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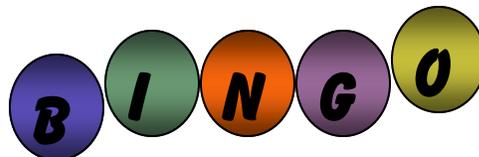
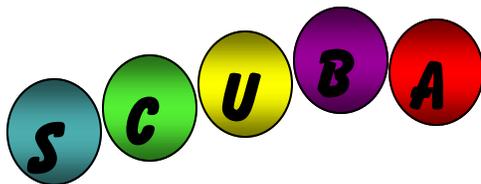
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Presidents Corner

Hello everyone. I would just like to thank those of you who showed up for the January meeting. Thank you to Mark Bowers for his presentation on scuba gear maintenance. This months meeting we will be doing scuba bingo and we have a few prizes for the winners. The Board of Directors are working hard to find guest speakers for the coming months. We are also working on getting some activities planned for when the dive season kicks in to high gear. As always if there is anything you would like the board to address feel free to let one of the board members know. I hope to see you all at the next meeting. Safe diving.

Kris



CANO ISLAND.. A POOR MANS PARADISE!

Cano Island is the site of great archeological interest as it was once used as a pre-Columbian cemetery by cultures with a clear South American influence. Cano is struck by lightning every year more than any other part of middle America, this is the reason why the native indian cultures considered this place sacred. The island rises 90 meters above sea level to a wide plateau, which is covered with a very tall evergreen forest. It is surrounded by five platforms of low coral reefs where 15 species of stony coral have been identified. It is possible to see some of the perfectly round stone spheres made by the former native indians, and today they continue to pose one of the major puzzles of the pre-Columbian cultures in America. Willdlife is scarce, perhaps as a result of the disappearance of the natural forest, but a few birds can be seen.



one of the world's newest hot spots for adventure diving. Located off the Southwest Pacific coast of Costa Rica, this virgin area offers a variety of unique diving attractions, from 15 - 16' reefs to 80' "walls". The rock formations are volcanic origins; sea fans, cup coral, head corals are the most common. Because of its status as a Biological Reserve the diving in Cano Island is regulated. Only 10 divers maximum and 5 dive sites are open to the public. By law, it is totally prohibited to remove any marine objects dead or alive (shells, corals, etc.). Although the currents and visibility are difficult to predict, the latter is usually outstanding and rarely gets below 50'. The name of the game here is "SHARKS"! Lots of them (white-tips) ranging in size from 6-10' as well as sea turtles, dolphins, stingrays, morays, and huge snapper and grouper.



This could very well be mainland Costa Rica's finest diving spot!

Not only do the waters surrounding Cano Island contain some of the most abundant and varied marine life in the world, but the island also possesses several pre-Colombian archeological artifacts. These artifacts can be explored on several hikes through the lush tropical vegetation. The perfectly spherical stones are believed to have once marked an offshore burial ground and ceremonial site

for the indigenous Diquis cultural group who inhabited the Golfo Dulce area until the arrival of the Spanish. Along with the stone spheres, Cano Island is believed to have once been a pirate hideout and some go so far as to claim that the island was the inspiration for Robert Stevenson's Treasure Island. Furthermore, within 50 feet (15 meters) of the beach you can explore the warm crystal blue waters with a mask, fins and snorkel and see the wide variety of brilliantly colored tropical fish and coral species that call Cano Island home.

If you are looking for a UNIQUE experience, you can stay in an All-Inclusive Hotel that has windows made with slats and no screens or glass, for amenities it has bed mosquito nets, you sit at one big table and bowls of food are put out .The one thing I really love, is there is a door to get into the bathroom but there is only three walls and you are looking out at the jungle. So do not leave anything in the bathroom because the white faced monkeys like to come in and play with your personals. Oh yeah if it rains the roads flood and you have to stay! Mike says this sounds like his kind of place, I say have a nice time.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR BUDDY IS NARKED.

- **HE KEEPS STARING AT HIMSELF IN YOUR MASK.**
 - **YOU FIND HIM BUDDY BREATHING WITH A SHARK**
 - **HE PEEES IN HIS DRY SUIT.**
 - **HIS MASK FOGS UNDERWATER AND HE SPITS IN IT.**
 - **YOUR MASK FOGS UNDERWATER AND HE SPITS IN IT.**
- HE LOOKS AT YOU CROSS-EYED AND SLURS HIS bubbled.**

What did the fish say when it ran into a wall?.....Dam!



Three instructors and their students are on board a dive boat in the middle of the ocean— there's a NAUI instructor, a PADI instructor, and an SSI instructor. Everything is going fine, until the boat springs a leak, and starts to sink.

The SSI instructor says to his students, "Okay... we're in the middle of the ocean, so we might as well do our deep dive."

The NAUI instructor says to his students, "Okay... we might as well do our navigation dive, so let's get our compasses out and swim towards shore."

The PADI instructor says to his students, "Okay... for \$25 extra you guys get to do a wreck dive!"

ARTICALS

Maybe Next Month, articles on your Dives or Adventures will be appreciated!!!

Boat Parts

C L I M Y B K Z L Q S V R L Z
 I L E V O M Z D E T I O S E Y
 C W E E Z S I R A G H K T O V
 N Q B A K C N R P C H Y E A I
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Dates To Remember

Feb. 16= Club Mtg. 7:00pm Slattery's

**Feb. 25= The Boston Scuba Show,
Marlborough, MA**

March 1= BOD Mtg. 6:30pm Slattery's

March 10-11= Boston Sea Rovers

March 15= Club Mtg. 7:00pm Slattery's

*United Divers of Central Massachusetts
P.O. Box 57
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DUI Dog Days

May 5-6*

Gloucester, MA

Stage Fort Park

- **Two HUGE TENTS** filled with DUI drysuits & equipment
- **CHOOSE** from more than 120 drysuit systems to test dive
- **TEST DIVE** our newest innovations like the FLX EXTREME and Silicone ZipSeals
- **ENJOY** the camaraderie of your local fellow divers
- **GET FITTED** by DUI factory professionals & expert dealer staff
- **FREE** Collectors Edition DUI Test Diver Hat
- **FREE** Barbecue Lunch
- **JOIN US** Saturday night for a dinner and presentation at select locations
- See All the Options Available to Design YOUR Ultimate Drysuit

ABOUT THE EVENT

When you arrive, check in at the registration table and present your certification card and driver's license or credit card. We'll fit your regulator with a drysuit hose then you will set up your tank, BC, regulator and weights so your dive equipment is ready to go.

Then it's off to each station where the DUI Crew will fit you with ZipSeals, DiveWear insulation, drysuit, RockBoots and more. We have DUI Weight & Trim Systems, Ultra Drysuit Hoods, ZipGloves and even extra fins if yours don't fit.

At the water's edge, you will be assigned a guide who will show you the basics of how to use the drysuit and take you for a dive! You will stay above 40' and only do what you feel comfortable doing. After returning the equipment, have some lunch, then do it again! The more dives you do in a drysuit the more comfortable you'll be...and the more fun you'll have!

Sounds like a fun weekend! Check it out!!!