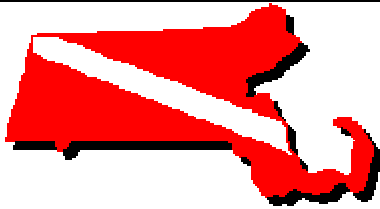


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## Letter From the President

We had a decent crowd for the bylaws vote with a few potential new members checking out the club. On September 22<sup>nd</sup> the club was involved in a 1-day event called Coast Sweep. An annual event to recognize a worldwide International Coastal Cleanup. The club frequently dives Bass Rock Beach in Gloucester and so this is the chosen beach year after year for the club. With thanks to coordinator Nancy Sullivan, we curbed over 500 lbs of garbage that had washed ashore. Items picked up most were broken lobster pots, line, and plastic bottles. One of the areas residents was so moved about what we were doing, he dug in helped out. Thanks also to all the club members that helped out. Even with a low tide there was a good-sized group of divers. Everyone camping that weekend said it was a great time with lots of tents and great weather for September.

Dive season is still going on and at post time water temps were reported at about 50 degrees. Highlights for the upcoming month include the Halloween Party, The Pumpkin Dive, and Officer Elections. First and foremost, I hope everyone is thinking about their costumes since Friday the 19th is fast approaching. This is our last big party before our Winter Party on January 26th, 2008. The Pumpkin Dive on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Morton state park in Plymouth is always fun so bring your pumpkin, dive knife, and some food.

There will be many officer positions available for those that would like to be part of the 2008 Board of Officers. Feel free to stop by our next officer's meeting and see what it is all about. Nominations will take place officially at the November meeting and voting is at our December meeting.

By-Laws update: At this past meeting we had a discussion and made a motion to accept the newly written By Laws. A motion to 'table' the updates was outvoted. The Vote was passed by a majority of members present to accept the rewritten by-laws. One concern was with the change of article X on Boat dives, the removal of the wording 'all dives must be planned for Open water dives'. Please be assured that Boat Dives are always planned at the Open water level, but if a group wanted to plan an advanced dive, this will give us the ability to change the dive under the current rules and still remain a 'club dive'. As now stated: All Boat dives are planned based on the interest of the membership. Also, the boat captain should keep in mind each diver's level of certification.

Don't forget that all members have a chance to decide the upcoming dive season club dives at the Dive Plan meetings held each February.

Happy Diving,  
John

**Next Officers' Meeting: Tuesday – Oct 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**  
**Next General Meeting: Monday – November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**  
**Both meeting held at South Shore Divers**

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Diver	Points
Mike Holodinski	53
Carol Hamilton	47
Bill Soto	43
Rick S.	43
Paula Carver	40
Peter Ninh	34
Jay B.	34
Adrienne M.	30
Brian Blair	26
Bo Howes	23

**ATTN. ALL BEACHMASTERS!!!!**  
**Please pass in your points**  
**November 1<sup>st</sup> is the cutoff**  
**date!!!!!!!**



## 2008 Nominations

Nominations for the 2008 MBD Officers will take place at the November General Meeting. Elections for Officers will take place at the December General Meeting.



If you are interested in being an officer, contact any current officer for information or feel free to attend the next Officer's Meeting on October 30, 2007 at the shop.

## SUCCESS AT COAST SWEEP 2007



The day was beautiful and we had a great group of volunteers. This year was nice since some of the neighbors saw what we were doing and really appreciated it!

## 2007 Upcoming Dive Events

- October 19<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party  
Elks Hall, Weymouth
- October 21<sup>st</sup> – Pumpkin Dive  
Morton State Park, Plymouth
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> - Night Dive  
Gun Rock, Hull
- Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Officers MTG (Tues)  
S.S. Divers, Weymouth
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – General MTG  
S.S. Divers, Weymouth

Mark your calendars  
2008

Annual Winter party  
It will take place on

Saturday, January 26, 2008  
At the Weymouth Elks.

*More information to follow.*

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### STORE HOURS @ SOUTH SHORE DIVERS

Monday-Thursday & Saturdays:  
9:30am-6:00pm

Fridays 9:30am-8:00pm

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

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### MASS BAY DIVER'S BOUTIQUE

We have both Silkscreen and Embroidered items available for sale: Tank tops, T-shirts, collar shirts and Baseball caps.

Items are available at each Club meeting. Special orders are welcome. Contact Sandy or John.

