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# SOUNDINGS



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CLUB DIVES

The Annual New Year's Day Sober-up Dive will be held at the popular Pleasure Bay, in South Boston. The time is usually 10 a.m. This traditional dive is a good way to get your fins wet and to start the new year's diving off on the right track. You may even see a few brave men do an imitation of the L-Street Brownies and take a swim WITHOUT a Uni-Suit.

The January get-together dive will be held at Plum Cove on January 11th. The meeting place has been changed slightly to the Kings Grant Rest. located ACROSS from the old meeting place, Denny's, at the Liberty Tree Mall. The time, however, remains the same, 8 a.m. for breakfast, leave for the site at 9 a.m. or get direct to the site by 10 a.m. Plum Cove is a very easy dive and there might be lobsters there. I hope that there is a great turn-out for the first club dive of the year.

\*\*\* FINAL NOTICE - CLUB CRUISE TO BERMUDA \*\*\*

There are still a couple of cabins available for the May 5, 1981 Neptunes Club Cruise to Bermuda. Remember, the ship THE CARNIVALE departs from Commonwealth Pier in Boston so you don't have to travel to New York or Miami to cruise to the beautiful beaches, interesting reefs and fantastic shopping of Bermuda. And once you have paid your fare, EVERYTHING is included- all meals, snacks, room service and sports facilities. All you pay for on board will be your drinks. Since any unsold cabins must be turned back into the Cruise Line in two weeks, please contact Pat Murphy at 327-1300 or 325-2334 if you are interested in reserving a cabin. Pat will be happy to send you a brochure and explain the cabin rates. Family rates are also available. SO, CALL TOMORROW AND RESERVE YOUR CABIN. THIS CRUISE PROMISES TO BE ONE OF THE BEST CLUB EVENTS EVER. DON'T MISS OUT!!!

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RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 20TH.!!!*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR ----- Sober-up Dive Pleasure Bay	2	3
4	5 POOL 9 - 10 pm	6 REGULAR MEETING	7	8	9	10
11 G-T Dive Plum Cove Meet at Kings Grant Rest. Danvers, San	12 POOL 9 - 10 pm	13 BOARD MEETING	14	15	16	17
18	19 POOL 9 - 10 pm	20 REGULAR MEETING ----- Cut-off Date BANQUET	21	22	23	24
25	26 POOL 9 - 10 pm	27	28	29	30	31

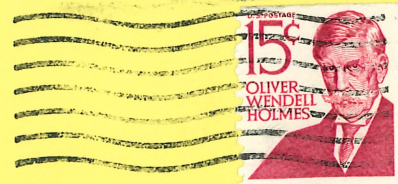


FEB '81

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Happy New Year and best wishes for a good year of diving from the new officers and board. In case you missed the last newsletter we are:

PRESIDENT: John Blackadar

VICE-PRESIDENT: Bob Murphy

SECRETARY: Bruce Gerhard

TREASURER: Dana Williams

BOARD: Dorothy Bruce, Paul Cavallaro, Dave Clancy, Don DiTullio, Joel Gray, Paul Greene, Jeff Jacobs, Bob Massarelli, and Steve Norris.

In addition the president has announced the following appointments: Safety Director, Chuck Cioletta; Sergeant-at-Arms, Dick Gullicksen; Competition Director, Paul Greene; Wreck Diving Committee, Bob Murphy, Mike LaMarre, and Dave Clancy; Photographer, Bob Massarelli; Librarian (With the new responsibilities for caring for film, photographs, and the club camera), Phil Nimiskern; Coffee Committee, Jeff Jacobs and Ken Farrer; Equipment Officer, Bob Avilla; Cleanup Committee, Paul Cavallaro and Bob Massarelli; and Parliamentarian, Bruce Gerhard.

We all want to make this the best year the club has ever had. We are planning more dives and more social activities, and we want to make a special effort to make new members feel at home. We also welcome new ideas from the membership, so if there is anything you would like to do, please let us know. Above all we need the support of the membership, both in planning activities and in attendance. The best planned activity in the world will be a flop if no one shows up for it.

It is always appropriate to thank the outgoing officers, but this year we owe them a very special vote of thanks. Joel has been treasurer for more years than most of us can count, and before that he held other offices including President. Through it all he has been a stabilizing influence and has done more for the club than most of us realize. Paul and Dorothy both took over jobs when someone else dropped the ball. This is not an easy thing to do, and we owe them many thanks for their devotion to the club.

## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

January started with a frozen regulator. The annual sober up dive was held as usual at Pleasure Bay on New Year's Day. There were a few who dove, some who snorkeled, and some who gave up before getting into the water. The day was cold, and the dive was not a roaring success. For the past



few years we have had one crazy member who went into the water wearing only bathings suit and wetsuit boots. Last year he got sick, and most of us thought that he had learned his lesson. Not only were we wrong, but this year we had two crazy members who subjected themselves to this amazing form of self-torture. Although the dive left something to be desired, the party afterward at the Clancys' did not. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Many thanks to Dave and Mera for much good food, good drink, and good company.

The January set together dive on January 11 was a success in spite of the weather. Plumb Cove was full of ice, so the dive was moved to Folley Cove where 14 divers braved the ice and cold to make the dive. Rumor has it that our primary crazy member was in action again with his bathings suit!

Preparations are already under way for the February ice dive. The January 20 meeting featured a slide show about ice diving, and a reconnaissance dive in Fuller's Quarry was made on January 25. Only five divers entered the water, but there was a large audience. Those who didn't go in missed a really good dive.

During January first club votes were taken for Dan Curran, Bob Doran, and Donald Sloane. A second club vote was taken for Dale Wickberg. Welcome all.

#### EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

The big event for February will be the ice dive, to be held at Fuller's Quarry in Quincy on Sunday, February 15. The dive will begin at 10:00 AM and continue until all divers present have been in the water. We shall make two holes in the ice to speed things up. Please try to be on time, but if you are a bit late the dive will still be in progress. Preparations will begin at 9:00 AM and we need as many people as possible at that time to help cut holes, clear the ice, and set up the canopy. There will be food for sale at the site, thanks to Joel, Jeff, and helpers.

As usual we are inviting all other clubs in the area and all other divers to participate in our annual ice dive. Therefore all divers who read this newsletter please consider this an invitation. If you have never been under the ice, it is an experience you won't want to miss. We pay very careful attention to safety, and it is not nearly as cold as you would think. If you have been in the ocean in these parts in June, it is no colder than that. In addition there will be a truck with a heater in which divers can change. Anyone who has any doubts about the weather should call John Blackadar at 1-826-2505. (Hanover) If there is no answer on the morning of the dive it means that John is at

the dive site and that the dive is on. If there is a big snow storm a day or two before the dive, it may not be possible to get the road plowed, so that would be the time to call.

The reconnaissance team reports that Fuller's makes an excellent dive. There are plenty of old automobiles to see, and even some sunken treasure. They salvaged a garbage can in excellent condition.

To find Fuller's Quarry leave the Southeast Expressway at the Furness Brook Parkway exit in Quincy and turn onto Furness Brook Parkway. Turn left onto Coraland St. at the first traffic light, and then take the third left onto Willard St. This will lead you under the expressway. Take the right turn into the main entrance to the Quincy dump (just beyond "Mr. Tux") and then follow the diver's flag signs.

The February get together dive will be held at Folley Cove on the north end of Cape Ann at 10:00 AM on February 22. The meeting place will be King's Grant at 8:00 AM for breakfast, to leave at 9:00. King's Grant is a restaurant and motel visible from 128 on the right beyond the Liberty Tree Mall. The cove is sheltered, and there is sufficient parking, so it should be a good dive.

The regular meeting on February 3 will be very important. We will be planning activities for the entire first half of the year, so everyone please try to be there. If we have activities planned well in advance it should make it much easier for all of us to schedule our time so that we can attend more club dives and functions. In addition we shall be making careful plans for the ice dive so that we can put on a really good show for our guests.

The February 17 meeting will feature movies. Dana Williams will show films of some of the past island trips. Everyone always enjoys seeing these - even those who have seen them before.

Joe Donahue will be giving a CPR course again at the clubhouse. It will be from 7:00 to 10:00 PM on the three nights: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, February 24, 25, and 27. Pre-registration is necessary so Joe can tell if he will need assistant instructors. Your secretary has the sign up sheet. There will be a nominal charge for the course to cover materials. This is material everyone should know, and people who have taken a course before need a refresher. Let's see how many people we can get. This is a way to save lives in a very real sense.



## REMINDERS

The pool at the Lincoln Hancock School in Quincy is available to us each Monday evenings from 9:00 to 10:00 PM. It offers a fine opportunity to play games and to practice with our equipment. New members and others who have not been there are encouraged to come down and see what goes on. The pool will not be open on Mondays when there is a school holiday, so do not come down on February 16 (Washington's Birthday).

Don DiFulvio has asked all members who have pictures of club activities to bring them to him so that he can put them in the club scrapbook.

\*\*\*>>> DUES! DUES! DUES! <<<\*\*\*

To those who have not yet paid for 1981! You are already overdue, and penalties apply! This will be the last newsletter you will receive until you pay! Let's everyone get paid up; we don't want to lose members.

# FEBRUARY 1981

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Ice Dive Fuller's Quarry 10:00 AM	2 Groundhog Day Pool 9 PM	3 Regular Meeting	4 HTB 10:39 New Moon	5	6 HTB 00:41	7
8	9 Pool 9 PM	10 Board Meeting	11 HTB 04:02 First Quarter	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 HTB 07:04 Valentine's Day
15 Ice Dive Fuller's Quarry 10:00 AM	16 Washington Birthday Pool Closed	17 Regular Meeting MOVIES	18 HTB 10:47 Full Moon	19 Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn	20	21 HTB 00:39
22 Gettogether Dive at Folley Cove 10:00 AM	23	24 CPR Course 7:00 PM	25 HTB 03:23 CPR Course 7:00 PM	26 Last Quarter	27 CPR Course 7:00 PM	28 HTB 05:55

HTB is the morning high tide at Boston in Eastern Standard time. Add (on the average) 24 min. for the afternoon high, 48 min. for the next morning's high. Spring tides occur at the full moon and new moon, neap tides at the quarters. Groundhog day is the outgrowth of the first day of Spring in the ancient Celtic calendar.



MAR. '81

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## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

The annual awards banquet at Amaru's on January 31 was a great success. The food was excellent, and the band played well, although a bit too loud during dinner. We have some really fine dancers in the club now, and those who didn't dance themselves enjoyed watching those who did.

