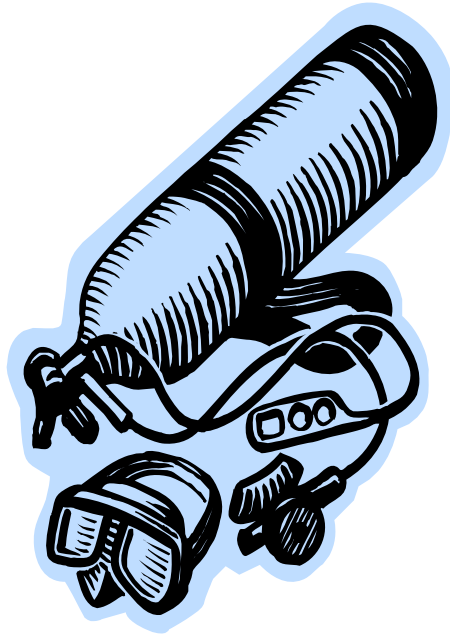


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## The Purpose of the United Divers of Central Massachusetts

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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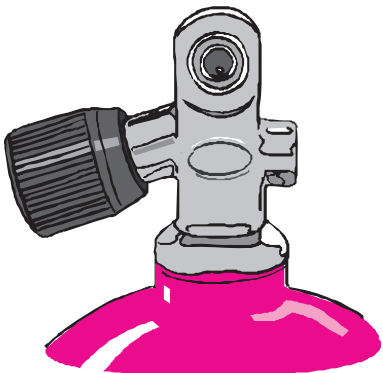
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## The Poling 2-1-09

By Jeff Goodreau

January had been a great month for diving and I was really looking forward to what February had to offer. Al and I arrived in Beverly around 7 am to pick up the Donna 3 for our first trip to the poling of the year. The wind was up and it was around 12 degrees a perfect day to dive in my book. We followed the routine of everyone pilling the bags and deco bottles on the dock and then forming the bucket brigade to help load the boat. At the end we grabbed our doubles and Bob his Rebreather (Yes I suffer from Rebreather envy) and prepare to head out. The Donna is a wicked fast boat but the threat of freezing spray kept us to 15 knots. When we arrived at the Poling there were no moorings so we had to resort to grappling the wreck as it was to rough to just dive it on a shot line. The third try with the hook was a charm and we were splashing divers before we knew it. Hitting the water I was just floored with the visibility. From 30 feet I could see the wreck below and at the middle of the wreck you could see the entire wreck end to end. The sun had just come out and it was simply awesome like Florida only 50 degrees colder. I drifted 30 feet off the broken end and just hovered for a minute taking it all in. I would have to say that the visibility was around 80 feet at the start of the dive, and from the break the entire ballast pile out in the sand was visible. Al and I poked around for a few minutes then headed to our "secret spot" for a little treasure hunting, our planned 45 minute bottom time passed by quickly and I thought about staying for a nice round hour but the deco starts to add up quickly and the water was only 37 degrees. Getting out of the water and back on board I found we were getting beat up a little but the sun was out and it was almost lunch time. I pulled off my frozen drysuit and put away my gear to make room to recover the other divers still in the water. Before long we were punching through the waves making our way back to port. Another great dive in the books.

Dive Safe, Jeff



## **A Brief Note from the Membership Coordinator:**

Dear Fellow Divers,

With the warmer weather fast approaching, it is time to consider your 2009 club membership. In order to renew your membership or join as a new member, an application must be completed and accompanied by a signed Liability form per person noted on the application. Individual memberships are \$25.00 and Family memberships are \$40.00. Thank you in advanced for your contribution and for continuing to support the United Divers of Central Massachusetts. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions you may have. Happy Diving,

Melanie Smith  
UDCM Membership Coordinator  
membership@uniteddivers.org

## **Message From Our President**

Hello Everyone, This Month instead of a guest speaker we will be trying something new. We will have an educational discussion on the topic of boat diving. I would like to touch on a few basics if we have some newer divers in attendance and then move into more advanced tips on booking boats and setting up charters. I am looking for input from everyone during the discussion and I simply want to act as a moderator to get the discussion going and we will see where it leads us. I think it will be a lot of fun. We have a lot of great guest speakers and we are simply trying to add a new educational dimension to the occasional club meeting. Even the most experienced divers can learn new tricks listening to other peoples experiences, and we have a lot of very experienced divers who have a lot they could pass on to others. If this works we will have a couple more throughout the year if not we always have Dive Talk. I would love to hear peoples comments after so please feel free to E-mail or call me. Other than that we are diving every weekend that the weather allows so call me if you are looking to get out. The underwater conditions have been simply phenomenal with the vis in the 40' to 60' + range the past six weeks or so. The water is cold though running in the 37 to 39 degree range so dress accordingly. I hope to have a big turn out at the meeting and see all of you there.