You can also bring your own items, such as shirts, shorts, jackets, or even travel bags, directly to A-1 in Weymouth for them to add the embroidery logo, tell them you would like the Mass Bay Divers emblem sewn on.



Think Christmas Gifts!!!

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### Extremely Rare And Beautiful Pink Dolphin Spotted

This extremely rare and beautiful "pink dolphin" was spotted and photographed on June 24th, 2007 during a charter fishing trip on Calcasieu Lake south of Lake Charles, LA.

It appears to be an uncanny freak of nature, an albino dolphin, with reddish eyes and glossy pink skin. It is small in comparison to the others it is traveling with and appears to be a youngster traveling with mama.



Clip sent in by Sue Hayes

## **GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND TRIP REPORT**

### **GBI was a pleasant surprise. Who would have expected a low-priced, all-inclusive resort to deliver on all counts?**

The trip started with an uneventful flight to Charlotte. The one-hour layover was a breeze. The flight to GBI was special, with only 15 passengers, everyone had a row to themselves. Almost like 1<sup>st</sup> class, even made the pretzels taste better.

Bahamas customs was a snap. It came with a genuinely given warm welcome. As did the cab ride. A \$20.00 fare for 2 from airport to Wyndham Fortuna resort seemed reasonable.

Upon arrival at the resort (2PM) we found the lobby full of people waiting for the 3PM check-in. This turned out to be daily ritual. All the more absurd, since the resort was nearly empty. Apparently, they are not allowed to vary the rules. The staff did all the paperwork and allowed total use of the facilities until 3PM. Lunch was being served so off we went to a magnificent buffet. I can't say enough about their food. Every meal, breakfast, lunch and dinner, had 4-6 choices. There was always fresh fruit, multiple salads, breads, and desserts. I've had my share of cruises and I'll take the Wyndham Fortuna buffet over all of them.

Promptly at 3PM the room was ready. Nothing special, typical 2-queen beds, full bath, small table and chair, dorm size fridge and court yard balcony. The room was cleaned daily and there were always plenty of clean towels.

There is a large swimming pool and 2 hot tubs. The beach is spectacular. Over 12 miles of soft, powdery, white sand, and crystal clear, turquoise water with a temperature of 86 degrees. There is beach bar (which also served hot dogs & hamburgers) between the pool and beach. The shore is littered with lounge chairs and umbrellas; as is the pool deck. On the beach there is a sports shack that supplied small sailboats, kayaks, and windsurfers at no charge.

The dive shop is located near the main restaurant somewhat remote from the beach. The staff was friendly and helpful. Gear could be left safely overnight to dry. A 10-dive package is \$300.00; and all additional dives are \$30.00 each. Gear rental is \$8.00 per dive for BCD w/regulator. Weights and aluminum 80's filled consistently to 2800 – 2900 were supplied. No wetsuit required; but I wore a shorty for sunburn protection. 90 – 95 degrees air temp, 86 degree water temp. They have 2 boats. A 6 pack center console and a 20-diver catamaran. The 2-morning dives start at 8:15AM. Every dive is a different site. Wrecks ranged in the 100' region, while the reefs varied from 40 –60'. Visibility was always 60' or more. The dives were not flashy or flamboyant, but they were scattered with interesting marine life. I liken it to West Caicos. There were no large schools of fish; but there was a host of colorful fish, typical of the Caribbean. Nurse & reef sharks, small rays, and grouper made up the large species. I did see a turtle and a couple of morays along with some interesting small stuff: aero crabs, cleaner shrimp and this really cute gobie. Shark Alley was a special place. In 50' of water, adjacent to a small wreck, sharks circled overhead continuously. There was probably no more than 12-15 of them, but it sure seemed like more. All the while a large grouper stood guard over the area.

At the resort there is nightly entertainment performed by the staff. Not Broadway, but pretty good considering they all had day jobs. Volleyball, bocci and other games were organized during the day, as were exercise and salsa dance classes. There is also a nightly disco. Have I mentioned the unlimited free drinks?

Negatives would have to include the music. They played the same mix daily, which could get pretty monotonous. Nothing another rum drink couldn't fix. The resort location is remote from the nearest town, Port Lucaya. 10 miles and a \$12.00 cab ride each way. There is no shore diving from the resort. The reef is a mile from shore.

All in all it was a great trip. I would go back in a heartbeat. The entire staff was always friendly and accommodating. The diving was good and the food was phenomenal. Before I forget \$810.00 for 7 days/ 6 nights. Granted, it was off-season, but what better time to go. We pretty much had the place to ourselves.

Mike Holodinski