The Diver-of-the-Year award was won by John Blackadar with Chuck Cipolletta second and Jeff Jacobs third. Mark Johnson won the Rookie-of-the-Year award. The largest lobster trophy went to Wayne Sullivan and the largest fish trophy to Roy Chamberlain.

The club's memorial trophy was received by Jenifer Hall. This trophy is a memorial to deceased members of the club: Henry Whalen, John LePine, Bob Serene, and Kurt Merrit. It is presented to that person who, in the judgment of the board of directors, has done the most for the club in the past year. It is not given out every year, only in years when the board feels that someone has made a really significant contribution, so it is the greatest honor that the club can bestow on any one of its members.

The annual ice dive was held on 15 February at Fuller's Quarry. It was a beautiful sunny day and warm enough so that there was no concern about regulators freezing. All our guests and club members seemed to be having a good time, and sixty one divers went under the ice. That must have been a record, and it certainly was good publicity for the club. Thanks are due to Jeff, Katie, and Trish who managed the food concession and made a handsome profit, and especially to Dale who acted as safety diver for most of the five hours that the dive was in progress.

After the dive the following equipment was found in and around the dive truck: an expensive looking mask, a ski mitten, and a dive mit. The owners of this equipment should contact John Blackadar.

The February get together dive on February 22 was moved from Folley Cove to Plumb Cove because of poor sea conditions. The viz. left something to be desired, but 16 divers participated.

After the dive a set of wet blue thermal underwear was found in the dive truck. See Blackie if it is yours.

During February first club votes were held for Eddie Parsons, Dick Murphy, and Craig Thompson, and a second vote was held for Barbara Gage. Welcome all.

## EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

The March get together dive will be held at Back Beach, Cape Ann at 10:00 AM on March 15. The meeting place is to be the King's Grant Inn, at 8:00 AM for breakfast, to leave at 9:00. The King's Grant Inn is just off Route 128 on the right two of three miles beyond the Liberty Tree Mall.

At the regular meeting of March 3 we shall be passing out a questionnaire to



learn about members favorite dive sites and charter operations and to get ideas about ways to make the dives more interesting. We are also interested in learning about other activities which the membership would like to see the club sponsor. This is a good chance for everyone to put in his two cents, so let's think ahead about what we want to say.

Mike LaMarre and Dave Clancy will be giving a talk at the regular meeting of March 17 on wreck diving and wreck diving tools. We will be having several wreck dives this year, and this will give us an opportunity to find out how the brass hounds operate.

Paul and Stephanie Cavallaro will be giving a party at 8:00 PM on March 21. All club members are invited. BYOB and some food too.

March 14 is the Boston Sea Rovers annual "Clinic" with talks on all types of diving. The day program will be at 10:00 AM at Hayden Hall, Boston University, and the evening program will be at 8:00 PM at John Hancock Hall. The cost is 5.00 for the day and 7.00 for the evening or 10.00 for both.

The pool at the Lincoln Hancock School in Quincy will be available to all club members from 9:00 to 10:00 PM on each of the Monday nights in March. Everyone always has fun at the pool, and we need good attendance if we are to keep the privilege, so come on down.

### \*\*\* ROLLER-SKATING PARTY \*\*\*

On March 28 the club will be holding a roller-skating party at the Riverdale Roller Rink at the intersection of routes 24 and 106 in Bridgewater. The party will start at 7:30 PM and end whenever everyone is too tired to skate any more (or when the rink closes). There will be a pizza party afterward at Mark & Katie Johnson's. The cost will be \$5.00 for admission and \$1.00 for skate rental. Everyone will chip in for the food afterward. Dungarees and blue jeans are not allowed in the rink, so don't wear them. It sounds like a great party, and everyone is certain to have a fine time, so let's have a really good turnout.

### FUTURE PLANS

Competition Director Paul Green has announced the dates of the 1981 competition dives. They will be May 17, June 14, September 20, and October 18. The wreck diving committee has announced wreck dives for May 31 and September 27. These will be the point dives for the respective months, and we shall probably have four wrecks to choose from. The April get together dive will be held at Halibut Point, Cape Ann on April 12, and there will be a non-point dive at Beavertail Point, R.I. on May 3.

### REMINDERS

Bob Avilla wishes to remind members that there is club equipment available

for the use of the members. Included are the fathometer, one tank, underwater sleds, and the large pots and propane stoves. Members wishing to borrow any of these should see Bob at any regular meeting. The club camera is also available for a modest rental fee. See Phil Niniskern to rent the camera.

The Division of Marine Fisheries has been even slower than usual this year in sending out applications for new lobster licences, but last year's licences are still good until you receive your new application.

If you have not yet sewed your patches on your new club jacket, there is a club convention for the locations of the most common ones: Dive Team patches go on the left shoulder, and Bay State Council patches go on the right shoulder.

### ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

We should all be proud that we have a nationally known long distance runner in the club. Joe Milligan holds the national record for his age class for the 100 km. race. Joe also recently ran just over 100 mi. in 24 hours for a charity benefit. The amount of training and guts that it takes to run this kind of race is beyond the comprehension of most of us.

Paul Adler has announced that East Coast Divers will be opening a new store in Framingham about March 9. The event will be celebrated by sales at both stores during the last full week of March.

Congratulations are in order to Jim Fitzgerald for becoming the father of a baby girl and to Paul Adler for getting married. The club wishes good luck and happiness to both of them and to their families.

The officers and board are very pleased with the support that the membership has been giving them so far this year. A record number of members have paid dues at the start of the year, and attendance at meetings has been extremely good. Let's keep up the good work!



APRIL 1981

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## PAST EVENTS

On February 24, 26, & 27 Joe Donahue gave the American Heart Association's "Basic Life Support Rescuer" CPR course at the clubhouse. Sixteen people took the course, and all passed. They were: Dave Clancy and his wife Myra, Paul Greene, Jeff Jacobs, Steve Norris, Bill Burchill and his wife Natta, Jenifer Hall, Sal Lena and his brother Frank, Joe McAndrew, Bob Michelson, Phil Nimiskern and his sister Elizabeth, Marlene Walker, and Eddie Parsons. The club gives many thanks to Joe and his two assistant instructors, Skip McCourt and John Wood for being so generous in giving their time. The course material is very important for everyone to know, and we were very fortunate to have had it available.

## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

March 14 was the annual Boston Sea Rovers Clinic. It was a very good show this year, and the day-time session on diving medicine and accident management was of special interest. A lot of new material was presented, much of which divers should know in order to prevent accidents. Your editor plans to present a summary of this information at the April 7 meeting, so please try to be there. Two important phone numbers were presented: The recompression facility at the Navy's submarine base in New London, 203-449-3805, and the Diving Accident Network, 919-684-8111. At both of these numbers medical advice is available on the handling of diving accidents. If a diver is being treated by a non-diving physician, the numbers should be available for him to call, so divers should carry them at all times.

The March get together dive was held at Back Beach, Cape Ann on March 15. Everyone was surprised by the calm sea and excellent visibility which ranged from 25 to 40 feet. Only 9 divers participated, but they were rewarded with an excellent dive.

During March first club votes were held for David F. Martin, John Laszlo, and Bob Lasater, and second club votes were held for Dan Curan and Donald Sloane. Welcome all. In addition the club has voted to change the status of Tony Page from corresponding member to regular member and that of Neal Baker from regular member to corresponding member.

The party at the Cavallaros' on March 21 was a real success, and a good time was had by all present. Many thanks to Paul and Stephanie.

## EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

The April get together dive will be held at 10:00 AM on April 12 at Halibut Point, Cape Ann. We shall meet at the King's Grant Inn, 8:00 AM for breakfast, to leave at 9:00. The King's Grant is just off Route 128 on the right two or three miles beyond the Liberty Tree Mall.



At the April 7 meeting we shall be setting up dives and other events for several months in the future. This will be a very important meeting, so everyone please try to be present.

At the April 21 meeting Joe Donahue will show a 30 min. moovie titled "Our Way of Life", and Bob Michelson will present a 30 min. slide show of fish on a reef off the Florida Keys. It will be a really interesting evening, so let's have a big audience.

Remember that the pool at the Lincoln Hancock School is available to us on Monday evenings from 9:00 to 10:00 PM. Everyone come on down and join the fun. The pool will be open April 6, 13, and 27, but closed April 20 because of Patriot's Day and school vacation.

### FUTURE EVENTS

There will be a non-point dive at Beavertail Point, R.I. at 11:00 AM on May 3. We shall meet at the Westgate Mall and leave at 9:00 AM. May 17 will be the year's first competition dive, time and place to be announced later. The May get together dive will be a wreck dive on May 31. Details are still to be arranged.

### REMINDERS

Spring is here, and there will be a lot of good diving weather, so check your gear to make sure it is all ready to go!  
There are a number of books missing from the club library. Anyone who knows where they are please bring them in so others can have a chance to use them.  
We are looking for some new furniture for the clubhouse. Anyone who knows of some decent furniture for sale at a reasonable price please let the president know.

### ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

Congratulations are in order for several of our members. Bob and Brenda Massarelli have recently become the parents of a baby girl, and Jerry Nee has recently become the father of a baby girl. Bill McDonough and his wife Joann have recently adopted a baby boy, and Dick Murphy's daughter Allison is one year old. Best wishes to all from the club.

Paul Green is now in Massachusetts General Hospital and will probably still be there when you receive this newsletter. He is in room 1018 of the Gray Building and has a phone in his room: 726-4680. He would appreciate calls and/or visits, but call and make sure he is still there before going in. All the club wishes Paul a speedy recovery.

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Pool 9:00 PM	Regular Meeting	HTB 01:30			HTB 04:21 First Quarter
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Halibut Point Dive 10:00 AM	Pool 9:00 PM	Board Meeting	HTB 08:31		Good Friday	HTB 10:46 First Seder
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Easter Passover Full Moon	Patriot's Day Pool Closed	Regular Meeting Films	HTB 00:51	Shakes- peare's Birthday		HTB 02:57
26	27	28	29	30		
Orthodox Easter	Last Quarter Pool 9:00 PM		HTB 06:34 Duke Ellington's Birthday			



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## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

The April 12 get together dive was changed from Halibut Point to Stage Fort Park. The dive included an underwater Easter egg hunt with many fine prizes donated by New England Divers, Braintree, South Shore Skindivers, and East Coast Divers. It was a very fine dive, and 30 divers participated. Many thanks to the dive shops who were very generous in donating the prizes.

