

DIVE LOG

The Bimonthly Newsletter of the United Divers of New Hampshire

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Photos of annual New Year's Dive at the Nubble by Steven Santinelli



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From the Editor

Greetings, fellow divers!

Is it a new year already? My how time flies!

Some of you may have noticed that this is the first issue of 2002, instead of the last issue of 2001. Yup, I skipped an issue. It just turned out too hard to try to catch up after getting on board as editor late last year. Sorry, *Dive Log* fans ... I'll try not to let it happen again!

It's shaping up to be a good year for our club. We have several presentations lined up already for the coming year's meetings, and we have a new president to break in, er, to initiate, er, to lead our great gang of divers!

Seriously though, Steve's already cranking, with many fine ideas for this year! Thanks to Tom for having served during 2001, and best of luck to you, Steve!

Happy Diving,

Karen Marion



Those of you who attended the party at Karen Marion's house in honor of Jake and Linda Richter's visit to New England will no doubt remember Darlene Ellis' wonderful concoction. It was a big hit, and she has graciously agreed to share it with us!

Chicken Divine

By Darlene Ellis

- 3 small chicken breasts (cooked and cut into bite size pieces)
- 1 package frozen broccoli (cooked and cut up)
- 1 can cream of broccoli soup with 1/3 cup milk
- 4 ounces cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon of butter

Lay broccoli in an oven-safe baking dish. Then add chicken, salt and pepper to taste and garlic salt to taste. Add soup and milk mixture and then the cheese. Add bread crumbs to top and drizzle butter over the whole thing. Bake at 450 degrees for 15 minutes. Enjoy!



The President's Corner

Hello United Divers,

Welcome to our first President's corner. I hope in the next year to discuss current and past diving information of interest. I would like to start this off with an issue, which I feel is important and needs more explanation than I was able to give at the banquet. The issue: support your local dive shop. You're probably saying, oh no not again. Well, I think it is important. Here are some facts:

The average local small shop needs to gross \$400,000.00 a year in sales to break even.

The average local small shop supplies service quickly and usually has a great personality who runs it. Try getting those from a mail order company. The average local small shop stocks and sells current equipment. Not true with some mail order. All average local small shops teach all aspects of diving. Not true of some mail order. The average local small shop fills tanks. Not true of some mail order. The average local small shop is not always the highest price. After you add on shipping and handling from mail order the price is a lot closer. The average local small shop pays high liability insurance.

Some average local small shops provide spring check up for no fee. The average small shop lets you test drive large pieces of equipment before purchase.

So the next time you are contemplating a purchase, at least shop. Do not go to that catalog and order that new gear without giving the small local shop an opportunity to price that item or something similar. If your local shop does not carry that particular item that you are searching for, then that is a different issue.

The judgment call at the end is, how much of a spread does each individual use as the difference in price of local supplied equipment compared to mail order equipment? Are you willing to lose that average small shop in your neighborhood for \$40.00 or \$50.00 difference per item?

Steve Cantelli

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Next Issue: Some lighthearted scuba history.

Below is our new president at Nubble on New Year's Day



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In our last issue, Linda Hurd was in the water in Saba, attempting a dive. Will she or won't she? Find out below, as she continues her story of the dive club trip to Saba ...

Do You Know Where Your Mask Is?

