

MASS BAY DIVERS

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Letter From the President

Hello everyone,

The annual Holiday party was a great success! We had a good turnout and had a very good showing of pictures entered into the photo contest. Congratulations to all of the raffle winners as we had some great prizes this year. We had some very nice door prizes as well-- Wayne Ross won the Sherwood dive computer, Dave Cangiano won the Al 80 tank, and Ethan Scott won an innovative gear drying rack made out of PVC piping! (Patent pending!)

At the general meeting we discussed moving the March meeting to the 2nd Monday on March 10th to accommodate a guest speaker from Dive Rite. They did a great job last year and we look forward to having them again. The topic I believe will be various dive sites from along the Eastern U.S. so it should be very interesting to hear of the great diving to be had so close to home. Everyone should get an E-Mail to remind them of the new March meeting date.

Remember the F.Y.A.O.D. is fast approaching and there is not another meeting before then! As of right now there are a limited number of seats available so contact Robin Scott ASAP to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$25 and include bus ride to the North Shore. Site will depend on the current weather conditions. The dive plan meeting is also coming up and will be held at South Shore Divers on February 23rd @ 6pm. Be sure to come and let us know where YOU want to dive this year.

Something to think about... local diving clubs are experiencing the crunch of the economy as well. Memberships are down and interest is dwindling. Our club is strong and has not experienced as hard of a loss as other clubs, but our #'s are down regardless. I think we all noticed last year for example, our Pumpkin Dive was on the same day and at the same place as the Neptunes! Both clubs were there but where somewhat separated. Why not coincide certain club events with other dive clubs (Neptunes, Boston Aquarium Society, etc.)? Wouldn't you like to meet some new dive buddies? Having separate clubs is essential but I don't see why we can't combine some events to meet new people and generate more interest. Something to think about anyway and I would like to hear your thoughts at the next club meeting on March 10th.

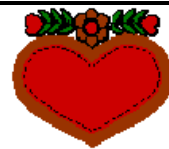
I look forward to seeing everyone, Safe diving
~RICK~

Next Officers' Meeting: Wednesday – February 27th @ 7:00 PM
Next General Meeting: Monday – March 10th @ 7:00 PM
Both meeting held at South Shore Divers

President	Rick Simpson		
Vice President	Keith Eisenhouer		
Vice President	Keith Kirby		
Treasurer	Robin Scott		
Recording Secretary	Arlene Anzuoni		
Corresponding Secretary	Wayne Ross		
Membership Coordinator	Robin Scott		
Website Editor	Andrew Haley		
Newsletter Editor	Adrienne M.		
Events Coordinator	Sandi Ray		



Welcome



Now is the Time to Renew your 2008 Membership!!!!!!
Memberships may be renewed at the monthly meetings, or by contacting
Robin Scott – Membership Coordinator.

Boston Sea Rover's Annual Clinic

Visit www.BostonSeaRovers.com

for more info.

Sat/Sun – Mar. 8th/9th
@

Boston's
Fairmont
Copley Plaza
Hotel

If you would like to meet up there is a
group planning to meet

On

Sunday March 9th between 11:00 -12:00
In

Sea Rovers lobby area.

We typically spend about an hour or so
checking out the show and then head over
to

Fire & Ice

(<http://www.fire-ice.com/locations/boston.html>)
to grab brunch.

STORE HOURS @ SOUTH SHORE DIVERS

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

Fridays 9:30am-8:00pm

Sundays CLOSED

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

Lets get frosty on our 1st
official dive of the year!!!!



March 2nd is our annual

FYAOD

and we are meeting at the Dedham
Cinemas at 9:30am.

Price per seat \$25.00

Tickets are limited so please contact
Robin Scott ASAP

Seats are limited!!!

REMINDER

March's general meeting has been moved
from March 3rd to March 10th

This is so we can accommodate a guest
speaker from Dive Rite

Topic:

Dive sites along the North East

2007 Upcoming Dive Events

- **FEB 23rd** – Dive Plan MTG
S.S. Divers, Weymouth
- **FEB 27th** – Officers MTG
S.S. Divers, Weymouth
- **MAR 2nd** – FYAOD
Meet at Dedham Cinema
- **MAR 8th & 9th** – Boston Sea Rovers
Fairmont Copley
- **Mar 10th** – General MTG
S.S. Divers, Weymouth
- **April 13th** – SEAL Dive
Manomet Point in Plymouth
- **May 18th** – treasure Hunt
TBA

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)
- Dry suit (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

MASS BAY

DIVER'S BOUTIQUE

Items available for sale:

Tank tops in white, ash or navy

There are also embroidered items:

Baseball caps & T-shirts

Items will be available at each Club meetings

We can do special orders for sweatshirts & long-sleeve T-shirts just contact Sandy or John.

You can also take/purchase any item directly to A-1 in Weymouth for them to add the logo, just tell them you are a Mass bay Divers member

MarineFisheries Advisory

DELAY IN MAILING OF NON-COMMERCIAL LOBSTER PERMIT RENEWAL

There has been a delay in the printing and mailing of non-commercial lobster permit renewals this year due to the addition of a reporting requirement and supporting harvest map on the annual catch report.

The Division of Marine Fisheries (MarineFisheries) anticipates that renewals for 2008 will be mailed by the end of February 2008.

Non-commercial lobster permits for 2007 will remain valid until March 31, 2008. Note, MA residents can renew permits for 2008 online at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.

Contact MarineFisheries licensing at 617.626.1520 for more information.

