



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, December 19, 2001, 6:30 P.M. at the New England Aquarium Immersion Theater. The formal presentation this Dec will be our club members bringing in their own slides or videos to share with fellow club members " come see where your club members have been travelling and diving" If anyone would like to share their travels and adventures please contact your Program Director, Al Bozza to allocate some time. This is a great way to gather some great knowledge for some exciting dive destinations. This is not only exotic locations many members are interested in local and cold water destinations. Please share your slides, videos, knowledge, and adventures with us.

JANUARY INFORMAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 2002, AT 6:30 P.M. at Joe Gobbini's home, Hudson. NOTE SPECIAL DATE. See page 2 for directions. See "**WHAT GOES ON AT AN INFORMAL MEETING?**" on page 3.

FEBRUARY INFORMAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, February 6, 2002 at 6:30 P.M. at the home of Alicia Lenci in Chelsea. See page 2 for directions.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the New England Aquarium Immersion Theater. Armed with rebreathers, cameras and one heck of a spear gun, the Shark Research Institute set out to the Galapagos in October to be the first to put a satellite tag on a Galapagos whale shark. NEADC member Jonathan Bird went along as the expedition photographer, and will present his adventures and stunning photos documenting the expedition. Join us and find out just how tough the skin of a whale shark really is! In addition to up-close and personal encounters with the world's largest fish, Jonathan encountered dolphins, turtles, hundreds of hammerhead sharks and zillions of fish. In his words, the Galapagos are "the most incredible diving I have ever done!" Don't miss this stunning photographic journey to Darwin Island, the "big animal capital" of diving.

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YOUR CLUB AND ITS NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR HELP! TEMPTED BY THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR OFFICER POSITION BUT DO NOT HAVE THE TOOLS? NO PROBLEM!

To the elected officer, the NEADC will provide one of the following software packages for the platform of his/her choice: PageMaker, Indesign or Quark Express so he/she can make it look really good! At the end of the year's service as NEADC Newsletter Editor, the package is yours to keep. Questions? Ask our current Newsletter Editor, Stéphanie Williams, or any of your officers. The only way this club of nearly 500 members can operate is with the active participation of the membership. We will be taking nominations at the next General Meeting.

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DIRECTIONS TO INFORMAL MEETINGS:

THE JANUARY INFORMAL MEETING will be held on Wednesday, January 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Joe Gobbini, 33 Fort Meadow Drive, Hudson, MA, 978-568-8261. Allergy alert: Cat.

From the Mass Turnpike:

From Boston or Rte 128 take the Turnpike Westbound. Leave the Turnpike at Exit 12 for Rte 9 West. After only a mile on Rte 9, take a left lane exit for Rte 30. (Pay attention not to get confused by another left lane exit, for Crossing Blvd, which is just before.) At the end of the ramp, continue straight onto Rte 30 west. Stay on that road for 6.5 miles total, going straight at all intersections; when you'd have to turn left in order to follow Rte 30, go straight instead; the road will stop being Rte 30 and will eventually merge onto Rte 85 Northbound. After about 6 miles from Rte 9, you'll see the Marlborough police Station on your right, after another 0.3 mile take a right onto Reservoir St; if you cross a lake, you'll know you're on the right street. After about 1 mile, take a right onto Fort Meadow Drive. My house, # 33, is on the right, just after the top of a hill.

From interstate 495:

If you're using I-495, take exit 25A for Hudson. The ramp will merge you onto the right road. Stay on that road through two sets of lights and past the Intel Plant. The road will gradually get narrower, until it's just a winding lane in the woods. When the road ends, take a left, then the first right - that will be Fort Meadow Drive. My house, #33, is on the right, just after the top of a hill.

THE FEBRUARY INFORMAL MEETING will be held Wednesday, February 6, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Alicia Lenci, 43 Hooper Street, Chelsea MA 02150 (617) 889-1486

From North:

93 south to Rt. 16.
Take Route 16 West
Follow exit ramp to set of lights.
Turn left on to Route 16 East (Revere Beach Parkway)
Take right exit onto 107 Broadway/Chelsea
Take right at end of exit light on to Broadway
Take slight left on to Eastern Avenue
(Keep left at the immediate fork this is Eastern Ave)
You will see an Exxon Gas station in the middle of the fork, keep it to your right.
Take second left is Hooper Street.
Hooper is your 2nd left off of Eastern Avenue
Follow Hooper all the way up to the DEAD END.
43 is last house on right. White with brick front.
Parking anywhere on the street.

