



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM DIVE CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

December/January

NEADC Web Site: www.NEADC.org

NEADC GENERAL MEETINGS

Immersion Theater: **Wednesday, December 18, 2003**
6:30 p.m.

Annual Members Show & Tell - reserve a spot in December and show fellow club members your slides or videos. Call or email Al Bozza for time allocation.

Immersion Theater: **Wednesday, January 15, 2003**
6:30 p.m.

The formal presentation for January will have the Legendary Fred Calhoun giving another one of his great presentations to our club. Always entertaining and enjoyable, Fred has been actually diving longer than many of our members have been breathing.

Congratulations to the 2003 Board of the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. elected November 20, 2002

- President – Maryhelen Shuman-Groh
- Vice President – Peter McCarthy
- Business Manager – Jim Carozza
- Secretary – Anna Krowczynska
- Membership – Trish Katzman
- Newsletter Editor – Scott Bortis
- Programs – Al Bozza
- Webmaster – Bryce Flynn
- Shore Dive Coordinator – Rick Rosa
- Boat Dive Coordinator – Bill Low
- Environmental Affairs – Alicia Lenci

INFORMAL MEETING

The February Informal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Laura and Jim Stewart in Southborough, MA. *See page 2 for Directions.*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit your news for the next Newsletter by **Monday, January 27, 2003!** for the **FEBRUARY EDITION** of the NEADC Newsletter. Submissions should be forwarded by e-mail at newsletter@neadc.org,
Thank you

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

If your address has changed recently please fill out this form and mail it to:
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

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Hosted by Jim Stewart and Laura Coldwell-Stewart, 30
Parkerville Road, Southborough, MA 508/303-0239.

From 495 Take exit 23A (Route 9 East) and follow Rte 9 through one set of lights. Turn left onto Middle road about 1 mile past the lights. This is also the first break in the Jersey barriers since the lights. Turn left almost immediately again onto John Matthew's Road. You will now be parallel to Rte. 9 West. Follow John Matthew's to the end and then turn right onto Parkerville Road. The house is about 0.4 miles down on the right just barely past the driveway to the school on the left hand side. To find the driveway look for a very large mailbox, with fish on it on the right, opposite a street light on the left.

From Boston

Take the Route 9 West exit (towards Marlboro after tolls) from the Mass Pike. Follow Route 9 through 3 traffic lights and under the Route 85 overpass and exits. After Rte. 85 take the second right onto Parkerville Road, just past McCarthy's Pools and the WPI building. There is also a turn lane for Parkerville Road. The house is about 0.5 miles down on the right just barely past the driveway to the school on the left hand side. To find our driveway look for a very large mailbox, with fish on it on the right, opposite a street light on the left.

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**

Dive virgin walls, EAST END GRAND CAYMAN sleeps 4 condo, any week. OR Diving and NEWPORT Jazz Festival, 8/8/03, sleeps 6 condo on Narragansett Bay. Nancy, 781-449-3805; gemini.nancy@verizon.net; www.eAtlantis.com.

We have about 8 members interested (so far) in our 2003 SKI TRIP Feb 27th to Mar 2nd (dates are flexible one day either way) rates are from 149. per night for one couple up to 359. per night for 3 couples. We will be staying at the luxurious Nordic Village with all the amenities you could possibly imagine. We will be skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, riding in sleighs, partying and having a great time. If you think you might be interested or have any questions email me at ABOZZA@aol.com. We would love to have you join us!!!!

Cost \$1395 per person

+ 280 per person for Charter flight from Ft Lauderdale to Georgetown Great Exumas - Bahamian Govt Charter fee of % of cruise fare, US passenger vessel excise tax of \$3 per person, a \$20 Bahamian Departure fee (payable at airport), and airfare for travel from Pitt to Lauderdale (\$\$ - have not priced yet, but generally around \$200) = 1733.8 per person + airfare from Pitt. There will be a 10% discount on cruise fare if we have 10 people – SO YOU MUST TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE DONNA BENDER GROUP WHEN YOU BOOK!!!!!! They will not accept that after booking. The boat is empty that week at present - so you have your choice of rooms. If you have done a Nekton trip before - you get a frequent diver discount of 10% of cruise fee also - specify that when you book. They require a \$400 deposit when you book - if you cancel >180 days prior - you will receive a 66% refund of deposit. IF you cancel 90-180 days prior, you will receive a 33% refund, if you cancel < 90 days, no refund on deposit. Remainder of Balance will be due 60 days prior to departure. 60 days prior is December 24 (just realized that is not such great timing...) we can still change the dates of this if it conflicts with anyone's schedule, but I would need to know that immediately! I went ahead and picked a date as no one specified and we needed to get plans made. You can call and book your trip at 800-899-6753 for more information see <http://nektioncruises.com/> Starting in February I'll be taking over the Business Managers office and want to thank all my fellow Officers' for the work they have put forth and will continue in the following year.

