



# “Dive Log”

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## Dinner with Stan Waterman

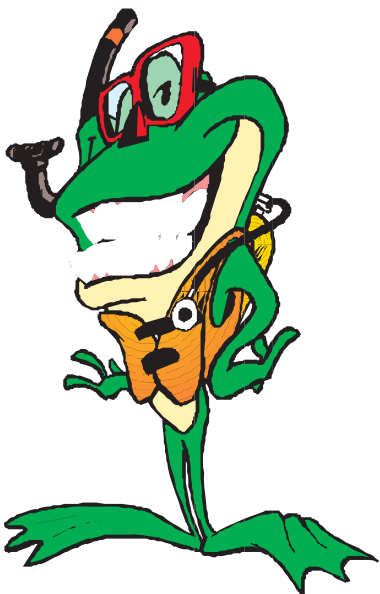
By Kris Dufour

As many of you know Stan Waterman was our guest speaker at January's club meeting. The event was held at the Bull Run in Sterling, MA. For the most part the evening went off with out a hitch. Stan made the long drive up from his home in NJ safely and on time. Before the evenings events started Stan was greeting everyone who stopped by his table and signing copies of his book as well.

Karen Ferrante introduced Stan Waterman to the club and its guests. Stan apologized repeatedly for missing the banquet in November and was ready to make up for it. Stan is a great story teller as well as a great underwater videographer. He can make you laugh one minute and the next make you

gasp in awe of what he has captured on camera. Stan started with a video about shark feedings that happen in the Carribean. It was amazing to see the amount of sharks that gather at these feeding frenzies. The footage of a divemaster petting sharks and the sharks wanting him to do it was awesome to see. There was so much shark footage to satisfy even the biggest shark lover. He than showed video of some macro work he had done in Tahiti. The brilliant colors and divers species that were shown was exciting to see. Stan's brilliant camera footage and funny story telling make the video that much more enjoyable. He finished off the evenings videos with a short clip of a fourteen foot tiger shark that was being fed by a friend of Stan's. It was amazing to see such a huge animal that could easily swallow you in one bite being playful with people.

Stan is turning 85 this year and is spending it on a live-a-board with his family for 2 weeks of diving. He still dives with the great white sharks once a year. People can join him on his dive adventures through out the year. If you would like to know more about Stan Waterman and what his trip schedual is you can find him at [www.stanwaterman.com](http://www.stanwaterman.com).



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# The Poling

By Jeff Goodreau

Poling Bow 2007/07/15 21:54

Well I finally made it to the Bow. I have been trying for many years to dive it but there has always been some reason why we couldn't get on it. Most of the time it was because there wasn't a mooring, But for what ever reason we always ended up on something else.

For those of you who have no idea what i'm talking about lets start from the beginning. The "Bow" is the bow half of the Chester Poling that broke off in a storm back in 1977. She sank in about 185' of water upside down a couple of miles from the stern which sits right outside Gloucester harbor. The Bow has become a popular tech dive spot, but i think it is often over looked because of its somewhat close proximity to the Northern Voyager which is a fishing vessel 3/4 turtled in 180' that sank in sept. of 1997. I have always heard talk of poor vis and some nets on the bow half, so Mark, Don, and I approached the dive carefully as we do with all dives in this range. I like to do a shorter 20 or 25 min bottom time and get a look at the wreck and its condition, then come back and do longer more planned dives. So we went with the 20 min bottom time giving us 43 min of deco and a run time of 63 min. I used 18/45 trimix for bottom gas and 50/50 @ 70' and oxygen @ 20' for deco gas. The dive went great with an amazing 50' of very dark vis and 41 degrees on the bottom. The Bow appears to be in much better shape than the stern, with two big anchors still in there tie downs on the bow. Moving down the wreck you can look under at the deck and tank openings. I didn't see the catwalk but you can see what's left of the control bridge thaws not pushed into the mud. The break is just as clean as the one on the stern, however I did notice some jagged edges on the bottom { or what would be the bottom , by the keel} where it looks like she twisted back and fourth a couple of times before breaking. There is a small ball of net in the break that you need to watch out for other wise the wreck is pretty clean. Just like the stern the bow is covered with sealife. We even got to see Red fish something you don't get to see on the stern. All and all the bow was a great dive and I hope it's not another 10 years before I see it again.  
Safe Diving,  
Jeff Goodreau

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## Guest Speaker for Februarys Meeting

Jim McKnight will be doing a presentation on Muck Madness in Manado

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## North Shore Frogmen's Club 50th Anniversary Party

The North Shore Frogmen's Club will be hosting it's 50th anniversary/reunion party and celebrating 50 years of diving on the Cape Ann area. The event will be held on March 29th, 2008 at the Salem Waterfront hotel, 225 Derby Street, Salem MA. Discounted hotel rooms are available. An extensive buffet, cash bar, and music from the band "Front Page" will be featured, as well as a display of new and retro diving gear. Door prizes, give aways, dive and dive related prizes will be raffled off throughout the evening.

