



“DIVE LOG”

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED DIVERS
OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

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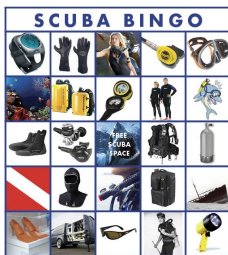
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**Congratulations
November Scuba
Bingo winners!!!**



**Rich Boucher
Derrick Smith
Doreen Sheehan**

January Guest Speaker Mark Potter of Mass Diving Natick, MA The Maldives

Mark Potter is the founder and owner of Mass Diving and Medic Training of New England in Natick Mass. Mark was first certified as a scuba diver in 1980, became instructor certified in 1986 and has logged over 3500 dives. Besides teaching SCUBA and First Aid Mark is also an avid underwater photographer. As a dive professional Mark has the privilege of leading dive trips and taking photographs in some of the most exotic destinations in the world. You can see some of Mark’s photography on his site <http://www.massdiving.com> as well as information on upcoming trips.



**Mark Potter
Mass Diving**

Club member Jose Bloise went on Mark’s September 2010 trip to one of his favorite locations the Maldives. This trip aboard the motor vessel Manthiri provided a tour of some of the Maldives signature sites and sightings of Manta rays.

Mark has graciously agreed to provide a photo and video presentation of this trip. Please join us in giving Mark a warm welcome at the club meeting and take in his presentation.

President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone

With a new year comes a new Board of Directors. This year we have Joe Avoli as Activities Coordinator, Marcelle Champagne as Membership Coordinator, Jan Abraham as Treasurer, Bob Abraham as Secretary, Kevin Brook as Vice President, and Kris Dufour as President. Karen Ferrante has agreed to be the clubs webmaster again and the board looks forward to working with her on keeping it updated with all the important information you need to know. We already have a few good ideas for presenters for this years general meetings. Kicking off the year in January we have Mark Potter of Mass Diving who will have a slide and video presentation about a recent trip to the Maldives.

The February meeting will feature Bob Foster presenting on an expedition to Lake Superior. We have plenty of charters and shore dives to offer the club as the year goes on. We also hope to have some dive trips to offer club members as well. Scuba Chicks day is in the works again for this year, more details on this to come. If there is anything you would like to see the club offer this, be it trips, guest speakers, dives please feel free to let one of the board members know.

Safe diving,

Kris

Who can lead a dive trip? You can!

The Club through the Board regularly sponsors Dive Trips. Leading a Dive Trip does not have to be difficult and you do not have to be the best or most senior diver on the trip. You are not taking responsibility for the safety of other divers in transit or in the water. You just have to be willing to manage the details and run the trip. Planning a Club Dive Trip and getting Board sponsorship entails picking a date and a dive site and presenting your plan to the Board or the Activities Chair Joe Avoli for approval. Local dive trips can be proposed via email.

Dive trips can be for a shore dive, a local boat dive or even an international dive trip. Board approval and support will be contingent upon the interest in, complexity of, and expenses involved. Why involve the Board? The Board may, at its discretion, choose to provide monies for non alcoholic refreshments for club members for shore dives and financial backing where deposits are required for charter trips.



Northern Red Anemone
Dry Salvages

Boston Sea Rovers will be at a new location in Danvers Mass March 5th and 6th. Expanded exhibit space. Dr Bob Ballard will have a featured role at the Film Fest. Check it out <http://www.bostonsearovers.com/>

Upcoming Events

February 17th Club Meeting

Bob Foster presents

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 Rosspoint, 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 amazing degree, and it was labeled "the most well preserved and prestigious shipwreck in the world" by the Cousteau 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.



February 26th

Jeff Goodreau leads the years first

Crockpot Dive

The first Crockpot dive is scheduled for Saturday Feb 26th. The big Cape Anne Dive boat has a heated cabin and plenty of space. We are going to try for the wreck of the Reliance (120') and the Poling (95') weather permitting.

Advanced certificate required, dry suit recommended, water temps will be in the high thirties. 10am Cape Ann Divers. Super Soup and biscuits are on the menu. Book your spot through Cape Anne Divers soon!

The next Bay State Council of Divers meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM on February 9, 2010 in Quincy. (Snow date 2/16/11)

Boston Scuba Show Feb 26, 2011 9am to 3pm Holiday Inn Marlboro MA jct 495/20 \$25 - Fred is a hoot and will be premiering a movie he was shooting the day we were at Cathedral Rocks last June. \$25 at the door, more info 978-525-3432

January/February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tu	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17	18	19 Andy's Halcyon Demo Day	20 General Meeting 7PM Speaker Mark Potter Maldives	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3 BOD Meeting 6:30 PM	4	5
6	7	8	9 Bay State Council	10	11	12
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 Marlboro Ma

2011 Event Planner

Andy's Sport Shop Halcyon Demo Day Jan 19th
 Bay State Divers Council Quincy, MA February 9th
 The Boston Scuba Show Marlboro, Mass. Feb26
 Boston Sea Rovers Danvers, Mass March 5-6
 2nd Souper Soup Dive March, tbd
 Beneath the Sea Secaucus NJ March 25-27

Cape Cod Divers Lobster Dive May/June tbd
 Scuba Chicks Day, July 9th tbd
 REEF Fishcount, July 23rd tbd
 Lobsterfest, August tbd

Canada Anyone?