With that I'll cut my article here and wish everyone Happy Holiday's and a Great New Year!

FROM YOUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR Trish Katzman

I am really happy to have the opportunity to get more involved with the NEADC as your new membership director. As a brief introduction, I'm from Michigan and have been living in Boston for over 10 years. I have a lot of hobbies including pottery, inline skating, hiking, reading, exercising, cooking, traveling, and, of course, diving! Professionally, I have a Masters degree in mechanical engineering from Tufts University and spent a number of years designing and managing development products such as aircraft engines and surgical instrumentation. I now am a product marketing professional creating business and product development strategies, and other fun things like writing articles, giving seminars, and interviewing the media.

I've been a certified diver for just about 1 ½ years and a member of the NEADC for almost the same amount of time. I've logged over 40 dives this past summer, much of which was through our club events. As a result I've gained a lot of skills from meeting so many of you experienced divers, learned a lot about sea-life issues by listening to informative club presentations, and contributed to improving the local environmental conditions by participating in Alicia's clean-up dives. The Seal Dive, organized by Donna last July, was one of the most surreal dive experiences I've ever had! It was a blast to swim with seals and get so close to them in their natural environment.

So, I've enjoyed being a member so much that I look forward to giving back to the club by volunteering time as the membership director. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for areas that you'd like me to focus on in this role.

FROM YOUR NEXT BOAT DIVE COORDINATOR Bill Low

Just a few lines about your new boat dive coordinator; Bill Low. I was certified in 1998, I use the term "certified" very loosely but that is another story. I got back into diving after a 13-year absence; boy do I really regret that. Fortunately I got caught in a rainstorm on my motorcycle and the very next day I got the calling: I wanted to try diving again. I took another certification course and I haven't looked back since. I have to use the word passion for the way I feel about diving. So far I have seventy dives this season and I would like to try for a one hundred next season. I have to add all New England dives; I haven't had the pleasure of diving in warm clear water yet.

I would like to have a variety of boat dives next season so members in the club can dive and have many memorable dives North and South. But I have to say when you have been boat diving you can get spoiled real quickly. I would appreciate any input from club members.

BENEFIT FOR OCEANIC RESEARCH GROUP

Mark your calendar: Saturday, January 11th, 2003 at the Mass Bay
Community College auditorium in Wellesley AT 7 P.M.

As many of you know, Oceanic Research Group is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to ocean conservation. Among other things, we make educational films for use in the classroom. Because many schools cannot afford to buy films on tape through our distributors, we are working on a program to make our 12 educational films available for free on-line. Most schools now have high-speed internet access. This benefit is to help raise the \$20,000 needed to accomplish this goal.

The evening events will include a lecture by Jonathan Bird. He's going to be doing a slide presentation called "The Underwater Year in Review" featuring photographs taken throughout the world in 2002 (Whales in the Dominican Republic, dolphins and sharks in the Bahamas, the caves of the Yucatan, the wolffish of Maine, the beautiful reefs of Fiji and of course whale sharks of the Galapagos!)

There will be a raffle for some great gear and a silent auction for some artwork, as well as a few video surprises. And of course, we will have munchies, ORG T-shirts, videos, books, posters, and if we're really lucky, the new DVD for our television film "Endangered Mermaids".

Admission is totally free and open to anyone. We can seat 550 people. We would love to get 550 people, so let your ocean-loving friends know about it.

More details on the website: <http://www.oceanicresearch.org/benefit.htm>

We hope to see you there!

BOSTON SCUBA DIVING SHOW

54th edition 2003 NAUI Instructor Rendezvous

All instructors and divers invited to attend

February 15, 2003, 10am – 4pm

Holiday Inn and Resort, jct rtes 495 and 20

Marlboro, Mass.

Featuring

National Geographic's preeminent in-water photographer

DAVID DOUBILET

Receiving the Underwater Club of Boston's Paul Revere Spike Award

with

New England's own David Norman and Chris and Fred Calhoun

directed by

Alan Budreau

Here's a grand opportunity to decompress from the winter blues, enjoy some spectacular visual presentations, get reacquainted, and participate in a general forum on the current state of scuba

Tickets at the door at \$10.00 per

SCUBA Certification Course

Embark on the adventure of a lifetime! Diving is relaxing, action-packed, tranquil, adrenaline pumping, and adventurous. Imagine being in a tropical location, diving in crystal clear water, surrounded by brightly colored coral and fish, or exploring a shipwreck off the coast of an island. You and your dive buddy put on your dive equipment to enter the water and explore the abundance of marine life, all the while hovering weightlessly underwater.

