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Letter From the Treasurer

Greetings everyone!

Because our President is so busy, I am writing the President's letter on his behalf. Just a few things to mention. First, don't forget that the Club Camping Trip is scheduled for July 25-28. All are welcome to join in the fun. Also, the big boat is on July 26, 2008. We have 14 people scheduled to be on it. The shop is sponsoring a trip to Dutch Springs-see Arlene for more information. Our Annual Club Picnic is on August 10th, it is open to all. Our next meeting in on August 4th, hope to see you all there.

~ Safe Diving ~

Next Officers' Meeting: Wednesday – July 30TH @ 6:00 PM
Next General Meeting: Monday – Aug 4TH @ 7:00 PM
Both meeting held at South Shore Divers

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Welcome



We would like to welcome to the club the following new members:

Debra Harris, Mark Weare, Oleg Kryzarovski,
Rich Peirce, and Rick Woodward.

Dive Site of the Month

Bass Rocks



Bass Rocks is a great dive if the weather is cooperating. It is fairly shallow 15 to 35+ feet, and the entry can be challenging, but the abundant sea life will make it worth the effort.

Best bet is to drop off your gear and park down the side street across from the site. Also people have parked at the Atlantis or by Sal's pizza.

If you are planning a mid week dive this might be a good spot for parking it is open on the main road

Monday through Friday

FYI: This is where Mass Bay Divers goes for the clean sweep in the fall!

LAST MINUTE VACATION IDEA **DUTCH SPRINGS 2008**

August 1-3, 2008

South Shore Divers, Inc. is sponsoring their 4th annual trip to Dutch Springs.

See planes, buses, trains, cranes & more
Specialty classes available

For more information or to sign up please see Arlene at the shop.

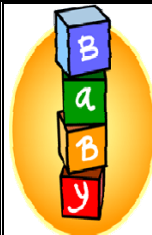
Cost, which includes admission to Dutch Springs, 8 tank fills, food all day both days

\$325 per person w/hotel

or

\$225 + \$20 camp site

Not covered: Fri & Sat. night meals and drinks



New Arrival

Baby Paul Joseph Haley

Born on July 8, 2008 8lbs, 1oz.
Dad-Andy, Mom-Anne and Baby Paul are doing just fine. ***Congratulations!!***



Club Picnic
Coming up fast
AUG 10th

Sandwich Town Beach, Sandwich

9am meet at the shop or 10am at the beach
Provided will be NON-alcoholic beverages, food tent and plenty of fun company. Always welcomed is snacks and anything else you want to bring to share.

Don't forget your lobster license and bag for the Lobster contests: ***First/biggest and most***

2007 Boat Dives

Cape Ann Divers-Gloucester

Meet at Cape Ann's Dive shop at 12:00 noon
Leave marina at 1:00pm.

Hurry there are one or two spots left open!!

July 26th Cape Anne Divers

September 14th Cape Anne Divers

For more information contact Robin Scott

Annual camping weekend

At **Cape Ann Campsite**

-July 25-28, 2008



Fun for the Whole Family

More information please contact Bo & Carol

**DIVE CLUB POINT
COUNT 2008**

Diver	Points
Mike Vaughn	38
Peter Ninh	36
Carol H.	20
Jon S.	18
Paula C.	17
Bill Soto	17
Brian B.	15
Bo H.	13
Adrienne M.	12
Oleg K.	12
Dennis B.	8
Michelle B.	6
Rick S.	6

ATTN. ALL BEACHMASTERS!!!!
Please pass in your beachmaster forms
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**STORE HOURS @
SOUTH SHORE DIVERS**
<http://www.southshoredivers.com>

**Tuesday-Thursday & Saturdays
10:00am-6:00pm
Monday & Fridays
10:00am-8:00pm
Sundays
7:00am-12:00noon**

2008 Upcoming Dive Events

- **July 19TH** – Great Annual Fish Count, **Stage Fort Park, Gloucester**
- **July 25th-28th** – Camping weekend **Camp Ann Campsite, Gloucester**
- **July 26th** – Big Boat Dive **Cape Ann Divers, Gloucester**
- **July 30TH** – Officers MTG 6pm **S.S. Divers, Weymouth**
- **AUG 4th** – General MTG 7pm **S.S. Divers, Weymouth**
- **AUG 10th** – Club Picnic 10am **Sandwich Town Beach 9am @ shop**
- **SEPT 10th** – BSC Meeting **Quincy**

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

How to avoid shark attacks:

1. Never Leave Utah
2. Roll in manure before diving. Sharks hate anything breaded
3. Always dive with a buddy. When Sharks approach, point to buddy
4. Dive with a briefcase. Shark may mistake you for a lawyer and leave you alone out of professional courtesy.