Continued from Sep/Oct issue By Linda Hurd

Meanwhile Nicol and Karen are watching all this on the boat. I come up with the guys and say I can't do this, and tell them to continue. Karen said she would make sure I was fine once I got on the boat. The guys go down. Nicol and Karen meet me at the back of the boat, Nicol takes my gear out of the water, and I crawl up the ladder on to the dive deck. Then up the ladder to the deck where all the equipment is stored. Nicol is trying to lift my tank and BCD to this deck and I try to grab it from her as she is still on the lower deck. She says she will get it and I tell her I'm fine and can grab it. She made sure Karen was close and let me have it. I put it back in the tank holder where I have my stuff. I take a fresh water shower with my skin and suit half on, then took everything off and rinsed again. I hung everything and got ready to help the others as they came out. I then planned on snorkeling off the back of the boat just to make sure I was fine in the water. I did this twice, once to make sure I was fine with water going over my head. Both of these snorkel sessions were when Mike (dive instructor) was on deck and watched me. One was for 20 minutes, the second was for an hour. The second snorkeling was at a depth shallow enough to watch the divers below. It was quite funny watching the buddy teams and how they were diving. It was also funny watching someone trying to get someone else's attention with no luck. The water was warm enough to do this in my dive skin only.

I was going to try an afternoon dive in St. Kitts and had gotten all my gear out and was getting dressed when everyone was getting buddied up and "things happened." I turned to Kerry and said I wasn't going to even try as I might be inconveniencing his buddy that wasn't me. So I took off my gear. The dive I was able to complete was on Paradise Reef in St. Kitts. This dive started out by my telling Kerry that he was going to be my buddy and it was only going to be him and me. I apologized in advance if it meant he might not be able to do this dive if I can't get down, but I wasn't going to burden anyone else. He had just agreed to this when Mike (instructor) said, "Linda, you and I are doing this dive." I explained that Kerry would dive with me, and he said for Kerry to find another buddy. It was going to be him and me. We would take as long as we needed to get down and that we would be the last ones off the back of the boat. He also said if I was running out of air at the end of the dive I could buddy breathe off his regulator on the way up. (He and I had talked earlier in the week about the problems I had clearing my ears and what usually went on during a dive because of my ears.)

The entry into the water went fine and the trip around the back of the boat to meet Mike on the "granny line" went fine. We got to the down line and it took some time to get down the line (I used 700psi just to get to 25'). On the line down Mike noticed that the mooring line was going up and down about 5' in depth and thought that might not be good for my ears so he motioned me to hold his hand and not hold the line as this might help. My ears stopped clearing at about 25' and I thought about going back up. As I was getting to the 25' level, I was looking around and saw the garden eels, the other divers, and the vis was really good, so I motioned to Mike that my ears weren't clearing but could we level out and start swimming. He gave me the ok sign. I was thinking that even if I couldn't make it to 50', I could still see things and maybe watch the group picture being taken. As it turned out, as we

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were swimming I was able to get to 50'. As this happened I started pointing out things to Mike and Kerry everywhere. Karen came over and pointed out a juvenile Jackknife fish to me. Soon after this Mike had to chase me all over the reef as I was swimming everywhere to see stuff. This was a very pretty reef with lots of color. Mike and I kept checking our gauges and I still had plenty of air. With the way we were going and the current, it just turned out we were back by the line after about 45 minutes so Mike and I decided to go up as the other divers were headed that way now. We did our 5 minute stop and headed back down the "granny line" to the back of the boat and wait our turn getting out. I made it out of the water with all my gear on, but not up the ladder to the gear deck. Mike handed it up to me.

Needless to say I didn't put anyone's gear away before I got out (mind you, the divers were used to me doing this by now) and as no one was doing it, I started as soon as I got my gear off and out of the way. After getting all the gear out of the way, I unzipped my suit and skin, did a fresh water rinse, finished taking everything off, had another rinse and then rinsed and hung everything. It was so neat, after coming out as all of the crew were pleased for me, and Erin gave me a hug.

Anyway that was my dive of the trip. The only other times people had to take care of their gear was the 2 times I took naps. It was funny after one of these because people didn't know where their gear was. As I stated earlier I would have to let someone else tell you about the other dives, as I cannot.

