



Dive Log

September Newsletter

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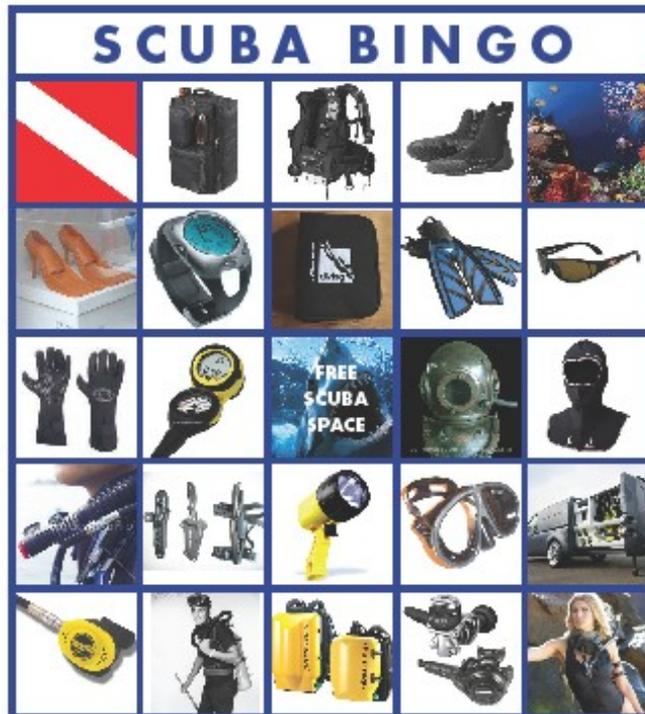
This month: Scuba Bingo

Activities

- Sept. 18: Scuba Bingo
- Oct. 16: Holly Murray & Chris Miskivitch, Travel people
- Oct. 26: Pumpkin Carving
- Nov. 20: Ewarts' trip to Hawaii

It's SCUBA BINGO time!

Once again Jan Abraham will lead a night of fun and prizes with her crazy Scuba Bingo game. Come, grab a card and some dessert-fish, and enjoy the laughs and giggles. This event is for members only.



Have used equipment you'd like to sell or trade? Have you purchased something new that you think the whole world should know about? Send it to me and we'll put it in next month's newsletter. After all, Christmas is closer than you think!

President's message...

Hello UDCM Members,

Yes, it's September, and yes, the dive year is drawing to an end. But, September is a great dive month – the water is still warm, the air temp is still pleasant, and there are some great dives waiting for us. So, don't put the gear away yet. And speaking of diving, how about a treasure hunt dive? The Bay State Council of Divers is holding a treasure hunt dive at Stage Fort Park on Sunday September 28th. There are a couple of members interested in attending, so perhaps we can have a "club presence". We can attend as a group and display our banner. We can discuss this more at the club meeting, and we will have informational flyers available.

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we have the task of electing the officers for next year. We will spend a little time at the next two meetings completing this task. For this month, the "election committee" has been contacting members to see who will be interested in participating as a board member. Hopefully, we will have several members interested in the board positions. It doesn't take much time, and can actually be fun (at least this year was fun!) So, if you "missed" the phone call, and want to be on the board, be sure to attend this month's meeting and let us know. A special "thank you" goes out to the election committee for helping with



this task!

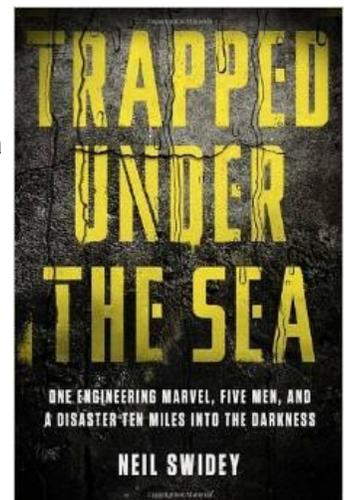
The board is planning a little something special for the November meeting. Be sure to attend this month's meeting and find out what it's all about. And, be sure to block your calendar for the November meeting. You won't want to miss it!!!

Happy, safe diving,
Ken

Review of Trapped Under the Sea by Elisabeth Blair

Since dive season is starting to come to a close, I thought I might share a great new book that I read over the summer with all of you. It will keep you in the scuba spirit over the winter.

It begins in the 90s with the plan to clean up our own dirty Boston Harbor. Work began on a state-of-the-art treatment plant and a 10-mile-long tunnel to carry waste out of the harbor. With this feat of engineering, Boston would show the country how to rebound from environmental ruin. But when bad decisions and clashing corporations endangered the project, a team of commercial divers was sent in to clean up the mess. Five divers went in; not all of them came out alive. Drawing on hundreds of interviews and thousands of documents collected over five years of reporting, Neil Swidey takes readers into the lives of the divers, engineers, politicians, lawyers, and investigators involved in the tragedy and its aftermath. Trapped Under the Sea reminds us that behind every bridge, tower, and tunnel—behind the infrastructure that makes modern life possible—lies unsung bravery and extraordinary sacrifice.



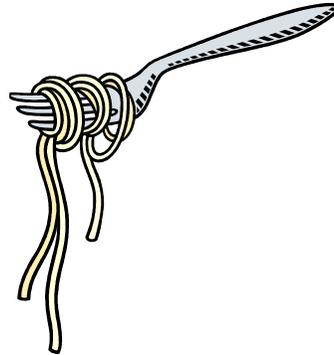
Deep Sea Dining with Diane

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!

CREAMY SEAFOOD LINGUINE (serves 4)

This dish is perfect for a special occasion!

- ¾ lb (12 oz) linguine
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 c finely-chopped onions
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ¼ c dry sherry
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1 c evaporated skim milk
- 8 oz sea scallops
- 8 oz 71/90 (or larger) size cooked shrimp, thawed, peeled, deveined
- 4 oz lobster meat (approximately one 1lb lobster)
- 3 tbsp snipped fresh parsley
- ¾ tbsp pimento, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1/8 tsp freshly-ground black pepper



Cook the pasta according to the directions on the package. Drain and set aside; cover to keep warm.

Lightly spray an unheated large skillet with olive oil no-stick spray. Add the oil and heat over medium-high heat. Add the onions and garlic.

Cook and stir about 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown. In a small cup, stir together the wine and cornstarch until smooth. Stir the wine mixture and milk into the onion mixture.

Bring the mixture to a simmer over medium heat, stirring constantly. Add the scallops. Simmer, uncovered, for 3 to 5 minutes or until the scallops are opaque.

Stir in shrimp, lobster, parsley, pimento, coriander, and salt and pepper. Combine with linguine and serve.



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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

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See you on September 18!!!