



Dive Log

May Newsletter

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Activities

- May 15: Speaker Michael Lodise Back Scatter East
- June 19: The Abraham's trip to Curacao/octopus sex
- July 13: Chicks Day Stage Fort Park
- July 17: Speaker from REEF
- July 26: Fish Count
- Aug. 16: Lobster Fest
- Aug. 21: Speakers Jeff, Ryan, and Don on the Bradley
- Sept. 18: TBD
- Oct. 16: TBD
- Oct. 26: Pumpkin Carving
- Nov. 20: TBD

Meet this month's speaker...

Michael Lodise, a sales rep from Backscatter's eastern division, will be coming in to speak to us about underwater video and photography.

Backscatter is located in Derry, New Hampshire. Check out their website at www.backscatter.com for everything from equipment to articles to trips and classes you can take!

And just what is "backscatter?" In photography it refers to light from a flash or strobe reflecting back from particles (of which there is an abundance underwater) in the lens's field of view causing specks of light to appear in the photo. This gives rise to what are sometimes referred to as orb artifacts, which are unfortunately common with small digital or film cam-

eras due to the reduced distance between the lens and the built-in flash. The decrease in the angle of light reflection to the lens increases the likelihood of light reflection off normally sub-visible particles.



THANK YOU ANDY'S SPORT SHOP!



**United Divers of Central Massachusetts
Would Like To Thank Andy's For Their Continued Support**
Again this year, Andy's is providing a
3 tank fill card for each membership!



President's message...

Hello everyone! Finally, "diving" weather is starting to set in. At the meeting this week, we have a few things going on.

This month, we will be distributing the fill cards that Andy's Sport Shop has provided to the club. **Thank You!** to Andy's for this. Andy's has been supporting the club in multiple ways, and has been providing the fill cards for the past several years.

Also this month, we will be distributing "club membership cards". In years past, we had club membership cards. This year, we will have them again. Each membership – individual or family – will receive a membership card. Right now, these cards and \$1.25 will get you a cup of coffee (somewhere). But,

your board members are trying to go beyond this. The board is working to arrange "specials" or "discounts" for the members. If we can arrange any of these, the way you will be able to capitalize on them is with your membership card. So, save the card and hopefully good things will follow...

We are getting to a point where we need to firm up plans for the late May / early June dives. If we are going to reserve a boat, we need to firm that up. Please think about whether you are interested in signing up for a dive, whether the weekend or weekday is best for you. Perhaps these first dives will be scallop dives. We have a scallop dive in the planning stage for Boston, and there are 6 people signed up, so this is full. We can consider a

dive (or two) with the Day Breaker in the Salem area if there is interest. We will be discussing this at the meeting and trying to get names on a "tentative" list. With that, we can work on firming up the date and event.

If you have suggestions for other dives, bring that to the meeting also – along with your "dive talk".

See you at the meeting,

Ken



DIVEBOARD App Recommendation by Frank Miller

This is a great app and website all in one. You can log all your dives either through your phone or on the website for free, and they sync with each other which is great if you are out of the country on a warm water getaway. You can check out other divers experiences in all sorts of locations, and once you've

logged your dives to Diveboard you can share them everywhere you want: online through Facebook, Twitter, and Email, or offline by printing them. There is also a quick sign in option if you use your Facebook account. And for the business owners out there, there's a premium paid version that will help

you advertise to the scuba community. This app can be found on both the Android and iTunes stores. Go to www.diveboard.com to check it out and start sharing and communicating with other divers!

Do you use an app for or about diving that you want to recommend? Send a write up to Liz at riccilily@gmail.com, and we'll put it in our next newsletter!

Deep Sea Dining with Diane

Diane Barletta has kindly sent me several of her personal seafood recipes to share in our newsletters. Keep an eye out for them in each month's newsletter!

Tilapia Soft Tacos with Chipotle Cream Sauce

These taste very much like the fish tacos served in Tucson. Chipotle chilies in adobo are packaged in small cans located with the Goya products at any supermarket.

2 chipotle chilies in adobo, minced
1 c non-fat sour cream
1 tbsp olive oil
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 lb tilapia fillets
1/2 tsp ground cumin
1/4 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
3 tbsp fresh cilantro, chopped
2 tbsp lime juice
4 Soft Taco Size Flour Tortillas
2 c mixed greens or finely shredded cole slaw mix



Mix the chilies & sour cream in a bowl to make chipotle cream sauce; set aside.

In a skillet at medium-high heat, sauté garlic in olive oil.

Add fish and spices; cook for 3 minutes; add lime juice and cook for 1 minute.

Heat the tortillas according to the package instructions.

Lay each of the warmed tortillas on a cutting board and place one-quarter of both the field greens and fish on the center of each tortilla. Top each with equal amounts of sauce.

Fold the tortillas over to form tacos and serve.

Is something missing from the newsletter that you would like to see? Have something that you'd like to contribute? Send it to Liz at riccily@gmail.com, and we'll put it in our next newsletter!



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<http://www.uniteddivers.org>

For suggestions and/
or contributions to the
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contact Liz Blair at
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About Us

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](#).

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

May's Guest Speaker
Michael Lodise
from Back Scatter East
See you on May 15!!!