

July 2015

Dive Log



United Divers of Central Massachusetts

Activities

July 16: Jim Sullivan, diving Greece

July 18: Fish Count

Aug. 15: Lobster Fest

Aug. 20: Craig Ewart, Diving the Grand Cayman Islands

Sept. 17: Larry Dufore, Diving Lake George

Sept. 27: Bay State Council of Divers 30th Annual Treasure Hunt

Oct. 15: Jose Bloice, Diving Palow

Oct: 25: Pumpkin Carving

Nov. 19: Club Meeting Presentation TBD

This Month: *Greece - Diving into Ancient History*

One of our newest members; Jim Sullivan presents his adventure in Greece. In March 2014, Jim toured well known sites in Athens and the more remote ancient sites in the Peloponnese Peninsula visiting the historic beautiful seaside city of Nafplio, the legendary city of Argos known from the myth in which Poseidon released and commanded the Kraken for the city's destruction in Clash of the Titans. Experi-

enced acoustically perfect engineered by hand stone amphitheatres in Epidarvros, then off to the birthplace of Western Civilization in the ancient Temple of Knossos of the Minoan Empire. And the purpose of the July meeting's presentation to diving recently discovered mysteries in Chania on the isle of Crete, the largest of the

Greek islands in the Mediterranean. To quote Raiders of the Lost Ark: "Dr. Jones, we are merely passing through history. This... this IS history"



Congrats Cheryl-ann!

Cheryl-ann Miller received her Open Water Cert on 6/4/2015 in the Dominican Republic. She did a total of 10 dives there, including her 4 certification dives, had 5 solid days of boat dives. Her husband Frank is very proud.

Let's all congratulate her on this accomplishment!





Chick's Day 2015

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Ok, so maybe these are the wrong kind of chicks!

President’s Message

Hello fellow members,

Hopefully you’ve been able to enjoy some of the great diving conditions we’ve been having. There are a lot of activities happening and planned, including the fish count this coming weekend. If you are planning on attending this, hopefully you have connected with Kevin Brook and forwarded him your REEF #. The club will have a presence at this activity, and Kevin is leading the event for us. Last year at this event, we had several members win some pretty good prizes. It

would be great to have a club member win the “big prize” this year. This past weekend was Chicks Day. What a great day! We had great weather, great dives, and loads of fun. **Thank you** to all that made this a fun time – especially Christine for organizing the event (and ordering up great weather); Jack for offering his boat to shuttle divers to deeper and more fun dive sites; and of course, all the members that joined in to make the event fun for all. The next big club activity is Lobster Fest. Be sure

to sign up at the next club meeting. This is really important so we can have an accurate head count for buying food and drinks.

See you all at the meeting,

Ken

In case you missed it...

This year’s Chick’s Day was a blast! We would like to give a special thank you to Jack Heinz for allowing club members to use your boat for dives. It added tremendously to the fun members had at the activity!





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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](#).

Next Meeting

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

July Speaker:

Jim Sullivan

See you on July 16!!!



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