From the South:

93 North over the Tobin Bridge past most Chelsea exits.
93 to Route 16 East exit (Revere)
Rt. 16 to 107 Broadway/Chelsea exit. At lights take right (this is Broadway)
Keep left at the immediate fork (this is Eastern Ave)
You will see an Exxon Gas station in the middle of the fork, keep it to your right.
Hooper is your 2nd left off of Eastern Avenue
Follow Hooper all the way up to the DEAD END.
43 is last house on right. White with brick front.
Parking anywhere on the street.

IMAX NIGHT

Nearly 250 NEADC Members, family members and friends turned out for the preview of the 3-D film INTO THE DEEP at the new Simons IMAX Theater at New England Aquarium on Wednesday, November 28, 2001. The Simons Theater is not yet open to the public and has been available for 'members-only' and staff previews while the finishing touches are put into place. Thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth Coleman and our Aquarium liaison, Sherry Floyd, for putting this night together and to wonderful staff at the new theater, especially Derek and Mark, not only for accommodating NEADC for the preview but for allowing us to remain afterward to conduct our annual election of officers and drawing for Giant Ocean Tank dive. This free preview is just one of the many benefits of becoming a member of the New England Aquarium Dive Club!

ANNUAL MEETING

The results of the election held on Wednesday, November 28, 2001, for 2002 NEADC Officers are:

President: Maryhelen Shuman-Groh (Unopposed)
Vice President: Caroline Starita (Unopposed)
Business Manager: Steve Groh (Unopposed)
Secretary: Brandy Derickson (Unopposed)
Program Director: Al Bozza (Unopposed)
Membership Director: Jim Carozza (Unopposed)
Shore Dive Coordinator: Peter McCarthy (Newly Elected)
Boat Dive Coordinator: Veronica Atlantis (Unopposed)
Environmental Affairs Coordinator: Alicia Lenci (Unopposed)
Newsletter Editor: NONE
Webmaster: Bryce Flynn (Unopposed)

Congratulations to our only new officer, Peter McCarthy, and to all those of you returning.

MARINE ANIMAL STRANDINGS NETWORK VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Rescue and Rehabilitation Department of New England Aquarium (NEAq), the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. (NEADC) and the Cape Cod Stranding Network (CCSN) hosted a two-part workshop for mass stranding volunteers on Saturday, November 17th, at the Salt Pond Visitor Center of the Cape Cod National Seashore in Eastham, Massachusetts.

Over 100 volunteers learned about the Incident Command System (ICS) Training/Supportive Care Techniques. The ICS is used by fire departments and other emergency agencies as a method of coordinating emergency responses. ICS is particularly useful when multiple rescuers and agencies are involved in the same operation. CCSN and NEAq have recently adopted this method of organizing mass stranding response. Mass stranding volunteers should attend this session to become comfortable with this system and to facilitate a smooth transition to the ICS and to update your supportive care skills.

Following the lecture in the auditorium, the majority of participants suited up for Water Rescue Techniques, hands-on training involving assessment, supportive care and animal handling at Salt Pond. 14 inflatable dolphins and orcas served as 'victims' for practicing water techniques.

FROM YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR Al Bozza

We had a great dive few weekends ago at the chimneys in Nahant. Water temp was in the mid 50's with visibility in the 30 to 40 foot range. Excellent rock formations and lots of marine life around. This happens to be my favorite dive destination for the month of October, weather was sunny with temps in the upper 60's and we saw one other diver all morning.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY Brandy Derickson

The second REEF Fish ID seminar for NEADC was held in Scituate on October 27. We had seven members in attendance; I want to thank them for coming on a beautiful, but chilly, day. All learned some new things, myself included. Thanks to Bob Michelson for co-teaching and helping me prep. I went solo on November 19, presenting the seminar to United Divers of New Hampshire. For those of you who have attended, keep counting fish! As for the rest of you, there will be more seminars; just let me know if you're interested!

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR Stéphanie Williams

“WHAT GOES ON AT AN INFORMAL MEETING?”

