

MASS BAY DIVERS

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Letter From the President

Hello everyone

Looks like the weather is starting to change, the snow is finally melting hopefully we wont have much more. This is the time of year when we start to think about the upcoming season, its also a time to think about having your gear serviced. I'm sure nobody want's to bag their first dive due to equipment failure, so swing by the shop and have everything checked out. Just a few reminders the date for the March meeting has been changed to the 9th, Pete Nawrocky from Dive Rite will be there as a guest speaker with a new presentation. The F.Y.A.O.D is planned for March 1st. Meet at the shop at 9:00am. See Robin or any officer for information. We had a good turnout for the holiday party, was glad to see everyone had a good time. Congratulation to all winner's of the photo contest and door prizes. If anyone has a trip report or anything they would like to add to the March newsletter, you can contact myself or Robin.

Hope to see everyone in the water soon

Keith

Next Officers' Meeting: Friday – April 3rd @ 7:00 PM
Next General Meeting: Monday – March 9th @ 7:00 PM
Both meeting held at South Shore Divers

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Now is the Time to Renew your 2009 Membership!!!!!!

Memberships may be renewed at the monthly meetings, or by contacting
Robin Scott – Membership Coordinator.

STORE HOURS @ SOUTH SHORE DIVERS

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &
Saturdays:
10:00am-6:00pm**

Fridays 10:00am-8:00pm

Wednesday and Sundays CLOSED

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

For What It's Worth
By Dave Cangiano

Manufacturer: Zeagle Model: Ranger BCD
Website: www.zeagle.com

The Zeagle Ranger was the first BCD I owned. I purchased it in 1999. It was rugged, lasted me about six years and I assume its new owner is still having no trouble with it. It worked as advertised, its “modular construction allows the Ranger to transition between tropical travel diving, rugged cold water diving in wet or dry suits, single or twin cylinders”. I did all of those things with it. However, I will admit it did none of these things perfect. It is bulky for travel and tropical diving. Although it is “rugged” and comfortable to wear for cold water diving, it is a bit loose and sloppy in the water. I always had a problem with it letting my tank roll around on my back. Because of this, I would not recommend using double tanks on this BCD, even though it has the capability.

The Ranger was one of the first BCDs to use a rear inflation bladder rather than the jacket style common at the time. This was the primary reason I chose it. However, now there are several choices of this style BCD. I am glad I purchased it at the time, but if I were looking for a new BCD today, the Ranger would not be on the top of my list.

KEEP YOUR DIVING GOING OVER THE WINTER

Think you need to stop thinking about diving now that the winter is here? Not so; think about ways to enhance your diving and maybe help your buddy:

- Learn about Nitrox (Enriched Air)
- Dry suit (extend your season)
- Equipment Specialist
- EFR
- O2 Provider

These are just a few of the things to keep you active until the Spring is here and we can get out diving again.

For more information contact the shop @
(781) 331-1144

Boston Sea Rover's Annual Clinic

Visit www.BostonSeaRovers.org for more info.
Sat/Sun – Mar. 8th/9th
@

Boston's Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel

Guest Speaker at the March 9, 2009 General Meeting

Pete Nawrocky from Dive Rite will be at our March 9th General Meeting as a guest speaker with a new presentation. Please mark your calendars

2009 Upcoming Dive Events

- **Feb 27th** – Officers MTG
S.S. Divers, Weymouth @ 7pm
- **MAR 1st** – FYAOD
Meet at S.S. Divers, Weymouth @ 9am
- **MAR 9th** - General MTG
Guest Speaker
S.S. Divers, Weymouth @ 7pm
- **MAR 6th to 8th** – Boston Sea Rovers
Fairmont Copley
- **Mar 27th to 29th** Beneath The Sea
NJ
- **April 13th** – SEAL Dive
Manomet Point in Plymouth

Meet the Officers

Thank you for the opportunity to be an officer again, it's been a while. This time around I thought it would be nice for your elected officers to introduce ourselves to you. Since I came up with the idea, I'll go first. My name is David Cangiano, you elected me one of your dive club's vice presidents. I have been diving since 1999. In those short ten years, I have managed to dive in a wide variety of conditions and locations. From Stellwagen Bank in February to Grand Cayman in August, lobstering in Gloucester to Cenotes in Mexico, I've been there. Ever since the beginning, I have known diving was going to be not just a hobby, but a lifelong ambition. Since then, that ambition has overtaken half my basement and a small corner of a local dive shop. I have shied away from teaching to this point because of my philosophy that I am still learning, so how could I teach? Now I feel like I have a lot of experiences to share, but I am still learning. Based on this recent change of personal philosophy I would like to add a small opinion column to the club newsletter. It will be called "For What It's Worth", because that is all I intend it to be. I am going to focus on equipment at this point, but we will see where it goes. I will share my personal experience and opinion about the equipment I have used. I am open to questions, so if you are interested in a new piece of gear let me know, if I have any experience with it, I'll try to include it. Who knows maybe others will find it entertaining, if not useful.

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DIVER'S BOUTIQUE

Items available for sale:

Tank tops in white, ash or navy
There are also embroidered items:
Baseball caps & T-shirts

Items will be available at each Club meetings
We can do special orders for sweatshirts & long-sleeve T-shirts just contact Sandy or John.

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

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



March 1st is our annual
FYAOD
and we are meeting at South Shore
Divers at 9:00am.