Dive Safe,  
The Pres..

## **2009 Boston Sea Rovers**

The 55th annual clinic, "The Greatest Show of the Underwater World" which takes place on March 7 & 8 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. You will find more about the underwater world than you can imagine including: underwater photography, exhibitors of all kinds of underwater equipment, jewelry, books, travel and more, the Scalli Internship Students, wreck diving, travel diving, underwater critters, hands-on how-to workshops, a film festival that brings divers from all over the world, and of course our amazing seminars that cover everything underwater. This year the club will have a table at the convention. We are looking for club members that are willing to hang out at the table at different times through the day and talk to any visitors that may be interested in joining. This is also a great way to meet new divers.

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ROCKPORT



Rockport 42°40'N 070°37'W

Feb/March Tide Chart

DAY	DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️		🌙
		AM	hgt	PM	hgt	AM	hgt	PM	hgt	rise	set	moon
Sunday	22	9:22	8.8	9:56	8.0	2:59	1.4	3:38	0.6	6:29	5:23	
Monday	23	10:05	9.1	10:35	8.4	3:44	1.0	4:17	0.3	6:27	5:24	
Tuesday	24	10:45	9.3	11:10	8.7	4:25	0.6	4:54	0.1	6:25	5:26	🟦
Wednesday	25	11:23	9.4	11:45	9.1	5:06	0.3	5:30	-0.1	6:24	5:27	
Thursday	26	-	-0.0	12:01	9.5	5:45	-0.0	6:07	-0.2	6:22	5:28	
Friday	27	12:21	9.3	12:40	9.4	6:26	-0.2	6:45	-0.2	6:21	5:29	
Saturday	28	12:58	9.5	1:21	9.2	7:08	-0.3	7:25	-0.0	6:19	5:31	
Sunday	01	1:38	9.6	2:05	8.9	7:53	-0.3	8:08	0.2	6:18	5:32	
Monday	02	2:21	9.6	2:54	8.6	8:42	-0.2	8:56	0.5	6:16	5:33	
Tuesday	03	3:11	9.6	3:50	8.2	9:36	0.0	9:51	0.8	6:14	5:34	
Wednesday	04	4:07	9.4	4:51	8.0	10:36	0.2	10:51	1.0	6:13	5:36	
Thursday	05	5:10	9.4	5:58	7.9	11:41	0.3	11:56	1.0	6:11	5:37	
Friday	06	6:17	9.4	7:06	8.1	-	-0.0	12:47	0.2	6:09	5:38	
Saturday	07	7:25	9.6	8:11	8.5	1:02	0.8	1:51	-0.1	6:08	5:39	
Sunday	08	9:29	9.9	10:09	9.1	3:06	0.3	3:49	-0.5	7:06	6:40	
Monday	09	10:28	10.2	11:02	9.6	4:06	-0.2	4:42	-0.8	7:04	6:42	
Tuesday	10	11:22	10.3	11:50	10.0	5:00	-0.7	5:31	-1.0	7:03	6:43	🟡
Wednesday	11	-	-0.0	12:11	10.3	5:51	-1.0	6:16	-1.0	7:01	6:44	
Thursday	12	12:35	10.2	12:58	10.1	6:39	-1.1	7:01	-0.8	6:59	6:45	
Friday	13	1:18	10.2	1:43	9.8	7:26	-1.0	7:43	-0.4	6:57	6:46	
Saturday	14	2:00	10.0	2:29	9.3	8:11	-0.7	8:26	0.1	6:56	6:48	
Sunday	15	2:42	9.7	3:14	8.8	8:57	-0.2	9:10	0.7	6:54	6:49	
Monday	16	3:27	9.3	4:02	8.2	9:44	0.3	9:56	1.2	6:52	6:50	
Tuesday	17	4:14	8.9	4:53	7.7	10:34	0.9	10:46	1.7	6:50	6:51	
Wednesday	18	5:06	8.5	5:48	7.3	11:29	1.3	11:41	2.1	6:49	6:52	
Thursday	19	6:02	8.2	6:48	7.2	-	-0.0	12:27	1.6	6:47	6:54	
Friday	20	7:02	8.1	7:48	7.2	12:39	2.2	1:27	1.7	6:45	6:55	
Saturday	21	8:02	8.2	8:43	7.5	1:38	2.1	2:23	1.5	6:43	6:56	
Sunday	22	8:57	8.4	9:32	7.9	2:34	1.9	3:13	1.2	6:42	6:57	
Monday	23	9:46	8.7	10:16	8.3	3:25	1.4	3:57	0.9	6:40	6:58	
Tuesday	24	10:31	9.0	10:55	8.8	4:11	0.9	4:38	0.5	6:38	6:59	
Wednesday	25	11:13	9.2	11:33	9.2	4:55	0.4	5:17	0.2	6:36	7:01	
Thursday	26	11:54	9.4			5:37	-0.1	5:56	0.0	6:35	7:02	🟦
Friday	27	12:10	9.6	12:35	9.5	6:19	-0.5	6:36	-0.1	6:33	7:03	
Saturday	28	12:48	9.9	1:17	9.4	7:02	-0.7	7:17	-0.1	6:31	7:04	

