

Mass Bay Divers

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Letter from the President

Hopefully by the time you get this letter we have just had a great club picnic in Sandwich. We usually have a good crowd, lots of food, sun and diving. I know that Lori, our events coordinator, will make sure that this picnic is a success.

Eleven members of the club attended the Bay State Council ("BSC") meeting last night in Quincy to discuss the Gloucester Ordinance issue, meet the attorney retained to fight this issue and to discuss financial concerns for legal fees and other costs associated with diver issues. For a brief update, the issue concerns the Gloucester Ordinance requiring each diver is to display a dive flag and surface within 25 feet of the flag. The Ordinance also states that the diver shall maintain a distance of at least 25 feet and stay clear when vessels are hauling traps in the immediate area (although we learned that this part of the ordinance is somewhat ambiguous and may be difficult to fight). However, turning to the first part of the Ordinance, there may be good precedent set in order to get this ruled as null and void.

By a majority of those present, the attorney (who has been retained) was directed to begin the process by sending a letter to the Gloucester City attorney and/or the appropriate committee indicating that he represents the BSC and intends to file an action against the city for enforcing this Ordinance (the focus will be on the flag requirement for each diver, but he may throw in some language concerning the 25 feet issue). He will attach his earlier brief and/or judgment from an action filed in 1983 for a similar restrictive ordinance in Nahant. He won that legal battle. He will test the waters with this letter in order to open up communication and let them know that we are prepared to fight this Ordinance and that it will cost the city to defend the action (again an action that was previously won in Nahant on basically the same issue). The attendees agreed to this course of action. He hopes to get the letter out in September and begin the dialogue. If this fails, the next step would be to file an action in Salem Superior Court.

As stated in my previous letter and at our last meeting, the BSC is looking for the dive community to chip in for the costs of this fight. They have collected approximately \$1,800 thus far (the lawyer's fees are estimated at \$3,500 to \$4,500). We can discuss this at our next meeting to see if individual members would like to contribute to the cause. The club can collect donations and send one check, use a small portion of the club's funds received from dues, or individuals can contact the BSC on their own. The next general BSC meeting, which is open to everyone, will be on September 25th. The BSC, in conjunction with the Aquarium dive club, is attempting to secure a space at the Aquarium for a larger meeting (dive clubs, shops, dive charter boat owners and divers) on October 11th from 7:00 – 9:30pm. This meeting will provide information to the dive community on the steps taken by the lawyer to date, collect contributions to pay for the legal fees, and communicate with the dive community about the necessity of an organization like the BSC to represent the dive community on issues such as this one. They would like to get a more cohesive dive community in order to protect our rights. If you want more detailed information, feel free to contact one of the officers.

See you diving, Bo

Next Officer's Meeting	Wednesday August 30, 2006	At 7:00pm	
Next General Meeting	Monday September 11, 2006	At 7:00pm	
President	Bo Howes		
Vice President	John Sullivan		
Vice President	Robin Scott		
Treasurer	Matt Bell		
Recording Secretary	Carol Hamilton		
Corresponding Secretary	Wayne Ross		
Membership Coordinator	Nancy Sullivan		
Boat Dive Coordinator	Matt Bell		
Website Editor	Andrew Haley		
Newsletter Editors	Robin Scott		
	Arlene Anzuoni		
Events Coordinator	Lori Hindle		

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11, 2006- Club Meeting
September 22-24-Club Camping Weekend
September 23, 2006-Annual CoastSweep
October 13, 2006-Club Halloween Party
October 15, 2006-Club Pumpkin Dive

NEW CLUB EMAIL ADDRESS AND WEBSITE

Due to recent changes, the club now has a new permanent Email Address. It is massbaydivers@hotmail.com. Also, we have a website for you to see new information and upcoming events. It is www.massbaydivers.com or www.massbaydivers.org.

2006 SEPTEMBER CAMPING TRIP

Mark your calendars. Join Mass Bay Divers on it's second camping trip for the year. It is currently scheduled for September 22-24, 2006. For more information see Bo at the meeting or give him a call.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Nancy Sullivan is our Membership Coordinator. As of the June Meeting there were 68 paid members. To join Mass Bay Divers, just see one of the club officers or view our website. You can also talk with Arlene at South Shore Divers, Inc. The cost to join the club is \$25.00 for an individual membership or \$40.00 for a family membership. Mass Bay Divers would like to welcome any new member to the club. Feel free to join in the fun at any one of the dives and events that the club has planned.

Dive Boat Charters

You can only reserve your spot by paying for the dive in advance. "1st paid, 1st served."

John Bartus-Danvers Yacht Club. \$55pp for a max of 6 divers.

Saturday, October 7	6 Divers Max	1 Open Spots
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Cape Ann Divers-Gloucester. \$55pp for a max of 18 divers. Meet at Cape Ann's Dive shop at 12:00 noon, Leave marina at 1:00pm.

