel in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The Unipark is right in downtown Guayaquil and you can walk to the waterfront. They have recently renovated the waterfront area, called the Malecon, with nice gardens and a few restaurants. We had lunch down on the waterfront and then walked over to the artisan's market for some deals on Ecuadorian sweaters and other clothing. I bought a beautiful leather jacket for \$42. Talk about deals!

The next day we boarded a TAME 727 (after some haggling over the cost of our excess luggage) and flew to the Galapagos. Ninety minutes after take off, we landed on the dry desert island of Baltra. The landscape contained mostly cactus trees, scrubby bushes and sand. We were met by the Aggressor Fleet staff. We boarded a bus and they drove us to the Galapagos Aggressor I, our home for the week. The dock where we boarded the boat was alive with sea lions playing in the water and lounging on the beach. Welcome to the Galapagos where the marine life is friendly and has no fear of humans.

The Aggressor staff took care of getting our gear to the boat while we went inside and had a drink and some lunch. Then we did a quick checkout dive nearby. For many people who had new suits or rebreathers, the checkout dive was helpful to get weights adjusted before we would be diving in a current. The dive itself was pretty boring except for a sea lion that buzzed the group a few times. The water was a chilly 68 F.

By 4:00 we were pulling anchor to head north. It would take over 12 hours to get to Wolf Island. We spent the evening unpacking and getting our cameras ready for the excitement to come. The next morning we awoke to the towering cliffs of Wolf Island around the boat. After a dive briefing, we piled into the Zodiacs and headed out. We did three dives at Wolf, seeing tons of morays, vast schools of fish, sea turtles, Galapagos sharks and schools of hammerheads. The water was a much more comfortable 78 F. Although they sometimes see whale sharks at Wolf, Darwin is much better for them. That night, we went to bed with anticipation of diving world-famous Darwin Island the next day. At 4:00 AM, the captain fired up the engines and pulled the anchor. By 7:00 AM we were ready to dive at Darwin!

Except for me, nobody on the trip had ever seen a whale shark, so there was some pretty heavy pressure on the crew! We rolled off the Zodiacs into warm, clear blue water and headed down to the wall. Before we even had much chance to look around, we heard the excited clanking sound of Paula the divemaster signaling the approach of a whale shark. We all rushed out into the blue from the wall and met the gigantic fish head-on. Only 20 minutes into the first dive we had a huge whale shark that stayed with us for about 10 minutes! Everyone showed remarkable restraint and didn't touch the shark, so it tolerated us for a while. I have to tell you though, the urge to touch the shark is pretty hard to suppress! On the second dive we didn't see any whale sharks, but we did see hammerheads and a huge school of dolphins that buzzed the group. Since there was very little current, the hammerheads weren't coming in close to the reef to be cleaned. They kept their distance, frustrating the photographers. Some of our group decided to skip the third dive and take a nap. Big mistake! We had 10 (yes, I'm serious!) whale shark encounters with 2 or 3 different sharks on that one dive! There wasn't a period of more than 5 minutes on the dive without a whale shark. Talk about awesome! Everyone came out of the water totally psyched but spoiled! We "only" had 5 encounters on the fourth dive, but all the people who skipped the 3rd dive got to see them! That night we watched each other's video and looked at the digital camera pictures. No doubt about it, those who came to see whale sharks were not disappointed. We still had 2 or 3 more days at Darwin depending on what the group wanted to do.

How do you top a day like that? Well, you can't--but you can certainly try! The next day we awoke to find the other Aggressor boat present. No longer having the island to ourselves, we nonetheless geared up for another day of diving the big animal capital. Again, with very little current the hammerheads weren't going up to the reef, but the fish schools were busy feeding and spawning and there were sea turtles everywhere, providing ample entertainment while we waited for Mr. Big. Unfortunately, we ran out of time before he showed up. On the second dive, the most memorable moment for me was right at the end of the dive. We were doing a 15 foot safety stop and I signaled to Christine that we were all set and we should surface. She signaled back that she wanted one more minute to be safe. Less than thirty seconds later, a whale shark came out of the blue heading straight for us!! We chased it for a while, and I got some pictures of Christine swimming beside it. We followed it down to about 50 feet. Then we had to start our safety stop all over again! Who says safety stops are boring??

On the third day at Darwin, the current came back. We all spent the dives holding on to the rocks and flapping in the current like flags, but nobody complained because we kept seeing whale shark after whale shark. In total, we had 25 encounters with whale sharks in three days at Darwin. We only had two dives without them. We also got some nice big groups of hammerheads once the current came back, although they still didn't come as close as last year. (Last year, everyone on the trip had rebreathers.) We had some short but close encounters with common dolphins and Galapagos sharks too.

