

A Guide to the Isles of Shoals

by Joe Gobinni

The Isles of Shoals are a group of small islands six miles due east of Rye, NH. The major islands are eight: Appledore (formerly called Hog), Duck, Smuttynose, Cedar, Star, Lunging, Seavey, and White. Star, Cedar, and Smuttynose are joined by man-made dikes; White and Seavey are joined at low tide by a natural dam. A lot of minor rocks and submerged divable ledges surround the islands.

Books have been written about the history of the Shoals; I'll do what little I can in a single paragraph. Officially discovered in 1614 by a Captain Smith, who called them Smith's Isles, they had already been known to fishermen for at least a generation by then. Before there were any permanent English settlements in America, English fishermen sailed over every year and summered on these islands, while fishing the extraordinarily abundant swarms of fish that populated the waters around. A "shoal" used to mean a school of fish, rather than a shallow bottom; that explains the name.

In time, the summer settlement grew into a permanent one: the village of Appledore on Hog Island. Up to the year 1680, the village had 600 inhabitants, who made a good living fishing cod (300 cods per day per angling hook!) and drying it with a process known only to them.

Hog Island belongs to Maine, which was then a part of Massachusetts. It will not be a surprise for my readers to team that, as soon as they got wind of the Appledoreans' prosperity, the Boston legislators proceeded to tax them to death. Rather than pay, the Appledoreans abandoned their homes in 1680 and moved to Star Island, which belongs to New Hampshire. The new settlement, which was eventually called Gosport, continued to live on the plentiful harvests of cod and other marine creatures. With two centuries of exploitation, the plentiful harvests decreased and dwindled to nothing. (Again, no surprise.) The population of Gosport dwindled likewise.

The Shoalers had always been a people apart, with their own dialect and culture. During the Revolution they were all deported to the mainland, suspected of being Tories. After they had exhausted the resources they lived on, they became even more peculiar. Their last decades are a dark story of poverty, degeneracy and murder, until the few inhabitants left were bought out in 1872.

During the Gilded Age the Isles of Shoals were a summer resort. Hog Island was renamed Appledore, after the vanished town, and was home to a famous hotel run by poetess Celia Thaxter. Star Island hosted a rival hotel. Neither business has survived. Today, Star and the islands joined to it are owned by the Unitarian Universalist church, which uses them as a conference center. Appledore is home to the Shoals Marine Laboratory, a joint venture of Cornell and the University of New Hampshire. Lunging is a private summer home. White and Seavey are government property and have an unmanned lighthouse. Duck Island is, and always was, uninhabited.

We shall never see the Isles of Shoals' waters as they were before human greed and impertinence depopulated them, but they are still one of the best dive sites of New England. The bottom is mostly rocky, with ledges, slopes and canyons. Visibility is much better than on the coast; it can reach forty feet. The bottom life is relatively unspoiled. Plenty of invertebrates: mussels,

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you are, because you may surface behind a rock and not see the boat any more. Dive #3 is around Mingo Rock. This southernmost rock of the group is your best bet for seeing seals, but they will not usually let you get close. Mingo has two gentle sides and two steep sides, so you have your choice of depth. For a uniformly shallow dive, there is dive #4, west of the central knot and south of Duck. There you have a sheltered area almost completely surrounded by ledges, 40 feet deep in the middle, but mostly ranging from 10 to 30 feet. Boats can enter it from the southwest. It makes an ideal second dive, if your first one was deep; or a good alternate, if the surf makes the oceanward side too difficult for the boat. The bottom is rock, mostly eaten bare by urchins and stars. On the walls you can see anemones, chitons, and many Doris nudibranchs until late spring.

Not far from the northeastern group there is Old Henry, an isolated ledge. It is our dive #5. The top is some 20 feet deep; it occasionally emerges during gales. The bottom is sandy, 110 ft deep. Go down quick on the south side and come up slow for a spectacular view of depth-layered habitats.

Let us go now to the main island, Appledore. It is the home of the Shoals Marine Lab and it is indeed a mecca for science diving. I have not assigned a dive number to the tidal pool on the western side, because it is too shallow to dive and too delicate to disturb. But, if you are a guest of the lab, it is a must see.