At the April 21 meeting we were privileged to have a moovie shown by Joe Donahue and a very fine set of slides of marine life off the Florida Keys shown by Bob Michelson. Many thanks to Joe and Bob.

During April first club votes were held for Kermit Robinson, Michael Bowe, John Ferris, and David A. Zimmermann. Second club votes were held for Eddie Parsons and Bob Doran. Welcome all.

## EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

On Sunday, May 3 there will be a dive at Beavertail Point, Rhode Island. We shall be meeting at the Westgate Mall in Brockton at the intersection of routes 24 and 27 and leaving there at 9:00 AM. This dive is not the point dive for the month, but an extra dive added by popular demand.

On Wednesday, May 6 there will be a meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers at 7:00 PM at the New England Aquarium. This will be a very important meeting at which the diver's flag law will be discussed, and plans will be made for Council activities for 1981. All club members (and any other divers who read this) are strongly urged to attend. Anyone who is not already a member of the Council should come to the meeting and join. Club members remember that the club pays \$2.00 toward your Council dues. The Council represents all divers in the state before the state legislature; it is really the only organization we have to protect us against legislation detrimental to diving. Without the Council we may soon be left with no place to dive, so it is very important for all of us to give it our fullest support.

May 17 will be the season's first competition dive which will be held at the launching ramp at the north end for Lake Massapoag in Sharon. The briefing for the snorkel event will be at 10:00 AM at the water's edge with all divers dressed and ready to enter the water. The snorkel event is scheduled for one hour, and the scuba event will be held as soon after the snorkel event as everyone can get ready. New members are specially urged to attend. Competitions are always a lot of fun, and everyone is always curious to see what the competition director's fiendish imagination has been able to devise. We have promised the Sharon Recreation Department that we shall clean up along the water's edge, so those who don't plan to dive please come anyway and help. Sharon has always been very good to us in letting us use the lake. To reach Lake Massapoag take route 128 to route 138 and turn south toward



Stoughton. Turn right at the traffic light at the foot of the hill (about 0.8 mi.) onto Washington St. Follow Washington St. through the center of Canton to Cobb's Corner (gas stations, shopping center, Star Market), a distance of about 5 mi. At Cobb's Corner turn right and take route 27 to the center of Sharon (about 2 mi.) where route 27 turns right. Turn left and then immediately right onto Pond St. Follow Pond St. to the lake (just less than one mile). The dive will be at the near end of the lake. An alternate route is to take 195 south from route 128 about 5 mi. to exit 10. Turn left on Coney St. and then take Coney St. and route 27 into Sharon center, about 2.8 mi. Cross Main St. and then immediately turn right onto Pond St.

On May 31 we shall have the first wreck dive of the year. This will be the point dive for May. We shall be diving on a wreck off Spectacle Island and leaving from Pemberton Pier at the end of the Hull Peninsula. The exact time is still to be arranged and will be announced at the May meetings. Those who are unable to make the meetings call the president and ask. If there are doubts about the weather come anyway; a decision to cancel will only be made at the last minute. If you are really in doubt, call the president (826-2505) and ask.

The social get together on May 9 had to be cancelled because of booking problems. We shall try again next month.

The pool at the Lincoln Hancock School will be available to us from 9:00 to 10:00 PM on Monday nights, May 4, 11, and 18, but not on May 25 because of the Memorial Day holiday. We really need good attendance if we are to retain the privilege of using the pool, so please let's try to have a lot of people there. To find the Lincoln Hancock School turn off the Expressway onto Furness Brook Parkway as if you were going to the clubhouse. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Copeland St. Continue straight (where there seems to be a fork go left) and the school will be on your left in about half a mile.

There will be a night dive at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 26 at Scituate Glades. Many members have been asking for a night dive, so let's have a good turnout. The dive truck will be there to provide a place to change. Anyone needing directions to find the Glades should ask at one of the May meetings.

At the May 5 meeting your secretary will be giving a short talk on some of the medical safety information which was presented at the Boston Sea Rovers Clinic. Please try to come and listen; some of this information could save someone a lot of grief.

#### FUTURE EVENTS

The point dive for the month of June will be June 14 at Provincetown, and the second competition dive will be June 28. Note that the dates for these two dives have been reversed from what was originally planned, a change made necessary by "The Blessing of the Fleet" in Provincetown on the latter date. We are all blessed enough already.

On July 12 there will be a Boston Harbor boat dive complete with clambake at Boston Light, and on August 23 there will be another boat dive at the North

River Spit. Both of these will be times for family outings.

#### OBITUARY

We regret to announce that one of our former members, Charles Gilliat has recently died of cancer. The club extends its profoundest sympathies to Charlie's family.

#### REMINDERS

Spring is here, and the time has come to clean up the clubhouse. Watch for details in the June newsletter.

We are looking for new ideas for the Outing: new kinds of food, games, etc. Anyone who can think of anything please speak to the president.

#### ATTENTION DIVE SHOPS

The club is starting a policy of sending copies of our newsletter to all the dive shops in the immediate area. We would appreciate it if you would place it on a bulletin board or otherwise make it available for your customers to read.

#### ATTENTION OTHER CLUBS

For some time we have been sending copies of our newsletter to other clubs in the area, but we do not have a good way of knowing if our list is current. If you are still out there and still wish to receive it, please drop us a card and let us know. Also if anyone knows of any new clubs who would like to receive it, please let us know about that too.



# MAY 1981

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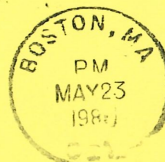
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
09:58 Wreck Dive from Pemberton Pier					09:26 May Day Ancient Celtic start of Summer	10:21 Bing Crosby's Birthday
11:15 Beavertail Point Dive (No Points) New Moon	12:06 Pool, 9:00 PM	00:26 Regular Meeting Safety Talk	01:17 BSC Meeting 7:00 PM Aquarium	02:10 Lusitania Sunk 1915	03:04	04:01
05:01 Mother's Day First Quarter	06:01 Pool, 9:00 PM	07:04 Board Meeting	08:05	09:02	09:53	10:38 Armed Forces Day
11:18 Competition Dive 10:00 AM Massapoag	11:57 Pool, 9:00 PM Full Moon	00:08 Regular Meeting	00:45 Lindberg's Flight 1929	01:23	02:03	02:45
03:30	04:18 Memorial Day Pool Closed	05:11 Night Dive 7:00 PM Last Quarter	06:06	07:03 Ascension Day	08:03 First Ascent of Everest 1953	09:01

JUNE '81

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## SOUNDINGS

## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

A non-point dive was held at Beavertail Point, Rhode Island on May 3. Fourteen divers participated, and Steve Norris found 52 pounds of lead weights.

On May 6 there was a meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers at the New England Aquarium. Most of those present were SSN members. We are all glad that our club supports the Council, but it was a great disappointment that other clubs were so poorly represented. There was a lengthy discussion of the diver's flag law. Those who felt that it should be repealed had been specifically invited to the meeting, but had not seen fit to be present. The people present felt that the problem was one of discriminatory enforcement, not of the law itself. The conclusion was that it would be neither possible nor desirable to have the law repealed. There was also a discussion of the need to increase the membership, and committees were appointed to launch a membership drive (John Blackadar chairman), to plan activities for the summer (Paul Adler chairman), and to learn what the state legislature is doing.

On May 9 some of the members of the Dive Team helped the Coast Guard by searching for a lost propeller at their Point Allerton pier. The propeller was not found, but the divers were rewarded with a very enjoyable dive off Shag Rocks.

The first competition dive of the year was held at Lake Massapoag on May 18. Fourteen divers participated, and a good time was had by all. The snorkel event was won by John Blackadar, with Salvatore Lena second, and Jeff Jacobs third. The scuba event was won by John Blackadar and Jeff Jacobs, with Dick Murphy and Steve Norris second, and Brian Clinton and Chuck Cippolletta third. One diver was severely handicapped because he was not allowed to take his vise-grip pliers into the water, and another started a new style by wearing two wool hats instead of a wetsuit hood.

During May a first club membership vote was held for Tim Ferris, and second club votes were held for Craig Thompson, Dick Murphy, Bob Lasater, John Laszlo, and David F. Martin. Welcome all.

Paul Greene and Bob Avilla have completed an audit of the club books for 1980 and are working on the books for 1979. Many thanks to Paul and Bob; auditing is a lot of work, and we are very fortunate to have members willing to devote large amounts of time and effort for the welfare of the club.

We also wish to thank Don DiTullio for straightening out the club scrap-books. He has arranged two books, one for diving events and another for social events. Don is another member who has contributed a lot of time and effort.

## EVENTS FOR THE END OF MAY

If you receive this newsletter in time, there are two events in May to remember. There will be a night dive at Scituate Glades at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 26 with a party at Dana Williams house afterward. Also the May get together dive will be the Boston Harbor wreck dive on May 31. The wreck dive will start from Pemberton Pier at the end of the Hull Peninsula at 9:00



AM. Try to bring a hammer and chisel to knock spikes out of the wreck. Diving has been restricted to club members by vote of the club. We shall be out all day, so bring lunch. This will be a boat dive, and new members must have been checked out. The night dive will be an opportunity for one checkout, and those who need a second should talk to the president.

### EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

The June get together dive will be held at Provincetown on June 14. We have chartered Wayne Sullivan's boat for the day, and Wayne will be taking us out to the point, six at a time, starting at about 8:30 AM. He will be leaving from McMillen's Wharf, and each trip will take about half an hour. There is parking at the wharf, but probably at a price, so be sure to ask if there is a better place. The point is a fine place for a picnic, and there are two wrecks of fishing schooners about 30 yards off the beach. Because of transportation difficulties, diving will be restricted to club members, but non-diving family members and friends are welcome to come along and picnic. Be sure to bring plenty of food; we shall be out at the point the whole day. Most of us will probably want to go down the night before and will be looking for a place to stay. Those who wish to camp should call Chuck Cippolletta, and those who wish to stay in a motel should call Blackie so that they can make reservations. Everyone who plans to make the dive please either sign the sheet in the clubhouse or call Blackie so that he will know how many people to plan for.

May 28 will be the annual spearfishing contest. It will be held at Castle Hill, Newport, Rhode Island, and will run from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We shall meet at the Westgate Mall in Brockton at 9:00 AM. The exact location has not yet been decided, but it will be somewhere off Ocean Drive. If you miss the meeting at the Westgate Mall, come to Newport and look for a familiar group somewhere along Ocean Drive. There will be no points for this contest, just a lot of fun and a trophy for the winner.