With the generosity of Moray Wheels, Northeast Passage is hosting an
Adaptive SCUBA Certification Course
in Nashua, NH with the help and instruction of
O'Donnel Diving & Adapted SCUBA, www.odonneldiving.com

Becoming a certified SCUBA diver requires a commitment of time and mastery of both academic and applied SCUBA skills. During each session, an adaptive instructor will work with you directly to help you master your skills, answer your questions and problem-solve your individual adaptations and concerns.

To accommodate your busy lives and schedules, this course will be held the fourth Saturday and Sunday of each month over the course of 5 months, January through May. You may attend any or all pool sessions necessary to master your skills, working closely with instructors and volunteers. Time will be scheduled between pool times during these weekends for academic review, videos, questions, and an exam.

This course is performance based! You must complete all necessary requirements for certification. Your PADI or NIADD certification will be received when you are able to demonstrate skill mastery, pass your certification exam, and complete your open water dives.

It is possible to complete this course in fewer than 5 scheduled weekends. Registration is limited! Sign up with family and friends, diving is a group activity to be enjoyed together!

Swimming: Competency and the ability to be comfortable in the water are stressed more than endurance. Two hundred yards as well as a ten-minute float are all that is required. You must be able to maintain a seal with your lips, and able to follow multi-step directions. The minimum age required for SCUBA is 10 years.

Cost for your Class/Pool Training	\$140.
PADI Revised Text Package	\$55.

Equipment: As a student in this course you are responsible for purchasing the following equipment.

- Dive quality Mask and Snorkel, Adjustable strap fins, Wet suit boots (for use with fins, skin protection)
(You may purchase this equipment from O'Donnel Diving)

Equipment supplied for your use by O'Donnel Diving:

- Buoyancy Control Device (BCD), Weights and weight belt, Regulator w/ Oct-Pressure gauge-Console Tank and air fill

Once your class/pool training is completed, you are ready for your open water training dives. Your training dives can be completed anywhere in the world by way of a referral.

Open Water Training: Four to six dives over two-three days are required for certification. Northeast Passage and O'Donnel Diving will be scheduling open water dives this summer in June or July.

Cost includes equipment rental, all paperwork, instructor fees, and your passport photo for the certification card. **\$150**
Students will be awarded certification from either PADI or NIADD to register for this course call Northeast Passage at (603) 862-0070, email northeast.passage.unh.edu



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).

Galapagos Report

By Brandy Derickson

Maybe it was the combination of seasick medications I was on, but you should have seen that huge, polka-dotted fish, man! Wait a minute, it wasn't medications; I was in the Galapagos Islands. I joined Jonathan and Christine Bird, along with 11 other dive adventurers from around the world (one couple was from Brazil!) for an incredible 10 day adventure.

I started out by myself, flying from Boston to Newark. Here I happened to meet up with three others from our group; a husband/wife team from Spokane, Washington and their dive shop owner. Apparently their son backed out at the last minute so he would be able to graduate high school this spring. So, why not bring your local dive shop owner, especially if he had just trained you on a rebreather for this trip!

For the first time since I've been flying out of Newark, I didn't have any delays! Thinking the key to flying out of Newark was an international flight; I spent the next eight hours flying to Guayaquil, Ecuador. There was a short stopover in Panama City that I didn't even know about until I was in Newark. I didn't realize what an effect it had until the next morning when I e-mailed by boyfriend. He had tracked the flight from Newark, but apparently it only tracks until the first foreign-soil stop. He saw the flight land in Panama City and stay there! After I assured him I was safely in Guayaquil, I went sightseeing with the group.

My tour book didn't give the city the best reputation, but thankfully I never saw any rats! Just lots of iguanas...everywhere. Guayaquil seems to have their own version of the Big Dig going on, as there was road construction everywhere! The city has made some improvements to clean up. One such project was the Malecedon 2000, a 2 km walkway along the river. Granted, the river is muddy brown, but the botanical gardens and fountains are beautiful and made you forget you were in a city.

Ok, on to the diving! After pooling our money together to make sure the group's gear got on the plane (underwater photographers and rebreather divers carry a lot of heavy stuff!), we boarded a very crowded plane to head to Baltra. Upon arrival, we had to disinfect our shoes and pay a \$100 park fee. Comparing passports later, I noticed the guy taking the fee wasn't stamping passports, but the girl was. Of course, I had gone to the guy, so I didn't get the cool stamp...how am I ever supposed to fill up my passport?!