You read the cover page: “The only way this club of nearly 500 members can operate is with the active participation of the membership”. So, maybe you are already enjoying the formal meeting or maybe it is not at a convenient time for your busy schedule, but what about participating at an informal?

We always need volunteers to fold and stamp the newsletter in the living room, while the officers meet in the kitchen or the dining room to cover business and plot some great events such as the NEADC Anniversary party that just occurred in October or the NEADC annual picnic!

We have a great crew of regulars - thank you (you know who you are) - but are always eager for new faces. The real motive is the great food our hosts prepare and the opportunity to meet some of our club members in a friendly environment.

So come by one of these days, bring a guest or two and be part of it.

PS: Informal meetings are B.Y.O.

By the way...

I am glad I helped the club this year by putting together the newsletter and I am here to help the future editor. Thank you to all the officers that made/make/will make it a great dive club!

FROM YOUR AQUARIUM LIAISON Sherrie Floyd

To winners of the GOT drawings, which dives got postponed: Please, reconfirm the date you have been rescheduled at sfloyd@neaq.org, as things have been a little hectic these past few weeks. Thank you

CALL FOR ENTRY: “Filming the Depths”

The Urban Divers Underwater Film/ Video and Slide Festival in February 2002. Early Deadline Dec 29. Late Deadline January 5th. A competitive festival. All genre and platforms up to 30 min in length will be considered. All works chosen will be featured on large screen format at a venue in NYC. Shorts, Experimental, Documentary, Narrative, Home Video. Awards for five categories. For film and Video-Previews on VHS. For Slides- write name and contact info of each submitted work. \$10 submission fee for each entry. For application fax Sound Art Films and Urban Divers at ph/fax 718-802-9874 or send email to urbandivers@planetmail.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. CONSTITUTION

As Revised April, 2001

ARTICLE I. NAME AND CLUB OBJECTIVES

- A. The name of this Club is the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. This name may be abbreviated NEADC.
- B. The prime objectives of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. are to:
 1. Coordinate the educational and scientific thrust of the New England Aquarium with the project orientation of divers;
 2. Foster, encourage, and advance the science of diving and all allied sciences and activities;
 3. Promote diving safety and education;
 4. Actively monitor legislation pertaining to diving, and
 5. Further advance the protection of the aquatic environment.
- C. This organization shall be absolutely nonpolitical and nonsectarian, and shall not be used for dissemination of partisan principles nor the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment. This organization is nonprofit, and no part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- A. The members of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. shall be those members whom:
 1. Are members of the New England Aquarium Corporation, and
 2. Have paid the annual dues to the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. Such dues to be payable at the same time as dues to the New England Aquarium Corporation.
- B. Membership may be revoked or suspended for just cause by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

This Constitution recognizes that the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. is a unique organization since the well-being of the members and the reputation of the New England Aquarium are directly dependent upon the administration of the Club. The provisions for electing Club officers are designed with the contention that able persons will be in responsible positions and will assure the competent execution of Club functions. Acceptance of a membership card binds a member to the rules and By-Laws of the Club and to the decisions of those with responsibility while utilizing New England Aquarium facilities or participating in Club activities.

ARTICLE III. CLUB OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- A. The Executive Board is the administrative body of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. It shall consist of Eleven (11) members elected by a vote of members in good standing, and its duties are defined by the Club By-Laws.
- B. Officers and voting members of the Executive Board shall be:
 1. President;
 2. Vice President;
 3. Treasurer
 4. Shore Dive Coordinator
 5. Boat Dive Coordinator
 6. Recording Secretary
 7. Newsletter Editor
 8. Membership Director
 9. Program Director
 10. Environmental Affairs Coordinator
 11. Webmaster
- C. Elections

1. Annual elections will be held at the General Meeting of the members in November. Special elections will be called at the discretion of the President to fill vacancies should they arise.

