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The Bimonthly Newsletter of the United Divers of New Hampshire

## Diving at the Jay Lewis Picnic



Photos by Jake Richter

### President's Corner

by Rick Bardsley

I would like to address the Nationwide Cleanup on Saturday, September 21, 1996. There's also a NH clean-up scheduled for the weekend of October 4th. We need a lot of help to complete these important projects. Gary Thuillier and Ken Anderson are heading up these projects. Their phone numbers are listed in the officer section on page 9. They need your support. Please set time aside and join this special effort.

I would also like to thank everyone for their help at the Jay Lewis Picnic, it was a fun day. A special thanks to Gary & Sue Thuillier for organizing this event.



## Needed: Photos for Seamark Auction

The Seamark Photo Auction is a silent auction that runs in parallel with the other events the evening of the Seamark benefit. The auction typically features 80 to 100 underwater photographs and a few dive related pieces of artwork. Seamark would like very much to include your work in its auction. There are no hard and fast rules for auction donations but based on prior experience, Seamark has developed these guidelines:

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Deadline for donations: October 11, 1996. Please ship or deliver donations to Diane Newark at The Cotting School, 453 Concord Ave., Lexington, MA 02173. If you have any questions, contact Carl Greenbaum at (617) 271-8090 days, (603) 889-6853 evenings.

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Sue Trombley  
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## Seamark 20th Annual Underwater Party

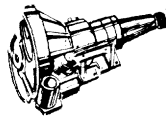
Each Fall, more than 1,000 local divers come together at the New England Aquarium in Boston to compare the past season's diving stories, take a chance on winning prizes, and have fun, all while raising money for disabled kids at the annual Seamark benefit. At Seamark's 20th anniversary event, Seamark 96, Emory Kristof from National Geographic will provide awesome video and stills of his expeditions the Titanic, C.S.S. Alabama, and the 1995 trip to recover the ship's bell from the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald in Lake Superior. The party starts October 19th at 7:00. Tickets are \$15 if purchased before then, or \$20 at the door. Bausch & Lomb has donated a pair of binoculars to be used as a special door prize for anyone who buys a ticket before October 19th.

In addition to Emory's presentation, there are lots of activities to check out during the evening. The upper deck of the Aquarium's Discovery vessel will host the popular exposition and silent auction of underwater photographs by local and internationally known photographers, and music will be provided by Bedrock Music for dancing and relaxing. All of the Aquarium's exhibits will be open, including staff divers in the Giant

Ocean Tank (GOT), with guests from the Moray Wheels dive club, and the new "Ponds" exhibit featuring freshwater wildlife. Seamark will provide free hors d'oeuvres and cash bars at several locations throughout the site that evening.

Always of interest to the bargain-minded diver are Seamark's great raffle prizes. Raffles this year include dive equipment, a Nikonos V underwater camera, and if you're a diver over the age of 18, dives in the GOT. Plus, the folks from Grand Cayman Department of Tourism were instrumental in putting together a fantastic Grand Prize Raffle Diving Vacation for two, including seven nights at the Treasure Island Resort, round-trip airfare for two from Miami, three days of diving with Bob Soto, and a pair of two half day underwater photography courses with Cathy Church's Underwater Photo Center - tickets are only \$5!

Perhaps more important than all of the fun and prizes Seamark always holds in store, however, is the fact that we are giving something back to the community, and helping some very special kids at Cotting. Check out the Seamark web page at <http://www.strokeofcolor.com/seamark>, or the ad on NESN, courtesy of Divers Down. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased through UDNH's Linda Richter (603-432-0234), at local dive shops, or may be ordered directly by calling 617-862-7323.



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## BLOOD ALERT!!

As you may know, during the summer months, the American Red Cross is constantly putting on blood drives around the area. It came to mind after donating blood one afternoon that this could possibly be a contraindication to diving and so I gave DAN a phone call. Sure enough! **If you give blood there is a recommended minimum waiting time of 72 hours before going in for a dive.** Just a little something to think about. - Gary Thuillier

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## UDNH DIVERS PITCH IN !

by Gary Thuillier

For the second time this season, divers from our club joined the Winnepesaukee River Clean-up group for day of 'what else' - CLEANING UP!!!