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 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.



Any and all pictures or movies that you may have that you are willing to share and have them displayed at Sea Rovers please let me know. If you have them on disk please bring them to the next general meeting. If they are small enough to e-mail you can send them to aeroboss@yahoo.com. If you know how to access an FTP site you can use the following info for uploading files: ftp.servage.net with the username: udcmsearovers password: drempel

I will be creating a picture slide show and a back drop from any photos that are supplied. Any and all help with this will be greatly appreciated.

The price for the Saturday events is \$25 for the daytime and \$25 for the evening film festival. Sunday is \$20 for the daytime events. There is a combo for Saturday day/night events for \$40. Get your tickets on line at [www.bostonsearovers.com](http://www.bostonsearovers.com) or get them at the door the day of the show.

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## Pool Night

Andy's Sport Shop has offered up a Demo / free pool night For the club. The Date is Thursday night February 26 @ 6:30 pm, It is being held at Fitchburg state collage pool. The aqualung Rep will be there with fins and other gear for people to try out. The Pool is open to everyone to come and scuba dive , and is free of charge. All you need to do is show up and dive. Bring that new gear that you got for Christmas out and shake off those winter blues.

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## THE 2009 BOSTON SCUBA SHOW

February 28, 2009 - 10a.m. to 3p.m.

Directed by Alan Budreau

Holiday Inn, Marlboro, Mass Jct rte 495 and rte 20

ALWAYS FREE PARKING

Films by

JONATHAN BIRD with Kerry Hurd

Paul Revere Spike Award to

ANDREW MARTINEZ

ANDREA DORIA with Dave Clancy, LADY OF THE ISLAND (new film by Chris and Fred)

The Birth of Technical Diving at

The South Shore Neptunes

and

Small Hope Bay Lodge, Andros, Bahamas

Tickets at \$15 each (use the savings for gas)

at the door or in advance by writing to:

Cecile Christensen, 2 Ocean Ave (1-H), Gloucester, MA 01930

Checks payable to Cecile Christensen

Show phone: 1-978-525-3432

# February/March 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BOD Meeting Slatterys @6:30pm	<b>7</b> Sea Rovers
<b>8</b> Sea Rovers	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> General Club Meeting @7pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

## Upcoming Events

March 6- Board of Directors meeting. Slatterys @ 6:30pm. All club members are welcome to attend.

March 7-8 55th Annual Boston Sea Rovers Scuba show.

March 19- March General meeting @ Slatterys in Fitchburg. Meeting to start @ 7 pm.

There will be many dives planned through out the year. Any new dives will be e-mailed to the club and will be placed on the calender.

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

## Birthdays!

**February 23- Melissa Renaud**  
**March 17- Robbie Michealson**  
**March 20- Marc Bowers**  
**March 25- Dick Rexford**  
**March 26- Jim McCabe**