Kerry and I did the Saba land tour. Saba has very steep roads, and you go from desert to tropical rain forest, and goats run all over the island. The flowers and trees are very colorful. Kerry, Jean, and Steven Sharp decided to walk down a forest trail to one of the towns, so I handed Kerry the camera and fanny pack it is carried in and they were off. Gary, Sue, Jonathan, and I went back to town to

shop. I wanted to get a crab made by locals out of recycled cement bags and found this neat orange outfit at the same store. It was at this time that I realized Kerry had my money in the fanny pack. Jonathan gave me the money and I paid him back when Kerry got there. We finished the tour and got brought back to the boat by a local dive operator that moved from Australia to Saba to follow his dream. We get back to the boat late so everyone had to wait for dinner. But it was worth it.

As the week went on while others were diving and I was watching the surface for them, I saw at least 5 turtles breathing at the surface - very neat. On the way back to St. Maarten we were on the upper deck looking forward, to see what we could and the flying fish went sailing off the sides of the boat for quite some distance. We also got wet from all the spray. We arrived back at the dock in St. Maarten. We went for a walk and shopping, as dinner reservations aren't for another couple of hours. I got 2 dresses and we just kept walking for a while. On the way back to the boat most of the group stopped at the restaurant as the 1/2 price drinks and hors d'oeuvres were going on. Kerry and I went back to the boat to put away the things we just got. I changed into one of the dresses I just got to wear to dinner. It is time for dinner and we go to the restaurant. As we get there, all of the group that had stopped earlier was done eating and drinking, and going back to the boat. We were joined by most of the crew and other members of our group, and had a very nice dinner. We then went back to the boat to pack for flying home the following day.



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Summary of Winter Activities

By Karen Marion

The club's been busy in the last couple of months. We ended our 2001 season with our traditional year-end banquet. Some of you might not realize how close we came to missing out on this annual event. We had trouble finding a venue, and a volunteer to organize the event. At nearly the last minute, a few intrepid members sprang into action and planned an event at the Intervale Country Club in Manchester. The food was quite good, and the speaker very interesting. Stephen Gagin, who is with Viking Divers, spoke about a trip he won to visit the Titanic in a Russian submersible. The talk was very well received, and I believe the consensus is that Intervale is nice enough to use again. Thanks to Tom Tremblay, for planning the food and location, to Jean Stefanik for arranging our speaker, and to Gayla for pulling together so many raffle items!

In late November we held a club party to honor Jake and Linda Richter, who were visiting New England so that Jake could have shoulder surgery. We had a potluck supper at my house, with many, many snacks. We had an excellent turnout, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The club also sponsored a free reef fish ID class, run by Brandy Derickson. We ate tons of pizza in Bob and Rose's beautiful, custom-designed home. We visited. We learned about many fish. And as a bonus, all of us who participated became REEF members for free.

In November, intrepid divers and friends met at Nubble Lighthouse for the annual Christmas tree lighting. Gary designed a new tree stand, Linda found a wonderful string of little light sticks, and several divers sunk and raised the tree. This time the dive was actually publicized beyond the club, so there was quite an audience on the divers' return. Despite low visibility, the dive was a success. Thank you, Don Stevens, of Atlantic Aquasport, for donating the Christmas tree again this year!

And last, but certainly not least, many of us met again at Nubble for our annual New Year's dive. Many divers went in. Among other things, there was a quick tank swap as one of the tanks seemed to be leaking at the first stage. There was also a first stage free flow. But other than that, the diving seemed pretty easy. Those of us merely observing thought the divers were rather nuts to brave the cold water, as it was quite cold enough topside! Among the observers were my new retired racing greyhound, our golden retriever, and Gary and Sue's new puppy! The canine participants added a little extra something ... and those of us who were not diving enjoyed the diversion while the divers were down.

Hopefully the coming year will continue to be active, fun, and full of great diving!



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- editor

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In a letter addressed to our new president, the following offers professional dive training in Mexico. The inclusion of this letter does not constitute endorsement by United Divers of New Hampshire. There was much more information than space allowed, so for more information, contact Karen Marion (kmarion@adelphia.net), Steve Cantelli (stevedives@mediaone.net), or the author of this email to get further details ...