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2. In the event the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President will fill the vacancy and he/she will provide for an immediate election to fill the Vice President's office.
3. Candidates for all offices shall be nominated from the floor at the General Meeting preceding the election meeting or at the election meeting itself prior to the commencement of voting for said offices.
4. Election votes for contested offices shall be by secret ballot during the business portion of the General Meeting. Ballots shall be distributed and counted by the Vice President and two members appointed by the President. In case the Vice President is a candidate to succeed himself/herself, or is a candidate for any other office, the Treasurer shall be in charge of counting votes for that office.
5. Election votes for uncontested offices shall be by acclamation with the Recording Secretary casting one vote to accept candidates for any uncontested offices.
6. All offices of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. shall be elective.
7. Election shall be by a simple majority of members present and voting. In the event no candidate obtains a majority, the election shall be decided by a run-off election between the two candidates with the most votes for that office.
8. Persons elected to an office at the annual election in November will assume the duties and responsibilities of that office as described in the Club By-Laws at the first Informal Meeting in January following the election. Persons elected to an office at a special election shall assume the duties and responsibility of that office as described in the Club By-Laws immediately following said election.
9. Failure of any officer to attend two (2) consecutive Informal Meetings without informing the President shall constitute a resignation.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

- A. Time
 1. Membership meeting shall be held monthly at a time and place to be chosen by the Executive Board ["General Meeting"].
 2. The Executive Board meetings shall be held before each General Meeting at a time and place convenient to the Board ["Informal Meeting"].
- B. Purpose
 1. General Meetings shall be for the purpose of conducting Club business as specified by the By-Laws and for the purpose of informing the membership of the business and activities of the Club. General Meetings also may be used for education purposes.
 2. Informal Meetings shall be for the purpose of guiding the activities and meetings of the Club and conducting the business of the Club except as specified in the Club By-Laws.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS AND DUES SETTING

- A. This Constitution may be amended at any time by presenting amendments to the membership one general meeting prior to voting on them. A simple majority vote of members present and voting is needed for passage.
- B. Notice of change in Club dues must be placed before the membership one general meeting prior to voting on the change. A simple majority vote of members present and voting is needed for approval.
- C. Notice of amendments, changes in Club dues, Constitution and/or the By-Laws shall be published in the NEADC Newsletter prior to the general meeting where voted upon.

ARTICLE VI. DISSOLUTION

- A. Upon Dissolution of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. the treasury is to be used to resolve all outstanding debts. Any remaining funds will be donated to New England Aquarium Dive Department.

Revised April, 2001

By-Laws may be amended, suspended, or rescinded by a simple majority vote of members present and voting. Notice of a proposed change in the By-Laws must be placed before the membership one general meeting prior to voting on them.

I. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall transact the business of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc.. All business requiring a draft on the treasury, except routine expenses incurred in the running of the Club, shall be submitted to the membership for a majority vote. Informal Meetings may be closed by vote of the Board. Club members may be invited to attend any Board meeting by any member of the Board. Such guests are non-voting participants in discussions by the Board.

The President shall preside at all Board meetings and parliamentary procedure will be followed. In the event that the President is absent, the Vice President will preside at the meetings. In the event that both the President and the Vice President are absent, the Treasurer will preside.

The Executive Board is the judge of its members. Any officer may be removed from the Board for just cause by a unanimous vote of the other members of the Board.

II. Officers

The Club officers and their duties are as follows:

A. President

The President shall preside over all general meetings. He/She will guide and coordinate the activities of the Club. He/She shall execute all agreements and contracts on behalf of the Club. He/She will also keep an accurate record of monthly Giant Ocean Tank (GOT) dive winners to ensure that the GOT rules are followed. He/She may appoint committees as he/she deems necessary. He/She may be a member of all such committees. All appointed committees report to the Executive Board.

B. Vice President

The Vice President shall preside over any general meeting or Board meeting at which the President is not present. He/She will assist the President in guiding the activities of the Club. In the event the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President and he/she will provide for an immediate election to fill the Vice Presidential vacancy. The Vice President is responsible for overseeing the physical inventory of NEADC (i.e. clothing).

C. Treasurer

The Treasurer is the Club banker and custodian of the financial records. He/She is responsible for meeting the routine expenses of the Club. No other drafts may be made without the concurrence of the membership as provided in Paragraph I above. A comprehensive report of finances is to be given at each general meeting. He/She will submit a concise financial statement detailing the business transactions at the November general meeting and at the end of his/her tenure in office. He/She will coordinate his/her activities with the persons designated by the New England Aquarium Corporation to monitor Club financial activities. All financial records are the property of the Club.