We had the option of spending another day at Darwin, or going south to try some other dive sites and do some land hikes. Since we had been so successful with the whale sharks, we decided to go south. That night, we cruised for 15 hours back down to the southern part of the archipelago. We woke up the next morning at Cousin's Rock, right near Bartolome Island. We did two dives on Cousin's rock. Man, they were

COLD dives! The water was only 62-65 degrees depending on depth. But we saw several seahorses, a mobula ray, a huge school of barracuda, a couple turtles, Eagle rays and a group of playful sea lions that entertained us until we couldn't stand the cold anymore! Later that afternoon we did a land hike to reach a scenic lookout where we got a beautiful view of the islands. After that, we snorkeled with penguins and sea lions for an hour at dusk. Penguins might not be able to fly, but they sure can swim. What a day! The water was cool, but we got to have so much fun with the animals that nobody noticed. Okay, well they noticed...but they didn't mind.

The next morning after breakfast we did a land hike on South Plaza Island where we saw all kinds of sea lion activity, including bulls guarding their harems and females nursing their pups. We also got up close and personal with marine iguanas and land iguanas sunning themselves on the rocks. Finally, we did our last dive of the trip (number 18) at Gordon Rocks. While Gordon Rocks is quite stunning above water, I found the dive a bit boring. Some other people in the group saw a squad of eagle rays, but I saw mostly just sea stars and pencil urchins.

That afternoon we spent a few hours at the Charles Darwin Research station on Santa Cruz where we got to photograph giant land tortoises up close and we saw "Lonesome George." Then we went out to a local restaurant for dinner. The next morning we headed off to the airport for the trip back to Guayaquil.

We all agreed that the week was pretty hard to beat. We had an absolutely fantastic group--not only excellent divers but wonderful people. Many friendships were forged that I hope will continue. We had tons of awesome whale shark encounters. Since everyone came especially to see whale sharks, nobody was disappointed! As a bonus, we also saw Scalloped Hammerheads, sea turtles, sea lions, penguins, eagle rays, Galapagos sharks, and dolphins. And that's just the big stuff! I wonder if we can top it in 2003? Sounds like a challenge I'm ready to undertake! (Openings for this trip in October 2004 are available. Pictures from this trip are available on-line at:

<http://www.oceanicresearch.org/2002galapagosreport.htm>)

My dive in the GOT began with a giant stride into the water.

By Seth Mendelson

Fish immediately swarmed around me. One even nipped at my finger! The other divers and I were inspected by brightly colored tropicals. Multihued triggerfish, surgeonfish and others moved toward us, flashing vivid reds, yellows, blues and greens. We settled on the bottom and our guide signaled for us to watch. He scooped up a handful of the fine gravel that covered the bottom of the tank. As he slowly poured it out from his hand, fish nearly a foot in length swam in to hover beneath it. I guessed that the stream of pebbles might serve as a way of removing parasites...or else it may have just felt good to them. Either way, they seemed to enjoy it. I tried this myself, attracting a couple of fish that came over and settled in for a sprinkle. As one of the trigger-fish hovered close to my fingers, I was able to see the sharp teeth used for chewing up coral. It was at this moment that I began hoping they were well fed and used to people. They were.

After playing in the gravel, we moved off to explore the rest of the habitat. We swam a complete circuit, crawling through small arches and dipping into the caves that make up the interior of the tank. I had no idea the inside of the GOT was so complex. As we completed our first circuit, we stopped near one of the green moray eels. It was wound in among some stag-horn coral. Our guide stroked its skin and then signaled that we should try the same. Its skin was velvety soft and the moray was so docile. After this encounter, we were ready to continue on. However, we had to make room for the sand-tiger shark. It was a heart-pounding experience to be so close to an apex predator.

We continued on to a big open area, noting that a large ray had settled across a portion of the gravelly bottom. I glided over it, somersaulting to turn and get a better look. The ray remained for a moment and then took off, its wings rippling in the water. It was wonderful to watch such a graceful creature move.

At this point, we swam back toward the caverns, climbing through a different opening. Inside, there were baskets that held newcomers. They were acclimating to the surroundings and becoming familiar to the established fish. I gingerly pulled myself through the cavern, keeping an eye out for lurking fish that might take offense to my intruding hand. I emerged to find our guide scratching Myrtle's back! Shortly, I was scooping up a handful of gravel and rubbing it on her shell. She looked ecstatic, gripping rocks with her fins and tilting her head. It was only then that I could appreciate just how large Myrtle is. Her shell seemed to be nearly 4 feet across. I scratched her back a minute longer before heading back across the corals. Several times throughout the dive, I paused to wave at children who had their noses pressed against the glass. They would wave back, clearly excited to have the attention of a diver.