This event is co-hosted by Bob Boyle and Undersea Divers of Beverly, MA

Tickets \$45      21+ ID REQUIRED

For more info check out the Northshore Frogmen's site [www.northshorefrogmen.com](http://www.northshorefrogmen.com)

# Message From Our President

Hope that this letter is finding you all chomping at the bit to get some diving in! I know I am looking forward to the water warming up just a little bit. I can admit that I am a wimp when it comes to being cold. The few people that I have spoken with that have been braving the elements have said that the conditions have been awesome!

Along with trying to set up a dive schedule we have also been trying to book one of the local pools for some WWWD... (Warmer Water Winter Diving) I will also have some final details for our Mystic Aquarium trip in March as well as some information and tickets for Sea Rovers. So many activities coming up, so little time!

I just want to extend a huge thank you to those of you who helped make our "Dinner with Stan" an enormous success! It was a fabulous evening with attendees from as far away as Canada! Thank you to one and all who contributed to the evening! Fantastic job!

Finally, once again, I am asking that if you have any thoughts for some dive activities that you please pass them on to any one of the board members. This is your club and we want to make sure that we are fulfilling your diving needs.

Hope to see you all at the meeting!

Dive! Dive! Dive!

Christine

## Vice President Peter Conlon's Website of the Month

This months web site pick is scubadiving.com It is the web site for Rodale's Scubadiving . It is a good scuba magazine. The website has a lot of features such as Travel,gear.training dive deals,photography,and dive news. You can also sign up for their monthly e-newsletter which is really good. till next month

Peter

# Message From the Secretary

Thank you to those that have submitted articles and updates for the newsletter. Also I would just like to take this time to remind you that this is your newsletter. Any help you can give to fill the pages with club/dive related stories and news it would be much appreciated. If you have a story that you would like to put in the newsletter but are unable to set it up on a computer to send me you can write it out and I will type it into the newsletter. If you have pictures that you would like to published in the newsletter send them to my e-mail with a description. You can e-mail me at aeroboss@yahoo.com or from the club website. All stories that are received by the fourth Thursday of the month will be in the following months newsletter.

Kris



# February/March 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>17</b> Dive of the Month @ Fort Wetheral, RI. Time TBA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Genral Meeting 7:00pm Slatterys	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b> BOD Meeting @ Ixtapa 6:30 pm.	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b> Boston Sea Rovers
<b>09</b> Boston Sea Rovers	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Mystic Aquaium and Seaport trip	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Genral Meeting 7:00pm Slatterys	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Dive of the Month, TBA

## Upcoming Events

Feb 17- Dive of the Month at Fort Wetheral, RI. Time TBA

Feb 21- February's General meeting @ Slatterys in Fitchburg. Meeting to start at 7 pm.

March 6- Board of Directors meeting @ Ixtapa 6:30 pm. Club members are welcome to come and share any ideas or issues that they would like the board to address.

March 8-9 Boston Sea Rovers 54th International Underwater Clinic

March 16- Mystic aquarium and seaport club trip. More info to come.

March 20- March General meeting @ Slatterys in Fitchburg. Meeting to start @ 7 pm. Capt. Jim Sullivan of Boston Harbor Diving Services will be presenting a slide show and supplying us with info on the islands and dive sites of Boston Harbor.

March 22- Dive of the Month. Location and time TBA.

March 29- Northshore Frogmens Club 50th Anniversary.

## Birthdays!

Jan 1- Karen Livesay

Jan 12- Jim Manuel

Joseph Yu

Jan 28- Michelle Mostello

Feb 2- Melissa Campbell

Feb 13- Terri VivoAmore

March 8- Ben Bratko



For any and all Calender updates please check out the club website [www.uniteddivers.org](http://www.uniteddivers.org)

