



Winter Highlights!

Glen Ellis Falls Dive

Well we “canned” a Divers Down episode! We taped a full program at Glen Ellis Falls on February 26th with Mark Stanton and his Divers Down crew (including Mr. Gadget!).

I organized the first trek to the frozen waterfalls over 18 years ago. We have continued the annual ritual faithfully until last year, when I determined that it would be the last one. As fate would have it, however, New England Underwater (Lea Nichols, my wife Diane, and I) presented our programs last year at *Beneath the Sea* in New York. Mark Stanton attended that presentation and asked if I would consider doing the dive this year with Divers Down. We made the initial arrangements last July and scheduled the dive for February '95.

As we turned the year many were skeptical winter would ever arrive! Mark called in mid January and asked if I expected conditions to improve enough to warrant the dive. I said we hadn't been skunked yet. And we weren't! Without a doubt, one of the most beautiful years yet. All of the divers (12 in all) had a great time. We also had a tremendous non-diving contingency. We certainly appreciated the extra help. The day went like clockwork. The ice and snow were picture perfect. As “icing on the cake” we made the front cover of the March 5th Boston Herald. A feature article about the dive was published, featuring several photos and even a two page spread. Thank you for making this a very special event. Watch for the program in May on NESN!

Lady of the Lake Dive

Although many were skeptical about having any ice coverage on Lake Winnepesaukee, The Lady of the Lake annual ice dive went equally well, with 13 inches of ice cover, on this, the 100th anniversary her sinking.

Ten divers braved the frigid waters. The day was perfect. Divers could look up from the wreck and see the sun's rays gleaming through the triangular entry hole. The water was so clear that you could see the people tending lines! Lea Nichols and I taped the dive on video. We had a generator powering an 850 watt underwater light to aid the underwater video camera system. Of course no dive (this one being no exception) would be complete without Ron Mann's PeePee TeePee. We had all the luxuries of home. All in all the day was very comfortable with little wind, warm sun and a great gathering of divers and friends. I truly look forward to doing it again next year.

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Hello, Fellow Divers!

Having recently been certified as a *Dive Control Specialist* by SSI, I have long waited for the opportunity to share my experiences, and guide people to the exciting adventures found in the local waters of New Hampshire and Maine. During the past decade, my adventures have included the exploration of the coastline from Hampton, New Hampshire, to Bath, Maine. I have dived in some great shore line coves, reefs, and ledges, taking amateur photos of places I have experienced. Working with *Atlantic Aqua Sport* and Don Stevens, I have been guided in the right way to enjoy the underwater world. As such, I would like to share a story of one of my adventures:

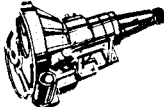
Two years ago, a dive enthusiast named Dave Webb, from Manchester, NH, and I discovered an anchor resting 100 yards from shore at low tide in front of the old U.S. Coast Guard Station site at Bicentennial Park. I have been an avid diver in the area for over twenty years and stumbled onto this find only after the Fall 1992 no-name Nor'easter laid bare areas previously covered with sand. The anchor's large size and its fisherman's style shape led to me to conduct research into its history.

Over the past two years, I have unearthed the incredible story of this anchor. As it turns out, the anchor dated back to 1764, and belonged to a mastship named *St. George*. According to local history, the *St. George* beached herself and was left in Plaice Cove for salvage and unloading. Over time, she was slowly destroyed by the natural forces of the sea, leaving few traces of her

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Membership

Annual dues for membership for 1995 in the United Divers of New Hampshire are \$25/individual or \$35/family. Dues are not prorated for members who join later in the year. To join, please contact Phil Morrison, 603-529-4361.

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Subscriptions to *Dive Log* are included in the UDNH membership fees. Non-members may subscribe to the newsletter for \$15/year. Subscription inquiries should be addressed to Phil Morrison, 603-529-4361.

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existence today. According to records, two of her cannons were found in 1963 by local divers. One of these cannons is now on display in the Smithsonian Insitute in Washington, DC.

The anchor itself was recently authenticated by local historian Harold Fernald with the use of photographs taken of the anchor. In my opinion, the anchor is a treasure that deserves preservation and should be left in its present location as a historic site for educational enrichment and archaeological study.

I therefore propose that the anchor's location be dedicated by the town of Hampton, New Hampshire, as a historical site. In doing so, I suggest the placement of an underwater plaque identifying the anchor and its history, as well as some type of mooring marking the location.

Atlantic Aqua Sport dive shop of Rye, NH has volunteered to supply services in maintaining the

historic site. Plans are now underway to create an underwater park and memorial including the placement of the plaque. If you would like to support such a venture, please contact Don Stevens at *Atlantic Aqua Sport* at 603-436-4443 or myself at 603-929-5093.

This finding will pay homage to Hampton's gloried history and will provide an underwater attraction for a wide range of people, including historians, dive enthusiast, and recreational snorkelers alike.

