



“Dive Log”

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Meeting Day Change

The June General Meeting has been changed to Wednesday June 18th. It will still be at Slattery's and will start at the usual time. Following is the reason for the change of date.

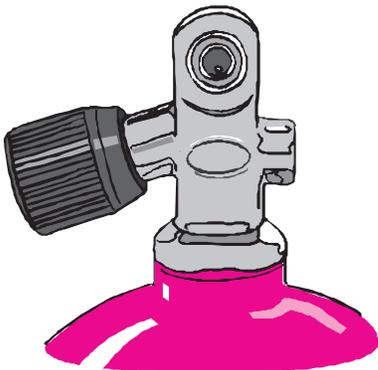
The North Shore Frogmen Club invites us, as well as others in the diving community, to their annual Beach Meeting at Whites Beach, Manchester, MA. on Thursday, June 19th .

This year the Frogmen have invited the United States Coast Guard Air Wing. The USCG is going to utilize their Jay Hawk Helicopter to demonstrate the rescue of a disabled diver. This will be a very informative demonstration; as the rescue swimmer loads a diver into the basket and is winched into the helicopter a USCG narrator will be on the beach with a loud speaker detailing every action.

There will also be a simulated rescue utilizing the Coast Guard's fast response boat, again while every detail is narrated. The demo is going to begin at 7:30pm and promises to not only be exciting, but if the actual need ever arises, we will have some idea of the protocol involved.

In addition to the Coast Guard units, we will also have 8 mass Fire department dive teams and all of the local Harbor Masters on hand (and perhaps State cop dive teams)! Plus some media attention (FOX news as well as some others like 4-5 and 7 will be there!). The Mass Bay Dive Club is planning on attending this event also.

It would be great to have some representation from United Divers of Central Mass.



2008 Northeast Great Annual Fish Count

Once again, The United Divers will take part in the Northeast Great Annual Fish Count (GAFC). This year it will be held on Saturday, July 19th. For those of you that have never taken part, the GAFC is a fun day of semi-organized dives collecting data on fish species and abundance, combined with a festive get-together with many other divers and their families in Gloucester. It has been a great success in the past.

GAFC dives are planned at seven (7) shore locations around Cape Ann, along with dives at Nubble Light, York, ME. There will be a picnic (food included for all), free raffles and door prizes. One survey form submitted after each dive will count as an entry into the raffles for each diver. We are expecting more than 150 divers to participate in the day's celebration.

During our 6th Annual Sanctuary/GAFC event held on July 28, 2008, 110 divers conducted 133 fish and invertebrate surveys at 7 locations around Cape Ann and southern Maine, making this the largest single day GAFC event held in the United States for the fourth year in a row!

The after dive celebration will be centered at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, Massachusetts. It will begin around 12:30. Food and drinks will be provided for all at no cost. Please note there is a \$15.00 parking fee per car at the park.

There is currently over to \$10,000.00 in dive gear, training classes and dive travel to be raffled off to this year's divers. Grand prizes include a dive in the NEA GOT, dive trip for 2 to Bonaire, 2 SCUBA regulators, full wetsuits and a whole lot of other good stuff!!! 2006 Grand Prizes included: A dive in the New England Aquarium Giant Ocean Tank, dive trip to Bonaire, BCD from Dacor, 2 Excursion rolling gear bags from Oceanic, Wetsuit from Scubapro, private Kayak Diving Specialty certification class general raffle prizes include masks, fins, snorkels, dive lights, books, wetsuits, marker buoys, t-shirts and much more. Our members won several of the grand prizes, and everyone went away with something.

There are several dive sites that will be studied for this years fish count. Our group will be diving at Lane's Cove in Gloucester as a club dive. We will be meeting at the site at 8:30AM. However, you may opt to do your fish survey at any site you wish. Divers must register to attend the event and be eligible for the festivities. We'll be registering as a group. Al Boyarsky will be coordinating the dives/divers with Bob Michelson, and provide him with your registration information. Al will discuss the details and get member sign-ups at the June meeting. If you are unable to attend the June meeting, but would like to take part in the GAFC or just need more information contact Al Boyarsky at 978-790-3102 or al@pipewiz.com .

