



# The Dive Log

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next meeting to take place on July 18 at Slattery's Restaurant.
- Chicks' Day to take place on July 20!
- Ken and Joan Kadaras to share their manta ray experience during the July meeting.

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## July Meeting Presentation on HI

By: Ken Kadaras  
 Ken and Joan (along with their 2 kids) were certified in 200 through Andy's. Since then, they have done most of their diving in New England—lobstering, scalloping, and regular fun dives (especially Chicks' Day). In addition to this, they have “ventured” off to do some diving in warmer climates—Bonaire, Aruba, Tahiti, and Hawaii (Joan is still waiting for her chance to get to Bonaire). The warmer locations have “spoiled” the kids, and now they shy away from the cold New England dives, but Ken and Joan still brave the cold water to enjoy

the sport. On a recent trip to Hawaii,



Just a taste of what is in store!

Ken and Joan took underwater video of their dives—including one of the most spec-

tacular dives they have ever done—which they will share at the next club meeting. There's tropical fish, corals, and turtles, but the highlight of the video is the spectacular night dive with manta rays—not just one or two, but about 15 manta rays all swimming within arms length (and less). The size and grace of these creatures was truly amazing, and the night dive atmosphere only heightened the exciting experience.

So sit back and join us on July 18, 2013 at Slattery's Restaurant at 6:30pm for this exciting presentation!

## A Message from the President

Hello All!  
The weather pattern has finally broken and dive season is in full swing! The water temps are well into the mid 50s everywhere and the lobsters are in! Divers have been bagging up on scallops too. Large hauls have been coming out of Salem and Boston harbor, and I've also been hearing covert reports of a couple new beds that have been found.

Chicks' Day is right around the corner, the sign up sheet will be out at the meeting. If you are planning on attending this great event, please sign up as early as possible so that we can start to plan food. As always membership is important to the club. If you have a dive buddy who sits home alone, in the dark, watching "I Love Lucy" on Thursday nights, bring them out to a meeting!

Membership is crucial for club survival, and the more people the more fun it is. Something to also start thinking about is running for a 204 BOD position. We will assemble a nomination committee in July, so the time is now to start thinking about next year. For now though GET OUT AND DIVE!!!  
Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Goodreau

President, Jeff Goodreau on the bow of the Poling.

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## A Recipe from the Treasurer



Bob and Roxy grilling up some shrimp kabobs

This month's recipe comes to you from treasurer Jan Abraham. Not only does it look simple and delicious, but one can never go wrong when including

tequila! Bon appétit!

### Tequila Marinated Shrimp Kabobs

(ingredients)  
1 Envelope Good Season's Italian Salad

Dressing

1/2 C Oil

1/4 C Tequila

1/4 C Lime Juice

1 lb Large Shrimp ((21-30 pc.)

Veggies (peppers, onions, zucchini, mushrooms)

(directions)

Mix ingredients (blend well)

Pour over shrimp & veggies

Refrigerate 30 min-2 hrs

Drain

Skewer

Grill 5-8 min (Shrimp pink)

Note: Depending on the shrimp (fresh or already cooked) and the type of veggies, I skewer them separately so that things that need to be on the grill longer can go on first, then soft veggies and shrimp can go on last. See picture from this weekend! Enjoy!

## A Diving Volunteer Opportunity



Above: The invasive aquatic plant Fanwort. Below: suction harvesting equipment



We have some customers that live on a local lake and are members of an association that provides some care for the lake much like a neighborhood association. Our customers have been combating an evasive weed in their lake for some time. This weed is called fanwort. It is

an involved process using a suction harvester to remove the weed and to insure it does not get worse. These customers are the only 2 members of their association that are certified divers. They recently located a massive amount of fanwort in the lake, and have asked us if

we know of any divers who may be interested in diving at our lake to remove the fanwort via the suction harvester. We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested please contact Mark at Andy's Sport Shop. We will have the details at the shop such as time, date, etc.

## Close Encounters of the Manta Kind

By: Christine Duval  
Coincidentally enough, during last month's meeting I was diving in Hawaii with manta rays with the same operation that Joan and Ken Kadaras had dove with on the island of Kona. I know that they will be giving a presentation this month on their trip, but I cannot help but give a trip report of my dive with the mantas. My trip to Kona began solely as a trip to run

the 20th anniversary of the Kona Half Marathon with a group of friends from Tedy's Team. I hemmed and hawed as to whether I was going to dive while there. Before I had left I had asked a couple of people, whom I had know been to Kona, what is it that I should not miss. The manta dive was it. It was only a four day trip, so I did not have a ton of time for adventures, but I decided to

make time for this one. Before I had left, Ken stopped by the shop to show a video of his manta experience and I think that is truly what got me hooked. He gave me the name of the shop he used, I looked them up when I got to town, and booked my trip. Jack's Dive Locker took excellent care of me including a BC, suit, and camera rental as well as some great dive

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**Date night with the manta rays!**



One of the photos that I took on the evening dive



A manta flyby

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guides.