The pool at the Lincoln Hancock School will be available to us at 9:00 PM the first two Monday nights in June. These will be the last two times this spring. Nobody knows what will happen in the fall, so let's enjoy the pool while we can.

At the June 16 meeting Mike LaMarre will be giving a talk on underwater construction and demonstrating a lot of his equipment. This should be really interesting, so don't miss it.

The annual spring clubhouse cleanup has been scheduled for 9:00 AM Saturday, June 27. This will include painting the floor and general cleaning. Bob Masarelli will be in charge, so if you have any questions, ask him. We are very fortunate to have a rent-free place to meet, and the least we can do is keep it in good order, so let's have a really good turnout. Don't leave all the work to just a few dedicated members.

Don DiTullio is arranging a "night at the races" at Wonderland Park on Tuesday, June 30. Tickets include dinner, admission, and parking. The cost will be \$14.95 or less depending on what you want to eat. If you want to see the puppies run, speak to Don for details.



### FUTURE EVENTS

The July get together dive will be a Boston Harbor dive and family picnic on July 12. Members' boats will be needed.

July 25 has been chosen as a tentative date for an evening Boston Harbor "booze cruise". Watch for details in your next newsletter.

The Outing will be on its traditional date, August 9 with a rain date of August 16.

On August 23 there will be another dive combined with a family picnic, this time at the North River Spit.

### REMINDERS

Bob Murphy has two charter dates for wreck dives: Sunday July 19, and Sunday August 2. On each of these dates dives will be made on either the Pinthis, and oil tanker, or the Mars, an ocean going tug. Two dives (on the same wreck) are planned for each of the days. Both wrecks are in about 100 ft. of water, and there will therefore be some special equipment requirements; talk to Bob for details. Six divers can be accommodated and Bob is taking reservations on a first come, first served basis. The cost will be \$30.00, payable when the reservation is made. If there is sufficient interest, Bob can probably get additional dates.

### TIDES AND THE MOON

Spring tides (higher than average highs and lower than average lows) occur at the new moon and full moon, while neap tides (less than average) occur at the quarters. In addition, tides are greater when the moon is closest to the earth (perigee) and less when the moon is farthest from the earth (apogee). When the moon is in the plane of the earth's orbit around the sun (the ecliptic) the day and night highs tend to be the same height, but they tend to be different when the moon is either north or south of the ecliptic. The moon passes through the ecliptic twice each month. The new moon of 2 June follows the perigee by only one day, so the tides will be unusually high at that time. The upper left corner of each date square on your calendar contains the time of the first high tide at Boston on that day. The next high tide will be, on the average, 12 hr. 24 min. later.

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	10:53 1 Pool 9:00 PM Perigee	11:47 2 Regular Meeting New Moon	00:05 3	00:57 4	01:36 5	02:45 6 D-Day 1944
03:38 7 Pentecost	04:36 8 Shabuoath Pool 9:00 PM Last Night	05:32 9 Board Meeting First Quarter	06:31 10	07:27 11	08:23 12	09:16 13
10:03 14 Provincetown Dive Flag Day	10:46 15	11:28 16 Regular Meeting Construction Talk	12:09 17 Bunker Hill Day Full Moon	00:17 18 Paul McCartney's Birthday	00:57 19	01:38 20 Apogee
02:19 21 Father's Day Summer Solstice	03:05 22	03:54 23	04:45 24 Last Quarter	05:40 25	06:38 26 Transatlantic Cable Laying Started 1858	07:39 27
08:39 28 Spearfishing Contest	09:39 29 Perigee	10:36 30 Dog Races Giant Meteorite Hit Siberia 1908				





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# *South Shore Neptunes, Inc.*

Member of BAY STATE COUNCIL of SKIN DIVING CLUBS, Inc.

Dear Diver,

The South Shore Neptunes would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to our club meetings. There are several reasons for extending this invitation. We would like to introduce you to the pleasures of diving with a club as well as increasing diver solidarity in the face of increasingly hostile anti-diver legislation.

We believe that the Neptunes have a great deal to offer for your enjoyment and education. As a Neptune you would be diving with many people with 15 or more years of experience as well as people who are newcomers to the sport. This kind of mixture provides the ideal atmosphere for education by combining tried and true methods with an influx of new ideas.

The club provides many interesting and enjoyable events for the membership. The two main social events are the Annual Club Outing and the Annual Awards Banquet, a banquet in the true sense of the word. Club diving activities include a wide range of events from Competition Dives to monthly Get-together Dives to Wreck Diving to Charter Boat Diving. In addition there is a divers' hot-line that enables members to contact a central coordinator who acts as a clearing house, matching divers looking for partners. All of the Neptune sponsored dives are conducted under the watchful eye of a club appointed Safety Officer who keeps track of the experienced divers and checks out and advises the inexperienced divers.

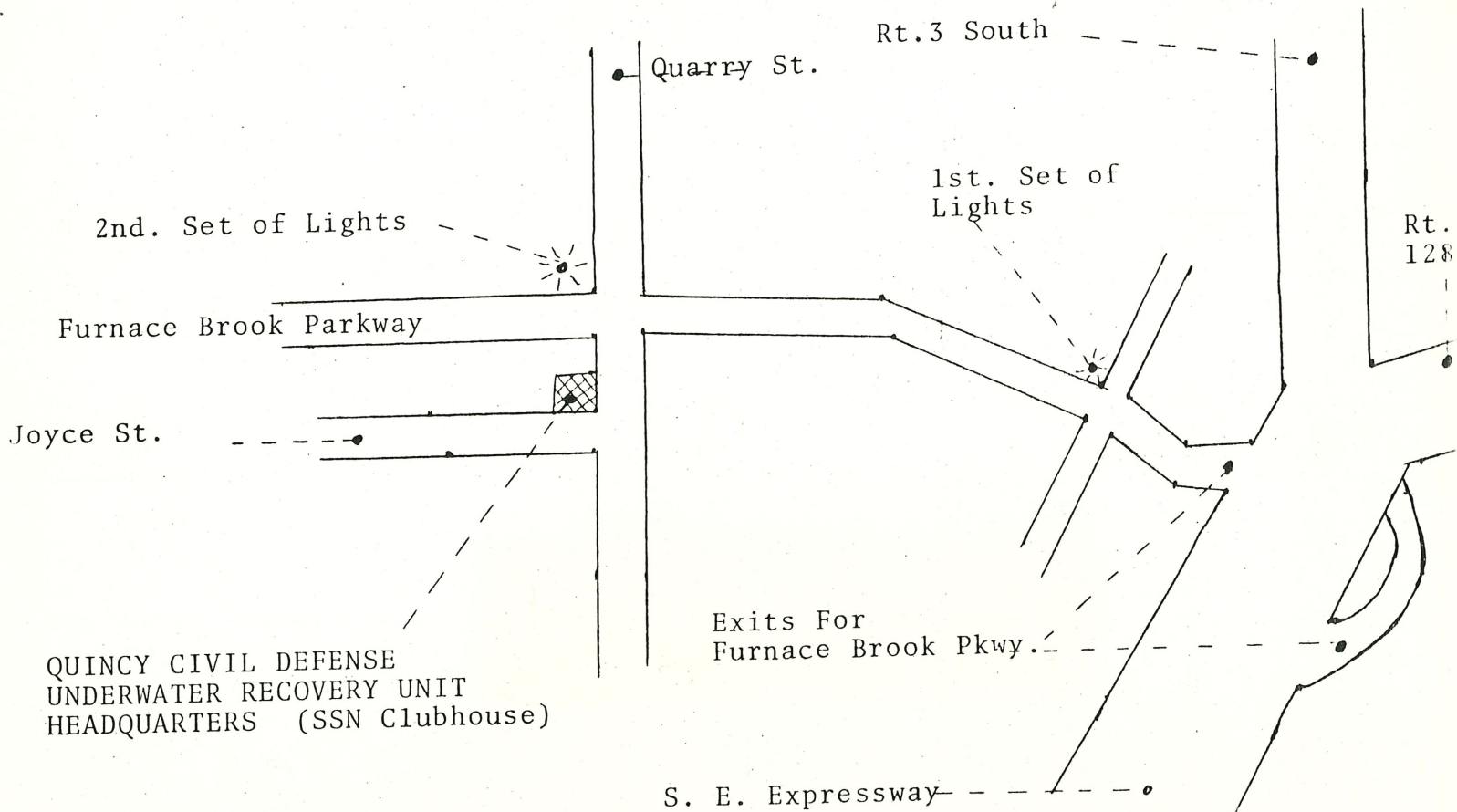
The Neptunes do not require that you be a certified diver before becoming a member, but neither do we have organized instruction for the person who has never dove before. We do welcome newcomers to the sport who are looking for companionship, words of advice and a thorough enjoyment of our fascinating sport.

The club is also an active member of the Bay State Council of Divers and plays quite an active role in combatting anti-diver legislation. The Neptunes are also affiliated with the Quincy Civil Defense Underwater Recovery Unit. This association is beneficial to all concerned. It provides a much needed service to the South Shore area and provides the Neptunes with a powerful reputation that is very useful as legislative leverage.

If you are looking for a group to dive with and a social organization, the South Shore Neptunes welcome you to attend one of our meetings. They are held on the first, second and third Tuesdays of the month at 8:00 pm. The meeting on the second Tuesday is a Board Meeting and the other two are General Meetings, please feel free to attend any of them. The clubhouse is located on the corner of Joyce St. and Quarry St. near the intersection of Quarry St. and Furnace Brook Pkwy. ( this is the Quincy Civil Defense Underwater Recovery Unit Headquarters). Again please feel free to come to any of our meetings and ask any question that you might have.

Thank-you

THE SOUTH SHORE NEPTUNES



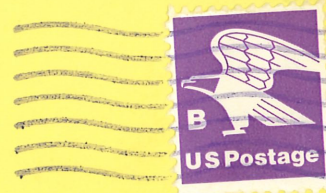


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## SOUNDINGS

## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

The big event of June was the Provincetown dive on June 14. Most people went down early and stayed overnight some at the Holiday Inn and some at Jeff Jacobs' cottage. Friday night and Saturday there were those who did some diving and those who spent the time partying. The weather was fine for the entire weekend, and all those present had a marvelous time. Saturday there were seven divers on the Dixie Sword and on the Pendelton. Included in these was Ted Hotz who met a large friend on the bottom. Be sure to ask Ted about it. Sunday there were 29 divers and assorted family members out at the point. The pile of diving gear and picnic equipment was the most impressive we had seen for some time. We had chartered Wayne Sullivan's boat for the day, and Jeff Jacobs and Steve O'Gara brought their boats as well. Many thanks to Jeff and Steve. Sunday morning Wayne took one group of divers around the end of the point for a drift dive on the outer side of the Cape. There are two wrecks accessible from the point, and a number of dives were made on these. The entire weekend was an unqualified success, and everything went without a hitch. We owe many thanks to our president who went to a very large amount of trouble to organize the entire operation.