Starting at about 9am July 27, we got together on the shore of Lake Opechee near the outlet of Paugus Bay. This particular spot being in a factory district, has seen a lot of debris over the years, and although this was not

the first such clean-up in this location you would have thought it was by the junk we pulled out.

Sue and I along with Ken Anderson, Mark Absous and divers from the WRC spent a pleasant day diving while doing something constructive for the environment. Also it should be noted that this effort along with other projects of the WRC are funded by a federal grant. This covers the costs incurred during these clean-ups (winch and lifting equipment, fuel for boats, air, all is accounted for in this very well run operation).

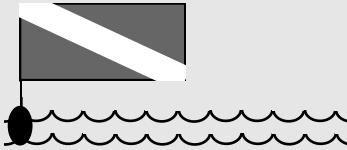
Anyone wanting to help out in the future can call me at 603-487-3001 for information.

THE WEIRS TIMES, Thursday, June 20, 1996

## VOLUNTEERS HOPE TO MAKE WEIRS BEACH CLEAN UP ANNUAL EVENT

by Lorrie Baird, Staff Writer

Divers from the Winnepesaukee River Clean-up environmental group joined by the United Divers of New Hampshire, worked hand-in-hand with the Belknap County Conservation District and volunteers to clean up the entire Weirs dock area recently. The Weirs Clean-up day was taken on as a project of the Beautification



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Committee of the Weirs Action Committee which also supplied volunteers for the event. WAC member Al Giguere, owner of Nothin' Fancy restaurant supplied the divers with a complementary lunch.

"The divers pulled up numerous glass bottles and cans, a park bench, signs, a huge inflatable raft...even personal clothing items," said WAC member Ava Doyle, "The day was so successful we'd like to make this an annual event." About one and a half dumpsters filled with debris were removed from the dock area, according to Jan Hooper, Program Coordinator for the Belknap County Conservation District. She was joined at the project by Shirley Stokes, Watershed Coordinator.

Some tourists who were watching the clean-up activity volunteered to pitch in and help remove debris. Time donated by volunteers from the Winnepesaukee River Clean-up will be credited to procure a new truck wench and float bags for the group. "The time people put in cleaning up anywhere in the watershed area can be used to get grant money coming through the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission as part of the Merrimack River Watershed Local Initiative," Ms. Hooper explained.

To increase watershed awareness "Enviroscape" was on display, a Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Program federal grant model showing topography demonstrations as to how loose soil, fertilizer and pesticides are easily washed into the watershed was also on display during the clean-up day.

"We're encouraging groups and individuals to participate in clean-ups throughout the summer," said Jan Hooper, who added that any group or individuals efforts to volunteer in the projects can be credit hours toward helping the Winnepesaukee River Clean-up group to get their much needed equipment through the grant. For more information call Shirley Stokes at the Belknap County Conservation District, 528-8713.

### Mini-Collection Dive

by Jean Stefanik

Many thanks to the group from United Divers who quickly put together a collection dive for the Rutledge Marine Lab on Star Island on the Isles of Shoals on Saturday, June 29. I helped organized the impromptu collections after talking with Mike and Erin who are the naturalists for the summer on Star Island, an

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educational and religious conference center which operates for nearly 300 visitors each week during the summer. I was participating in my 4th Natural History Week, which featured animal behaviorist Dr. Houle from Princeton University.

Mike and Erin began during the week with tidepool collections, but it was clear that the really neat stuff required SCUBA gear. Ronnie Mann volunteered his boat, along with other divers Mike Griffin, and Gary and Sue Thuillier. Don Eva traveled via the ferry, the Isles of Shoals Steamship Co., and dove with Jean before the others arrived.

Lots were collected - this list is only a sample. There were several hues and sizes of sea stars, blood stars, and brittle stars, urchins, four anemones, two flounder (yea, Don!), lots of kelp (the challenge was to find BIG kelp attached to mussels or rocks which could be lifted!), some great hermit crabs, two scallops (one found in three feet of water on top of algae, the other with a great clump of seaweed growing on its top shell), a cute little lumpfish the size of a dime, a cunner, and about 40 one-inch silver fish out of a school of thousands, several clumps of hydroids and sponges growing on seaweed. Jean and Don dove inside the

breakwater, everyone dove by Duck Island, and while Jean and Don took the ferry back, Ronnie's crew did another dive off White Island Light.