Dive #6 is just outside of the pool. Start at the pier, go around the little island and north to the "cribs". The "cribs" are square frames made of logs and filled with stones. They used to support a now vanished pier. They are thickly matted with anemones, festooned with kelp, and home to lobsters, sculpins and rock eels. If you are

spending the night on Appledore, do a night dive in the dark corridors between one crib and the next. Dive #7 is on the southeastern side, which is cliffy and broken by clefts. One of them, Devil's Glen, is particularly interesting for biologists and photographers. After you have explored it, continue your dive to the south. The channel between Appledore and Smuttynose is quite shallow, but made interesting by an endless pattern of rocks and crevices. You will find kelp on top, anemones in the overhangs. Mind the boats that cross the channel. Dive #8 is on the Southwestern corner. Swimming out from the island, you will find a gentle kelp-covered slope, and then a steeper slope to 60 feet. If you find an endless kelp plain, it means you are too far north or too far south.

The connected islands of Star, Cedar and Smuttynose host the U.U. conference center. Most of the western side is a large harbor, which will be full of boats during the season. Do not dive there, unless you are a bottle collector. Avoid the western side of Star as well: too much refuse from the hotel. On the eastern side, I know three good dives. Dive #9 is along the eastern side of Star. The bottom is rocky and terraced. You may either hug the coast or swim out; in the latter case you can reach 100 feet. Dive #10 starts from the Star-to-Cedar connecting dike, or the south side of Cedar. The bottom is rocky, broken into large flat plateaus. Here too you can reach 100 ft depth, but you have to swim a bit more. You will typically stay on a 20 to 60 foot ground. In #9 and #10 you can see wolf eels, flounders, sculpins, lumpfish and the occasional little shark. Dive #11 is in the bay between Cedar and Smuttynose. You can have the boat drop you in a 50-60 foot bottom, and explore the bay going slowly to the northwest, up the gentle slope. You end your dive in the shallow 20 foot bottom, then ascend and swim back to the boat. The bottom is rocky, not much kelp (the urchins take care of

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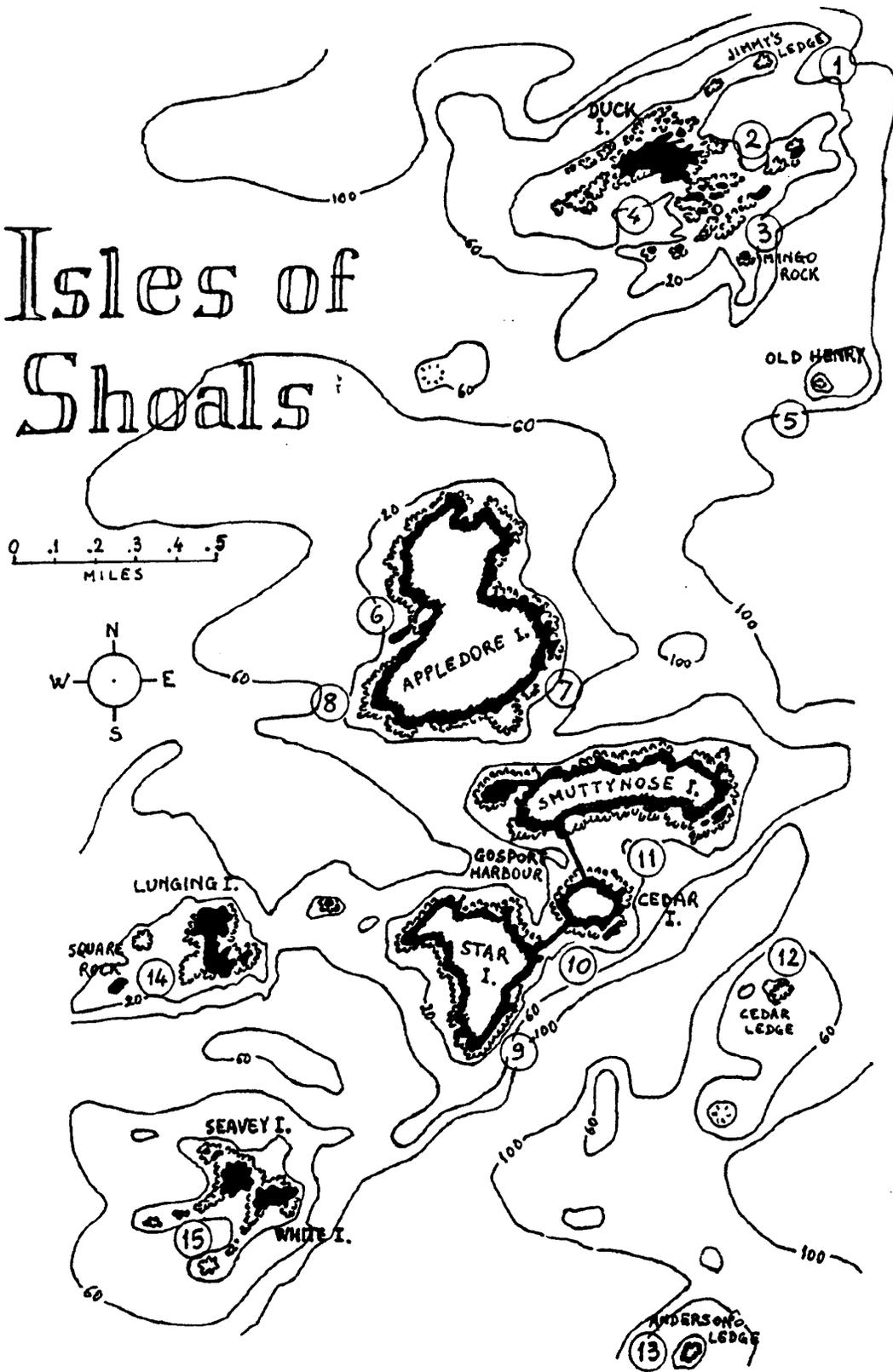
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Map of the Isles of Shoals by Joe Gobbini, NEADC Vice President

