



# United Divers of Central Mass

## Latest Events

### Belize Presentation at June Club Meeting

Members were treated to a peek at the fabulous diving at the exclusive private Turneffe Island Resort off the shores of Belize. Club members Jim Bogart and Karen Ferrante shared photos, video, and insider information on how to pursue Lionfish to help alleviate the impact of this invasive species.

### Members Vote

At the June Club meeting, members rejected a proposal to charge a late fee for membership dues. The group also decided to eliminate language in the bylaws referring to "termination of membership" for late payments. See the latest version of the bylaws posted on the [Club's website](#).

## Scheduled Activities



### Chick's Day

Sunday July 9, 2017

Jack Hinz will have his boat available for 4 divers at 0700 Gloucester Marina and Peter Conlon will take 3 divers on his boat-meeting at Gloucester High School boat ramp at 0700.

Thank you Rich Atkins for hosting the after-party for this event!

### Isles of Shoals

Friday July 28, 2017

This all day trip to the islands off of the New Hampshire/Maine border is already full. Call Cape Ann Charters, Gloucester to get on the waiting list for boat #2. See Harbor seals and enjoy the gorgeous underwater topography; \$114.

### Lobsterfest

Saturday August 19, 2017

Thank you Kevin Brooks for hosting this event!



*"Every time you dive, you hope you'll see something new - some new species.*

*Sometimes the ocean gives you a gift, sometimes it doesn't."*

*-James Cameron*

### Membership Dues

Checks payable to UDCM may be mailed with your membership form and liability waiver (posted on the UDCM website) to:

Jane Howard, UDCM Treasurer  
536 Page Street  
Lunenburg, MA 01462

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Join Enfield Scuba to celebrate **“Women’s Dive Day”**, in collaboration with **PADI and Project Aware**. The event takes place at **Bigelow Hollow State Park** (in Union, CT - on the CT/Mass border) on **Saturday, July 15th, from 8am to 12pm**. (Enfield is the only Dive Shop in Connecticut participating - and 1 of only 2 in New England.)

**It’s all free** – and includes raffles, product demos, and giveaways. Arrive early to join us for cocoa, bagels, and snacks.

**The event is open to everyone** – but will highlight items for female divers (like women’s BCDs, smaller masks, and lighter gear bags.) We’ll also have the light-up Phantom PLUS and scuba toys in pink, blue, and yellow - with free issues of Dive Training, Alert Diver, and Sport Diver.

**Products will be available for in-water demos**. Trash bags are available from Project Aware, for those who wish to participate in a land-and-sea Lake Clean-up.



**There is also a free raffle!** Items from PADI, XS Scuba, Henderson, ScubaPro, and Sherwood – as well as restaurant gift certificates, Bluefish Baseball tickets, movie tickets, gift baskets, Xfinity Theater, a fitness session, and Amazon gift cards. Raffle entries may be completed at the Lake on Dive Day (with drawings at Bigelow on 7/15). Winners do NOT have to be present to win (although those in attendance have first pick of prizes). While the raffle is only for women (since it’s “WOMEN’S Dive Day”), other events are open to all. A complete list of prizes will be included in the next newsletter and on Facebook.

Rental equipment is also available for the event, at a discounted rate of \$35 (for BCD, regulator, tank, and weights).

Visit the Dive Shop at 169 Elm Street in Enfield, CT (on the CT/Mass border, near Springfield) or visit [www.enfieldscuba.com](http://www.enfieldscuba.com)

## In the News



Image credit: [International Legends of Diving](http://InternationalLegendsOfDiving.com)

Renowned diving expert Jim Stewart passed away on June 7th at the age of 89.

Stewart was the chief diving officer emeritus at the University of California San Diego’s Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He served as the institution’s diving officer from 1960 to 1991, heading the United States’ oldest and biggest nongovernmental research diving program.

A World War II veteran, Stewart was also the youngest member of the Bottom Scratchers, the world’s oldest freediving and spearfishing club.

Since 1967, Stewart was involved with training scientists who would be conducting research dives in the Arctic and Antarctic oceans even beyond his retirement from Scripps in 1991.

During his life, Stewart was lauded with several awards, including the AAUS Scientific Diving Lifetime Achievement in 2001 and he was also one of the first members of NAUI’s Hall of Honor in 2000.

In 1991, Stewart was elected to DEMA’s Diving Hall of Fame.

Source: [www.deeperblue.com](http://www.deeperblue.com)

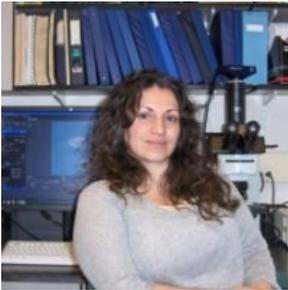
# Next Meeting's Highlights

Thursday July 20th 6:30 pm; Slattery's

## Diving Business: UDCM Sweatshirts

Order your navy hooded sweatshirts (zippered or pullover) with the UDCM logo at the next Club meeting. You'll have the opportunity to see/feel sample sweatshirts prior to ordering, so you can get exactly what you want!

## Dive Presentation: Algae



Christian Petitpas, Ph.D, a Research Associate and Environmental Review Assistant at the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, will present Algae as you've never seen it before!



red  
alga



brown  
alga



green  
alga

### Algae

# The Cooking Corner

## Lobster Bisque

Frank Miller recommended this recipe and says his wife Cheryl-Ann makes it best!

- 3 tbsp butter
- 1 small onion, finely chopped (1/4 c)
- 3 tbsp flour
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 2 c milk
- 1 c chicken broth
- 1 1/4 c chopped lobster (about 12 oz)

Melt butter in 3-qt saucepan over low heat. Cook onion in butter, stirring occasionally, until tender. Stir in flour, parsley, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is bubbly; remove from heat.

Stir in milk and broth. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in lobster. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer about 3 minutes, stirring frequently, until lobster is white.

## Join Us

Monthly meetings are open to non-members and are held at 6:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month at:

Slattery's Restaurant  
106 Lunenburg Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

## Visit Us

[www.uniteddivers.org](http://www.uniteddivers.org)



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