

# Mass Bay Divers

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## Letter from the President

We had another good crowd at the last meeting and welcome to all new members. As discussed, don't forget your lobster license when diving since the Environmental Police are out in force this summer and have been checking divers and their catch during shore and boat dives.

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Bay State Council ("BSC") held a meeting with the primary discussion concerning a by-law in Gloucester that is being driven by the lobstermen lobby. More information will be coming, but it seems that Gloucester has a by-law on the books that is more restrictive than the state and it would require each and every diver to have a flag when diving and to stay at least 25 feet away from any lobster buoy/pots/lines during a dive. As we all know, this 25-foot requirement would be almost impossible when doing a shore dive in Gloucester with all of the pots. The state regulation states 100 feet. It seems that a city by-law can be stricter, but this does not automatically mean that the by-law is automatically valid. It all depends if the state statute is part of a comprehensive statutory scheme or if the by-law would frustrate the purpose of the state law. At the meeting, we learned that the Gloucester Harbormaster stated that if the by-law is stricter then it is an OK doctrine and that the police have every right to enforce the by-law.

It seems that this issue arose in Nahant and their by-law was stricken after an action was filed arguing that their by-law was in conflict with the state law and frustrated the purpose of the state law. The Gloucester scenario seems to be the same as Nahant. The lawyer that worked on the Nahant case is willing (for a fee) to pursue this issue in Gloucester on behalf of the dive community and the BSC. The BSC is getting more info from the lawyer and is getting a copy of the ordinance. The BSC is looking for the dive community to chip in for the representation to fight this in order to preserve our diving rights. The next BSC meeting is on August 9<sup>th</sup> and a second meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>. This second meeting would be in a larger venue (maybe at the Aquarium or UMass Boston) in order to invite members of the dive community (divers – representatives from dive clubs, dive shops, boat charters, etc....) to discuss and help financially to fight this battle. The BSC feels that we don't want one city to prevail on this issue so others could follow suit. We won the Nahant battle, so are confident that we can win this one too. I will get more info and let members know what is going on and to discuss at the next meeting.

See you diving, Bo

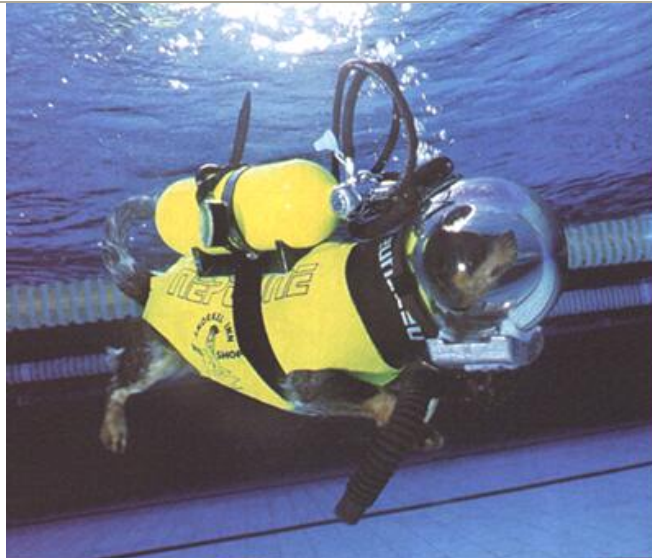
Next Officer's Meeting	Wednesday July 28, 2006	At 7:00pm	
Next General Meeting	Monday August 7, 2006	At 7:00pm	
President	Bo Howes		
Vice President	John Sullivan		
Vice President	Robin Scott		
Treasurer	Matt Bell		
Recording Secretary	Carol Hamilton		
Corresponding Secretary	Wayne Ross		
Membership Coordinator	Nancy Sullivan		
Boat Dive Coordinator	Matt Bell		
Website Editor	Andrew Haley		
Newsletter Editors	Robin Scott Arlene Anzuoni		
Events Coordinator	Lori Hindle		

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 7, 2006**- Club General Meeting  
**August 9, 2006**-Bay State Council Meeting  
**August 13, 2006**-Club Picnic  
**October 13, 2006**-Club Halloween Party  
**October 15, 2006**-Pumpkin Dive

## NEW CLUB EMAIL ADDRESS AND WEBSITE

Due to recent changes, the club now has a new permanent Email Address. It is [massbaydivers@hotmail.com](mailto:massbaydivers@hotmail.com). Also, we have a website for you to see new information and upcoming events. It is [www.massbaydivers.com](http://www.massbaydivers.com) or [www.massbaydivers.org](http://www.massbaydivers.org).



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Nancy Sullivan is our Membership Coordinator. As of the June Meeting there were 61 paid members. To join Mass Bay Divers, just see one of the club officers or view our website. You can also talk with Arlene at South Shore Divers, Inc. The cost to join the club is \$25.00 for an individual membership or \$40.00 for a family membership. Mass Bay Divers would like to welcome any new member to the club. Feel free to join in the fun at any one of the dives and events that the club has planned.

## FOR SALE BY CLUB MEMBER

Dave Cangiano has items he would like to sell.

1. Zeagle Ranger BCD size M in good condition, used for three seasons and has been in the basement for four. Includes weight pockets and Octo+ with inflator hose. Cost: \$300.00.