There was one mystery egg cluster which hopefully will hatch and reveal its contents. Perhaps someone knows what it could be, based on the description. It's flat like a thick piece of plastic, about four inches square, clear, gelatinous, and was floating in the water column near the breakwater in the harbor. Any ideas?

Because of our assistance to the Rutledge Lab, future trips might be arranged, using private boats or the ferry.

## **Bedford: Sonetech funded for scuba gear development**

*Union Leader*

**BEDFORD** - Sonetech Corporation of Bedford has been awarded \$1,017,632 by the U.S. Department of Defense to develop the "Diver Alert and Tracking System" gear for military and commercial underwater divers. Representatives from the Office of Naval Research and Technology and Explosive Ordnances Division were in Bedford on Feb. 12 to kick-off the

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program. Sonetech Corporation will also be working with the Advanced Research Projects Agency. The Diver Alert and Tracking System will allow scuba divers to navigate underwater and determine specific distances between themselves and underwater locations. The system will not only be developed for the Navy Seals but also for civilian scuba divers. Sonetech will design the prototype that will enable Navy divers to

locate mines and disable explosives much quicker than with previously developed systems. Sports divers and commercial divers are expected to find this modern navigation system extremely useful. U.S. Senator Bob Smith, who is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Defense Authorization Bill Conference Committee, helped ensure the funding for the system.

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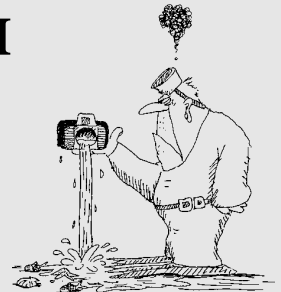
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# 1996 Meetings and Events

## September 7 - Dive



- Meet at the Mall of New Hampshire, near the locked gates past Lechmere at 9am, and pick a dive location to go to.

## September 14 & 15 - Dives



- It's time for the annual Tropical Fish Hunt in Rhode Island. Come collect the little wayward tropical juveniles who were swept up by the Gulf Stream and will perish if you don't save them for someone's aquarium. Contact Jean Stefanik at 603-647-1063 for details.

## September 16 - Meeting

- Jake Richter will finally get a chance to show his Bonaire presentation this night. Open pool time follows.

## October 7 - Meeting

- Brad Barr, the Sanctuary Manager of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary is the featured speaker. Open pool time follows.

## October 13 - Dive



- More Tropical Fish Hunting in Rhode Island. Contact Jean Stefanik at 603-647-1063.

## October 14 - Meeting

- Speaker TBD. Nominations open for UDNH's 1997 Officers. Open pool time follows.

## October 19 - Event

- The Seamark '96 diver charity event to benefit the disabled children of the Cotting School will be held at the New England Aquarium. Featured speaker is National Geographic's Emory Kristof, and Seamark's silent Underwater Photo Auction is also planned. Doors open 7pm. Advance tickets are \$15 and are available at UDNH Club meetings. There will also be a raffle (\$5/ticket) for a free dive trip for two to Grand Cayman. For more info contact Linda Richter at 603-432-0234.

## November 4 - Meeting

- UDNH Club Elections and last meeting of year. Open pool time follows.

## November 9 - Event

- The Annual UDNH Club Banquet, located at Angelos in Manchester. Featured speaker is Andy Martinez, well-known underwater photographer. Exact time TBD. Tickets are expected to be in the \$15-18 price range.



People are needed to host divers from Burlington, Vermont, September 27-29 for the reciprocal dive weekend (our club went to Vermont in July and was hosted there). Contact Ken Anderson at 603-749-7974.



## Club Meetings

Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month, except for January, November, and December, and when a meeting might interfere with the Independence Day or Labor Day holidays. 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 7:15 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.

## Membership

Annual dues for membership for 1996 in the United Divers of New Hampshire are \$25/individual or \$40/family. Dues are not prorated for members who join later in the year. To join, please contact Jake Richter, 603-432-0234.

## 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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