From: <Neptunediver@aol.com>

I wasn't sure who to write to but was hoping you could assist me. We have started an internship/training program at our dive shop in Manzanillo, Mexico for those who would like to gain some working experience and achieve their dive master certification. We take divers at all levels. The program is 6 to 8 weeks long and the fees cover housing, instruction, tank fills, boat fees, etc.

As one or more of your dive club members may be

interested in such an endeavor, especially for the summer break, we would greatly appreciate your help in posting this program on your message boards or events calendar.

For more information, please read the following information packet/contract that everyone will receive.

If there is any further information you need please feel free to contact myself or Jorge at diving@neptunesdiving.com. Also please feel free to check out our website at www.neptunesdiving.com.

Best regards and thank you in advance.
Eva

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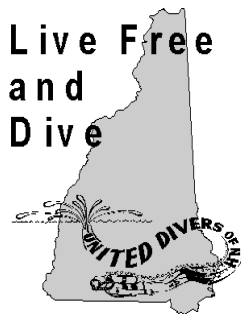


Dues are due!

All members who pay their dues by 8:00 p.m. February 4, 2002, are eligible to win a 63 cubic foot steel tank, donated by Don Stevens at Atlantic Aqua Sport in Rye, NH.

Membership forms can be downloaded from our website at www.udnh.org. The winner will be drawn right after Lea and Wayne do the talk/video portion of the ice dive training.

Anyone who cannot attend a meeting before then may mail in the application.



Club Meetings

Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month, January through November. We encourage potential members to attend a meeting or two to experience our club before joining. The meetings are held at the YMCA on 30 Mechanic St. (off of Elm Street) in Manchester. The meetings start at 7:00 PM. Each meeting consists of a short business portion followed by a variety of presentations and discussions. Immediately following the club has an hour of pool time for swimming, trying out gear, and the occasional game of pool volleyball or underwater hockey. Members and guests often meet afterwards at a local restaurant for food and drink.

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Membership

Annual dues for membership for 2002 in the United Divers of New Hampshire are \$30/individual or \$45/family. Dues are not prorated for members who join later in the year. To join, please contact Don Eva at (603) 672-5608

Get in the Swim

After every meeting, the YMCA pool is open to our dive club for an hour of fun and fitness.

Don't wait for the ice to thaw before trying out that new equipment, the pool is the perfect place. Check out the club calendar for special presentations in the pool like dive knife use or trying out a dry suit. So bring a suit and a towel to every meeting and get into the swim.

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Meeting Schedule: (winter hours) 7:00-8:30 pm - meeting & presentation, 8:30-9:30 - pool time, 9:30-9:45 - hot tub!

Meetings and Events

January 21 - Meeting

Karen Marion will share slides from her Bonaire trip

February 4 - Meeting

Ice dive training with Lea, Mike and Wayne

February 16 - Boston Scuba Show "Tribute to Bobby Boyle" (Fred Calhoun) at Holiday Inn, Marlboro, MA

February 18 - Meeting

March 4 - Meeting

March 17 - Club ski trip (location TBD) signup with Steve Cantelli

March 18 - Meeting

April 1 - Meeting

April 6 - Wrecks Dive Show, Framingham, MA, Metrowest Dive Club

April 13 - Nubble Navigation Dive, arrive around noon

April 15 - Meeting

April 20 - Diver's intro (Don Stevens) at Yokens, Portsmouth, NH

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Saturday			Sunday		
January					
5	4:10 PM	6	5:15 PM		
12	10:28 AM	13	11:11 AM		
19	3:13 PM	20	4:00 PM		
26	8:48 AM	27	9:40 AM		

February					
2	2:53 PM	3	3:53 PM		
9	9:28 AM	10	10:15 AM		
16	1:59 PM	17	2:38 PM		
23	7:19 AM	24	8:20 AM		

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