You can reach Dave by calling him at

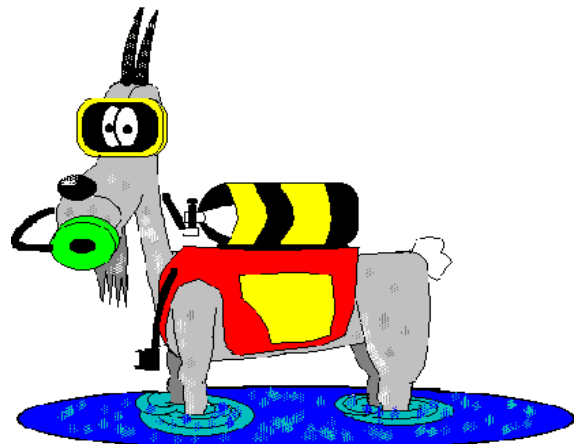
## DISCOVER SCUBA

Do you need a dive buddy? Is your wife, husband, son, daughter, friend, etc. interested in diving. Introduce them to Al or Arlene for a Discover Scuba session.



## DIVE CLUB POINT COUNT 2006

1. Mike Holodinski	58pts
2. Carol Hamilton	25pts
3. Matt Bell	22pts
4. Bill Soto	17pts
5. Bo Howes	16pts



## Dive Boat Charters

You can only reserve your spot by paying for the dive in advance. "1<sup>st</sup> paid, 1<sup>st</sup> served."

John Bartus-Danvers Yacht Club. \$55pp for a max of 6 divers.

Sunday, July 9	Canceled	Canceled
Saturday, August 26	6 Divers Max	6 Open Spots
Sunday, September 10	6 Divers Max	6 Open Spots
Saturday, October 7	6 Divers Max	6 Open Spots

Cape Ann Divers-Gloucester. \$55pp for a max of 18 divers. Meet at Cape Ann's Dive shop at 12:00 noon, Leave marina at 1:00pm.

Sunday, July 23	18 Divers Max	FULL
Sunday, September 17	18 Divers Max	8 Open Spots

Aleks Zlobins' Boat-Hull Gut. \$50pp for a max of 6 divers. Meet at dock at 8:00am

Sunday, July 30	6 Divers Max	Canceled
Saturday, August 12	6 Divers Max	1 Open Spots
Sunday, August 20	6 Divers Max	2 Open Spots
Saturday, September 16	6 Divers Max	4 Open Spots
Sunday, September 24	6 Divers Max	4 Open Spots
Saturday, September 30	6 Divers Max	4 Open Spots
Sunday, October 8	6 Divers Max	3 Open Spots
Saturday, October 14	6 Divers Max	4 Open Spots



## VACATION IDEAS

### BON TERRE MINE, MISSOURI

December 2006 or January 2007

Robin and Ethan Scott are trying to put together a trip to Bon Terre Mine in Missouri in either December 2006 or January 2007. If you are interested in joining them, please contact either one.

### DUTCH SPRINGS 2006

August 4-6, 2006

South Shore Divers, Inc. is sponsoring a trip to Dutch Springs. For more information please see Arlene at the shop.

## **MASS BAY DIVERS, INC MEMBERSHIP LIST**

Mass Bay Divers, Inc Membership List is to be used only by the members or Mass Bay Divers, Inc. It is not to be given to non-members for any reason. It is not to be used for solicitation purposes. It is provided to members for the purpose of keeping in touch with members of the club or to find a Buddy to dive with on non-Club dives. Please protect you fellow club member's privacy by not providing the membership to non-members. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

## **For Sale**

Timeshare in Grand Cayman  
Morritt's Tortuga Club and Resort, Ltd.

Unit Type: Studio Oceanfront  
Interval Ownership Period: Week 28 (July)  
2006 Maintenance Fee: \$452.00 (Paid)

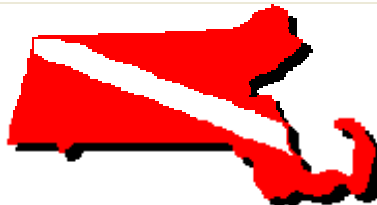
Every offer will be considered regardless of how high or low the offer may be. September 1, 2006 is the deadline for receiving all written offers. This is when those who have made a realistic offer will be contacted. **MUST SELL!** Send all offers to: Halvor H. Strandkskov-289 East Bay Road. Osterville, MA 02655

## **MASS BAY DIVERS BOUTIQUE**

New items are available for sale: tank tops in white, ash or navy for \$8.00. There are also Baseball caps (\$11.00) & some T-shirts (\$10.00). We can do special orders for sweatshirts and long-sleeve T-shirts. Just let John know if you are interested in ordering or purchasing items. A order form has been included in this newsletter. You can also get on off the website.

## **PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT NEEDED**

Wayne Ross is looking for a personal care attendant to go with him to Dutch Springs. All expenses paid. No experience necessary. Compensation Negotiable. This is the trip that is being sponsored by South Shore Divers, Inc. If you are interested in helping Wayne, please contact him at anytime.



## **Mass Bay Divers Annual Club Picnic**

**Sunday, August 13, 2006  
Sandwich Town Beach**

Meet at South Shore Divers, Inc. at 8:30am  
Or just go to Sandwich Town Beach

Bring your family, a favorite dish or dessert, your dive gear, and your luck.

The club will provide burgers, dogs, and soda.

There will be prizes.

Feel free to contact Lori Hindle  
(After 5pm Please) for more information.