Lobster Fest IV

Welcome to LobsterFest IV. The event will be held Saturday, August 2nd at Ken and Michelle's house at 30 Kimball Road, Carlisle. Unless the weather is a total washout, that's the date. Fortunately, we've always had good weather in early August. The plan is similar to last year. Tickets for LobsterFest are \$10 per person and will be on sale at the May meeting. There will be 40 tickets available. We've reserved 10 seats on the Cape Ann Diver II for our members. Charter rates are \$75 per person, and of course, you need to have a lobster license. Payment should be made to the club. The charter boat departs promptly at 8 AM from Cape Ann Diver's new location at 7 Parker St. Gloucester, MA. We will conduct two lobster dives.

Naturally, our members can also dive from their own boats, shore dive if they want, or not dive at all. We would like commitments on the charter boat by the May meeting or sooner if possible so that we can get more seats if necessary before it fills up. Last year, we ran short of seats. Please email me if you want a seat on the boat at kmostello@expertek.com. Since Cape Ann Divers requires payment upfront, we'd appreciate payment at the May meeting. For those on the charter boat, the party starts Ken and Michelle's house right after diving. For the others, please plan on a 2PM start. As in years past, there will be lots of food including Carolina style barbeque, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, salads, Kimball's ice cream, and, of course, plenty of lobster. True to our Italian heritage, we feel compelled to do food to excess, and we're sure this year will be no exception. Per club policy, alcohol is BYOB. There will also be prizes, the usual gag gifts, and a 50-50. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Message From the Club Activities Coordinator

As the warmer weather has come upon us, I've noticed an elevated sense of energy and anticipation from fellow divers that I have encountered over the past few weeks. No great surprise, it happens at this time every year. What was a little different though, is that April did not bring the rains we typically get and the sun was very warm. The surface temps were ranging in the mid 40's, the vis at Back Beach was 15' or so and more than a couple of WETSUIT DIVERS were out as well.

The season is upon us and just a quick reminder to start looking at your gear; check for cracks in mask and fin straps, air equipment out if it's been in storage for the winter. If you haven't already, this is the time to get your regulators and B.C. serviced (better now than when you want to be diving !!) I had my regs done recently and was amazed at the increased ease of breathing it gave me, it had only been @ 10 months since I had them done last---Funk has a way of getting in there !!!!!

I want to share a thought before I sign off: At our club meetings, I continue to urge anyone with the time and desire to chair a dive.

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Message From Our President

Hello One and All!

Ok, no more excuses! The dive season is in full force! I finally made my way out to Old Garden Beach a couple weeks ago and it was beautiful! The visibility was fantastic and the lobsters were on their way in. I've spoken to quite a few divers who have been pulling decent numbers for this time of year. The water temperature is even coming around, I had 54 degrees on the surface and unfortunately saw as low as 47 degrees at depth. It was definitely bearable. There were quite a few divers out at Old Garden Beach both in wetsuits and drysuits. Vice President Peter Conlon, the Smiths, the Abrahams, the Manuels, and Joe Avoli all joined me for the day. It was the first of many Sunday dives to come. The schedule for June's Sunday dives is now up on the website. All that I ask is that you sign up either at a meeting or at Andy's Sport Shop prior to the dive so I have an idea of how many people will be going.

I would also like to mention that I have changed the date of Chicks' Day to Sunday July 13 in order to keep it away from the holiday weekend. The day will go on the same as always, chicks dive while men schlep and cook. Ladies, does it get any better! It will take place at Stage Fort Park at 10:00a.m. The cost is \$5.00 plus \$10.00 for parking. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Well, that is all for this month. I hope to see you all in the water real soon!

Dive, Dive, Dive!

