



# The Dive Log

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next meeting to take place on April 18 at Slattery's Restaurant.
- Dues are due by the end of the April meeting.
- Don Ferrara will be speaking at the next meeting about diving Presque Isle, MI.

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## Don Ferrara & Jeff Goodreau Present Presque Isle, MI

In August of 2012 Don Ferrara and Jeff Goodreau took a trip to Presque Isle, Michigan to dive some of the wrecks of Lake Huron. Presque Isle, located on Lake Huron between Alpena and Rogers City is the home of a number of amazing shipwrecks. The waters off of Presque Isle were the home of busy shipping lanes for decades and now is the burial ground to a number of majestic shipwrecks. Don and Jeff had the opportunity to dive the Cornelia B. Windiate, the Florida, the John J. Audubon, the Norman, the Typo, and the Kyle

Spangler. The Cornelia was a three-masted schooner that



**Don & Jeff to give a fascinating presentation on the beautiful wrecks of Lake Huron**

sank in 1875 carrying a load of wheat and headed to Buffalo. The Florida was a wooden steamer that was struck and

sunk in 1897. The Audubon, a brig, sank in 1854 after colliding with the Defiance. The Norman was a steel steamer that sank too after a collision with another vessel. The Typo and Spangler were both wooden sailing ships. The Spangler also sank in a collision with another wreck. Most of these wrecks are very much intact and are fortunate to be in the beautiful clear waters of Lake Huron. Be sure to stop by to see Jeff and Don's presentation on the shipwrecks of Presque Isle.

## UDCM Pool Night a Success

On April 5, 2013 the United Divers of Central Mass got together for evening in the pool to test out dive gear and get a little wet. President, Jeff Goodreau, introduced his girlfriend Mindy to the wonderful world of diving. Jeff gave a very thorough (maybe even

too thorough) introduction to breathing underwater and the art of scuba diving and took her for a spin around the pool. According to Jeff, "She had a blast!" Maybe we will have a new scuba diver joining the ranks! In addition Rich and Elizabeth spent some time testing gear

and honing their scuba skills in the wide open pool. Although the turnout for the UDCM Pool Night was on the short side, everybody had a good time! Please join us the next time we have a pool night for some scuba fun and camaraderie! Go get wet!



President, Jeff Goodreau in Presque Isle, MI.

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Time to renew your 2013 membership.

## A Message from the President

Greetings All!

I hope you enjoyed last month’s great presentation on Antarctica and it looks like a wicked cool place!

Dive season is upon us, and many of the drysuit divers are already hitting the big pond. Conditions have been improving with vis averaging 20’-30’ and temperatures in the very low 40s. All the

boats are running now except for the Daybreaker, and if you haven’t hear the Cape Dive Locker won’t be running charters this summer. We will be giving away a boat charter a month for the next 4 months to lucky club members as door prize drawings at the meeting, so get your dues paid so that you are eligible. Dues are due by this month’s meeting, so get it

done. Get your tanks VIPed and hydroed if necessary, and make sure your gear is up to snuff. Don’t wait until summer pops in full, because then the shops will be backed up and you are going to be waiting. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. Sincerely,  
Jeff Goodreau

## Membership Renewal

The dive season is just around the corner and so is the time to renew your United Divers of Central Mass membership. Your membership gives you the benefits of a monthly newsletter either by mail or electronically, the right to vote

on club business and events, discounted or free admission to club events, an Andy’s Sport Shop air fill card, and much more! Renewals are due before the end of the April meeting! But why wait? This year there will be a renewal benefit. We

are finalizing exactly what this will be and have the details at the next meeting! The added bonus is that dues have remained the same. Individual Membership is \$25.00 and Family Membership is \$40.00. See you at the next meeting!

## A Recipe from the Treasurer



- Prep time: 10 minutes
- Cook time: 20 min.
- Serves 4

Any white, lean fish will work with this recipe. In New England, cod, haddock, pollock and hake are traditional, but walleye, catfish, bass, snapper, Pacific rock cod, striped bass or Gulf Coast redfish will all work.

### Ingredients

- 2 pounds skinless haddock fillets
- Salt
- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers
- 1 stick of butter
- Lemon and parsley for garnish (optional)

### Method

**1.** Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease a small baking pan or casserole pan with butter or a little oil. Rinse off the fish fillets with cold water, pat dry. Remove any pin bones from the fillets. If you want, cut the fillets into large serving pieces. Place the fillets on the bottom of the pan, sprinkle with salt (if desired).

**2** Melt the butter. Crush the Ritz crackers over a bowl; they should look like coarse breadcrumbs. Mix the melted butter with the breadcrumbs. Pack the crumb mixture over the top and sides of the fish fillets. (Added flavor sauté a clove of garlic in the butter)

**3** Place in the oven and bake for about 20 minutes, or until the fish flakes easily. (Thin fillets may take less time, very thick fillets may take longer.)  
Serve with lemon and parsley.

**Schedule of Events**

April 5– UDCM General Meeting at Slattery’s Restaurant. Social begins at 6:30pm.

May 4-5– DUI Dog Days at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, MA. Drysuit demo.

May 16– UDCM General Meeting at Slattery’s Restaurant. Social begins at 6:30pm.

# APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 UDCM Pool Night	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 UDCM Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## April Weekend Tide Chart for North Shore

Date	High				Low				 		
	am	ft	pm	ft	am	ft	pm	ft	rise	set	moon
5 Fri	7:35	9.4	8:18	8.9	1:12	0.6	1:52	0.1	6:14	7:15	
6 Sat	8:41	9.5	9:17	9.3	2:17	0.4	2:53	0.0	6:12	7:16	
7 Sun	9:41	9.6	10:10	9.6	3:18	0.1	3:47	-0.1	6:11	7:17	
12 Fri	1:01	9.9	1:31	9.2	7:13	-0.4	7:25	0.4	6:02	7:23	
13 Sat	1:40	9.7	2:11	8.9	7:54	-0.2	8:06	0.7	6:01	7:24	
14 Sun	2:20	9.5	2:53	8.6	8:36	0.2	8:48	1.1	5:59	7:25	
19 Fri	6:23	8.3	7:01	7.9	12:06	1.9	12:40	1.4	5:51	7:31	
20 Sat	7:19	8.4	7:54	8.2	1:02	1.8	1:33	1.2	5:50	7:32	
21 Sun	8:13	8.6	8:44	8.7	1:57	1.4	2:24	1.0	5:48	7:33	
26 Fri			12:21	10.0	6:05	-1.4	6:21	-0.6	5:41	7:39	
27 Sat	12:35	11.0	1:11	10.0	6:54	-1.6	7:10	-0.6	5:39	7:40	
28 Sun	1:23	11.1	2:02	9.9	7:44	-1.6	8:00	-0.5	5:38	7:41	



**Be sure to check that tide before you make that dive!**



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## The Purpose of the United Divers of Central Mass

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 ecosystem, 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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## Scuba Trivia!

How many hearts does an octopus have?  
(Answer from the March newsletter: the blue whale)