

# Dive Log

## United Divers of Central Massachusetts



### Activities

Aug. 20: Craig Ewart, Diving the Grand Cayman Islands

Sept. 17: Larry Dufore, Diving Lake George

Sept. 27: Bay State Council of Divers 30th Annual Treasure Hunt

Oct. 15: Jose Bloice, Diving Palow

Oct. 25: Pumpkin Carving

Nov. 19: Club Meeting Presentation TBD

### This Month: *Steve and Craig Ewart: Grand Cayman Island*

This month, Steve and Craig Ewart will give a presentation on their two-week trip to Grand Cayman Island in May of this year. During their trip they made 52 dives on a wide variety of Grand Cayman's best dive sites along the West End and North Sound. Grand Cayman boasts more than 285 dive sites. Grand Cayman, a small island, consisting of only 102 square miles of land-mass, has a population of just over 56,000 people, and includes the smaller islands of Little Cayman and Cayman Brac, and is

a British Overseas Territory. It is part of the British West Indies and the Greater Antilles. It is situated in the western Caribbean Ocean southwest of Cuba and northwest of Jamaica. Among divers, worldwide, the Caymans are known for their gin-clear waters, year-round air temperatures of 80-90 degrees and water temperatures of 82-86 degrees. The Cayman Islands were also the first dive destination to spearhead a broad reef conservation program that has ensured the extraordinary health of the reef

systems that surround the islands. Grand Cayman is also known worldwide for its dramatic wall dives, with depths on the West End plunging to more than 1,500 feet, and to more than 6,000 feet on the North Sound. Grand Cayman is home to hundreds of species of fish, hard and soft corals and sponges, sharks, green sea turtles, loggerhead turtles, and hawksbill turtles, to name just a few. Oh, and be sure to ask about the infamous Cayman chicken population during the presentation.

## Bay State Council of Divers 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Hunt

**Date: Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 (Rain or Shine)**

**Time: 9:00AM to 4:00PM**

**Place: Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA**

UDCM will have a club presence (team)

Rich Atkins will be leading event

Detail information available at link below

[http://www.baystatecouncil.org/BSC/Annual\\_Treasure\\_Hunt.html](http://www.baystatecouncil.org/BSC/Annual_Treasure_Hunt.html)



Bugs!

## President's Message

Hello fellow divers,

Hope you have been enjoying the August weather to get in some dives - mother nature has been providing some great diving weather.

A number of club members were diving this past weekend hoping to get some "bugs" for lobster fest. There were some beauties caught and brought back for the "pot".

And I met a few other club members that were on charters heading out for some diving fun. It was a great day for diving – calm seas, light wind, and warm temps.

Lobster fest this year was a huge success! Thank you Kevin and Sue for your hospitality and hard work making this year's activity so much fun.

Not sure if it was Kevin or Sue, but one of them must have an "in" with the weather gods. There were storms all around, but only a few rain drops fell on the lobster fest gathering.

I'm sure I speak for all the attendees when I say "thank you so much!"

And to all the folks that attended – thank you, as well, for helping make this a great event. All the salads, desserts, munch-

ies, and main dishes that people brought really made for a great menu, and eating experience.

One of the goals of the club is to provide a "fun" experience for members. This event was "over the top" in working toward that goal!

Hope to see you all this week at the club meeting.

Good diving,

*Ken*

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We at United Divers strive to promote the sport of scuba diving in a positive way. We are committed to educating our membership through the use of guest speakers, dive instructors, and club members. At each of our monthly meeting we have a special feature that we hope is interesting and entertaining.

For the newer divers, we offer both shore dives and boat dives. On these dives we have experienced divers act as their dive guide. Diving with experienced divers is a great way for a newer diver to "learn the ropes" without going through the frustration of learning the hard way.

For experienced divers looking for more than the typical shore or boat dive, the club organizes more challenging dives. We work on ideas that challenge the skills of the experienced diver and provide them with an enjoyable experience.

Non-members are always welcome to attend our monthly meetings and activities. Meetings are held once a month, on the third Thursday of each month.

Please feel free to stop in to a meeting, or if you would like membership information, please contact our [Membership Coordinator](#).

## Next Meeting

Monthly Meetings: 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at SLATTERY'S, 106 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg

August Speaker:

Steve and Craig Ewart

**See you on August 20!!!**



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