He/She is authorized to accept membership dues or any property, grant, gift, purchase, devise, or bequest on behalf of the Club.

D. Shore Dive Coordinator

The Shore Dive Coordinator may chair a committee responsible for the direction and guidance of Club shore dives or activities not under the jurisdiction of the Program Director. He/She also is responsible for the logistic coordination of Club dives. He/She has the authority to cancel any Club dive for whatever reason he/she deems proper. He/She has the authority to prevent any person from participating in any Club dive if that person is adjudged by the Shore Dive Coordinator to be improperly equipped or unprepared. The Shore Dive Coordinator is not responsible for personal injuries incurred by any person during a Club dive, nor is the Club, nor the New England Aquarium Corporation. Each person is responsible for his/her own safety.

E. Boat Dive Coordinator

The Boat Dive Coordinator may chair a committee responsible for the direction and guidance of Club boat dives or activities not under the jurisdiction of the Program Director. He/She also is responsible for the logistic coordination of Club dives. He/She has the authority to cancel any Club dive for whatever reason he/she deems proper. He/She has the authority to prevent any person from participating in any Club dive if that person is adjudged by the Boat Dive Coordinator to be improperly equipped or unprepared. The Boat Dive Coordinator is not responsible for personal injuries incurred by any person during a Club dive, nor is the Club, nor the New England Aquarium Corporation. Each person is responsible for his/her own safety.

F. Recording Secretary

The Secretary will record the minutes of the general meetings and the Executive Board meetings. He/She will submit the minutes for publication in the next edition of the NEADC Newsletter. Corrections or omissions are

to be reported to the Secretary and made to the minutes. He/She will maintain these records during his/her entire tenure. All records are the property of the Club.

G. Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for the editing and publication of the monthly New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. Newsletter. The Newsletter Editor may chair a committee responsible for the publicity of all NEADC functions. He/She is responsible for notifying members of all Club activities and General Meetings in the Newsletter.

H. Program Director

The Program Director is responsible for the coordination of the General and Informal Meetings as provided in the NEADC Constitution including scheduling locations for Informal Meetings; scheduling speakers for General Meetings; coordinating General Meeting equipment needs with the New England Aquarium Liaison; and organizing and/or assisting with special events and functions.

I. Membership Director

The Membership Director is responsible for encouraging Club membership and providing information about the Club to new or prospective members. The Membership Director is responsible for maintaining the membership records for the Club. He/she will update these monthly with details of new members, renewals and changes of address received from the NEAQ. Using this information, he/she will send out a welcome letter to new members and print out labels for the newsletter each month. He/she will respond to inquiries about membership of the Club, and send information and/or a copy of the newsletter to prospective members.

J. Environmental Affairs Coordinator

The Environmental Affairs Coordinator is responsible for proactively informing and representing the membership of the Club on current environmental issues and will act as liaison to external environmental groups, agencies, etc. Positions of the Club concerning environmental issues shall be communicated and/or promoted by the Environmental Affairs Coordinator only after discussion and approval by the Executive Board.

K. Webmaster

The Webmaster is responsible for maintaining the Website of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. The Webmaster may chair a committee to assist in administration of Website functions. The Webmaster has the authority to monitor, to edit or omit materials submitted for website publication if the material is deemed improper.

Committees

The organization and structure of the above committees shall be at the discretion of the chairperson and the members of the individual committees. Membership on all committees is open to all members. It shall be the responsibility of the committee chairperson to encourage and direct such participation.

III. Dive Rules

A. Club dive rules shall be drafted by the Boat and Shore Dive Coordinators and presented for adoption by the Executive Board. Failure to abide by these rules may lead to suspension from the Club by the Executive Board. NEADC recognizes that such a provision should not be necessary; however, the well-being of the members and the reputation of the Aquarium is involved. Rules may be brought before a General Meeting by any member for discussion and revision.

B. Violations of any Club rule may lead to punishment ranging from temporary suspension of membership privileges to permanent suspension from the Club. All members are reminded that they are subject to the decisions of those with official responsibility. They are also reminded that if the proper spirit is maintained on dive trips, such decisions will be held to a minimum.

IV. Personal Risk

All persons taking part in any NEADC activities do so at their own risk.

