



“DIVE LOG”

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February Guest Speaker Bob Foster The Gunilda

The Gunilda was a luxury steam yacht built in 1897 for William Harkness and was the pride of the New York Yacht Club when it sank while on a cruise of Lake Superior in August of 1911. Against the advice of locals, Harkness refused a pilot and collided with a shoal while approaching Rosspport, ON. Again refusing advice, he ordered the yacht pulled from the shoal in a manner that caused it to take on water and sink in 280 ft. of water just off the shoal. The cold fresh water has since preserved the ship to an amaz-

ing degree, and it was labeled “ the most well preserved and prestigious shipwreck in the world” by the Cous-teau Society.

This presentation will give you an amazing video tour of this beautiful ship truly frozen in time by the cold waters of Lake Superior. Its brass instruments and fittings, ornate crystal chandeliers and opulent furnishings are still on display for divers to witness first hand. The Gunilda is truly a wreck diver’s dream – a perfectly preserved example of 19th century maritime history.



**Congratulations
50/50 winner!!**

“Christine Bowers”



A Message from the Membership Chairman

Dear Fellow Divers, Families, and Friends,

I'm sure everyone is getting ready for another season of great fun and safe diving! I would like to thank last year's Officers for a super job and an exciting season. Hats off to the tough bloods that have been diving through our New England Winter season!

As a new season approaches, this is a reminder that it is time to renew our 2011 club memberships. Let's not forget the advantages that come with being a member of United Divers of Central Mass. Being an active club member makes diving so much more enjoyable, challenging, and educational. Let's all be aware of building our membership count up, bring a friend to a meeting, invite other family members who may be interested in diving and joining our group. The fee to join is very reasonable and hasn't changed in years looking back to 2005. Individual \$25.00 Family \$40.00.

Some of the advantages of becoming a member ...

Monthly meets that are informative, and educational

Monthly Newsletters listing dive trips, and great dive adventures

Planned activities listed by our Activities Coordinator

Access to online Club Roster, Dive Buddies and Information

Interesting Guest Speakers

A great way to socially meet other great dive members

We meet every 3rd Thursday of each month January through November at Slattery's of Fitchburg 7:00pm. United Divers of Central Massachusetts is one of the BEST dive clubs in New England! Lets make 2011 as successful as ever!

Sincerely,

Marcelle B. Champagne
marcelleUDCM@hotmail.com

New Lobster License Regulations!

Non-commercial Lobster Permit Holders will now use a 5-digit permit number which will be the last 5 digits of your Customer ID number, located in the upper right hand corner of your renewal form.

- All dive markers and air tanks must be marked with the licensee's 5-digit permit number.
- You can renew online at the following web address <http://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt>
- **Note that you print your own license if you renew on line. Licenses will not be mailed to you!**



Upcoming Events

February 26th

Boston Scuba Show

The Underwater Club of Boston - presents
THE BOSTON SCUBA SHOW
 Feb 26, 2011
HOLIDAY INN – MARLBORO, MA Jct rtes 495/20
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Directed by Alan Budreau
 Assisted by the EMMY Award winning team of
Linda and Kerry Hurd
Featuring CATHY CHURCH
 America's Premier In-Water Photographer
 Janet MacCausland's **moonglow**
Cathedral Rocks
 a new film by Chris and Fred Calhoun
GREAT LAKES DIVING Dallas Edmiston
 David Clancy and Marc Munro
NEW ENGLAND SHIP WRECKS
 Applaud The Paul Revere Spike Award to
John Blackaar, Chief - Quincy Police Underwater Recovery Team
 Selected Short Subjects with **FRED CALHOUN**
THIS IS NOT THE ORDER OF PRESENTATIONS
 Tickets - \$25 each at the door, or in advance by writing
 Cecile Christensen, 2 Ocean Ave (1-H), Gloucester, MA 01930.
 Checks payable to Cecile Christensen. Phone 978-525-3432



Sea Raven

Cathedral Rocks

March 5th & 6th

Boston Sea Rovers

The Boston Sea Rovers are proud to announce that we'll be hosting our full weekend 2011 Clinic at the **Crowne Plaza Boston North Shore Hotel** in Danvers MA, on March 4th – 6th.

This venue, located less than 20 miles from downtown Boston, features fantastic amenities for exhibitors, attendees, and your family members. Here are just a few highlights in store throughout the weekend:

- Over 40 Saturday and Sunday **Daytime Seminars**, featuring slide and video shows from around the underwater world!
- World renowned **Saturday Evening Film Festival**, featuring the best filmmakers and explorers in the business!
- **Expanded Exhibit Hall** – Featuring a half-day exhibit floor on Friday for dive industry professionals, with two full days open to the public on Saturday and Sunday!
- **Free admission to Exhibit Floor** – Free passes will be available from the Exhibitors.
- **Discover Scuba** offered at the on-site pool.
- **Advanced Training & Specialized Workshops** from Industry Experts.
- **Fantastic Shipwreck Display**, highlighting artifacts and images from Ocean liners and Passenger Vessels recovered by Boston Sea Rovers and our friends.
- **Reasonably priced hotel rooms** with discount rates of \$129/night.
- **Free parking** at the hotel!
- **Special Sunday Kids Programs**, including hands-on interactive educational programs

Danvers boasts easy access from all points, including Boston via major highways such as RT 95, RT 128 and RT 1.

For more information go to www.bostonsearovers.com

May 14/15

DUI Dog Rally & Demo Tour

DUI will be holding its DUI Owners Group gathering at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. This is an opportunity for you to try out the latest in Dry Suits and accessories and take a dip in the ocean. This has been a fairly popular two day event. Plenty of park-

ing, a nice flat sandy beach food I think. Perfect for getting a May brain-freeze on! Google DUI for more information

July 28th thru August 1st

UDCM 2011 Canada Wreck Diving Trip!