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Cozumel's Paradise Reef Threatened

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Mail this form, along with membership dues, to:

Phil Morrison, UDNH Treasurer, 42 Dustin Tavern Road - Apt. #5, Weare, NH 03281

Your membership card will be available after 2 weeks, at the next UDNH meeting. UDNH meetings are listed in the UDNH *Dive Log* newsletter, and are held the first and third Monday of most months at 7:15PM at the YMCA in Manchester, NH. Call Phil Morrison at 603-529-4361 or Don Eva at 603-672-5608 for more information.

Funding The New YMCA

During the January 16, 1995, meeting of the United Divers of New Hampshire (UDNH), Don Stevens of Atlantic Aquasports, a Rye-based dive shop, challenged the club to match his donation of \$1200 towards the building of the new YMCA pool facility in Goffstown, due to be completed sometime in 1996. Don also upped the challenge such that if the club doubled his donation to the YMCA, he would offer free air fills to the entire club for a year, as well as match the additional donation. It was noted that such donations could be spread out over a period of three years.

After some debate among dive club members, it was decided that UDNH would rise to meet the challenge, and as a result, raise its membership dues by \$5 per membership, for the next 3 years. This results in a new dues structure, effective January 1, 1995, of \$25 for an individual membership, and \$35 for a family membership, both of which still rank UDNH membership dues as the lowest of any established dive club in New England. The UDNH Board has determined that raising the dues in such a fashion will

result in an additional \$400 per year (for a total of \$1200) being collected and earmarked specifically towards the YMCA pool donation. As a \$1200 donor, UDNH would be listed on the YMCA Giving Wall as a Silver Sponsor of the new pool facility.

Several club members have indicated an interest in meeting the second challenge, in order to take advantage of the free air fills Don offered. The UDNH Board has praised such interest as helping the YMCA even more, and has suggested that members interested in raising an additional \$1200 coordinate new fund raising activities to do so. The Board has also suggested that any additional funds paid to the club as part of membership dues will go towards this effort, so if you're interested in helping contribute to a brand new pool facility in which the divers of tomorrow will be trained, throw in an extra few dollars with your membership dues.

If you want to personally donate to the YMCA pool fund, or just want more information on the YMCA's new pool, contact the Manchester YMCA at 603-623-3558.

CompuServe Photo Contest

The Scuba Forum on CompuServe (the largest on-line system in the world) has announced its 2nd Annual Electronic Underwater Photo Contest. The "Electronic" comes into play because all submissions must be made electronically by scanning or "capturing" photographs into a computer in the GIF file format, and then uploading them to the Scuba Forum (from which we occasionally obtain some of the material for this newsletter), in Library 0.

The contest runs from February 15, 1995 and ends May 15, 1995. Prizes will be awarded shortly thereafter. This year's prizes include authentic Spanish Silver Pieces-of-Eight, and will be awarded to the top three entries. Additional prizes include computer software, T-shirts, and diving accessories. The photographs can be of any underwater subject - divers, marine life, reefs, wrecks, etc. There's no limit on the number of pictures that can be submitted. Get that modem out and start uploading those pictures!

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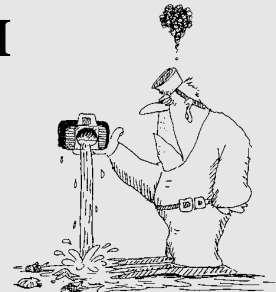
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March 20 - Meeting

- Dive Knives. Bring your dive knife and gloves. An array of new knives will be demonstrated. Which is best? When? Why? Test your knife and skill on 1/2" nylon line.
- Pool time - try out dive knives in the pool. Lap Merit Swim.

March 24-26 - Event

- Beneath the Sea's Greater New York Underwater Exposition. Held at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, NY. Call 800-536-EXPO for information.

April 3 - Meeting

- Ron Watson of the New England Aquarium "Senior Volunteer Staff" tank diver - 17 plus years diving the Great Ocean Tank. Come and hear and see what it's been like to work every week in a premiere aquarium.
- Pool time - swim and underwater hockey.

April 17 - Meeting

- Dick Kurisko of Divers Den, founder of UDNH, will present 30 years of diving - some of the gear, gizmos, and early methods and training.
- Pool time - swim and underwater hockey.

April 27 - Event

- Underwater Slide Presentation, sponsored by New England Underwater. Presentations include Thai Kaleidoscope and New England Underwater, as well as several others, with Q&A after the presentation. 7pm at Dana Hall at St. Anselm's College, Manchester. Cost: Free. Call Wayne Russell at 603-669-7124 or Lea Nichols at 603-487-2726 for more information

May 1 - Meeting

- Dry suits by Viking. What's new? How to fit? Try and buy!
- Pool time - try out the Viking dry suits with professional guidance!

May 15 - Meeting

- Dive Site First Aid by Phil Morrison. Fixes, treatment and prevention. The hidden dangers at the dive site.
- Pool time - Water safety - rescue and risk management.

May 20 - Event - Tentative

- Ocean Dive using Dry Suits courtesy of Viking at Great Island Common - will be confirmed by mid-April.

August 11-13 - Event

- Annual Black Island Camping/Diving Trip. Bass Harbor, Maine. Contact: Wayne Russell at 603-669-7124 for more information and to sign-up. Reserve early, space is limited. Cost: TBD.



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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