My adventure began on Friday evening when I made my way to the shop to fill out my waiver and pick up my gear. The staff was very helpful, friendly, and informative. They provided transportation to the marina where we would begin our trip as well as transportation back to the dive shop. Upon arriving at the boat a thorough boat brief was given and we boarded for our evening dives. The first dive would be on a reef near where we would be diving with the mantas later that night. The reef was nice with a good variety of fish. At one point we even saw a white tip reef shark swim by on the adja-

cent sand. I was able to identify several different types of butterfly fish, trumpet fish, parrot fish, box fish, and some shrimp. Between dives they had a hot water rinse that felt amazing. The second dive of the charter was a night dive with the manta rays. To put it into one word, “WOW”! We had six manta rays swimming and feeding all around us. They would come so close above my head that I thought that I could feel them sweeping my ponytail. At one point I extended my arms and the wing span of the closest one had to have been at least a foot and a half longer than each of my arms. Every time one would swim toward me with their mouth open it

amazed me that I could see right through their body and even through their gills. The size of these creatures were truly unreal! After about a forty minute bottom time the dive guide gave us the signal that it was time to leave these amazing creatures. I felt so thankful to have had the experience with the rays. They are majestic and graceful creatures that make you realize how really small we are as humans.

I would highly recommend Jack’s Dive Locker if you ever get the chance to visit Kona and want to swim with the mantas. If you are ever in Kona, be sure to not miss out on this phenomenal opportunity.

## Some Photos from Fish Count



### Schedule of Events

July 13– Annual Fish Count takes place at various locations around Cape Ann. After party at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, MA.

July 15– NAUI Open Water Certification Course begins. Classes take place at the Fitchburg YMCA. Call Andy’s Sport Shop for details.

July 18– UDCM General Meeting at Slattery’s Restaurant. Social begins at 6:30pm.

July 21– Annual Chicks’ Day at Stage Fort Park. The fun begins at 10:00am.

August 15– UDCM General Meeting at Slattery’s Restaurant. Social begins at 6:30pm.

August 17– UDCM Annual Lobsterfest. (rain date of August 18)

## JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 GAFC
14	15 NAUI Class	16	17	18 UDCM Meeting	19	20
21 Chicks’ Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## July Weekend Tide Chart for North Shore

Date	High				Low				☀		☾
	am	ft	pm	ft	am	ft	pm	ft	rise	set	moon
5 Fri	10:14	8.1	10:22	9.3	3:57	0.7	3:59	1.4	5:108:24		☾
6 Sat	11:00	8.2	11:05	9.4	4:42	0.5	4:44	1.3	5:108:24		☾
7 Sun	11:42	8.3	11:45	9.5	5:23	0.4	5:26	1.2	5:118:24		☾
12 Fri	2:23	9.3	2:54	8.8	8:36	0.2	8:53	0.9	5:158:21		☾
13 Sat	3:04	9.2	3:34	9.0	9:16	0.3	9:38	0.9	5:168:21		☾
14 Sun	3:49	9.0	4:17	9.1	10:00	0.4	10:26	0.8	5:168:20		☾
19 Fri	8:25	8.8	8:45	10.4	2:13	-0.1	2:27	0.3	5:218:16		☾
20 Sat	9:26	9.1	9:43	10.8	3:12	-0.6	3:26	-0.0	5:228:15		☾
21 Sun	10:25	9.4	10:41	11.1	4:09	-1.1	4:23	-0.4	5:238:15		☾
26 Fri	2:19	10.72:51		10.2	8:29	-1.2	8:53	-0.5	5:288:10		☾
27 Sat	3:12	10.23:43		10.0	9:19	-0.7	9:47	-0.2	5:298:09		☾
28 Sun	4:06	9.5	4:34	9.7	10:10	-0.1	10:42	0.3	5:308:08		☾



**Be sure to check that tide before you make that dive!**



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## The Purpose of the United Divers of Central Mass

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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## Scuba Trivia!

What is the world's most venomous creature?  
(Answer from the May newsletter: the octopus has 3 hearts)