We were met by friendly Aggressor (is that an oxymoron?) divemasters Paula and Chris, who gathered our gear together. Paula helped get the gear loaded onto a truck and then traveled with it to the boat. Chris was in charge of the 14 divers; he got us loaded onto the bus. Fifteen minutes later, we were standing on the dock, watching sea lions and marine iguanas lounging by the rocks. We were loaded, 7 at a time, onto a Zodiac that brought us to the Aggressor I. We were served lunch and then got our gear together for the checkout dive.

As I executed my giant stride, I felt something slip down my leg and over my fin tip. A quick check confirmed it was indeed my weight belt. Not going under without that... this could be a long week! Good thing I have a weight integrated BC; there weren't anymore weight belts and a search conducted by my buddies didn't turn up anything. Paula said not to worry; they'd find it next week on that checkout dive.

We had a long crossing to get to Wolf Island, about 14 hours or so. We spent the evening unpacking and getting settled, getting to know each other and the crew. The next day we arrived at Wolf. I skipped the first dive, as I wasn't feeling so great. We had lunch and then got ready for the afternoon dives. I managed both of these without many problems. A few small schools of hammerheads were out in the distance, but didn't come in close. There was lots of cleaning station activity, a marble ray, several green sea turtles, and lots of spotted morays.

I surfaced from the second dive with a splitting headache. I hoped food would make it better, especially since the boat was grilling on the upper deck. Unfortunately, I missed out on the excellent food and was the sickest I would be on the trip. Seasickness coupled with recovering from a cold doesn't make for the best diving! I was fortunate there were two doctors on board (Christine and the guy from Spokane) to administer advice and seasick medications. One of the crewmembers also helped take care of me. Marco made sure I was drinking plenty of fluids, as well as eating. He even made a special Ecuadorian tea to help settle my stomach.

After sleeping away the next morning (the first at Darwin), and missing the first of several whale sharks, I felt well enough to have lunch with the group. They were all relieved to see I had recovered and happier still when I suited up for the afternoon dives. I saw three whale sharks the first dive, but could not swim fast enough to get a good photo op. I also overheated; I had been advised to wear a 5mm-hooded shorty over my 7mm wetsuit. I don't know if it was due to El Nino,

but the water was 77 degrees! I pulled the hood of my head to cool down and spent the rest of the week diving in my 7mm with a tropical hood to keep my hair out my face.

The next two days of diving at Darwin I saw spotted eagle rays and several more whale sharks, a few of which I had close encounters with and could photograph. There were a few hammerheads that came in close, but not the huge schools I had heard about. In addition to the current not being fast enough for them to come to the cleaning stations, they were skittish about coming close to where the bubble blowers were.

Since we had been successful with the whale sharks and hammerheads, we decided to head south to Cousin's Rock for some diving with sea lions. The water was cooler here, but comfortable (at least for me). This was my favorite dive; it was very relaxing and peaceful. You didn't have to keep looking for whale sharks or hammerheads; don't get me wrong, they were cool. You just had to keep your attention focused on them or you missed them. Cousin's Rock was a leisurely dive along ledges covered in black coral. I didn't realize black coral is actually green when it's alive; the way the sun was reflecting off them was very beautiful. We saw a few seahorses, spotted eagle rays, and then the main attraction. We spent the entire second dive just focusing on the sea lions. There were three females at one time playing and checking us out, while Christine snorkeled to keep them entertained. A bull would make passes to make sure we weren't harming his harem; occasionally he would bark at you underwater!

Our last dive of the trip was at Gordon Rock, where we were hoping to see manta rays. The last couple of weeks Aggressor had seen one, so we were encouraged. Unfortunately, the manta rays weren't there when we were.

We got cleaned up and did a couple of land tours, where we could see lava flow formations, sea lion colonies, and lots of land iguanas. We then headed into town for souvenir shopping and dinner. All of us called an early night so we get packed and ready to head back to Guayaquil, where we spent one more day finishing up our shopping.

Back in Newark, I learned international flights were not the key to hassle-free flying, as my flight back to Boston was delayed by an hour.

49th BOSTON SEA ROVERS CLINIC, MARCH 8-9, 2003

The annual two-day clinic will be held at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel on March 8 and 9, 2003 and features forty daytime seminars covering all aspects of scuba diving and the marine environment, a Saturday Evening Film Festival, and the Grand Ballroom Exhibitors Hall, filled with over sixty leading companies in the ocean realm. The show attracts the cream of the crop of Northeast divers: those who are serious about their diving, those who buy equipment and want to know what is new and available, those who go on diving trips, and those who dive locally. Attendees jam the hotel during the day and the theater for the Saturday evening film festival.