V. NEADC Rules of Order

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. in all areas in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws or the special rules of the Club. The parliamentary authority may be changed by a majority vote of the membership and the concurrence of the Executive Board.

VI. NEADC Standing Rules

All rules in force at the time of adoption of this Constitution and these By-Laws will remain in force. Standing rules may be accepted, suspended, amended, or rescinded by a majority vote of the members present and voting without previous notice.

P.D.I.C. PRESENTS THE 52ND EDITION OF THE BOSTON SCUBA SHOW DIRECTED BY ALAN BUDREAU

A TRIBUTE TO BOBBY BOYLE (With Friends) Don Whitehead, Dave Norman, Dave Clancy, Fred Calhoun

Celebrate Robert Boyle's time in the scuba business Spend a day with friends, great pictures and presentations by New England's premier in-water photographers, cinematographers, videographers and wreck site web-masters Applaud 'Scoop' Boyle's receipt of The Paul Revere Spike Award

February 16, 2002. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holiday Inn and Resort (free parking) Routes 495 and 20 in Marlboro, Mass.

Tickets at \$10.00 each at the door or in advance by writing to: Cecile Christensen, Apple Ridge 2-6, Maynard, MA 01754.
Checks payable to PDIVC (show phone 1-978-897-0877)

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**

FOR SALE

Nikonos V camera (new battery), SB105 strobe, attachments, extension tubes for macro (1:2,2:1, 1:1), booklets, meticulously maintained for only \$650.00

Man's hammerhead freestyle stainless steel scuba watch with nightvision. brand new. never used. Bought for \$189.00 in Florida will sell for \$89.00

call Veronica Atlantis at 781-272-1387 or email atlantis007@altavista.com

FOR SALE

DUI CF200 Dry Suit

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

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

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

So this one is a BARGAIN at: \$895

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

FOR RENT

2 bedroom 2 bath condo on the Caribbean island of Cayman Brac. It is on the ocean, complete modern kitchen, freshwater pool, cable TV, air conditioning, and more. This is a destination that is world known for outstanding scuba and snorkel diving. Reefs start only a few feet from shore and have exceptional visibility. My condo is available for rental and I would extend a 10% discount to members of your club off of published rates. Please visit www.ourcaymancondo.com and e-mail me at: Ket.Brown@co.orange.fl.us

TWO IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS DIVERS SHOULD CHECK OUT:

WHAT IS BAY STATE COUNCIL OF DIVERS?

The Bay State Council of Divers, Inc. (commonly known as the BSC) was founded in the early 1970's to represent the organized divers in Massachusetts. The Bay State Council of Divers is a member of the Underwater Society of America which is composed of other dive councils, clubs and independent divers throughout North America. The Bay State Council of Divers, which is managed by a Board of Directors, meets approximately four times a year. The Bay State Council of Divers membership is made up of over 700 individual divers, clubs, dive shop owners, charter boat captains, scuba instructors and other interested persons throughout the state.

The Bay State Council of Divers was organized for the following purposes:

1. To disseminate information relative to the sport of diving and legislation affecting divers.
2. To create public sentiment for the encouragement of skin and scuba diving;
3. To promote safety, education and conservation in the sport of skin and scuba diving;
4. To cooperate with and assist government officials in the use of diving in connection with governmental functions;
5. To sponsor competitive activities in the sport of diving;
6. To give aid and assistance to groups desiring to organize diving organizations;
7. To educate the public and diving community in the sport of skin and scuba diving;
8. To advance educational and literary endeavors in the field of underwater activities.

The annual Bay State Council of Divers Underwater Treasure Hunt competition is performed in May or June of each year and is their major fundraiser. It is an enjoyable family event providing an opportunity to meet new dive buddies, compete in a friendly environment and win prizes while supporting the Bay State Council of Divers.

As a member of the Underwater Society of America, the Bay State Council of Divers sanctions local, regional and national competitions each year in scuba, free diving, underwater hockey, fin swimming, underwater rugby and underwater photography.

The Bay State Council of Divers promotes recreational diving and helps keep divers informed through the Bay State Council of Divers Newsletter which is sent to all members.

Board of Directors meetings are held approximately four times a year and all Bay State Council of Divers members are invited to attend.

