

MASS BAY DIVERS

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Letter From the President

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the 2007 Dive season!

We had a great turnout at the first club meeting of the year. It was a bit odd to see Bo and Carol seated in the back of the room. I would like to again thank Bo and Carol for all their hard work over the past years. Bo has graciously taken over Boat Coordinator duties from Matt so he isn't completely out of the picture. I will do my best to keep the club going as smoothly as they did. I would also like to welcome the new officers and elected appointees.

At the meeting we discussed giving members the option to receive the newsletter via Email, this would save some trees and save the club money that could be best used for prizes. If you want your newsletter emailed please include your email address when you pay your 2007 membership dues.

Along with the clubs official website, provided by Andrew's web design, Bill Soto has set up a Yahoo Member Group. The site has the ability to send out reminders to members on upcoming events. Check it out online at https://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mass_Bay_Divers/.

On an official note, we're planning to update the club bylaws to bring them up to date. The original ones were written over 10 yrs ago. Once revised, the new Bylaws will be sent out with the February newsletter and there will be a club vote at the March meeting.

Don't forget about the club events scheduled for the coming months: February 10th 6PM Dive Plan meeting at the shop, FYAOD on the 25th. If anyone would like to acquire a guest speaker (for dive or ocean related topic) or to share some photos from a recent dive trip in a future club meeting please contact one of the officers.

See you at the next club Meeting February 5th,

John

Next Officers' Meeting: Wednesday – January 31st – 7:00 pm
Next General Meeting: Monday - February 5th – 7:00pm
Both meeting held at South Shore Divers

President	John Sullivan		
Vice President	Robin Scott		
Vice President	Mike Holodinski		
Treasurer	Matt Bell		
Recording Secretary	Arlene Anzuoni		
Corresponding Secretary	Wayne Ross		
Membership Coordinator	Nancy Sullivan		
Boat Dive Coordinator	Bo Howes		
Website Editor	Andrew Haley		
Newsletter Editor	Adrienne Murphy		
Events Coordinator	Lori Hindle		

Welcome

Now is the Time to Renew your 2007 Membership!!!!!!
Memberships may be renewed at the monthly meetings, or by contacting
Nancy Sullivan – Membership Coordinator.

MASS BAY DIVER'S BOUTIQUE

Items available for sale:
Tank tops in white, ash or navy \$8.00
There are also embroidered items:

- Baseball caps \$11.00
- T-shirts \$10.00.

We can do special orders for sweatshirts & long-sleeve T-shirts. You can take them directly to A-1 in Weymouth or just let John know if you are interested in ordering or purchasing items. Silkscreen items are available but are limited. You can also order on our website
www.massbaydivers.com

2007 Upcoming Dive Events

- BSC Meeting – Wednesday, January 24th
- Officer's Meeting – Wednesday January 31st
- Annual Dive Plan Meeting - Saturday Feb.10th – 7:00pm @ South Shore Divers – Pizza & soft drinks will be served.
- FYAOD (Freeze your %#@ Off Dive) – Sunday Feb.25th Meet @ Dedham Cinema. - Cost: \$25pp for the bus. Snacks & prizes will be provided.
- Boston Sea Rover's Annual Clinic – Sat/Sun – Mar. 3rd /4th @ Boston's Copley Plaza Hotel – Visit www.searovers.org for more info.

**LET IT SNOW - LET IT
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**The FYAOD won't be the same
without snow!!!!!!**

**Tickets For the FYAOD ARE
NOW AVAILABLE**

February 25th is our annual FYAOD and we are meeting at the Dedham Cinemas at 9:30am. Seats on the bus are limited so buy you tickets ASAP for \$25.00

YAHOO GROUP SITE

You can now go to
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mass_Bay_Divers/
to have another way to connect with Mass Bay Divers and to get all your updates and to find out who is diving or wants to dive. All the club information is still on our web site but just add a bit more to our connection.

DIVE PLAN MEETING

Mark your calendars for this very important event on February 10th at 6:00pm. It will be held at South Shore Divers. Please bring your own beverages. Come, make your voice be heard, and be a part of making decisions on where the club will dive for the 2007 dive season.

WINTER HOURS FOR SOUTH SHORE DIVERS

Monday-Thursday & Saturdays: 9:30am-6:00pm
Fridays 9:30am-8:00pm
Sundays Closed until Spring

**Make sure you get your tanks filled on Saturday
for diving on Sunday**

LOCAL DIVE REPORT

Some hardy souls are still braving the cold waters of New England. Current water temperature is about 50°F. But at least the air temperature has been cooperating.

Visibility has been good, but marine life is limited. Seems all the lobsters have headed to deeper waters for the winter.

For those of you interested in diving this time of year let someone know and I'm sure there will be another interested person to join you.

But if getting into the cold water isn't quite for you. At least be prepared for that first warm day. Have your annual equipment service done now, while you aren't using it.



NEWS-NEWS-NEWS

What's happening? If you have something of interest or would like to see something special in the newsletter please drop it off at the dive store or email it to either :
Adrienne @ yoamom@nextzero.com or
Arlene @ aanzuoni@conversent.net .

KEEP YOUR DIVING GOING OVER THE WINTER

Think you need to stop thinking about diving now that the winter is here? Not so; think about ways to enhance your diving and maybe help your buddy:

- Learn about Nitrox (Enriched Air)
- Drysuit (extend your season)
- Equipment Specialist
- EFR
- O2 Provider

These are just a few of the things to keep you active until the Spring is here and we can get out diving again.

For more information contact the shop at 781-331-1144

BYLAWS

The club will be reviewing and updating its bylaws. A draft copy should be going out with the next newsletter for everyone to go over. During the next club meeting there will be a vote to approve them.

Please make sure to look for it and make sure sure you come to the next meeting to vote.

STELLWAGON BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANTUARY PLAN REVISION

Visit www.shipwreckdivers.org to find out about the Stellwagon Bank National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan Revision. Some feel this revision may adversely affect the dive community; decide for yourself. Check out the website and read up on the recommendation for a 3-tier classification for shipwrecks. This information was provided to the club at the last Bay State Council meeting.

SCUBA TRIVIA

What contribution did Leonardo da Vinci make to scuba diving?

Find out in the next newsletter.



A Few Fun Facts from the 2006 Mass Bay Divers Season

- 75 Club Members
- We had 65 scheduled Club Dives and 11 Club Boat Dives
- Out of the 75 members 48 dove on club dives last year
- Carol was club secretary for the past 7 years
- New website design and new club email address: massbaydivers@hotmail.com
- Mike Holodinski won Diver of the Year - I think he only missed two club dives
- The Club gave away two tanks as member prize (holiday party door prize, members paid prize)
- Speakers - NOAA, NMFS Whales & Dolphins, & Dave Bernstein's Galapagos video
- Nils turned 40
- New club embroidered shirts & hats
- Bo completed his fourth year as President!!!!

REMINDER

DIVE PLAN MEETING

February 10th

7pm @ South Shore Divers