An important aspect of our weekend Clinic is the Grand Ballroom Exhibitor's Hall, filled with leaders diving goods, services, and exotic diving destinations. Thousands of Northeast divers look forward each year to being able to see the latest equipment, meet with travel resort professionals, and here from the experts what's new, and what's available for the upcoming dive year.

SCUBA diving is a unique and fascinating sport, with an enormous amount of fascination for participants and observers alike. Considering recent ocean-related news events, from the tragedy of the Kursk, to the hype over "The Perfect Storm", to animated discussions regarding fishing and whaling problems and it's clear that the ocean is important to everyone. The Sea Rovers Clinic was and still is devoted to presenting issues related to diving to the general public, and to keeping the public informed, and involved.

But the Sea Rovers also do much more than just run a Clinic for the diving public. On the Friday preceding the weekend clinic, the Rovers also conduct a program at the Fairmont Copley Plaza designed to provide local secondary school students and their teachers with a "window on the underwater world". The Career Opportunities in Marine Sciences

presentations cover topics about the world's oceans, the people who study them and opportunities for students to study and protect the ocean environments. Each year, hundreds of students are provided an opportunity to learn about professional careers in the ocean world because of the Sea Rovers.

The Sea Rovers also give back to the community. Proceeds from the annual clinic are used primarily for scholarships related to ocean study and to the support of SeaMark, an organization dedicated to helping children with disabilities.

For updated information on programs, tickets and hotel reservations go to www.searovers.org

Metrowest Dive Club's 11th Annual Diving Symposium. "Wrecks 2003"

April 5th, 2003. Keefe Tech High School. Framingham, Ma.

8:30 am. - 3 pm. Meet the speakers party: 3-5 pm.

Show consists of 4 world class speakers, including Tom Mount and Kevin McMurray, author of "Deep Descent".

The show also consists of: Wreck artifact displays, Equipment displays, Photography displays, Manufacturers Booths, Raffles.

Cost \$15 (buy your ticket at our display at the Boston Sea Rovers show in March for \$12)

For more information. WWW.MWDC.ORG

New Species Added to REEF's Gulf of Maine Fish ID

Getting bored this winter? Don't think there's anything out there to look at? Get together with your fellow divers for this FREE seminar and bring a non-diver; this is great for anyone of any age, diver or not. Learn about the local fish life you see at your favorite dive site from 10-12 on Saturday, February 8 in the New England Aquarium Conference Center. Refreshments will be provided and we always have a good time. Already been to one of these seminars? Come again for a refresher and/or to learn about the new species that are going to be added. That's right....the invertebrates are making the list!

For more information or to register (so we can provide enough refreshments), contact Brandy Derickson at (603)436-6424 or derickba@netzero.net or Bob Michelson at pbm.inc@verizon.net

New England Aquarium Dive Club 2002/2003 Shore Diving and Event Calendar

If you plan to participate in a shore dive you should contact the designated leader prior to the dive date to let him or her know that you will be attending. Decisions to cancel or modify dive plans (due to weather or other factors) are left to the discretion of the individual leaders who organize the dives, and confirming your attendance beforehand will help ensure that you are notified of any last minute changes. Likewise, if you confirm attendance but then cannot attend a dive for any reason, please notify the dive leader as soon as possible, so that the group does not wait for you at the meeting site on the day of the dive.

Date	Location	Meeting Place	Dive/Event Leader	Social Activity	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
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	Contact Al Bozza for a presentation slot	General Meeting - Annual Show & Tell	
Dec 24 (Tue)	Nubble Light	~10 AM at Nubble Light	call (603)436-6424 or e- mail derickba@netzero.net before Dec. 19 if you want to do this dive.	Underwater tree decoration!	
Jan 1 (Wed)	New Year's Day Dive	Fort Wetherill, RI	Max Arias (401) 822-3296		Followed by a gathering at Max's home
Jan 16 (Wed)	Immersion Theater	6:30		General Meeting	
Feb 5 (Wed)	The home of Laura and Jim Stewart in Southborough, MA.	6:30		Informal Meeting	
Feb 8 (Sat)	NEAQ Conference Center	10-12AM	Learn about the local fish life you see at your favorite dive site	For more information or to register (so we can provide enough refreshments), contact Brandy Derickson at (603)436-6424 or derickba@netzero.net	

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)

- | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------------------------|---|----------|
| <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

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