it), sponges and anemones in the overhangs, stars and mussels everywhere, and now and then a wolf eel.

A deep (130 feet) channel separates the central group of islands from a series of ledges. Dive #12 (one of the best I know) is Cedar Ledge. The ledge's top reaches the surface at low tide. The topmost section is kelpy. Then the ledge broadens into a bare rock plateau, broken by clefts and settled by the usual invertebrates. It is a favorite living ground for wolf eels. Follow the clefts where they usually stay, and you may meet four or five of them in a single dive. If you swim northwestwards you can go as far down as 100 feet, where you will find sand. Cedar Ledge is another good place for sharks. A quarter mile south of Cedar Ledge there is another ledge, which I have never dived and whose name I don't know. About a mile to the south there is Anderson Ledge, our dive #13. It looks a lot like the previous dive: a large flat top partly bare and partly covered with kelp, crisscrossed by clefts and fissures. However, Anderson Ledge is home to swarms of bluefish, and swarms of amateur fishermen who chum them. They rarely give you a break in which to dive it; but when they do, Anderson Ledge is worth the wait.

The southwestern group of the Shoals archipelago comprises Lunging, White and Seavey islands. Dive #14 is the west side of Lunging, a seldom dived site. There is a large shallow area between Lunging and Square Rock which offers a variety of habitats. Dive it when the surge is not bad, lest you get thrashed around the rocks. If you do not enjoy diving shallow, just swim south, and you will find a slope down to 60 feet. The east and north sides of Lunging also look promising on the map, but I have never dived them. The White and Seavey group is medium steep on three sides; the remaining side, on the southwest, is a sheltered area

between two lines of ledges. There is our dive #15, a good dive even when the surge is too strong elsewhere. You can start at the entrance, forty feet deep, and work your way up the gentle slope and then around the line of rocks. Urchins and stars are the prevalent fauna.

At this point, while I stop and draw a breath, I usually hear a chorus of questions: how can we get there? We don't have a boat, we don't belong to the UU's, are we shut out of any access to the Shoals? Don't worry, you are not. There are charter boats that go to the Isles of Shoals regularly. During the good season, you can go to the Shoals on any Saturday or Sunday of your choice for just \$45. The boats usually leave at nine in the morning, come back at four, and include two dives. That is enough for most people.

Now, if you want to *stay* on the Shoals, that is a different matter. Attending one of the week-long conferences on Star is good, but will not give you much opportunity for diving. If you want to overnight on the Shoals and dive to your heart's content, with a boat to carry you around to the best sites, your only option is to be a guest of the Shoals Marine Lab. The New England Aquarium Dive Club used to organize a long weekend at the Lab every year. I went twice. That usage unfortunately fell a victim of recession and high costs.