We New Englanders are lucky to be within driving distance of some of the oldest and best preserved wooden wrecks in the world within recreational diving limits. Hundreds of years of industrial boat traffic, dangerous shoals, strong currents and sudden winter storms have left the bottom of Lake Ontario near Kingston and the St Lawrence River littered with wrecks. You would never believe these boats have been on the bottom for up to one hundred years. Come along on an international dive trip that doesn't require a trip to the airport!

The dates for the next Club trip to Canada are set for July 28th thru August 1, 2011. Final destination will be determined by the size of the group and the availability of boats for our group. Diving the wrecks in the lake is the first choice

Here is the tentative itinerary. Drive up to Ontario Canada on Thursday the 28th and meet at the designated motel or hotel. Take care of paperwork Thursday night. Three days of two tank diving. Return to the US Monday morning August 1st. Drive time to either Kingston or Brockville via the turnpike and Rt81 is a full six hours not counting any breaks or pit stops.



President Dufour and Larry Dufour

If we dive the lake it will be colder but there will be little or no current. Water temps will range from 70 at the surface to 50 at depths of 80 to 105 ft. The lake is much like an ocean, high waves may prevent us from entering the main body of the lake but there are protected sites to dive.

If we dive the river itself the water temps will be about 70 top to bottom with moderate to strong currents that require the use of mooring lines and chains to navigate to and from the wrecks. A 7mm wetsuit is more than enough for the river. Depths in the river range from 75 to 90ft.

Routine for the day is finish breakfast and leave for the boat around 7:30 AM. Load the gear and leave the dock around 8:30 AM. Do the two dives. Back to the dock around 1PM get the tanks refilled, then a nap and out for dinner. Rinse and Repeat. Sunday afternoon dry the gear, and get a good nights sleep for the drive home..



Ships Wheel City of Sheboygan

Signup will START at this Thursday night's club meeting. The trip fee is expected to be about \$550 per diver depending on the size of the group and our itinerary. A non refundable deposit of \$200 in cash or a check payable to the club will secure a spot for the trip for up to the first twelve divers. An advanced open water certification and a valid passport is required. Sign up closes on Feb 25th. Schedule of payments will be an additional \$200 due by April 1st and a final payment due by May 1st. Note that contractual commitments made by the club on your behalf mean no refunds. If you cannot complete the payment schedule, or cannot go on the trip after doing so, substitutes will be at the discretion of the Board.

The trip fee will cover arrangements for dual occupancy accommodations for four nights starting July 28th and three days of two tank boat diving.

Transportation costs, meals, boat tips and other expenses such as air fills will not be covered in the trip fee. You must arrive with two full air tanks and weights for each diver and refill your tanks twice. Nitrox fills are readily available.

Contact Bob Abraham bobudcm@charter.net if you are interested but cannot make the meeting.

February/March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
13	14	15	16	17 General Meeting 7PM Speaker Bob Foster Great Lakes	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Super Soup Dive 10AM Cape Anne Divers The Boston Scuba Show
27	28	1	2	3 BOD Meeting 6:30 PM	4	5 Boston Sea Rovers show and movie night
6 Boston Sea Rovers show	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 General Meeting 7PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Beneath the Sea Secaucus NJ

2011 Event Planner

Boston Sea Rovers Danvers, Mass March 5-6
 2nd Souper Soup Dive Saturday Night Ledge March, tbd
 Beneath the Sea Secaucus NJ March 25-27
 DOG Days Stage Fort Park Gloucester, MA May 14/15
 Cape Cod Divers Lobster Dive June tbd
 Scuba Chicks Day, July 9th Christine Bowers
 REEF Fishcount, July 23rd tbd
 Canada Trip late July 28th– August 1st Bob Abraham
 Lobsterfest August 14? Rich Atkins



2008 Club Trip to Brockville Ontario Canada

Where have you been?

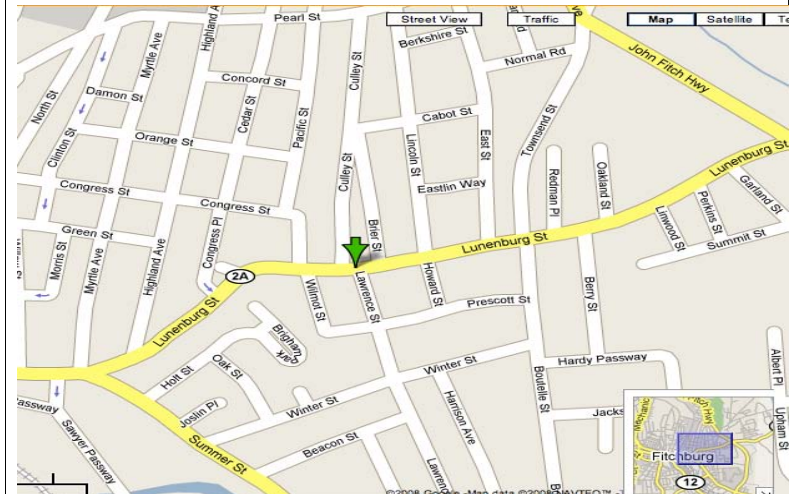
The Club wants to know. If you have been on a dive trip or some other activity that is club or scuba related let us know. Send a summary and a picture or two to the address at the end of the newsletter and I

will add it to a future newsletter.

If you have been on a dive trip and would like to schedule a presentation to the club contact Joe Avoli the Activities Chairman.

Meeting Time and Location

The United Divers meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month at Slattery's located at 106 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg, MA. 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 7:00p.m. with a social hour beginning at 6:30p.m. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact any of the board members.



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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 ecosystems, 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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