



“DIVE LOG”

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April Guest Speaker Marissa Wozniak Stellwagen Alive!

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary is located at the mouth of Massachusetts Bay, in the Gulf of Maine. Despite it's close proximity, many marine enthusiasts know nothing about it. This area is rich in both marine life and historical significance, as it has been an important New England fishery for hundreds of years. Currently, Stellwagen Bank is threatened by several factors, including overfish-

ing, vehicle traffic and marine mammal disruption. Stellwagen Alive! is dedicated to keeping Stellwagen Bank alive for future generations, through protection, restoration and preservation of the sanctuary. In this presentation we will discuss the state of Stellwagen Bank and the current efforts of Stellwagen Alive! Additionally, we'll present our future projects that are directed towards the scuba diving community

**Congratulations
50/50 winner!!**

**Marcelle
Champagne**



Marissa Wozniak

Marissa has been diving for 10 years, is an Advanced OpenWater Instructor and has been teaching SCUBA since 2008. Originally from Simsbury, CT, she attended Carnegie Mellon University. She is currently working on a Master's degree in Environmental Policy at Tufts University, where she is particularly interested in fishery management and conservation. If that's not enough to keep Marissa busy, she also works at MIT, doing intellectual property work. Marissa is a technical diver, and enjoys diving year-round in New England. She loves wreck diving, cave diving and identifying marine life. When not in our local waters, you may find her cave diving the Florida springs or diving the wrecks of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Memberships are due April 1st

You can download membership and release forms from the club website <http://uniteddivers.org/> and mail your forms and dues to the club address on page 6

Club News

June 4th and June 25th

Cape Lobster Dives

Rick Boucher will be leading the first Cape Cod Lobster Dive with Cape Dive Locker on June 4th. That trip is full.

Rich Atkins will be leading a second Cape Cod boat dive for lobster on June 25th. This one will be east of Cape Cod probably Nauset Ledges. We had a great time on this dive last year. Advanced certifications are required. \$125 per person. Two spots still remain. See Rich if you are interested.



Ken Mostello, Larry Dufour, and Rick Boucher whale watching at Nauset Ledges

July 9th

Chick's Day Stage Fort Park

We will gather at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester MA for our annual Chick's Day dive. The guys do all the work, lugging tanks, coolers and grills and make sure the lady's have a day of leisurely diving. Stage Fort Park has plenty of parking (small fee) rest-rooms, and a picnic area adjacent to the water. The

entry couldn't be easier down a ramp or the beach. The dive is shallow, no current to speak of and there is a good variety of sandy areas, rocks and eel grass to look around in for critters. Shallow depths means plenty of time to poke around.

July 23rd

REEF - Great New England Fish Count

Set aside Saturday July 23rd for the 20th annual Fish Count sponsored by the New England Aquarium. We will probably dive at Lanes Cove in the morning to do the actual fish count. After our two dives are over we will then assemble with all the other clubs and divers at Stage Fort Park to turn in our counts. Data collected by each diver is recorded and a tally kept of the different species seen that morning. Each diver is eligible for food refreshments and the big raffle. There always some really cool prizes including gear and even trips handed out at the raffle. We are usually the largest club at the event. Lets make sure we get a good turnout this year. Kevin Brook will be leading this event.



Bob Abraham in the engine room of the MV Captain Keith Tibbetts on Cayman Brac

August 20th—note new date

Pre-Lobsterfest Lobster Dive - Book Now



Club members will be diving with Cape Anne Divers on Saturday morning to gather lobsters for our feast. Make arrangements by calling Cape Anne Divers directly and reserving your spot now. This is a great time to dive with Club Members, the water is at its warmest. If we get enough divers we can get the big boat! Don't get turned away book now. A credit card number will hold your spot.

Q: How large do Maine Lobsters grow?

A: Usually, the largest Lobsters caught by Lobstermen weigh about 15 pounds, because that's the largest size that will fit into their traps. The largest Maine Lobster ever caught was 3' 6" long and weighed a little over 40 pounds. Divers who work off the coast of Maine have observed Lobsters that they estimate to weigh about 200 pounds! Not surprisingly, these divers did not feel tempted to wrestle with one of these Mega-lobsters to bring one to the surface to confirm their sightings.