The clubhouse cleanup on June 27 was a real disappointment. Only five people showed up Saturday morning, but we did manage to get a few things painted, and the clubhouse does look better. Thanks are due to those who did come down and work: Paul Greene, Gregg LaMontaigne, and Phil Nimiskern in addition to your president and secretary. Thanks are also due to Sal and Frank Lena who have done a tremendous job cleaning up outside and planting flowers, but shame on everyone else! We are very fortunate to have a rent-free place to meet, and the least we can do is spend a little time keeping it looking decent. It is to be hoped that next time we ask for help there will be a better response. One last note: if anyone is wondering how the floor downstairs got painted, the president did it all by himself Friday night.

## EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

The July get together dive will be a Boston Harbor dive and family picnic at Boston Light on July 12. We shall meet at Pemberton Pier on the extreme end of the Hull peninsula at 8:30 AM. Members' boats will be needed, so all boat owners please try to be at the July 7 meeting when we shall be making plans. If you can't make the meeting, please call the president. We do need a head count, so all members who are coming please either be at the meeting or call the president and tell him how many people you are bringing. The plan is to catch lobsters on the spot and eat them, and there may also be corn and steamers; come to the meeting and find out. In any case, bring something to drink.

At the July 7 meeting we shall be making plans for the outing which will be held on August 9. The president is looking for ideas for new activities to increase the excitement, so come on down and put in your two cents.

There will be a meeting of the Dive Team on July 28 at 8:00 PM sharp.



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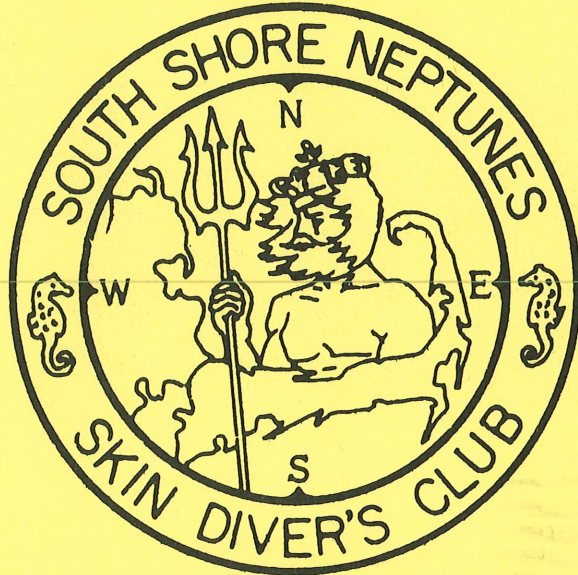
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02:24	5 03:15	6 04:06	7 05:01	8 05:53	9 06:48	10 07:42
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08:34 Boston Harbor Dive 8:30 AM Pemberton Pier	12 09:26 Julius Caesar's Birthday	13 10:14 Board Meeting Bastille Day	14 10:59	15 11:41	16 12:23	17 00:32 Rome Burned Twice
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				East Coast Divers Charter 6:30 PM	Last Quarter	
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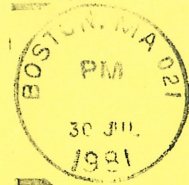


Aug. '81

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## SOUNDINGS

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Captain Mike LaMarre has just announced a boat-warming party.

Date: Saturday, August 1; Time: 4:00 PM till who knows when;

Place: Slip 19, Bay 1, Hewett's Cove Marina.

Directions: Head southwest on Route 3a across the Back River Bridge (comes after the Fore River Bridge) and turn left into the marina. Drive straight down to the water and turn left. Bay 1 will be the third dock on the right. If you recognize Mike's truck, it will be parked nearby.

## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

The Boston Harbor dive and Boston Light picnic on July 12, was an unqualified success. Twelve members brought boats and 44 divers entered the water. There were also many family members who came for the picnic. The weather was as good as one could ask for, there was a large amount of food. One boat with a lame engine and a little bit of wind as we were returning were the only things anyone could possibly complain about. Many thanks to our president for excellent organization.

During July first club membership votes were taken for Fred Waldstein and Joseph V. Mullen, and a second vote was taken for Michael Bowe. Your editor apologizes for omitting from last month's newsletter the June membership votes. In June we had first votes for Peter F. Barry, Paula Coviello, Ken Daly, Frank Lena, Maureen Mutrie, Paul J. Horrigan III, and Edward Boyd and a second vote for David A. Zimmerman. We all extend a hearty welcome to all of our new members.

On the evening of July 9 Paul Adler took Bob Murphy, Steve Norris, Dick Murphy, Steve O'Gara, and Bill & Marlene Walker on a dive to halfway rock. Everything went well until they came up from the dive into a raging thunder storm. Getting back into the boat and surviving until the storm passed proved to be quite an adventure. Paul has some interesting photographs of his propeller to illustrate the point.

Quincy Civil Defense had a booth at the Quincy Bazaar on July 16, 17, 18, and the Dive Team members helped man it. The net receipts amounted to \$569.30, making the total raised by Civil Defense this year \$987.30.

## EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

August is Outing Month. The Outing will be held on August 9 unless it rains. The rain date is August 16. If the weather is bad on the ninth we shall have it on the sixteenth, regardless of the weather. The meeting on August 4 will be the last time to buy tickets. Prices will be: members and family \$5.00; members children under 12, free; guests \$8.50; and guest

children \$5.00. Although there is no charge for members children, we must have a count, so you must sign them up when you buy the adult tickets. We shall have large quantities of food to store, so everyone please try to bring a cooler. The location is Scusset Beach, just this side of the Cape Cod Canal. Drive down Route 3 to the rotary immediately before the Sagamore Bridge. Go three quarters of the way around and follow signs to Scusset Beach. There is also an earlier place to turn off Route 3 if you see the sign. Festivities will start at 10:00 AM., but those who are going to help set things up should be there at 9:00. This is the biggest event of the year and is partially supported by your dues, so be sure not to miss it. There will be all you can eat and drink, games for children and adults, and everyone always has a good time.

The August get together dive will be held at the North River Spit on August 23. This will be another family picnic day, and members boats will again be needed. We shall meet at Mary's Landing at 10:00 AM. Mary's is located where Route 3a crosses the North River about a mile south of the intersection of Route 123 and Route 3a. We had a really excellent dive and picnic in the same location last year, so this, weather permitting should be the same.

East coast Divers will be running two special charters for the club during August. They will be Thursday evening, August 13 to the wreck of the Chelsea and also Thursday evening, August 20. The cost will be \$15.00, a special rate for the club, to be paid when the reservation is made. The boat will leave from the Cape Ann Marina at 6:30 PM. Make reservations with Paul Adler on a first come, first served basis.

Civil Defense has another fund raising event planned for August. This one will be selling chances on a \$400.00 shopping spree at one of the Quincy markets. Dive Team members will be helping again. This is a really fine opportunity to raise more money, and if all goes well, the Dive Team's budget may be almost as good as it was last year.

The president has been investigating the possibility of an inner tube river run in Connecticut on August 30. This would be run by a professional outfit at a nominal cost. Come to the August meetings for details.

#### OTHER NEWS

Chuck Cippoletta has gone to sea to look for oil and will be away for the remainder of the year. The president has therefore appointed Steve O'Gara the new safety officer. Chuck's new address is:

Charles D. Cippoletta  
P-177 c/o Susan Lober  
Western Geophysical Box 2469  
Houston, Texas 77001

The president has suggested that the Banquet next winter be made a reunion for all former club members who wish to attend. There seems to be a lot of interest among both present and former members. Please let the president know how you feel about it.



Frank Eddy has been moved to the Braintree Hospital. He is doing much better than he was, but he still has a long tough road ahead. It will help him a lot if we can visit him often. Visiting hours there are from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM, strictly enforced. The hospital is located in Braintree on Pond St. a short distance west of Sunset Lake.

Pat Kaufman and Niel Zall are to be married on August 15. Congratulations!

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# AUGUST 1981

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Note that the last two days are on the top line.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
00:08 Possible River Run	30 00:53	31				00:26 Boatwarming Party
01:13	2 02:01 Columbus Left Spain 1492	3 02:48 Regular Meeting Outing Ticket Cutoff	4 03:35	5 04:23	6 05:14 First Quarter	7 06:04 New York Captured by Dutch 1672 Apogee
06:58 Outing Scussat Beach 10:00 AM	9 07:54	10 08:46 Board Meeting	11 09:39	12 10:25 East Coast Divers Charter	13 11:11	14 11:54 Full Moon
00:07 Rain Date for Outing	16 00:50 Day Crockett's Birthday 1786	17 01:34 Regular Meeting	18 02:21 Orville Wright's Birthday 1871	19 03:12 East Coast Divers Charter	20 04:04 Perigee	21 05:01 Battle of Bosworth Field 1485 Last Quarter
06:01 North River Spit Dive	23 07:03	24 08:09 Conjunction of Saturn & Venus	25 09:11 Battle of Crecy 1346, First Use of Cannon	26 10:11 Krakatoa Blew its Top 1883	27 11:05 Conjunction of Jupiter & Venus	28 11:52 New Moon

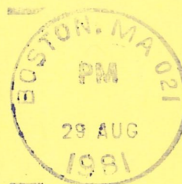


SEPT. '81

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## SOUNDINGS

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SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE COMING WINTER  
THE ANNUAL BANQUET WILL BE A REUNION  
FOR ALL FORMER CLUB MEMBERS

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We are planning to make this winter's banquet a reunion for as many former club members as we can find and who wish to attend. We hope that a number of them will want to find out what the club is doing now, and it should be interesting for us to hear about what the club has done in the past. Therefore anyone who knows the whereabouts of any former club member please let the officers know so that we can form a mailing list. As soon as the date and location are decided, we shall send out a notice and try to track down as many former members as possible. The event should be a lot of fun for everyone, so let's try to find as many people as possible.

## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

The annual Outing, held on August 9 was an unqualified success. We set a new record for attendance at 196 people, and everyone had a beautiful time. There was very little sun, but it did not rain. The lack of sun did not dampen any of the activities; it merely kept people from getting sunburnt. Everything was well organized, and everyone helped with all the necessary work. We all owe a special vote of thanks to our president for a job very well done. Mike LaMarre arrived in his new boat, and a large number of people swam out to see it. For some reason the life guards were somewhat reluctant to let them swim back.

The August get together dive was held at the North River Spit on August 23. There were 49 people present and nine members' boats. The weather finally turned fair, and a good time was had by all. The visibility in the water was not very good and few lobsters were taken, but some of our more observant divers managed to salvage a dinghy.

Quincy Civil Defense will be conducting a benefit raffle at the end of August. This will be done with the cooperation of the Capitol Supermarkets, and the first prize will be a three minute shopping spree up to a maximum of \$400.00. At the time this newsletter goes to press the Dive Team has collected \$373.00. If the other seven units do as well, there will be a fairly good budget for the Dive Team for the next year.

During August a first club membership vote was held for Paul K. Collins, and second club membership votes were held for Peter F. Barry and Frank Lena. Welcome all!

A meeting of the Dive Team was held on July 28 at the Civil Defense building



on Sea St. The meeting was a success, and most of the team members were present. Those members who were not able to attend please check with Jim Walker to make sure that he has your correct address and phone numbers. He is in the process of making up a new list and wants to be sure that it is up to date.

### EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

The final competition dive of the season will be held at Ocean Bluffs, Marshfield on Sunday September 13. Briefing for the snorkel event will be at 10:00 AM with all divers dressed and at the water's edge. All participants should bring bug bags and compasses. The water depth for the snorkel event will be no more than 15 ft. The scuba event will start at 11:00 AM or shortly thereafter. All new members should come out and discover what fun competitions can be. They are always a challenge to the competition director's imagination as well as a challenge to the participants. If in doubt about the weather, come anyway. If necessary the contest will be moved to more sheltered waters. To reach Ocean Bluffs take Route 139 from Route 3 or 3a to the ocean. As soon as you see the ocean and the route turns right and runs parallel to the beach, you are there.

The September get together dive will be a wreck dive on September 27. The wreck of the New Hampshire has been chosen, and we shall leave from White's Beach, Manchester at 10:00 AM. Members' boats will be needed for this dive also. If you are looking for spikes, it will be advisable to bring a hammer and chisel to dig at the sea cement. A short-handled hammer of about 3# and/or a bricklayer's hammer and a fairly large cold chisel are suitable. The meeting place will be the King's Grant Inn, 8:00 AM for breakfast, to leave at 9:00. The King's Grant Inn is immediately off Route 128 on the right just beyond the Liberty Tree Mall.

There will be a party at Paul Adler's new house, 6 Terrane Ave., Natic on Saturday, September 19, starting at 7:00 PM. Everyone should bring food and drink, and Paul will have a charcoal grill going. To reach Paul's house take Route 9 from Route 128 toward Framingham. Watch for a hill with a MacDonalds on the left at the base. As you climb the hill there will be three furniture stores (Scandinavian Design, Ethan Allen, Rudiman) on your right. Just over the crest of the hill turn right onto Weathersfield St. Terrane Ave. will then be the first left, and Paul's house the third on the left.

East Coast Divers will be running another evening charter for the club on Thursday, September 3 leaving the Cape Ann Marina at 6:30 PM. If you are interested call the store (277-2216) and make a reservation.

NAUI will be sponsoring a film night at the John Hancock Hall at 8:00 PM, Saturday 26 September featuring movies by Bill Lovin. Tickets \$4.00 in advance, slightly more at the door.



## FUTURE EVENTS

The New England Aquarium Dive Club will be running a film show at 6:30 PM on Saturday, October 17 in the Aquarium auditorium. Tickets will be \$3.00, and half of the proceeds will go to the Bay State Council. Watch for details next month.

It has been suggested that the club sponsor a day hike along the Appalachian Trail sometime in October. Anyone interested? Come to the next meeting and talk about it.

Seamark will be coming up again in November, so let's all set aside a Saturday evening for inebriation and good fellowship.

## ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

Congratulations to Phil Carson and his wife for the birth of a new baby.

Frank Eddy is still in the Braintree Hospital. Please let's try to get to see him as often as possible.

Steve O'Gara had some of his pictures published in the Boston Globe and distributed by Associated Press. Not only is he a good photographer, but he manages to be aboard ships when they run aground.

## NOTES ON DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS

Most of us seem to think that the U.S. Navy decompression tables are infallible. They certainly are the best we have, but they are far from infallible. Producing accurate tables requires a very large amount of data, and in this case data are cases of the "bends". A lot of guesswork is involved in all the tables, and the exceptional and extreme exposure tables are almost completely guesswork. In addition, susceptibility varies from one individual to another and from day to day for the same individual, and for reasons that are not completely understood. We know that we can always ascend from 33 ft. (27 ft. for saturation diving), and this indicates that it must be difficult to get the bubbles started. Surface tension theory explains the difficulty, but then does not explain how the bubbles ever get started at all. Recent research suggests that one of the substances in the blood which helps the blood to clot also has the effect of promoting the formation of "bends" bubbles. Deep diving whales lack this substance, and although they seem not to be subject to decompression sickness, they bleed to death very easily.

The human body has the capacity to produce substances which it requires, and it therefore probable that after an injury which causes bleeding, the body would contain larger than normal amounts of clotting agents and therefore be more susceptible to decompression sickness. Common sense therefore indicates that after any severe injury (cut, bruise, sprain, muscle pull, etc.) a diver use a great deal of extra caution to avoid "bends".



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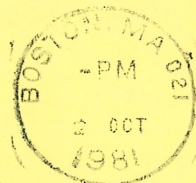


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## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

The second point competition dive of the year was held at Ocean Bluffs, Marshfield on September 13. Your editor apologizes for referring to this as the last competition dive in last month's newsletter. Evidently he can't count. Fourteen divers participated in the snorkel event which was filling a 2 liter Coke bottle with sand. The event was won by Chuck Cippolletta, with Sal Lena second and John Laszlo third. The scuba event, which involved bottles of sand, balloons, and plastic bags, was won by Sal Lena and Steve Norris, with John Blackadar and Jeff Jacobs second, and Bob Avilla and Bill Burchill third. It was a good day, everyone had a good time, and a few former club members were at the dive site.

The September get together dive was held at the wreck of the New Hampshire on the 27th. of September. Twenty-two divers participated and four members' boats were there. The dive was made from the boats because there was enough sea running to make it unsafe to try to climb up on the rocks. Otherwise the weather was reasonable, and although no spectacular artifacts were recovered, everyone had a fine time.

On September 13 there was a marathon in Quincy. Bob Masarelli ran 15 mi. of the race, and Joe Milligan ran the entire race in 3 hr. 29 min. Glad to see we have a few people in the club who are in shape. Carl Ingvie and Joe Shea drove the dive truck.

During September first club membership votes were held for John Wilhelm, John Keener, and Stephen G. Roberts, and a second vote was held for Fred Waldstein. In addition, a corresponding membership was voted for Jim Cummings. Welcome all.

On September 19 Paul and Debbie Adler gave a party for club members at their new home. All those who attended had a good time and were very much impressed with the house.

## EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

The last (This time it is the last!) competition of the season will be held on 18 October. The location will be Pleasure Bay, South Boston, just beyond Kelly's Landing. All those who plan to enter should bring a bug bag, and briefing for the snorkel event will be at 10:00 AM sharp with all divers dressed and at the water's edge. Take the Southeast Expressway to the Columbia Road - South Boston exit and follow Day Blvd. past the MDC police station and then follow the road along the beach. Pleasure Bay is about a mile and a half past the police station.

The October get together dive will be held at Long Pond, Plymouth on 25 October at 10:00 AM. This will be the traditional fall sled dive. It gives Dive Team members a chance to practice dragging behind a boat and boat owners a chance to get their engines washed out with fresh water before being stored for the winter. Club members who are not Dive Team members are also welcome to try the "sleds". Maybe you will even want to join the team when you find out how much territory can be covered with almost no effort. The meeting place will be the the Howard Johnsons off Route 3 in



Kingston, 8:00 AM for breakfast, to leave at 9:00. If you go directly to Long Pond, take Route 3 to the next exit beyond the White Horse Beach exit. Turn right and then right again in less than 1/4 mile. After that take either the first or second left -- we shall try to put up a diver's flag sign to indicate which.

During October the pool at the Lincoln Hancock School in Quincy will again be available to the club from 9:00 to 10:00 PM on Monday evenings. This will give all members a good opportunity to practice with their equipment during the winter and to play a number of fascinating games. New members are especially encouraged to come down and find out what goes on; it is all really a lot of fun. It is a good, big, clean pool and we are very fortunate to be able to use it, but if there is not a good showing we shall lose it, so everyone try to get down. Members family are also welcome. The first evening will be 5 October which is also the president's birthday, so let's make it a real party. It will also be available on October 19 and 26, but not October 12 because of the holiday.

On Saturday, October 17 at 6:30 PM there will be a showing of two films at the New England Aquarium, Blue Water White Death and Fred Calhoun's Wall Dive. The showing is sponsored by the Aquarium Dive Club, and half of the proceeds will go to the Bay State Council of Divers. Tickets at \$3.00 are available from Dave Clancy and at dive shops. This is a fine opportunity to see two excellent films and at the same time to support the Council. Because of the early hour, members of our club are planning to get together for dinner afterward. Details at the October 6 meeting, or call the president.

At the October 20 meeting Dave Clancy will present a slide show about German "U" boat activities in the New England area during both world wars.

There will be a special meeting on October 27 to prepare for winter. Bill Walker will be teaching us how to sharpen skis, and Steve Norris will be sharpening skates. Everyone come down to the clubhouse at 8:00 PM with your skis and skates and, if you have any, sharpening tools.

### \*\*\* PARTY \*\*\* PARTY \*\*\* PARTY \*\*\*

On Friday evening, October 30 the president will be giving a Halloween Party for the club. Come one, come all, to his house with or without costume as you wish. Bring food; bring drink; bring your friends! The party will last from 8:00 PM till the next morning. Come celebrate (one day early) the oldest holiday in the world, the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when everyone propitiates the evil spirits. To reach Blackie's house take Route 3 to the Hanover Mall exit and turn right. Pass the mall on your left and after one mile an Old Colony gas station on your right. Take the next left, and Blackie's house will be the second on the right. Please try to park on the same side of the street as the house. If you get lost or have any questions, call 826-2505.

