



“Dive Log”

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Novembers Guest Speaker Jonathan Bird

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Jonathan has worked on assignment as a still photographer for dozens of magazines and catalogs, and as a cinematographer for television networks and production companies.

Jonathan recently completed shooting a half-hour special for National Geographic Television's series Extreme Exposures which will be released in the USA in 2010. Jonathan was the director of photography and the field producer for the program.

He was hired to shoot underwater video sequences for CNN's coverage of the JFK Jr. plane crash in the cold and murky Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard in 1999. His work has appeared on nearly every major television network in the U.S., including PBS, ABC, and Discovery Channel, as well as networks across the globe. Several of his underwater documentaries have aired in over 20 countries including England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada, Australia, China and many more. He is frequently found traveling the world, working on assignment for production companies, networks and advertising firms. You can view his demo reel on-line here. Jonathan recently completed production on Sharks: Deep Trouble for National Geographic Channel, an hour-long documentary that he produced.

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He is a regular contributor to Sport Diver Magazine and Alert Diver Magazine. His most recent magazine assignments were to Fiji, the U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Vincent and St. Kitts for Sport Diver. As an example of his photography, check out Beneath The North Atlantic. This coffee-table book features images shot under some of the most hostile conditions for underwater photography--the cold, murky waters of the North Atlantic Ocean. Jonathan also has photographed seven other books. He will be doing a presentation on his trip to the arctic for this months meeting. He has spoken to our club in the past and his previous presentations were great. This is a presentation you do not want to miss.

Message from the President

Hello Everybody, It has been one heck of a dive season. As the water starts to cool and the air starts to get that smell of snow, I find myself thinking about all the dive talk throughout the year. From the stories of cold clear water in March, to the t-shirts and shorts at lobster fest, and back again, we have done a lot of diving this year. For those cold water divers amongst us the adventure will continue. The water is cooling rapidly now and the temperature last weekend was down to 51 degrees. The visibility down to 100' or so has been very good the past few weeks, a bit of a teaser of what's to come. The lobsters have started their migration out to deeper water. On our club poling dive a couple of weeks ago there were tons of bugs just out in the open out in the sand around the wreck. The scallop hunters have been doing well the past month or so with the jackpot numbers coming from the Salem to Boston corridor. I am sure that you could get a nice dinner still out of the remaining bugs and scallops out on the S/W breakers. For the rest of you who are packing the gear up for the season and have to resort to day dreaming about diving, we on the board would like to help. This month we have Jonathan Bird coming to speak about his diving expedition to Antarctica. I believe this is the first time we have ever had someone speak about diving under the great southern ice. Jonathan's is a top notch photographer and a fantastic guest speaker who is full of energy and personality. This will be a great presentation and certainly one that you won't want to miss. This months meeting will be a busy one so we will start the meeting at 7:00 with a very quick club business session (I am trying to keep it to 10 minutes) followed by lots of dive talk (if you don't talk I WILL) , and Jan Abraham's much anticipated Scuba Bingo game with great prizes like a Halcyon lift bag. We will take a reasonable break and then Jonathan has the floor. I would like to thank the Board for all their hard work this year, and all of you for making this a great club year. I hope to see all of you at the meeting and out under water.

Dive Safe,
The SHC

Message from the Secretary

Since this is my last newsletter I thought I would take some time to write a few words. It has been two years for me as Secretary and I would like to give thanks to all of you have supplied me with content for the newsletter. With out your support the newsletter would not be. I hope that members continue to submit articles and photos for our incoming secretary Tom Roufos. Thank you.

Kris



Diving the GOT

A diving friend of many of the divers at UDCM, Mo Tegen, had the opportunity to dive in the New England Aquarium Tank on Saturday, Oct 25th. Mo is a hospice nurse and he helped a particular person. Due to the time and care he gave to this person, the family decided to thank Mo for all his kindness. It happened to be that one of the family was the director at NEA and she asked Mo if he would like to take a dive. This is one of Mo's lifelong dream to dive in the aquarium. He was thrilled!!



November/December 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
22	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Happy Chanukka	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26

