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### Upcoming Events

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7/19 Marshfield Yacht Club Pig Roast (contact B Burchill)

7/19 Club Dive. Meet at 8am

7/26 Great American Fish Count dive at Lanes Cove

7/27 Club Dive. Meet at 8am

7/22 & 7/29 Movie Night out

8/3 Duxbury Outing

8/5 General Membership mtg

8/12 Board Meeting

8/19 General membership mtg

8/26 Movie Night Out

8/17 & 8/24 Club Dives. Meet at 8am

## Duxbury Beach Outing

It's that time of the year again. The time we all look forward to. Preparations are underway for the outing on Sunday August 3rd. Several emails have been sent out and we hope that you have saved the date on your busy social calendar.

The tides this year are perfect with low tide around 11am and high tide at 5:15pm. This means that we have plenty of sand for everyone to stretch out on. Games will be played, food will be cooked and eaten and cares will melt away. This is also a time that we see many of our closet members who come out to get their dose of Vitamin D.

Remember that friends and family are invited as well. The more, the merrier! ;-)

### *Alex Shure presents...*

Again, Alex delighted us with his photos and videos of the beautiful New England ocean. He wakes at 4am to prepare for his dives and explained all the planning that goes into his photo shoots. He even showed up some shots of don't make the cut. He said that he needs to take many shots before he gets a keeper. And digital photography makes that easier (and more affordable). We find Alex very approachable and realistic and we love having him here at the club.



## *The Cycle of Life*

The days pass and time ticks on. None of us are getting any younger and a few have even showed signs of aging. Billy Walker had knee surgery and is doing well. Billy Burchill had shoulder surgery and is as feisty as ever. Karen and Marty had brief (and separate) stays at the hospital and are recovering.

Tommy Lo lost his mom and sends thanks to all those that came to support him and his family.

Kelly Burke lost her father and many of us were there to pay our respects.

Mike O'Keefe lost his mom quite unexpectedly and since there was a private service, we send our thoughts and prayers to him.

## *Who's been diving?*

The first weekend in June saw some interesting diving. Mike, Peter and Ken went out to Beavertail. There was a bit of surge, 5 feet of visibility and one big tautog.

Jeannine, Mike, Chuck went out with Boston Scuba for a charter dive over Memorial Day and all came back with pounds and pounds of scallops. 60-70 ft of depth, water of 49 degrees and so many scallops that Jeannine could not close her catch bag of the first dive.

June 10 Mike dove with Yuriy at Pebble Beach. One lobster. 53 degrees. Mike also dove with John Schultz on the 15th. They did not have good visibility.

Doug, Mike, Peter dove at Old Garden. Mike got 8 lobsters and the vis was great at 20ft.

Dave went on a shark cage dive on Saturday June 28. Ken, Teri and Erica did their shark trip on Sunday June 29. Teri and Erica did not dive, rather they snorkeled in Charlie's play pen. On Sunday, they saw 7 blue sharks and were able to tag 5 of them. There was a group from CT with a drone that captured lots of footage. On Saturday they saw not only sharks, but also a Minke Whale! Charlie's boat is only \$189 for the day, out at 8 am and back by 4pm. Ken's looking to do another trip in the early fall.

For those that did not join the shark dive on the 29th, there was a tremendous dive at Lanes Cove with 12 divers. Ed and Betsey came up from Springfield when they saw our dive posted on Facebook. The group saw lots of northern stars. Since there was so many divers with him, Peter left his spear gun in the truck. Of course he saw a huge tautog!

Ken and Erica dove Easterly Kettle Cove and they had great visibility. They saw a huge school of herring. With all the kelp there, Ken only managed to find one lobster.

Paul Adler did a boat dive off The Cemetery in Rockport and caught some lobsters. Paul Green reported seeing lots of sharks down in FL.

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A Quincy man got himself into hot water on Thursday when he jumped into the Giant Ocean Tank at the New England Aquarium. He, who staff said appeared intoxicated, jumped over a wall and went into the tank, which is 26 feet deep.

Staff ordered him out of the tank, but the Quincy man reportedly swam for several minutes. We are happy to report that he was not one of our club members ! I know that our members have too much respect for the delicate balance of the Aquarium's Giant Ocean Tank.

**Thank you** Joe Mc for pulling in \$25 from the scrap he collected! Every little bit, that we do as members, helps.

**Movie Night:** Several members have been enjoying all that Hollywood has to offer. May's movie night was Million Dollar Arm and was vastly enjoyed by all.

June's movie night was Chef since Jeannine could not find a suitable/decent/mainstream movie to see. They were delighted with the selection and can recommend it highly. Though it seems Million Dollar Arm still reigns as this year's top movie among the club members.

**Magnolia Rocks Update:** If you are planning on diving at Magnolia rocks, you should carry with you a copy of the paperwork that shows that you are allowed to dive there (Tommy posted this document on our website). Do not confront the owner. As divers, we **do** have the right to dive there.

The Bay State Council worked with the police to come up with this solution. We are distributing copies of this document to the local dive shops as well.

**Thank you** to Mike and Pete who dove at the Lake Massapoag clean up (in Sharon). Mike found several bottles including a hand blown Caldwell rum bottle, complete with an indian head. They also saw lots of fresh water mussels. Mike and Pete received a Dunkin Donuts card for their efforts.

**Vin Malkoski** came to the club to give us an overview on the Dan O2 course and to take a look at our O2 kits. Seems that ours are a little outdated. Usable, but in need of some updates. Vin will work with us to help us acquire the replacement parts. Anyone diving (shore or boat) should have a club kit with them. Vinnie mentioned that on-shore, 911 will be faster and more effective than the kits since a diver in trouble in the water will realistically have an ambulance

waiting before they even make it to shore. On the boat, the O2 is a critical step. O2 can be administered as the boats motors back to shore (where help will be waiting).

**Welcome** to our New Members Lisa Ledwith (who's been diving with Mike and Pete in the past and present) and Rob Vice (who comes to us from the underwater rugby team).

**Bay State Council** meeting was held and parking issues were discussed. Brandt Rock has restricted beach sticker parking from 9-5. Vinnie is going to check with the state.

Ed Redfield is helping to restore the Minot Light plaque.

Next Council meeting is July 16.

Mike V volunteered to install lights for the other side of the building where our storage closets are. Jay generously agreed to donate the money for the light fixtures.

Mike V also shampooed the upstairs carpet!

Dave Clancy says hello and thanked us again for our hospitality during his recent visit.