I wish you many good dives on the Isles of Shoals, and will be glad to hear from you if you found this little guide useful.

This article and the accompanying map have been excerpted from the April 1992 issue of the Newsletter of the New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEADC), courtesy of the author, who served as NEADC's Vice President at the time, and is also a past President of NEADC.

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The Cemetery Revisited (or "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Dive")

by Philip Morrison

Those of you who read this newsletter on a regular basis should remember an article I wrote recently about one of my favorite dive sites, The Cemetery. Maybe some of you were planning to dive there in the near future. Unfortunately, I am going to have to warn you against doing that.

Shortly after the article came out in the May 1995 Dive Log I decided to take my own advice and go to The Cemetery. I took a friend along who is a brand new diver. He had just completed his open water dives the previous weekend and I thought The Cemetery would be a good first dive following his certification. The ease of entry makes it ideal for new divers. Unfortunately, although it was a beautiful day, our dive was just not meant to be.

We drove into the cemetery and proceeded back to the drop-off point. As I had done countless times before, we backed into the small pull-out and prepared to begin toting our gear down to the water. Just then a woman drove, up and asked what we were doing. Naturally, I replied that we were going diving. I imagined that she was going to point out that there is no parking where we were standing, of which I was already well aware. However, her response was, "You do know that you are trespassing, don't you?" Needless to say, I was quite taken aback by this news!

She explained that Gloucester has an ordinance which prohibits the traversal of town-owned cemeteries for anything other than cemetery related activities. There-

fore, we could not access the shoreline through the cemetery. Unfortunately, this effectively prohibits diving, or any other activities, on the shoreline, since there is no other access to the water. She claimed that this ordinance has been around for a while but has not been enforced. However, increasing acts of trash dumping and vandalism have prompted them to start doing so. She said that signs would soon be erected notifying people about this ordinance.

Immediately upon returning home, I called someone at the Bay State Council of Divers and informed him of this new development and asked him to check into it. Hopefully we can work something out so that divers will be allowed access to the shoreline here and The Cemetery will remain off-limits for only a short time. Stay tuned further developments on this issue.



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Intrepid Diver, Philip Morrison, at a recent Club dive at Fort Foster.

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Civil War Sub Found

CHARLESTON, S.C. (Reuter) - May 1995 - A team of divers led by top-selling author Clive Cussler said Thursday it had discovered the long-sought sunken hull of a Civil War submarine that was the first in history to sink a warship.

The legendary Confederate submarine Hunley was intact and could be easily raised to confirm its identity, according to Cussler, a well-known underwater adventurer and author of the novel *Raise the Titanic*.

The Hunley was found off the coast of Charleston May 3 when underwater explorers, using a metal detector, struck an unknown target in 18 feet of water. After digging through two feet of silt, they located one of the submarine's two small conning towers.

"The sub is completely intact and remarkably well-preserved," said Ralph Wilbanks, one of the divers. "She can easily be raised using proper engineering and marine salvage technology."

Cussler began searching for the Hunley in 1980 and found it on his fourth try.

"This is without a doubt the greatest historical underwater find since the Monitor was located," said Cussler. "The difference is that while the Monitor is badly broken up and eroded, the Hunley can be raised intact."

The Monitor was a Union gunboat that used a revolutionary revolving turret to stop a ramapage by the CSS Virginia, known as the Merrimac, in 1862 at Hampton Roads, Va., in the first battle between ironclad warships. The Monitor later sank in a storm and was found on the ocean floor off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

The search for the Hunley was spearheaded by archeologist Mark Newell of the University of South Carolina, who began searching for the submarine about five years before Cussler. Cussler paid the \$130,000 expense for the expedition.

The writer told a press conference Thursday that the money came from royalties from his books. "Raise the Titanic" was Cussler's first top-selling novel, which involved a fictional race with the Soviets to salvage the doomed oceanliner.

But the Hunley belongs to the state since Cussler's expedition group, the National Underwater and Marine Age (NUMA) is non-profit. South Carolina will be responsible for lifting it from the deep.

The Confederacy had often experimented with ironclads in hopes of countering the strength of the Union navy. The Hunley was propelled by eight men operating hand cranks and could move at 4 miles an hour.

