

“DIVE LOG”

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Presidents Corner

Hello fellow club members. The BOD has looked into a new place to possibly have our club meetings. The Wachusett Village Inn. The main reason why we are looking at a new meeting place is that Slattery's is very noisy and it is hard for everyone to hear fellow club members and the guest speakers. There are two rooms at the Village Inn that we could use. They have offered it to us for the same deal that we have with Slattery's, as long as members buy food and drinks we can use the room for free. The front room is a little bigger than the room we use now. The Westminster Rottery club uses this room for there monthly meetings. We had the board meeting in this room and we didn't even realize that there was a group of people on the other side of the wall talking because it is a solid and thick wall seperating the two rooms. The menu has a good selection and the food is very good. The other room that we would have available to us is a function room. This room has a wall that can be folded up to make the room into two. The only time this room may not be quiet enough is if they have a function in the other half of the room. We will be having a vote at this months meeting on whether or not we want to try and have a meeting at the Village Inn. If the vote passes we would have the April meeting there and if everyone likes it and agreed that we wanted to remain going there then we would have a new meeting place. If everyone wanted to go back to Slattery's after that meeting we would. If you are on facebook check out the clubs page to see video of the two rooms. If you are not on facebook and would like me to send you the videos to your email send me an email to aeroboss@yahoo.com.

Thank you.

Kris

HAVE YOU TRIED A LIVEBOARD?

If you are someone who enjoys boats, you may find that liveboards offer a lot more convenience than do your other options. This way you can have a relaxing and exciting vacation without having to worry about shopping, hotel rooms, restaurants, or anything else but diving. There are plenty of different options to choose from when it comes to **liveboard diving** such as cruise ships of all shapes and sizes. In general, the larger the vessel the more luxuries that you can expect, but there are always exceptions to the rule. These ships typically travel from one site to the next at night so every day is a new adventure. There are many excellent destinations all over the world where liveboards are possible, one of the most popular of these being the Bahamas. This area actually encompasses over 700 different islands, most of which are currently uninhabited.

A few of the more commonly visited sites include San Salvador Conception Island, Rum Cay, Cat Island, and Long Island. Another great thing about choosing this location is that the US dollar is accepted by all vendors. The next **great destination for liveboards** that you should consider for your Scuba trip is the Galapagos. This area actually has some of the most pristine waters in the world. A few of the more noteworthy sights include a wide variety of life both on the land and in the sea, exotic vistas, and even unique volcanoes. [Diving in the Galapagos](#) can actually be pretty challenging in some areas, so this is not a destination that is always recommended for beginners. There are also many types of sharks including whale sharks, hammerheads, and Galapagos sharks. Another great location for [liveboards is the Northeastern Caribbean](#) which contains a few of the most scenic islands in all of the Caribbean. Here there are plenty of options for diving as well as land access and being on a cruise ship will make all of these destinations much more accessible for you. A few of the more noteworthy islands in this area include: Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Kitts, Nevis, and St. Maarten.

One final **destination for liveboards** that you may want to look into is the Turks and Caicos which is a series of islands located in the Atlantic Ocean including the West Caicos, South Caicos, and the Grand Turk. Located within 574 miles of Miami, this is an area that is easily reached from the United States. Hopefully this article has provided you with some good ideas of locations where you can experience the thrills of **liveboard diving**. You will find that there is nothing like being

able to rest on a ship that has all the required amenities right on board and then being able to experience the best dive locations as well.



You know your new dive buddy is not experienced if:

- He asks, "which one of these thingies goes in my mouth"?
- He offers to carry everyone's gear to the boat?
- He thinks a BC is a comic strip about cavemen?
- He's upset when you tell him his dive computer doesn't run windows vista
- He argues that NITROX was a monster who battles Godzilla?

He says "Oh, I just wait 'til I get that "tingling feeling", then I know it's time to surface"?"

Two sharks are dining on leftover Clownfish. One shark turns to the other and asks "Does this taste funny to you?"



The Desert Island This man is stranded on a desert island, all alone for ten years. One day, he sees a speck in the horizon. He thinks to himself, "It's not a ship." The speck gets a little closer and he thinks, "It's not a boat." The speck gets even closer and he thinks, "It's not a raft." Then, out of the surf comes this gorgeous blonde woman, wearing a wet suit and scuba gear.

She comes up to the man and she says, "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

"Ten years!" he says.

She reaches over, unzips this waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!"

Then she asked, "How long has it been since you had a drink of whiskey?"

He replies, "Ten years!"

She reaches over, unzips the waterproof pocket on her right sleeve, pulls out a flask and gives it to him. He takes a long swig and says, "Wow, that's fantastic!"

Then she starts unzipping the long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit and she says to him, "And how long has it been since you had some REAL fun?"

And the man cries out, "My God! Don't tell me you've got a set of golf clubs in there, too!"

ARTICALS

Articles on your Dives or Adventures will be appreciated!!!

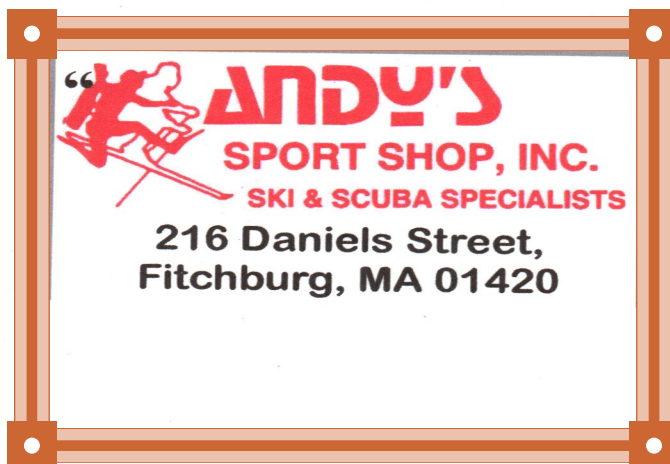
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Dates To Remember

March 10-11= **Boston Sea Rovers**

March 15= **Club Mtg. 7:00pm Slattery's**

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Guest Speaker This Month

Nick Faraz

Nick is a free diver and dive to record depths one single breath. He is speaking at Sea Rovers and here is the outline of his presentation.

“This presentation will cover the facts and information that it took to dive to 201 ft. The topics talked about include human physiology and it’s adaption to breath holding, as well as the training that one would have to go to in order to achieve this level of ability:”

Nick began his underwater career as a scuba instructor in the Florida Keys. He was first certified as a NAUI/SSI instructor in 2004 at Hall’s Dive Center, then made the move to teach in Boston, MA. Since 2004 Nick picked up his PADI instructor certification as well as earning the title of Instructor Trainer with SDI/TDI. After a couple of years teaching in Boston Nick moved to the Florida Keys and spent a couple of years teaching everything from Open Water to Instructor students. In his spare time he would get away from the dive shop and head out to the reef to go freediving. Nick currently has a breath hold of 5:03 minutes and in November of 2011 hit a new personal best depth of 201 ft/61m with just a mask, snorkel and a pair of fins. He has been back up in Boston with ECD since Feb. 2009 and is in line to take over the dive center October 1st 2012.

Looking forward to meeting Nick!