April/May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18	19	20	21 General Meeting 7PM Stellwagen Alive	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 SCUBA Talk Andy's 6-8	29	30
MAY 1	2	3	4	5 BOD Mtg	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 SCUBA Talk Andy's 6-8	13	14 DUI DOG Days Stage Fort Park
15	16	17	18	19 General Meeting 7PM	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3	4 Cape Lobster Dive w Cape Dive Locker

2011 Event Planner

DUI DOG Days Stage Fort Park Gloucester, MA May 14/15 http://www.dui-online.com/dog_main.html

Basic SCUBA course Andy's starts May 17th

Advanced SCUBA course Andy's starts May 18th

Cape Cod Lobster Dive June 4th Rick Boucher

Cape Cod Lobster Dive June 25th (new date) Rich Atkins

Scuba Chicks Day, July 9th Christine Bowers

REEF Fishcount, July 23rd Kevin Brook

Canada Trip July 28th– August 1st Bob Abraham

Lobsterfest August 20th Rich Atkins

Where have you been?

The Club wants to know. If you have been on a dive trip or some other activity that is club or scuba related let us know. Send a summary and a picture or two to the address at the end of the newsletter and I

will add it to a future newsletter.

If you have been on a dive trip and would like to schedule a presentation to the club contact Joe Avoli the Activities Chairman.

March 10, 2012 to March 24, 2012

Andy's Expedition Africa 2012

Andy's Sport Shop is putting together an African land and sea expedition. A representative from Africa Tours will oversee entire trip

3 Safaris – 2 evening and 1 morning,


\$5800 fee includes; All flights from Logan Airport and ground transportation from one central location to Logan, ground transfers en route.

Minimum of 6 dives, ; 2 dives Aliwal Shoal , 1 dive with the Tiger sharks, 2 dives Rocktail Bay, 1 cage dive with the Great White Sharks. All dive permits. 6 additional dives possible for additional fees

If you are interested call Andy's for more information

SCUBA Talk

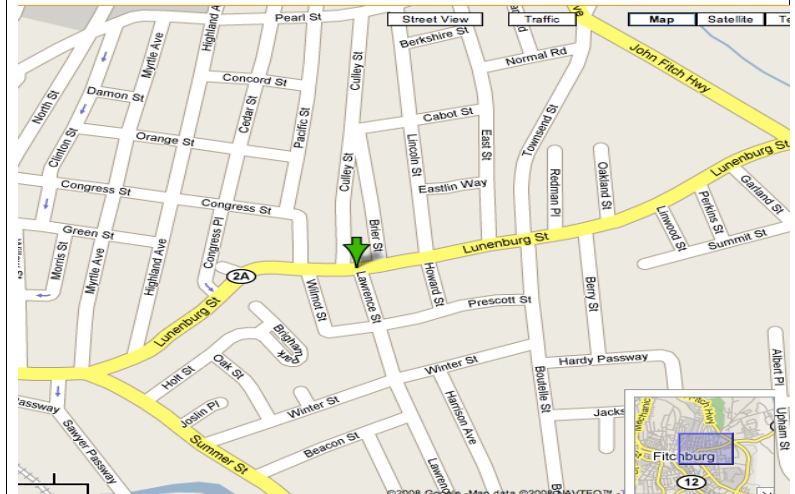
Starting April 28th 6-8PM Andy's will host a Scuba Social every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Stop by the shop for pizza and the latest buzz.



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Meeting Time and Location

The United Divers meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month at Slattery's located at 106 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg, MA. There is ample parking provided in the rear of the building. The meeting will be taking place in the event room near the back right of the restaurant. The meeting will begin at 7:00p.m. with a social hour beginning at 6:30p.m. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact any of the board members.



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The Purpose of the United Divers of Central Massachusetts

The purpose of the United Divers of Central Massachusetts is to promote the sportsmanship and sport of SCUBA diving by stimulating our members to achieve the highest standards of safety and proficiency in SCUBA diving. To promote friendship and wholesome social activity among its membership. To promote educational programs that will provide fundamental knowledge supported by actual hands-on experience in a variety of areas including: safe diving practices, conservation of marine ecosystems, first aid and handling diving related emergencies, to organize group SCUBA diving trips, educational and social events that will allow our membership to accomplish all of the above.



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