### FUTURE EVENTS

The banquet has been set to be held at the Lantana on February 13, 1982. We shall be having the same band as we have had for the past two years. Remember that this will be a reunion for all the "old timers", so anyone who knows where to find any of them please let the president know.



## IN APPRECIATION

Thanks are due to Tom Sangiolo for a generous donation of fire wood and to Bob Massarelli for stacking it. Thanks are also due to Bill and Marlene Walker for a donation of Skindiver magazines to the club library. Phil Nimiskern has worked very hard and gotten the library into very impressive shape. Dave Clancy is also putting new borders on all the club charts, and Brian Clinton has found the club a refrigerator chest to increase our beer capacity.

## OTHER NEWS

Discount air cards for several dive shops are now available to club members. Anyone who wishes to purchase one should let the president know.

We are in the process of having wallet cards printed which will have phone numbers to use in case of a diving accident. The cards will be available to our members and to all other divers in the area. The phone numbers are those of the Diving Accident Network at Duke University and of the Navy's recompression facility in New London. Medical advice concerning diving injuries is available at both of these locations.

Last month we omitted to announce Mim's birthday. Your editor has it from a reliable source that she was 26, and he is sure that she has enough energy to make us believe it. There is also a rumor that her illustrious husband has gone on a diet and is losing weight fast. Could it be that he is going to try to keep up with her?

Two of our provisional members whom we have not seen for a while, Maureen Mutrie and Paula Coviello, inform us that they are still very much interested in the club and have not been around because of the demands of working and studying at the same time. It is hoped that they will be able to find more time before long.

Frank Eddy is now in Room F531 of University Hospital, Boston. His condition has stabilized and he is able to use a wheelchair with facility, but he wants and needs very much to see his friends. Please let us all try to get in to see him. Take the Expressway to the Massachusetts Ave. exit, turn right onto Mass. Ave., and then right again onto Harrison Ave. just past Boston City Hospital. University Hospital is on the right just beyond Boston City Hospital. On street parking is usually available. Walk into the courtyard, turn right, and go in the door that says "Chapel".

We regret to announce the death of Mike Maggs' mother. Mike is a former member and a good friend of many of us. We all extend to Mike our profoundest sympathies.

## FOR SALE

Woman's wet suit, including gloves, hood, and boots, \$50.00. Speak to Bob Avilla or call 545-6884.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01:51 Julie Andrews Birthday 1935	1 02:32 Groucho Marks Birthday 1895 Apogee	2 03:15 3
03:59	4 04:47 Pool 9:00 PM John Elackader Birthday	5 05:40 Regular Meeting First Quarter	6 06:36	7 07:32 Yom Kippur	8 08:25 Lief Erickson Landed in Vinland 1000	9 09:16 10
10:04	11 10:49 Columbus Landed 1492 Columbus Day Pool Closed	12 11:36 Board Meeting Sukkoth Full Moon	13 00:02 Dwight Eisenhower's Birthday 1890 Perigee	14 00:51	15 01:42 16 02:35 Files at Aquarium 6:30 PM	17
03:30	16 04:29 Competition South Boston 10:00 AM	19 05:30 Regular Meeting w/ Boat Slide Show	20 06:36 Battle of Trafalgar 1805 Simhath Torah	21 07:42	22 08:44 23 09:39 Set Clocks Back to Standard Time in Evening	24
09:24	25 10:07 Long Pond Sled Dive 10:00 AM	26 10:44 Sharpen Skates Skis, Clubhouse 8:00 PM New Moon	27 11:21 28 11:58 29 00:26 30 01:03 Samhain Ancient Celtic Start of Winter	31		

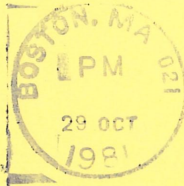


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## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

The big event in October was the search for the airplane ditched in Scituate Harbor on Saturday, October 17. Some of the Dive Team members were forced to leave a party at the Point Allerton Coast Guard Station to initiate the search, and the competition dive the next day was cancelled so that both Dive Team members and other club members could continue searching. After all, it is not every day we get a chance to dive on an airplane. When the airplane was still not found, the search was to be continued the following weekend. Accordingly the Long Pond dive was moved to Scituate Harbor. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate, and there was too much wind to dive on the airplane either Saturday or Sunday. It was finally necessary to cancel the club dive completely, so there will be no point dive for October. Some of those present went to the Scituate Coast Guard station and had a good dive there. The president wishes to apologize to Maureen Mutrie for not getting the word to her that the Long Pond Dive had been moved and also to thank Paul Adler for refunding Maureen's equipment rental fee.

The Aquarium Dive Club's film showing on October 17 was a real success. About 150 people attended including at least 25 of our members. The Bay State Council was given half the profit, or about \$100.00, and everyone enjoyed the films. The Aquarium dive club put together a slide show to start the program, and at least two of our members managed to creep into the pictures. After the show our group walked to the International Restaurant in the North End for dinner. The route to the North End from the Aquarium is rather treacherous and involves crossing the entrance to the Callahan Tunnel and the exit from the Sumner Tunnel. We got across the former without incident, but not so the latter. One of our members, who shall remain nameless, stepped in front of a speeding car. The driver obligingly slammed on his brakes, and as our member danced safely out of the road, there were two loud crashes; the two drivers behind were not quite quick enough with their brakes. The event really made the day for several people.

During October a first club membership vote was taken for Jennifer Grisdale, and second votes were taken for Paula Coviello and Maureen Mutrie. Welcome all.

The Dive Team had a very active month. In addition to the airplane, there were propellers to clear for the Coast Guard on several occasions and a stolen property search in Quincy. The team received another letter of thanks from the commander of the Point Allerton Coast Guard Station. The team's very good relationship with the Coast Guard is a real advantage to all concerned.

At the October 20 meeting the club was privileged to see Dave Clancy's slide show about German "U" Boats along the New England coast. It was a very fine show indeed; thanks Dave.



## EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

The final competition of the season, postponed because of the airplane, will be held on November 8. The location, Pleasure Bay, South Boston, and the hour, 10:00 AM (with divers dressed at the water's edge) remain the same. If you need directions, check your October Soundings.

The November get together dive will be held at Marblehead Light on November 22 at 10:00 AM. The meeting place will be Friendly's on the Linway in Lynn, 8:00 AM for breakfast, to leave at 9:00. Marblehead Light is a very pretty dive and is once again available now that most of the sailboats have been put up for the winter. If the weather is reasonable it should make a very fine dive.

Seamark will be held at the New England Aquarium on Saturday evening, November 7 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$7.50 and may be purchased from Bob Massarelli or at the door. For the information of new members, Seamark is a benefit for the Cotting School for Handicapped Children put on each year by the divers of the Boston area. There is always plenty to drink (at a reasonable price) and everyone always has a good time. This year Bert Webber will be giving a talk on his very successful treasure salvage, and there will be a raffle of a Rolex Watch. Raffle tickets are available from Paul Adler or at any of the local dive shops. Let's have a really good showing from the club for the benefit of a very worthy charity and a good time for all.

The pool at the Lincoln Hancock School in Quincy will be available at 9:00 PM each of the five Monday evenings of November. We want to get as many members down as possible. There was a very good showing on October 19; let's keep up the good work! Paul Adler tells us there is the possibility of an underwater hockey tournament in Connecticut sometime in January, so it is time to get in a lot of practice. Those who have never played underwater hockey should come down to see how much fun it is.

## FUTURE EVENTS

Remember the Banquet at the Lantanna on February 13 which will also be a reunion for former members. Arrangements for the banquet are complete, and the search for "old timers" is well underway. Anyone who can find an old timer please let the president know. Who knows? He might even be giving a prize for the member who can hook the largest number.

## REMINDERS

Anyone wishing to purchase air cards at a significant discount should speak to the president, pay the treasurer, and pick up the card at the dive shop for which the card is issued.

The accident manuals from the Diving Accident Network have arrived. Those who placed orders see the treasurer. There may be one or two extra, and if there is sufficient demand we can place another order. In any case, individuals can order their own.

Wallet cards with the emergency phone numbers are now ready; collect yours at the next meeting.

Remember it is almost election time! All members should be thinking about whom they would like to see as next year's officers.

#### OTHER NEWS

Joe Milligan has been continuing his running. He recently won a 7 mile race with an average time of 5:33 per mile, and he ran in the Quincy Marathon.

We regret to announce the death of the father of Arthur "Buzz" Leary. The club extends its profoundest sympathies to the family.

Congratulations to Bob Schwartz and his wife on the birth of a baby girl, Lisa Marie.

Your editor has it from a reliable source that John Laszlo and Dave Martin were able to swim from White's Beach to the wreck of the New Hampshire, but required a boat ride back before hypothermia finished them off!

Thanks to Brian Clinton for obtaining a refrigerator chest for the clubhouse. Think of Brian as you drink your beer. Thanks are also due Mike LaMarre for the donation to the club of the last log of the Chester Pauling.

Those who have volunteered to work around the clubhouse are looking for help from any members who can spare a little time. Dave Clancy needs help re-framing the charts, and Bob Massarelli needs help building a book table.

Frank Eddy is still at University Hospital and wants very much to see his friends. Please, let's all try to get in to see him. Directions are in Your October Soundings. Anyone going in on a weekend should call the hospital first to make sure Frank has not gone home for the weekend.

#### WANTED

One of Debbie Osborn's friends is looking for a sailboat about 35 feet long and in need of repair. Anyone knowing of such a boat for sale please speak to Debbie.



## CAUSES OF DIVER FATALITIES 1976, 1977, 1978

Below is a list of the starting causes of nonprofessional underwater diving fatalities for the years 1976, 1977, and 1978. The list was compiled by NUADC and published in the September, 1981 issue of Undercurrent. It should be born in mind that these are starting causes and other factors usually become involved later. It is also obvious that the categories must overlap somewhat. Air embolism, exhaustion, and panic continue to be the most frequent culprits, but running out of air, sea conditions, and heart attack are also significant. Cold is not listed as a frequent cause, but it is obviously a major contributor to exhaustion.