If you have any Questions E-mail us at baystatecouncil@yahoo.com

THE NEW ENGLAND ARTIFICIAL REEF SOCIETY (N.E.A.R.S.)

NEARS is a newly formed non-profit organization dedicated to the creation of artificial reefs in the coastal waters of New England. Its mission statement reads:

"Create artificial reefs and provide education about these reefs in an effort to improve marine habitat in coastal waters of New England and ensure the continuance of a healthy and abundant ocean for present and future generations."

For many years, divers and fishermen have known that shipwrecks are often teeming with life. While shipwrecks have long been the best known form of artificial reefs, any structure placed in the water to provide additional benthic relief and habitat for marine life qualifies as an artificial reef. Many states around the country have an active artificial reef program. In New Jersey and Florida, their main goals were to develop recreational opportunities for fishermen and divers. In California, the San Diego Oceans Foundation has pursued artificial reef development with the purpose of increasing benthic relief and improving the marine habitat. Their most recent artificial reef, the HMCS Yukon, was sunk in July and already has kelp growing on the ship's hull.

In Massachusetts, there has been relatively little activity around artificial reefs. While Massachusetts has defined guidelines and permitting procedures, only 3 projects have been implemented thus far, and without funding, there was little hope for the future expansion of the program. NEARS was created to develop that funding and provide a broad based constituency dedicated to the marine environment. Our mission is to create artificial reefs and provide education about these reefs in an effort to improve the marine habitat in coastal waters of New England and ensure the continuance of a healthy and abundant ocean for present and future generations. In the short term, we will work to assist the Division of Marine Fisheries with the local dive clubs in determining the suitability of 4 previously identified locations that maybe suitable for small artificial reefs. In the long term, we will work with the Division of Marine Fisheries to identify new sites for artificial reefs and to develop the funding necessary for implementing artificial reef projects on a wide scale. We believe only a broad based organization can bring together the various interest groups such as divers, recreational fishermen, environmental groups and many others who care about the ocean. We have already received the support of the Division of Marine Fisheries, New England Aquarium and local diving and fishing interests. We hope to enlist your support as well.

CALENDAR OF NEADC EVENTS

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

DATE	EVENT	DIVE SITE
Saturday, December 1 <u>PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL DATE!</u>	HOLIDAY PARTY/INFORMAL MEETING	6:00 p.m. Our informal meeting has been rescheduled to the first Saturday of the month for December only and will be both the monthly business meeting and a HOLIDAY PARTY. Hosted by Bryce and Anna Flynn in Foxboro, MA.
Wednesday, December 19	DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. Immersion Theater at New England Aquarium. Annual NEADC Show & Tell. To show your slides or videos, please contact Al Bozza at (508) 384-1377 or AWEXPRSINC@aol.com. Presentation lengths are determined by number of participants.
Wednesday, January 9, 2002 <u>PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL DATE</u>	INFORMAL MEETING	January Informal will be held SECOND Wednesday to avoid conflicts with the holiday. 6:30 p.m. at the home of Joe Gobbini in Hudson, MA. Directions Page 2.
Wednesday, January 16, 2002	GENERAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. Immersion Theater at New England Aquarium.
Wednesday, February 6, 2002	INFORMAL MEETING	6:30 p.m. at the home of Alicia Lenci. See directions Page 2.
Saturday, February 16, 2002	PDIC SCUBA SHOW	10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Marlboro, See Article this issue
Saturday, March 2 & Sunday, March 3	Sea Rovers Underwater Clinic	Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel. VOLUNTEERS needed to staff the NEADC/NEAq/Seamark table Saturday and Sunday.
Saturday, March 2	NEADC Dinner at Bertucci's (Sea Rovers Weekend)	\$22 (includes tax and tip) All you can eat pizza, pasta extravaganza designed to feed you quickly and in good company with plenty of time to go to the Sea Rovers Film Show at John Hancock Hall 3 blocks away. A good time and a great deal. Advance registration necessary! Contact Maryhelen Shuman-Groh (508) 821-4704 or e-mail president@neadc.org

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by
Saturday, January 19, 2002!
 for the **FEBRUARY** Edition of the NEADC Newsletter. Submissions should be forwarded by e-mail to newsletter@neadc.org. Thank you

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: _____

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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Happy Holidays! Best 2002!