Put Your Two Cent's worth in!

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 to: Adrienne @ yoamom@netzero.com

The Perfect Dive Day

By
Michael Holodinski

On Friday, June 27, 2008, Mark Grant and I had, what I consider, the perfect dive day. As many of you know, I've done my share of traveling; and have dived many wonderful locations. Listen; while I tell you, that right here in New England, we had a dive day that tops them all. Let your imagination run wild. Think of what would make your dive day complete. From start to finish, I challenge you to come up with a scenario that rivals our perfect dive day.

Let's begin with a 6AM drive to Cape Ann Divers. 7AM waivers and 8AM boat departure. Doesn't sound so thrilling; but things were about to change. Picture water as smooth as glass. Not a ripple to be seen. The sky was sunny and bright and the air was warm with an ever so slight breeze, as we took a scenic ride up the Annisquam River. 3 hours of cruising to our destination. Yes, 3 hours and not a complaint. It was as calm as could be, almost eerily so. 5 divers, one sightseer and the Big Boat pretty much to ourselves.

We arrived at our destination and had our first dive. Off a small island there was a pinnacle that barely breached the surface. We dropped to 30 feet and started to explore. Suddenly, a crevice appeared. Well, not that suddenly. I forgot to mention the 40' visibility. This swim through descended slowly to 74'. Wide enough that we comfortable fit, but confined enough that you got the exhilarating feeling that comes from diving in tight quarters. As we reached the bottom the area opened up. The bottom composition had great structure with plush marine life. The brilliant red anemone almost side by side with a white one was a joy to behold. 30 minutes went by too quickly, despite the 44-degree water.

Back on board for an hour's surface interval, we were fed the world famous Capt Steve's PBJ, orange slices, chocolate chip cookies and cheese and crackers. We moved to a shallow cove and were delighted to see some seals. A dozen or more small heads were bobbing in the water. As we joined them, they kept their distance. They'd appear out of nowhere, swim by and fade back into the sea. Occasionally, they would venture daringly close, but never within reach. The schools of red hake gave them plenty to feed off of. It was truly exciting to watch them glide by so effortlessly.

We piled back on board for the 3-hour return boat ride, the dreaded 3-hour boat ride. Wrong! As we got under way a pilot whale appeared off the starboard stern. Just as suddenly, the clear, calm skies clouded over. It became dark, the wind picked up and the sea churned. Thunder and lightening like you wouldn't believe. The air crackled with static electricity. You could feel your skin tingle. The lightening and thunder were nearly simultaneous. Then the rain came. At first a few drops, then a steady drizzle, then a downpour and then; when you thought it couldn't rain any harder, it somehow managed to do so. As the rain let up we were treated to a hailstorm. There's nothing quite like hearing them bounce off the ship. Thank goodness for the large cabin. As suddenly as the storm struck, the skies cleared and all was back to normal. Well, almost normal. Another pilot whale made his presence known. As he spewed water in the air, a prelude to breaching the surface, it was quite a sight. This went on for some time. No sooner had we bemoaned the departure of our whale, a pod of dolphins appeared and frolicked in the boat's wake. Time flew and all too soon we were back for another scenic journey down the Annisquam.

Nearing the end of our journey and just as we passed through the Gloucester drawbridge; we were met by a flotilla of US Navy, Coast Guard, Environmental Police and Harbormasters. The harbor was cordoned off for the Gloucester Fiesta whale boat race. As the race ended we were allowed to resume our trek back to the pier and the end of our adventure.

In my excitement, I nearly forgot to mention our destination. It was the Isles of Shoals. Put it on your must dive list. The islands are scenic and the diving fantastic. You won't be disappointed. Was it the perfect dive day? Who's to say? I can't imagine what could have made it better. It is certainly one I'll treasure.