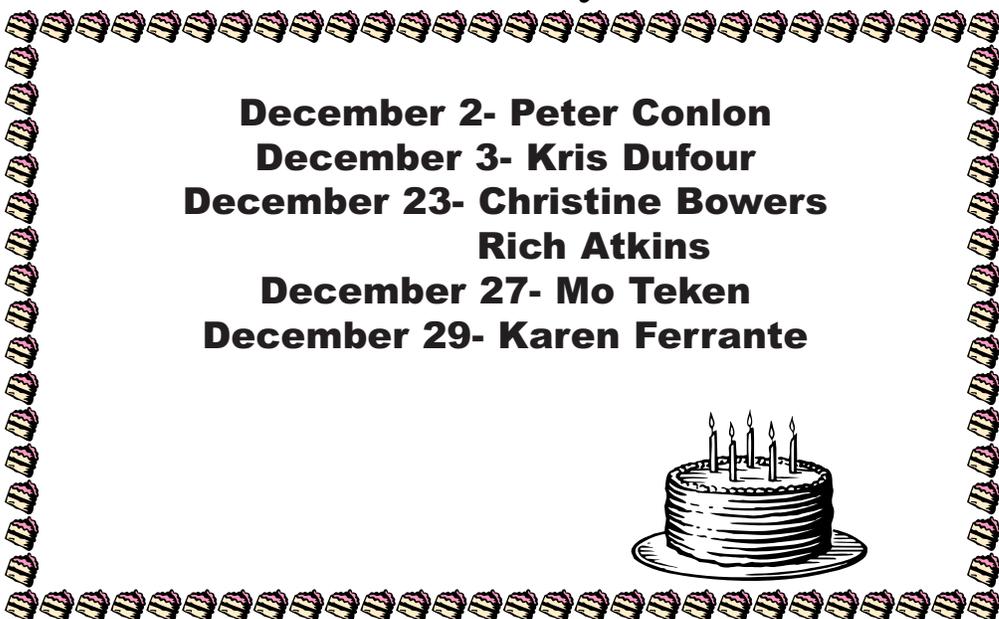
Upcoming Events

Happy Holidays

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

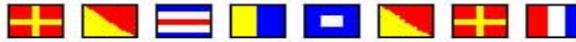
Birthdays!

- December 2- Peter Conlon**
- December 3- Kris Dufour**
- December 23- Christine Bowers**
- Rich Atkins**
- December 27- Mo Teken**
- December 29- Karen Ferrante**



Nov/Dec Tide Chart

ROCKPORT



Rockport 42°40'N 070°37'W

DAY	DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️		🌙
		AM	hgt	PM	hgt	AM	hgt	PM	hgt	rise	set	moon
Sunday	22	2:36	7.98	2:41	8.76	8:26	1.69	9:01	0.91	6:42	4:14	
Monday	23	3:23	7.87	3:31	8.46	9:15	1.87	9:49	1.16	6:44	4:13	
Tuesday	24	4:12	7.85	4:23	8.21	10:07	1.95	10:37	1.32	6:45	4:13	
Wednesday	25	5:01	7.94	5:16	8.05	11:01	1.91	11:27	1.40	6:46	4:12	
Thursday	26	5:51	8.15	6:11	7.99	11:56	1.70			6:47	4:12	
Friday	27	6:39	8.46	7:04	8.04	12:17	1.38	12:50	1.34	6:48	4:11	
Saturday	28	7:27	8.84	7:56	8.19	1:06	1.26	1:42	0.87	6:49	4:11	
Sunday	29	8:13	9.28	8:46	8.40	1:55	1.07	2:32	0.33	6:50	4:10	
Monday	30	8:58	9.73	9:35	8.63	2:42	0.82	3:20	-0.21	6:52	4:10	
Tuesday	01	9:44	10.16	10:23	8.84	3:29	0.55	4:08	-0.69	6:53	4:10	
Wednesday	02	10:31	10.51	11:12	9.02	4:17	0.30	4:56	-1.06	6:54	4:09	☀️
Thursday	03	11:19	10.75			5:05	0.09	5:45	-1.29	6:55	4:09	
Friday	04	12:02	9.13	12:10	10.82	5:55	-0.03	6:35	-1.34	6:56	4:09	
Saturday	05	12:53	9.19	1:02	10.71	6:46	-0.05	7:26	-1.23	6:57	4:09	
Sunday	06	1:46	9.21	1:57	10.43	7:40	0.03	8:19	-0.98	6:58	4:09	
Monday	07	2:41	9.21	2:55	10.02	8:38	0.17	9:14	-0.63	6:59	4:09	
Tuesday	08	3:38	9.21	3:56	9.54	9:38	0.32	10:11	-0.24	7:00	4:09	
Wednesday	09	4:37	9.25	5:00	9.10	10:41	0.42	11:09	0.12	7:01	4:09	
Thursday	10	5:37	9.33	6:05	8.74	11:46	0.40			7:01	4:09	
Friday	11	6:35	9.45	7:09	8.53	12:08	0.42	12:50	0.28	7:02	4:09	
Saturday	12	7:32	9.57	8:10	8.42	1:06	0.63	1:51	0.10	7:03	4:09	
Sunday	13	8:26	9.67	9:06	8.39	2:00	0.76	2:47	-0.08	7:04	4:09	
Monday	14	9:15	9.73	9:57	8.39	2:52	0.83	3:38	-0.21	7:05	4:09	
Tuesday	15	10:02	9.75	10:43	8.38	3:40	0.86	4:23	-0.25	7:05	4:09	
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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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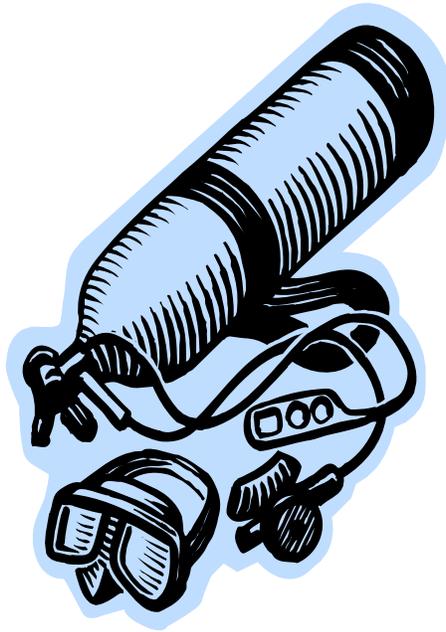


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The Purpose of the United Divers of Central Massachusetts

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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