Sarnia Clean-up

by Stephen Weir

A large group of divers from Canada have put out an open invitation to scuba enthusiasts in the US to join them in a one day clean-up blitz of a stretch of the St. Clair River in the city of Sarnia, Ontario. On July 23rd over 200 divers are expected to go into the waters of this International River and spend up to two hours removing submerged trash.

"We hope that American divers will take the time to come up to Canada and help with this important project" says Derek Hill, the president of the Ontario Underwater Council. "The St. Clair River is a popular

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The Sunday afternoon eco-dive is one of the major events in the summer dive calendar for people living in southern Ontario. Two large scuba clubs and the umbrella provincial council are working with the dive industry and the community to make sure that the project is both meaningful and a success. The eco-dive will be made close to the International Bridge that joins the city of Sarnia , Ontario and Port Huron, Michigan. There is an old train dock a short distance from the bridge where the divers plan to conduct the river bottom sweep. “We have picked 4 or 5 large stretches of water close to the dock where divers can easily get into the water. Buddy teams who register with us will be assigned one of those areas based on their skills level,” explained Mr. Hill. “The river can be tricky. At spots the current can be very strong. As well, there is heavy boat traffic in the main channel. We have identified areas along the river based on the degree of dive difficulty. It goes from real easy to experienced. We want to make sure that everyone who takes part in the clean-up has a safe and enjoyable experience.”

Each clean-up zone will be under the control of a dive master and a team of safety divers. There will be safety boats in the water at all times and there will be shore crews to assist in the removal of all trash. “We try to recycle as much of what we recover as possible” said Mr. Hill. “Those items that just don’t have a use will be disposed properly at a local land fill site.” In years gone by similar clean-ups organized by the clubs and the council have brought to the surface a number of surprising finds. Along with cars, refrigerators and bottles, the

Eco-divers have found sunken boats, construction equipment and clothes!

All certified divers are invited to take part. Anyone wishing to dive must bring their own gear (including a BC and a C-Card). Divers must work in buddy teams — solo divers will be paired with suitable partners. Shore crew volunteers are also in a big demand. The dive is set to begin in the early afternoon. Following the dive there will be a free barbecue and a brief awards ceremony. Prizes will be given to many of the divers who take part in the clean-up. As well, U.S. Divers / Aqua-lung will be giving away scuba gear to Eco-divers who register with them prior to the clean-up. The clubs involved in the organization of the Divers Care Project have alerted the US/Canadian border officials of the event. American divers wanting to take part in the Canadian event will have little difficulty in crossing the border provided they have proper citizenship identification.

Individual Divers and Dive Clubs wishing registration information should contact the Ontario Underwater Council at 1185 Eglinton Ave. East, in Toronto Ontario Canada. The council can be reached at 416-426-7033. Their E mail address is *Diver@boardbob.tor250.org* .

Stephen Weir is a Canadian eco-diver who can be reached on the Internet as Stephen.Weir@boardbob.tor250.org



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SCUBA In Your Living Room

We received a press release recently announcing a new wave of interactive, virtual reality (VR) games for home use. These games all require the use of a PC based Head Mounted Display (HMD), a gadget you wear on your head to supply your eyes with a stereoscopic view of a computer generated world. As you move or tilt your head, the HMD detects the motion and tells the attached virtual reality computer to change the view to match the motion.

Anyhow, the press release was from a company called Gravity Inc., based in San Francisco. One of the new VR game titles in the release caught my eye: **CyberSCUBA**.

In Gravity's own words, CyberSCUBA "takes a whole new twist to experiencing virtual reality. CyberSCUBA is largely a constructive / creative experience where the diver can feed fish, ride on the back of a turtle or dolphin, and best of all, take pictures. After surfacing, the virtual pictures are developed, and the diver is treated to a slide show." A price was not mentioned.

We're dying to check this new game out, but think it'll be difficult for any game to match the true wonder of diving in the real world. Maybe the pictures will turn out better, though...



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The reasoning is pretty simple - dive club members like to dive, and with both clubs reasonably local, most scheduled dives and sites should be within reach of both club's members. Plus, it might be a nice way to meet some other divers who can share their experiences about diving off our coasts and elsewhere. Therefore, below you'll find a list of scheduled 1995 NEADC dives, sorted by date. UDNH dives are listed on the last page as part of the Calendar, as usual.

July 7

Night Dive, Ft. Wetherill, Jamestown, RI. Meet at the Jamestown dock at 7:30pm. Contact: Max Arias at 617-524-3974 or Dick Whitehouse at 617-469-9529.