Estimated Cause	Number of Cases		
	1976	1977	1978
<b>(A) Medical and Injury Causes</b>			
Possible exhaustion, embolism, or panic	24	25	24
Diagnosed air embolism	10	16	12
Diagnosed heart attack or failure	8	4	4
Nitrogen narcosis	1	0	0
Hlt by boat, extensive injuries	2	2	2
Aspiration of stomach contents	1	2	1
Possible intoxication	1	1	0
Possible choking, wad of gum	1	0	0
Decompression sickness	1	0	1
Cramps at depth/cold	0	1	0
Ruptured eardrum	0	0	1
<b>Total Medical Causes</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>(B) Environmental Causes</b>			
Lost or out of air in cave	21	7	11
High waves or surf	3	4	6
Strong current	7	2	3
Entangled in kelp	6	2	2
Lost under ice	3	1	3
Suspected shark attack	1	0	0
Entangled in external lines/ropes, etc.	3	3	3
Night dive, lost sight of shore lights or lost buddy	1	0	1
<b>Total Environmental Causes</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>(C) Equipment-related Causes</b>			
Out of air at depth	7	12	17
Overweighted at depth	1	1	1
Weight belt entangled in vest straps	1	0	1
Poor maintenance, regulator	2	0	0
Equipment "tied" on victim	1	0	1
Tank fell from backpack, victim strangled by neck strap	1	0	0
Accidental back-mounted buoyancy compensator inflation	1	0	0
On anchor line, struck on head by boat	0	1	0
Tangled in buddy's dropped weight belt	0	2	0
Lost buddy line, black water	0	1	0
Burnt safety disc, tank flooded	0	1	0
Air reserve pull rod under tank found	0	1	0
Carbon monoxide poisoning, bad air	0	0	1
BC oral inflator broken	0	0	1
<b>Total Equipment-related Causes</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Proximate Cause Not Defined</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>116</b>

# NOVEMBER 1981

The First high tide at Boston each day is listed in Eastern Standard time. Add (on the average) 12 hr. 24 min. for the next high.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01:45 All Saints Day	02:30 Pool 9:00 PM	03:18 Regular Meeting Election Day	04:06 First Quarter	04:59 Guy Fawkes Day	05:55	06:48 Seamark NE Aquarium 7:00 PM
07:41 Competition South Boston 10:00 AM	08:32 Pool 9:00 PM	09:19 Board Meeting	10:09 Veterans' Day Full Moon	10:58 Perigee	11:49	00:23
01:18	02:14 Pool 9:00 PM	03:12 Regular Meeting	04:14 Last Quarter	05:16 Lincoln's Gettysburg Address 1863	06:19	07:15
08:09 Marblehead Light Dive 10:00 AM	08:55 Harpo Marks Birthday 1893 Pool 9:00 PM	09:38 Apollo XII Returned from Moon 1969	10:15 John Harvard Birthday 1607	10:52 Thanksgiving Day Apogee New Moon	11:31	00:01
00:39	01:20 Mark Twain Birthday 1835 Pool 9:00 PM					



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## RECORD OF THE PAST MONTH

The final competition dive of the year was finally held at Pleasure Bay, South Boston on November 8. The snorkel event, collecting starfish, was won by Jeff Jacobs, with John Blackadar second and Sal Lena third. The scuba event, tying plastic spoons and forks on a string, was won by John Laszlo and Tony Page, with John Blackadar and Jeff Jacobs second and Sal Lena and Steve Norris third.

The November get together dive was held at Marblehead Light on 22 November. At least fifteen divers participated, and the visibility was between fifteen and 20 feet. The sea was calm, and a large number of lobsters were taken. Altogether it proved to be an excellent dive.

The downed airplane in Scituate Harbor was finally located in 25 ft. of water. The team dove on it on Wednesday evening, 4 November and also the following Saturday. The latter dive was the occasion of the greatest fish (or lobster) story of all time. Trish Davis claimed that a lobster committed suicide by impaling itself on the end of her knife. As if that was not enough, the lobster later managed to evaporate into thin air!

Seamark, the annual benefit which the divers of the area put on for the Cotting School for Handicapped Children was held at the New England Aquarium on November 7. As usual it was a great success. 1500 people attended and approximately \$10,000.00 was collected for the school. The SSN was very well represented at the event, and Sal Lena won one of the dives in the Aquarium's big tank.

The wallet cards with the emergency medical phone numbers for divers were printed, and distribution to dive shops and divers was begun. The cards were very well received, and a second printing will soon be necessary.

John Blackadar's Halloween party on October 30 was also a great success, and everyone present had a marvelous time.

During November a first club membership was held for Stephen Green, and a second vote was held for Paul K. Collins. Welcome!

Everyone enjoyed the meeting of 17 November; the attendance was not large, but everyone present seemed to be in an unusually mirthful mood. Debbie Osborn won a turkey in the raffle and didn't know what to do with it. At the end of the meeting the Ancient Mariner gave a hair-raising account of a ship disabled at sea and an eventual rescue by the Coast Guard.



## EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTH

December is election month! Nominations for next year's officers will be opened at the regular meeting of 1 December. They will be re-opened at the meeting of December 15, and then the elections will be held. All members should be thinking about whom they would like to see in office, and everyone should remember that all candidates' 1982 dues must be paid before they can be nominated. After the elections there will be the annual beer and pizza party, so be sure not to miss it!

The December get together dive will be held on December 6 at Halibut Point, Cape Ann, 10:00 AM at the divesite. The meeting place will be the King's Grant Inn on the right just off Route 128 just beyond the Liberty Tree Mall: 8:00 AM for breakfast, to leave at 9:00. Everyone should try to get to the meeting place and form car pools because there is a \$2.00 parking charge at the divesite.

The annual Christmas party for the club members' children will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 1:00 PM. This year it will be held at the Civil Defense Building on Sea St. because there is more room there. We want to get as many people there as possible. Members who do not have children of their own are encouraged to bring other children they know, especially those in difficult circumstances who may not have many chances to go to parties. Finally members who cannot find any children are welcome to come by themselves. Each person bringing a child should bring a gift for the child (with the child's name on it) to be given out by Santa, the maximum cost to be \$5.00. A lot of help is needed decorating and supplying baked goods. Anyone who can help please speak to the president. To get to the Civil Defense building head toward Howe's Neck on Sea Street. The Quincy Police Station is on the corner of Sea St. and Southern Artery, and the Civil Defense is the next building on your right. Drive into the parking lot behind the building and enter through the basement door in the rear.

Dana Williams and Mim will be giving a Christmas party for club members on Saturday evening, 12 December at 8:00 PM. Santa Claus will be at this party too (stopping on the way to the party the next day) so bring a "grab bag" present with a cost of less than \$5.00. The usual party procedures also apply: bring food and drink! If you plan to attend, please let Dana know ahead of time; he is really wondering how many people to expect.

The pool at the Lincoln Hancock School will be available to us at 9:00 PM on Monday Evenings, December 7, 14, and 21, but closed December 28 because of the holidays. The attendance at the pool has recently been very good, but more people still are needed. There is a possibility of an underwater hockey tournament in Connecticut in January, and we want to develop a winning team! All members, especially new ones, are encouraged to come down and find out how much fun it is.

The club New Year's Eve party is becoming an annual event. This year it will again be held at John Blackadar's house. The party will begin at 7:00 PM on New Year's Eve, and nobody knows when it will end. The cost will be about \$5.00 or \$6.00 per person which will cover steaks, potatoes, and favors. Everyone brings food to provide for the remainder of the meal.



Members may bring a friend or two if they desire, and there is enough space for people to spend the night if they wish. Anyone wishing to attend must let Blackie know before December 28 so that he knows how many steaks to buy. To reach Blackie's house take Route 3 to the Hanover Mall exit and turn right. Pass the mall on your left, and after one mile turn right at the Old Colony gas station on your right. Take the next left, and Blackie's house will be the second on the right. Please try to park on the same side of the street as the house. If you get lost or have any questions, call 826-2505.

### FUTURE EVENTS

The annual New Year's Day "sobor up" dive will be held as usual at 10:00 AM at Pleasure Bay, South Boston. This is always a fun event and usually an opportunity to watch one or two people (Yes! Last year there were two!) do one of the craziest things anyone could imagine. Be sure to show up to watch even if you do not plan to dive.

Plans are complete for the annual Banquet which will also be a reunion for former club members. It will be held at the Lantanna in Randolph on February 13, and tickets will be \$15.50 per person. We shall have the same band as last year which was very well received. It promises to be a really fine time for all who attend. A list of "old timers" has been compiled and fliers are ready to be sent out. There are also news releases and posters for the local dive shops. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any "old timers" please speak to one of the officers. Finally the president needs ideas for joke trophies. This could be the golden opportunity to get back at your buddy!

### OTHER NEWS

Phil Nimiskern has a friend who is going to make brass club belt buckles. The initial order of 25 has already been spoken for, but if there is sufficient demand, another order can be placed. Anyone interested should speak to the president or to Phil.

Plans are being made for a club ski trip sometime this winter. Anyone with information (including prices) about ski areas, places to stay, or package tours should speak to the president. Keep your ears open for more information.

We regret to announce the death of the father of Arthur Leary. The club extends its sympathies to Art and his family.

We also regret to announce the death of Paul Finn, Quincy Police Chief Frank Finn's brother. The club extends its sympathies to the family.

Congratulations to Bob Schwartz and his wife on the birth of a baby daughter.

Congratulations to Chris and Gloria Donoghue on the birth of a baby daughter. No twins this time! Someone better ask Chris if he is curtailing production because of the current worsening economic climate.



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The first high tide at Boston each day is listed in Eastern Standard Time. Add (on the average) 12 h. 24 min. for the next high.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		02:03 Regular Meeting Nominations	02:48 John Brown Hanged 1859	03:34	04:27	05:19
06:12	07:07	08:01	08:53	09:45	10:37	11:30
Halibut Point Dive 10:00 AM	Pool 9:00 PM	Board Meeting Immaculate Conception		Perigee	Full Moon	Mozart's Death 1791
00:07	01:01	01:55	02:51	03:49	04:45	05:44
Children's Christmas Party 1:00	Pool 9:00 PM	Annual Meeting Elections Pizza Party	Beethoven's Birthday 1770 Boston Tea Party 1773	Wright Brothers First Flight 1903	Ty Cobb's Birthday 1886 Last Quarter	Frank Sinatra Birthday 1915
06:39	07:31	08:20	09:04	09:45	10:25	11:05
	Pool 9:00 PM Hanukkah		Apogee	Howard Hughes Birthday 1905	Christmas	New Moon
11:43	00:15	00:56	01:37	02:20		
	Pool Closed			New Year's Eve Party at Blackie's		