Speaking of trips. The Board is thinking about another Club trip to Canada this summer. This is an international trip without the expense or hassle of boarding a plane. We've done these in past years to Brockville, Ontario and Kingston, Ontario and they have been great experiences. This is a great opportunity to see 100 year old wooden shipwrecks up close either in the St Lawrence River or out in Lake On-

tario itself. Dives tend to be deep and current in the river can be strong so an Advanced certification is recommended and confidence in your skills is a must. But the water temperatures are wet suit friendly and you don't have to rinse your gear! This trip will likely occur in late summer, a valid passport will be required. Talk to a board member if you are interested or want to hear more.

Lobsters Anyone?

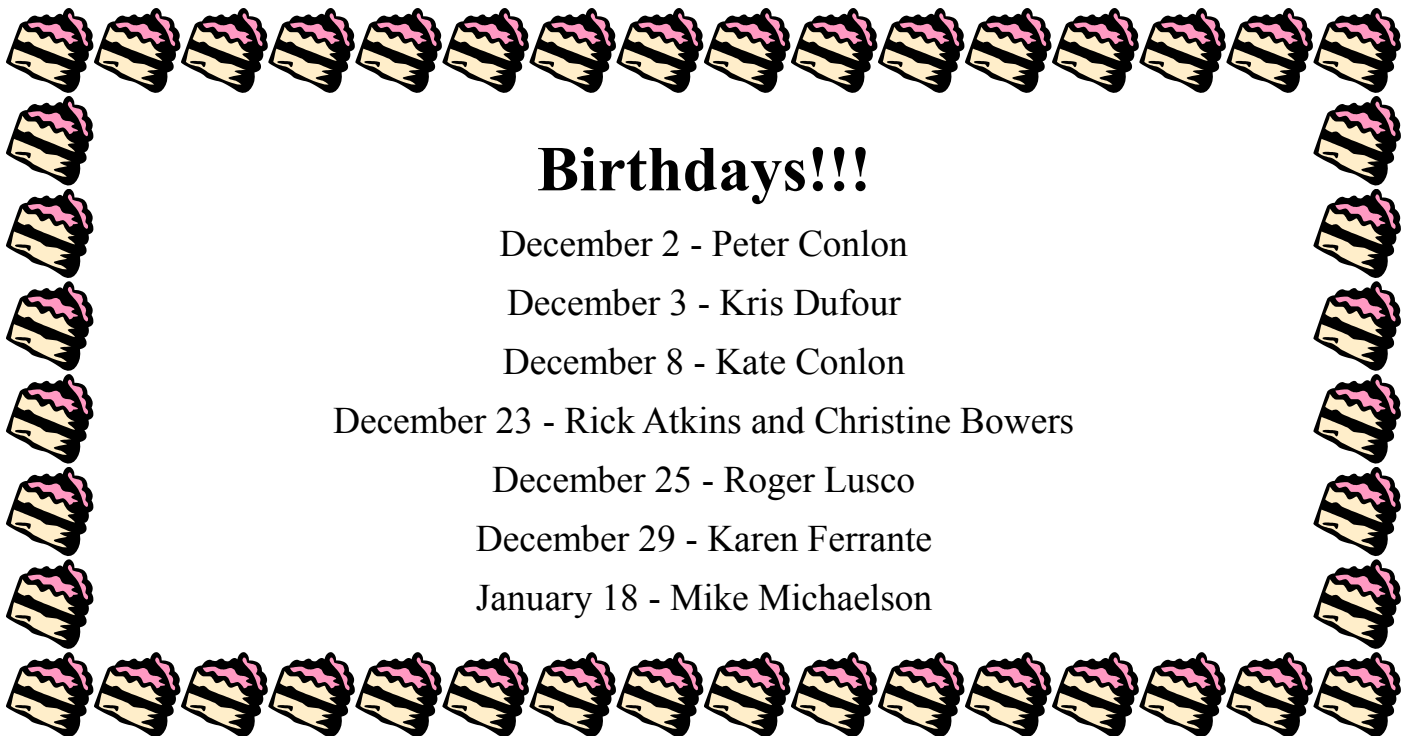
It is not too early to be thinking about Lobster diving. The Club had two terrific lobster dives with Cape Cod Divers on the National seashore last year. First at Race Point and later in the summer at Nauset

Ledges outside Chatham. No upper size limit on these bugs.

If you are interested, speak to a board member or email me. We only need six divers to fill a boat.

Pop Quiz

Q What was the name of Mike Nelson's boat?



Birthdays!!!