Sunday, September 17	18 Divers Max	FULL
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Aleks Zlobins' Boat-Hull Gut. \$50pp for a max of 6 divers. Meet at dock at 8:00am

Saturday, September 16	6 Divers Max	FULL
Sunday, September 24	6 Divers Max	4 Open Spots
Saturday, September 30	6 Divers Max	3 Open Spots
Sunday, October 8	6 Divers Max	2 Open Spots
Saturday, October 14	6 Divers Max	4 Open Spots

FOR SALE BY CLUB MEMBER

Dave Cangiano has items he would like to sell.

1. Zeagle Ranger BCD size M in good condition, used for three seasons and has been in the basement for four. Includes weight pockets and Octo+ with inflator hose. Cost: \$300.00.

You can reach Dave by calling him.

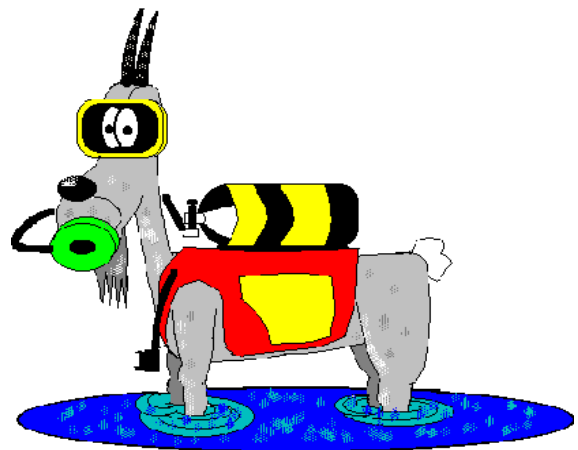
DISCOVER SCUBA

Do you need a dive buddy? Is your wife, husband, son, daughter, friend, etc. interested in diving. Introduce them to Al or Arlene for a Discover Scuba session.



DIVE CLUB POINT COUNT 2006

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| 1. Mike Holodinski | 74pts |
| 2. Carol Hamilton | 40pts |
| 3. Matt Bell | 28pts |
| 4. Bo Howes | 28pts |
| 5. Bill Soto | 23 pts |





VACATION IDEAS

BON TERRE MINE, MISSOURI

Robin and Ethan Scott are trying to put together a trip to Bon Terre Mine in Missouri. If you are interested in joining them, please contact either one

MASS BAY DIVERS, INC MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mass Bay Divers, Inc Membership List is to be used only by the members or Mass Bay Divers, Inc. It is not to be given to non-members for any reason. It is not to be used for solicitation purposes. It is provided to members for the purpose of keeping in touch with members of the club or to find a Buddy to dive with on non-Club dives. Please protect you fellow club member's privacy by not providing the membership to non-members. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

For Sale

Timeshare in Grand Cayman
Morritt's Tortuga Club and Resort, Ltd.

Unit Type: Studio Oceanfront
Interval Ownership Period: Week 28 (July)
2006 Maintenance Fee: \$452.00 (Paid)

Every offer will be considered regardless of how high or low the offer may be. September 1, 2006 is the deadline for receiving all written offers. This is when those who have made a realistic offer will be contacted. **MUST SELL!** Send all offers to: Halvor H. Strandskov-289 East Bay Road. Osterville, MA 02655 or e-mail: hal.strandskov@comcast.net

MASS BAY DIVERS BOUTIQUE

New items are available for sale: tank tops in white, ash or navy for \$8.00. There are also Baseball caps (\$11.00) & some T-shirts (\$10.00). We can do special orders for sweatshirts and long-sleeve T-shirts. Just let John know if you are interested in ordering or purchasing items. A order form has been included in this newsletter. You can also get on off the website.

Annual CoastSweep

September 23rd at Bass Rocks, Gloucester

Meet at shop at 8am. Nancy Sullivan is the Coastsweep Coordinator. We will clean the beach first and then dive for lobsters and/or debris found under the water. This is the 18th year of Coastsweep, which is part of an international campaign organized by the Ocean Conservancy in Washington, D.C. Fall clean-ups are scheduled throughout September and October worldwide. Participants collect debris, both above and below, and record the types of trash collected. The information is then used to help reduce future marine problems. Take part in the event and feel free to bring family and friends.

DIVE CLUB BEACH PARTY/COOKOUT
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

NANTASKET BEACH

START TIME IS 12 NOON

BRING YOUR FAMILY, A FAVORITE DISH OR DESSERT

BEACH LOVERS BRING A BATHING SUIT AND BEACH CHAIR

DOGS, BURGERS, BEER, SODA AND WATER WILL BE ON HAND

FOR MORE INFO CALL
MIKE HOLODINSKI