July 8

Ft. Wetherill, Jamestown, RI. Meeting time/location to be announced. Contact: Dick Whitehouse at 617-469-9529.

July 8

Baker's Island drift dive for scallops with Cape Ann Charters. Cost \$40. Call for details. Contact: Capt. Richard Glover at 508-283-2338.

July 9

The Dumplings (off Pt. Judith), RI. Meeting place to be announced. Contact Rich Edge at 617-465-5538 (pager).

July 12

Cape Ann. Experimental mid-week dive trip. Contact Leonor Parker at 617-489-6511 for details.

July 15

Folly Cove, Gloucester, MA. Meet at Friendly's on Route 128 at 1pm. Contact: Leonor Parker at 617-489-6511.

July 16

Pebble Beach, Gloucester, MA. Meet at Friendly's on Route 128 at 1pm. Contact: Anne DiSorbo at 508-657-8375.

July 22

Great Island Commons - Jay Lewis Dive Picnic (see UDNH Calendar)

July 22

Night dive at Nubble Light, York, ME. Meet at first rest stop in Maine on Route 95N at 7pm. Contact: Anne DiSorbo at 508-657-8375.

July 29

Cathedral Rocks, Rockport, MA. Meet at Friendly's on Route 128 at 8:30am. Contact: Dave Durso at 617-762-9990.

July 30

Bass Rocks, Gloucester, MA. Meet at Friendly's on Route 128 at 8:30am. Contact: Tom McLaughlin at 508-475-1099.

August 5

King's Beach, Newport, RI. Afternoon dive. Meeting details to be announced. Contact Dick Whitehouse at 617-469-9529 for more information.

August 6

Brant Rock, Plymouth, MA. 5pm dive. Meeting site to be determined. Contact S. Ward at 508-384-7912 for details.

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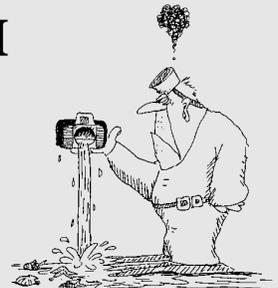
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August 19

Night dive at Nubble Light, York, ME. Meet at first rest stop in Maine on Route 95N at 7pm. Contact: Max Arias at 617-524-3974.

August 26

Tropical Fish Hunt, Newport, RI. Details to be announced. Contact Jean Stefanik at 603-647-1063 for details.

August 27

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August 27

Pebble Beach, Gloucester, MA. Meet at Friendly's on Route 128 at 1pm. Contact: Tom McLaughlin at 508-475-1099.

September 23

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September 24

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Newest UDNH Diver

The editors of *The Dive Log* wish to welcome the newest member of the United Divers of New Hampshire to the club. Her name is Krystyana Elizabeth Richter, born June 20, 1995 at 11:46AM, weighing in at 6 lbs. 11.6 oz., and measuring 19.75 inches in length/height.

“We figure Krystyana is an ideal new member of UDNH. After all, she’s spent the entire last 36 weeks under water. Granted, the regulator was attached to her belly button, but we figure with a little training and patience, we can help her use it correctly in the future.”, stated Jake Richter, proud father of the petite diver in training (pictured above).



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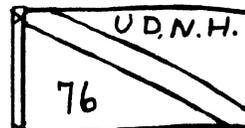
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After many meetings with enthusiastic members, much has been accomplished. February 16 proved quite fruitful with the election of officers.

Rick Gamache-President
Dick Mannion-Vice President
Gale Westbrook-Secretary
Wayne Russell-Treasurer
Leigh Barry-Dive Master
John Jaskolka-Assistant Dive Master

It was also decided by a majority vote of active members that the club should be named, UNITED DIVERS OF N. H.

To date we have 44 active members. We hope all of you will become proud of this dive club and pass the word around for more members. Let's all make this a real good active dive club.

Our meetings are held at the YWCA, Concord St., Manchester, N. H. the first and third Monday of each month, until further notice. We'd like to see more of you, so----come to the meeting and bring a new dive friend.