Christine

Old Garden Beach Dive Report

By: Christine Bowers

On May 25 several club members made their way to Old Garden Beach for the beginning of the Sunday shore dives. The day began at 8:00a.m. at the Burger King on 128. With clear skies and mild air temperature the group was ready for a great day of diving. From there the eager group trekked to Old Garden Beach in Rockport. Peter Conlon and Donna Manuel were able to take their new drysuits for a spin while others braved it in wetsuits. Mel Smith and Janet Abraham were shore support to their husbands and other members. The group made their way to the water for their first dive in the beautiful New England water. Although the water was a bit on the chilly side most of the group completed about an hour long dive. The visibility was around 25 feet and there were a few lobsters to be taken. Peter did not take his catch bag on his first dive, but came across a keeper. Those large drysuit pockets sure came in handy for him! Some of the members decided to sit out the second dive while the others went back in for round two. Jim Manuel snagged a total of two lobsters on the second dive whereas Peter could not seem to catch any once he decided to bring his catch bag. Murphy's Law strikes again! Overall the day was a success! A great group of divers hopped in the water for a swim and had a wonderful time! Please be sure to join us on our regularly scheduled Sunday shore dives around Cape Ann.

June/July 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
22 Old Garden Beach BK @ 8am	23	24	25	26	27	28 Boston Harbor Boat Dive
29 Cathedral Rocks BK @ 8am	30	1	2	3 Fireworks Dive on the Day Breaker	4 Happy 4th	5
6	7	8	9	10 BOD Meeting Slatterys @6:30pm	11	12
13 Scuba Chicks Day @ Stage Fort in Cape Ann	14	15	16	17 General Club Meeting @7pm	18 Seal Dive w/Cape Ann Divers	19 Great Annual Fish Count
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Normans Woe @ Dive site @ 7am

Birthdays!

June 27 - Pat Beauregard
July 3 - Al Boyarsky
July 17 - Debbie Rich



Upcoming Events

June 18- June General meeting @ Slatterys in Fitchburg. Meeting to start @ 7 pm. This month is a social event, time to share dive stories.

June 22- Old Garden Beach shore dive. Meet @ 128 BK @ 8am

June 28- Boat dive with Boston Harbor Diving Services

June 29- Shore dive at Cathedral Rocks. Meet @ 128 BK @ 8am

July 3- Fireworks Dive w/Fran Fran Marcoux on the Day Breaker to the Poling.

July 10- BOD Meeting Slatterys @ 6:30pm. All club members are welcome to attend.

July 13- Scuba Chicks Day. More info to come.

July 18- Seal Dive with Cape Ann Divers

July 19- Great Annual Fish Count. For more info see article in this issue of the newsletter.

July 26- Shore Dive at Normans Woe. Meeting at the dive site @ 7am

August 2- Lobster Fest IV see article in this newsletter for more info.

For any and all Calender updates please check out the club website www.uniteddivers.org

50/50 raffle winner for April 08'