Before I knew it, our time was up and we headed back to the surface. We emerged to see a crowd of wide-eyed spectators. I had frequently seen divers exiting the GOT, imagining what it would be like to exit the tank in front of envious onlookers. This time, it was me.



New England Aquarium Dive Club
Holiday Party
Friday December 13, 2002
8pm-midnight
Knights of Columbus Hall
15 Winslow Ave.
Arlington, MA



Tickets: \$25 per person.

Contact: Al Bozza (508)384-1377 email: programs@neadc.org

Veronica Atlantis (781)272-1387 email: boatdive@neadc.org

Come join us to celebrate the holiday season. There will be Italian-style buffet, cash bar, dancing to your favorite tunes, raffles, and good company. Free parking.

Directions to the Knights of Columbus Hall in Arlington:

From Boston:

I-93 North. Take Rt. 16 West exit. Drive till you reach the Mass Ave. lights in Cambridge. Take a right onto Mass Ave. towards Arlington. Look for the Cambridge Savings bank on your left. Take a right at the lights onto Rt. 3A/60 East, which is Mystic St. You will see the Minuteman bike path on your left. Right after that is Winslow Ave. on your left (you will have to make a U-turn to get to Winslow Ave).

From North:

Rt. 128 South. Take exit 33A (Rt. 3A Winchester exit). Drive about 6 miles. You will go through Winchester and then to Arlington. Once you pass the Arlington Police station, which will be on your right, bear to the right onto Mystic St. (which is Rt. 3A/60 West). You will see Winslow Ave. on your right, which is just before the Minuteman bike path.

From Rt. 2 coming from Metro West:

Rt. 2 East. Take the Pleasant St. exit (Arlington). Drive about 2 miles until you reach the Mass Ave. lights. You will see the Cambridge Savings bank on your right. Go straight across Mass Ave. and head down Mystic St. (which is Rt. 3A/60 East). You will see the Minuteman bike path on your left. Right after that is Winslow Ave. on your left (you will have to make a U-turn to get to Winslow Ave).

New England Aquarium Dive Club 2002 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 Leader/Contact info	Social Activity	Theme
ANYTIME CALL TO SCHEDULE	Central Boston YMCA Pool 8:45 p.m. –10:30 p.m. (near Symphony T)	Most Thursday nights 8:45 –10:30 p.m. call ahead to schedule	Donna Romano romano@helix.mgh.harvard.edu 617-723-3212	Review your skills or Test out that new piece of gear in a controlled environment.	Pool "Bleach Dive" for pre-dive equipment checkout
Nov 16 (Sat)	Nubble Light	10am	Brandy Derickson 603-436-6424 derickba@netzero.net		
Nov 20 (Wed)	Conference Center	NEAq	www.neadc.org	GENERAL MEETING	ELECTIONS
Nov 29 (Fri)	TBA	TBA	Jim and Laura Stewart 508-303-0239 nediver@charter.net fishgirl@fishgirl.com		Day-After- Thanksgiving "Sure Beats Shopping" Dive
Dec 1(Sun)	Cape Ann	TBA	Brandy Derickson 603-436-6424 derickba@netzero.net		
Dec 4 (Wed)	House of Ana and Bryce Flynn	6:30pm	Ana and Bryce Flynn, 30 Hill Street, Foxboro, MA, 508-543-9761	Informal Meeting	
Dec 13(Fri)	Knights of Columbus Hall 15 Winslow Ave. Arlington, MA	8:00pm	Al Bozza(508)384-1377 Programs@neadc.org Veronica Atlantis (781)272-1387 email: boatdive@neadc.org	Holiday Party	
Dec 18 (Wed)	Immersion Theater	6:30		General Meeting	

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)

- Individual \$40.00 + Dive Club Membership \$15.00 = \$55.00
- Couple/Family \$70.00 + Dive Club Membership \$15.00 = \$85.00
- Quartermaster \$100.00 + Dive Club Membership \$15.00 = \$115.00
- Master Mariner \$150.00 + Dive Club Membership \$15.00 = \$165.00
- 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:

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Account # _____ Expiration _____ Amount \$ _____

Mail to: Membership Dept. New England Aquarium
Central Wharf, Boston MA 02110

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