December 2 - Peter Conlon

December 3 - Kris Dufour

December 8 - Kate Conlon

December 23 - Rick Atkins and Christine Bowers

December 25 - Roger Lusco

December 29 - Karen Ferrante

January 18 - Mike Michaelson

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. Stay current, membership renewals are due by April 1st.

A nice day at Cathedral Rocks last June



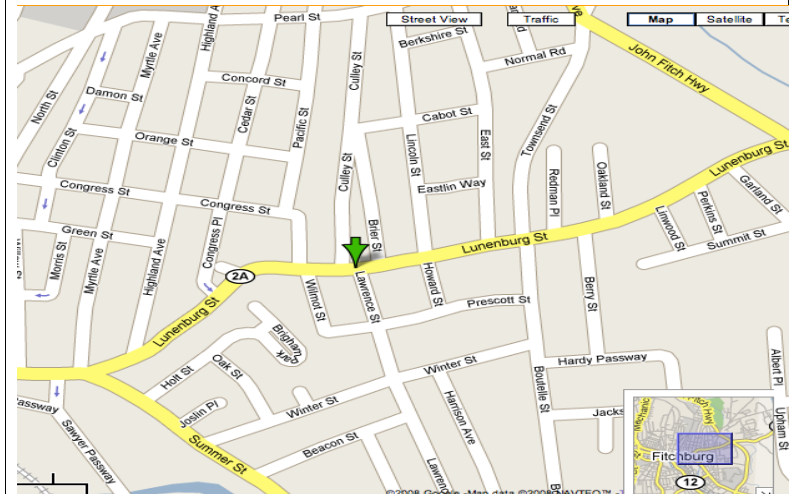

Jeff Goodreau and Jan Abraham soaking up some rays



Rick Atkins, Bob Abraham, Jose Bloise, Kevin Brooks and Jeff Goodreau (with the Scooter)

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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Tide Tables

Rockport Harbor, MA

DATE	Day	HIGH				LOW			
		AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft
January 2011									
8	Sat	1:29	8.5	1:36	8.8	7:27	0.8	7:54	0.3
9	Sun	2:08	8.4	2:18	8.5	8:09	1	8:32	0.6
10	Mon	2:48	8.3	3:02	8.1	8:54	1.2	9:13	1
11	Tue	3:30	8.2	3:50	7.7	9:41	1.4	9:56	1.3
12	Wed	4:16	8.1	4:42	7.3	10:33	1.5	10:44	1.5
13	Thu	5:05	8.1	5:38	7.1	11:29	1.5	11:35	1.6
14	Fri	5:58	8.2	6:38	7.1			12:27	1.3
15	Sat	6:52	8.4	7:36	7.2	12:30	1.6	1:24	1
16	Sun	7:45	8.7	8:30	7.6	1:25	1.5	2:18	0.6
17	Mon	8:37	9.2	9:19	8	2:19	1.2	3:07	0
18	Tue	9:26	9.7	10:06	8.5	3:09	0.7	3:53	-0.5
19	Wed	10:13	10.2	10:52	8.9	3:58	0.2	4:39	-1
20	Thu	11:01	10.5	11:37	9.4	4:46	-0.3	5:24	-1.4
21	Fri	11:49	10.6			5:35	-0.7	6:09	-1.6
22	Sat	12:23	9.7	12:38	10.5	6:25	-0.9	6:56	-1.6
23	Sun	1:11	9.9	1:30	10.3	7:16	-1	7:45	-1.3
24	Mon	2:01	10	2:24	9.8	8:11	-0.8	8:36	-0.9
25	Tue	2:54	9.9	3:22	9.2	9:09	-0.6	9:30	-0.4
26	Wed	3:51	9.7	4:26	8.6	10:12	-0.3	10:30	0.1
27	Thu	4:52	9.5	5:34	8.2	11:19	0	11:34	0.6
28	Fri	5:58	9.3	6:45	8			12:29	0.1
29	Sat	7:04	9.2	7:52	7.9	12:41	0.8	1:36	0.1
30	Sun	8:07	9.2	8:52	8.1	1:46	0.9	2:37	-0.1
31	Mon	9:04	9.3	9:44	8.3	2:45	0.8	3:30	-0.2
February 2011									
1	Tue	9:54	9.4	10:30	8.5	3:37	0.6	4:17	-0.3
2	Wed	10:38	9.5	11:10	8.6	4:24	0.4	4:59	-0.4
3	Thu	11:18	9.4	11:47	8.6	5:06	0.3	5:36	-0.3
4	Fri	11:56	9.3			5:44	0.3	6:11	-0.2
5	Sat	12:22	8.6	12:32	9	6:22	0.4	6:45	0.1
6	Sun	12:56	8.6	1:08	8.7	6:58	0.5	7:18	0.3
7	Mon	1:29	8.6	1:45	8.5	7:36	0.6	7:52	0.6
8	Tue	2:05	8.5	2:25	8.1	8:15	0.8	8:28	0.9

Source <http://www.boatma.com/tides>

Dive Log

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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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