Tom Bratko

June/July Tide Chart



DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀		☾
	AM	hgt	PM	hgt	AM	hgt	PM	hgt	rise	set	qtr
22 Sun	2:07	9.4	2:45	8.4	8:26	0.4	8:36	1.4	5:05	8:24	
23 Mon	2:49	9.3	3:26	8.5	9:07	0.4	9:21	1.3	5:06	8:24	
24 Tue	3:33	9.2	4:09	8.7	9:49	0.4	10:09	1.2	5:06	8:24	
25 Wed	4:20	9.0	4:54	9.0	10:35	0.5	11:01	1.0	5:06	8:24	
26 Thu	5:11	8.9	5:42	9.3	11:23	0.6	11:56	0.8	5:07	8:25	☾
27 Fri	6:07	8.7	6:34	9.6	-	-	12:15	0.6	5:07	8:24	
28 Sat	7:05	8.7	7:28	9.9	12:54	0.5	1:10	0.7	5:07	8:24	
29 Sun	8:05	8.7	8:24	10.3	1:54	0.1	2:07	0.6	5:08	8:24	
30 Mon	9:06	8.8	9:22	10.6	2:53	-0.3	3:04	0.5	5:08	8:24	
1 Tue	10:07	8.9	10:20	10.9	3:52	-0.7	4:02	0.3	5:09	8:24	
2 Wed	11:06	9.1	11:17	11.1	4:49	-1.1	4:58	0.1	5:09	8:24	☾
3 Thu	-	-	12:02	9.3	5:44	-1.3	5:54	-0.1	5:10	8:24	
4 Fri	12:13	11.1	12:57	9.5	6:37	-1.3	6:48	-0.1	5:11	8:23	
5 Sat	1:08	11.0	1:50	9.6	7:29	-1.2	7:42	-0.1	5:11	8:23	
6 Sun	2:02	10.7	2:42	9.6	8:19	-0.9	8:36	0.1	5:12	8:23	
7 Mon	2:55	10.2	3:33	9.5	9:09	-0.5	9:30	0.4	5:13	8:22	
8 Tue	3:48	9.7	4:23	9.3	9:59	0.0	10:24	0.7	5:13	8:22	
9 Wed	4:42	9.1	5:14	9.1	10:48	0.6	11:20	1.0	5:14	8:22	
10 Thu	5:38	8.5	6:05	9.0	11:39	1.1	-	-	5:15	8:21	☾
11 Fri	6:34	8.1	6:56	8.8	12:18	1.2	12:31	1.6	5:16	8:21	
12 Sat	7:32	7.8	7:48	8.8	1:16	1.3	1:23	1.9	5:16	8:20	
13 Sun	8:29	7.6	8:40	8.8	2:12	1.3	2:16	2.0	5:17	8:19	
14 Mon	9:23	7.6	9:29	8.9	3:06	1.2	3:06	2.0	5:18	8:19	
15 Tue	10:13	7.7	10:16	9.0	3:56	1.1	3:55	1.9	5:19	8:18	
16 Wed	10:59	7.8	11:01	9.2	4:41	0.9	4:40	1.7	5:20	8:17	
17 Thu	11:42	8.0	11:43	9.4	5:23	0.6	5:23	1.5	5:20	8:17	
18 Fri	-	-	12:22	8.2	6:02	0.4	6:05	1.3	5:21	8:16	☾
19 Sat	12:23	9.5	1:00	8.4	6:41	0.3	6:47	1.1	5:22	8:15	
20 Sun	1:03	9.6	1:37	8.6	7:19	0.1	7:29	0.9	5:23	8:14	
21 Mon	1:43	9.6	2:15	8.9	7:58	0.0	8:12	0.8	5:24	8:14	
22 Tue	2:24	9.5	2:55	9.1	8:38	0.0	8:56	0.6	5:25	8:13	
23 Wed	3:08	9.4	3:37	9.3	9:20	0.1	9:44	0.5	5:26	8:12	
24 Thu	3:55	9.1	4:22	9.5	10:05	0.3	10:36	0.4	5:27	8:11	
25 Fri	4:47	8.9	5:11	9.7	10:53	0.5	11:31	0.4	5:28	8:10	☾
26 Sat	5:43	8.6	6:05	9.8	11:47	0.7	-	-	5:29	8:09	

Shore Dive, Boat Dive, Pool Dive, you get the idea ! I also would like to remind all that we not only welcome but need ideas for dives. O.K., Ideas, co-ordinators BUT the most important part of any gathering is the PARTICIPANTS, that is the heart of this club and the reason why United Divers of Central Mass is one of the most active & solid DIVE clubs in the area. We share the passion for diving!!!!!! I look forward to sharing that passion with you.

Yours in Safe Diving, Rick Boucher

Meeting Time and Location

The United Divers meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month at Slatterys located at 106 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. There is ample parking provided in the rear of the building. The meeting will be taking place in the event room near the back right of the restaurant. The meeting will begin at 7pm with a social hour beginning at 6:30pm. If you should have an questions please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors.



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The Purpose of the United Divers of Central Massachusetts

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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Monthly Trivia

What is a Stern Post

Answer in next months newsletter.

Last months answer.

What is a Tween Deck

decks below the main deck, akin to shelving for stowing cargo