**50/50 Raffle  
winner for  
January 08'**

**Kris Dufour**

# Jan/Feb Tide Chart



DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀		☾
	AM	hgt	PM	hgt	AM	hgt	PM	hgt	rise	set	qtr
17 Sun	7:32	9.5	8:21	8.1	1:07	1.0	2:00	0.0	6:37	5:16	
18 Mon	8:36	9.7	9:21	8.5	2:10	0.7	3:00	-0.3	6:36	5:18	
19 Tue	9:35	9.9	10:14	8.9	3:10	0.4	3:54	-0.5	6:35	5:19	
20 Wed	10:27	10.1	11:01	9.2	4:04	0.1	4:41	-0.7	6:33	5:20	☀
21 Thu	11:14	10.1	11:43	9.4	4:53	-0.2	5:25	-0.7	6:32	5:22	
22 Fri	11:58	9.9	-	-	5:39	-0.3	6:05	-0.5	6:30	5:23	
23 Sat	12:23	9.4	12:40	9.6	6:23	-0.3	6:45	-0.2	6:29	5:24	
24 Sun	1:02	9.4	1:21	9.2	7:05	-0.1	7:24	0.2	6:27	5:25	
25 Mon	1:40	9.2	2:03	8.7	7:48	0.2	8:04	0.7	6:26	5:27	
26 Tue	2:20	9.0	2:47	8.2	8:32	0.6	8:46	1.1	6:24	5:28	
27 Wed	3:02	8.7	3:34	7.8	9:19	1.0	9:31	1.6	6:22	5:29	
28 Thu	3:49	8.4	4:26	7.4	10:09	1.3	10:21	2.0	6:21	5:30	☀
29 Fri	4:41	8.2	5:23	7.1	11:05	1.6	11:16	2.2	6:19	5:32	
1 Sat	5:38	8.1	6:24	7.0	-	-	12:04	1.7	6:18	5:33	
2 Sun	6:37	8.2	7:23	7.2	12:14	2.2	1:03	1.5	6:16	5:34	
3 Mon	7:34	8.4	8:17	7.5	1:11	2.0	1:58	1.2	6:14	5:35	
4 Tue	8:27	8.8	9:05	8.0	2:06	1.6	2:47	0.7	6:13	5:37	
5 Wed	9:16	9.2	9:49	8.5	2:56	1.1	3:32	0.2	6:11	5:38	
6 Thu	10:02	9.7	10:30	9.1	3:43	0.5	4:14	-0.3	6:09	5:39	
7 Fri	10:46	10.0	11:11	9.7	4:29	-0.1	4:56	-0.6	6:08	5:40	☀
8 Sat	11:30	10.2	11:51	10.1	5:14	-0.7	5:37	-0.8	6:06	5:41	
9 Sun	-	-	1:14	10.2	6:59	-1.0	7:20	-0.9	7:04	6:43	
10 Mon	1:34	10.4	2:01	10.0	7:46	-1.2	8:05	-0.7	7:03	6:44	
11 Tue	2:18	10.5	2:50	9.6	8:35	-1.1	8:52	-0.3	7:01	6:45	
12 Wed	3:07	10.4	3:43	9.1	9:28	-0.9	9:43	0.1	6:59	6:46	
13 Thu	4:00	10.1	4:41	8.6	10:24	-0.4	10:39	0.6	6:57	6:47	
14 Fri	4:59	9.8	5:46	8.2	11:26	0.0	11:41	1.0	6:56	6:48	☀
15 Sat	6:04	9.4	6:55	8.0	-	-	12:32	0.3	6:54	6:50	
16 Sun	7:14	9.2	8:05	8.0	12:48	1.2	1:41	0.4	6:52	6:51	
17 Mon	8:23	9.2	9:10	8.3	1:56	1.2	2:46	0.4	6:50	6:52	
18 Tue	9:28	9.4	10:07	8.7	3:01	0.9	3:44	0.2	6:49	6:53	
19 Wed	10:24	9.5	10:55	9.1	3:59	0.5	4:35	0.0	6:47	6:54	
20 Thu	11:13	9.6	11:38	9.3	4:51	0.2	5:19	-0.1	6:45	6:55	
21 Fri	11:57	9.6	-	-	5:37	-0.1	5:59	0.0	6:43	6:57	☀
22 Sat	12:16	9.5	12:38	9.4	6:19	-0.2	6:37	0.1	6:42	6:58	

## Advertise in the Newsletter

The club is offering up advertising space in all the newsletters for the rest of the year. For \$75 your company will have a business card size ad(3in x 2.5in) in every newsletter. For \$100 your company will have a double business card size ad(3in x 5in) in every newsletter. In addition to your ad being seen in the newsletter you will also be featured on the club website. Your ad on the website will not always be in the same spot the ads on the website will be on a rotating basis so every advertiser gets equal visibility. If you would like to place an ad but don't have a design to place in the newsletter an ad can be designed for you. Questions or comments can be sent to [aeroboss@yahoo.com](mailto:aeroboss@yahoo.com) or you can call Kris Dufour at 978-855-3302.

## Meeting Time and Location

The United Divers meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month at Slatterys located at 106 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. 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 7pm with a social hour beginning at 6:30pm. If you should have an questions please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors.

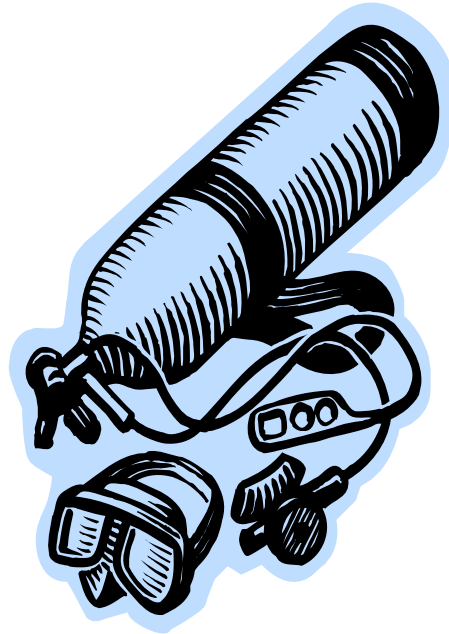


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## The Purpose of the United Divers of Central Massachusetts

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 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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## Monthly Trivia

**What is the weight of all the water in all the oceans?**

Answer in next months newsletter.