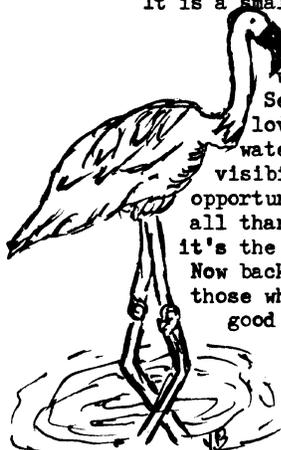
March 15, an election for the Activities Committee took place. Elected by a majority vote of active members---

Ed Perry-Chairman
Lou Babineau-Vice Chairman
Ernie Bisson-1st. Chairman
John Neos-2nd. Chairman

I'm sure a lot of time will have to be given by this committee to make it successful. Lot's of luck guys. We'll be watching for the actions.

By the way, if you were not at the March 15 meeting, you missed the movie on Bonaire, N. A. by Dick Kurisko. For those of you who do not know what or where Bonaire is

Bonaire is one of the ABC Islands in the Caribbean, North of Venezuela. It is a small friendly island, 24 miles long & 5 miles wide. It's capital is Kralendijk. The island is healthy with low humidity and pleasant year round because of trade winds. The average temperature is 82.F. with January the coldest month, daytime temperatures of 84.F. and September the hottest, daytime temperatures 86.F. One warning to sun lovers---BEWARE. It's very easy to get a sunburn. Oh, by the way, the water temperature averages 80 degrees, most of the time no current, and visibility is sometimes 100 feet or more. A few of us have had the opportunity to go to Bonaire a few times with Dick & Faye. I'm sure we are all thankful to them for these Dive Tours to Bonaire. For a dive vacation, it's the greatest. Even non-divers say it's fantastic. Now back to the movie. It brought back memories for some of us, and for those who have never been there, I bet they wish they had. The movie was good Dick, but what about the octopus???



Meetings and Events

July 8 - Event

- Day Dive at The Cemetery, Gloucester, Mass. See May 1995 *Dive Log* for details on the site. Call Philip Morrison at 603-529-4361 to confirm meeting location and time.

July 15 - Event

- Night dive at Coast Guard's Lighthouse Point (with a possible alternate of Back Beach, Rockport, Mass.). Call Jim Davis 603-485-8039 to confirm location and time.

July 17 - Meeting

- Presentation by Fred Dion, Underwater PhotoTech on underwater cameras and video. Open pool time follows.

July 22 - Event

- The 4th Annual Jay Lewis Memorial Picnic and Dive at Great Island Commons. Cost: \$5 donation per person plus nominal Park fee. Potluck food being coordinated by Don Eva. Call him at 603-672-5608 for details.

August 7 - Meeting

- Featuring Norm Despres, world-famous underwater photographer, who will share a slide show presentation on New England underwater creatures with us. Open pool time follows.

August 11-13 - Event

- 10th Annual Black Island Camping/Diving Trip. Bass Harbor, Maine. Contact: Wayne or Diane Russell at 603-669-7124 for more information and to sign-up. Reserve early, space is limited. Cost: \$120/diver, \$75/non-diver.

August 19 - Event

- Inaugural Isle of Shoals Jay Lewis Memorial Night Dive. Contact Jim Davis at 603-485-8039 for details.

August 21 - Meeting

- Presentation by Bruce Smith of the Marine Division of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Open pool time follows.

September 18 - Meeting

- Presentation by Wayne Russell and Lea Nichols. See 15+ years of Club History. Open Pool Time follows.

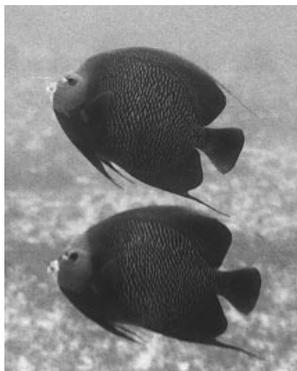


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Club Meetings

Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month, except for January, November, and December. 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. in Manchester. The meetings start at 7:16 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 underwater hockey. Members and guests often meet afterwards at a local restaurant for food and drink.

Extreme Weather

Meetings will be held if the YMCA is open. You can call them at 603-623-3558. Check close to the meeting time as the front desk often has no advance warning of early closures.

Get in the Swim

After every meeting, the YMCA pool is open to our dive club for an hour of fun and fitness. Join our lap swimmers in the great race to swim the most miles! Or dive into a pick up game of underwater hockey.

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 try out a dry suit.

So bring a suit and a towel to every meeting and get into the swim.

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