



# Dive Log

January Newsletter

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015

## Activities

January 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation Poling Wreck  
(original footage from 1978)  
by Jack Hinz

February 19<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation Cayman Is-  
lands Mike Michael-  
son, Kevin Brook, Rich At-  
kins

March 7/ 8th Sea Rovers

March 19<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation TBD

April 16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation TBD

May 21<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation TBD

June 18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation TBD

June 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday Scallop  
Dive?

July 12<sup>th</sup> Chicks Day Stage  
Fort Park

July 16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation REEF?

July 25<sup>th</sup> Fish Count

August 15<sup>th</sup> Lobster Fest

August 20<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation TBD

September 17<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation Scuba Bingo

September 27<sup>th</sup> Bay State  
Council of Divers  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Hunt

October 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation TBD

October 25<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Carv-  
ing

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Presentation TBD End of  
year Party

## This month: Jack Hinz

The guest speaker for the January meeting will be club member Jack Hinz. He has been with the club only a few months, but has been an active, skilled diver for many years. Jack will be showing some original footage of the Poling when it went down in 1978. Some

of this footage was used in the movie "Still on her Keel" by Aaron Fauls that was presented at Sea Rovers a few years ago. While we have seen recent footage of the Poling, Jack has original footage, initially shot in "super 8", and transferred to DVD so we have ac-

cess to it now. Join us at the January meeting to enjoy this presentation.



## Standing Room Only at November Meeting

Club members at the November meeting were treated to tropical decorations, delicious free appetizers and three chances for dive charters. Attendance at this meeting was the greatest we had experienced all year. Thanks to all that attended and made the November meeting a success!

Congratulations go out to the dive charter winners: Kris Dufour, Mike Michaelson, and Michelle Mostello. Also a congratulations to the winner of the 50/50: Al Boyarski. This was the final meeting of the year and the club officers added the "extras" to the normal agenda in an effort to stimulate attendance, and return available club funds (from the dues payments) to the club members.

Throughout the year, we were able to return over \$500 back to club members in the form of Scuba Bingo prizes, dive charters, and appetizers. Add to this the tank fill cards donated by Andy's Sport Shop, the monthly entertainment, sharing dive experiences, and the fun. We hope all this instills a feeling that belonging to the club is worth the cost of membership. This year should offer up even more "surprises" and fun – especially with your input and suggestions.



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## President's message...

Hello club members,

Hope your holidays were safe and enjoyable. Welcome to the beginning of the new year for our club.

This is the first newsletter since our "November meeting". Hope it was a fun twist to our normal meeting agenda. And congratulations to the winners of the dive charters and 50/50.

Your board members are looking forward to a fun filled year, and we will do all we can to make your new year with the club as enjoyable as possible. We hope to build on the success of last year, adding activities and club functions whenever we can. We have already begun planning activities, and our calendar is starting to fill

up. If there is a dive or activity you would like to see the club participate in, please

let any of the board members know, or bring it up during the meetings. If you think it would be fun for you, there are probably other club members that would enjoy it as well.

Last year we ended with over 40 members. It would be great to grow the membership to over 50 this year. So, if you know someone that would enjoy the club, invite them to become a member.

We'll start taking membership renewals at the January

meeting. Just go to the club web page and print the application form and the liability waver form (one of these for each person in your membership), fill them out and bring them to the meeting. Dues for this year are the same as last year.

As last year, I invite you to help make this an exciting year for the club. Lets all have a "fun" year...

*Ken*



## Happy New Year!

- Remember to **renew your club membership for this year!**
- Don't be shy, feel free to **bring along a guest** with you to a meeting or two to see how much fun we have and how many New England diving possibilities there really are!
- Also, feel free to **pass along a newsletter or two** to people you think would be interested in our club.
- **We want your items for the newsletter!** Send me anything and everything to do with SCUBA fun!
- If you **have a suggestion**, we have just the box for that at every meeting. Just pop in an anonymous note. *We WANT to hear from you!*
- And the most important thing: come have fun at **Slattery's on Jan. 15 (this Thursday) at 6:30PM!!!**





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<http://www.uniteddivers.org>

For suggestions and/  
or contributions to the  
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## About Us

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](#).

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

January's Speaker:  
Jack Hinz

**See you on January 15!!!**