



Family Day

Come one, come all! Aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, friends: all are welcome at the OCA Family Day! On Sunday, Aug. 21st, another successful Family Day was chaired by Bob and Deb McManus at Wallum Lake. (aka Douglas State Park)

The families that were able to attend enjoyed a beautiful day. Although it was sunny and very warm, there was a breeze that made it feel just right. The captains were kept quite busy with kids of all ages enjoying their tubing. Captain Ian and others also had fun water skiing, a great way to

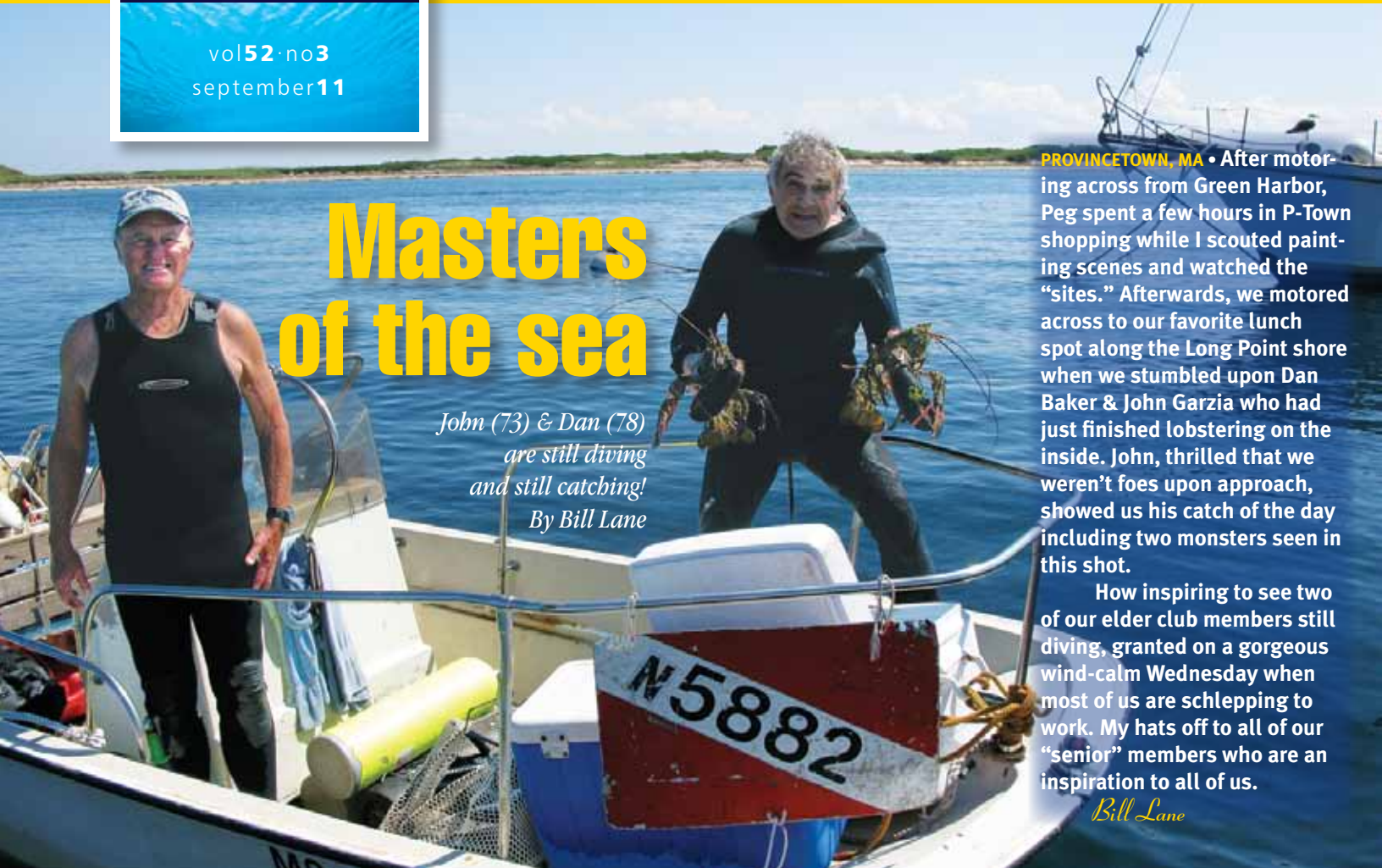
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ON THE LINE

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD COLONY AMPHIBIANS



Masters of the sea

*John (73) & Dan (78)
are still diving
and still catching!
By Bill Lane*

PROVINCETOWN, MA • After motoring across from Green Harbor, Peg spent a few hours in P-Town shopping while I scouted painting scenes and watched the “sites.” Afterwards, we motored across to our favorite lunch spot along the Long Point shore when we stumbled upon Dan Baker & John Garzia who had just finished lobstering on the inside. John, thrilled that we weren’t foes upon approach, showed us his catch of the day including two monsters seen in this shot.

How inspiring to see two of our elder club members still diving, granted on a gorgeous wind-calm Wednesday when most of us are schlepping to work. My hats off to all of our “senior” members who are an inspiration to all of us.

Bill Lane



The purpose of the Old Colony Amphibians is to further the sport of skin and scuba diving for the enjoyment of its members while at the same time promoting safety and sportsmanship.

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O.C.A. meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. Check the web site below for the location of the next meeting. Winter meetings are held the first and third Thurs. of the month from November 1 thru March 31.

We welcome your articles, notes, cartoons and photos for upcoming issues. Feel free to forward them to:

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by Connie Rogers

Thank you Max & Dolores for hosting our July 14th meeting at your Hacienda on the bay!



This has been a very active dive season. Mother Nature has cooperated for the most part, with only a few exceptions. The best place to be this summer is definitely in the ocean!

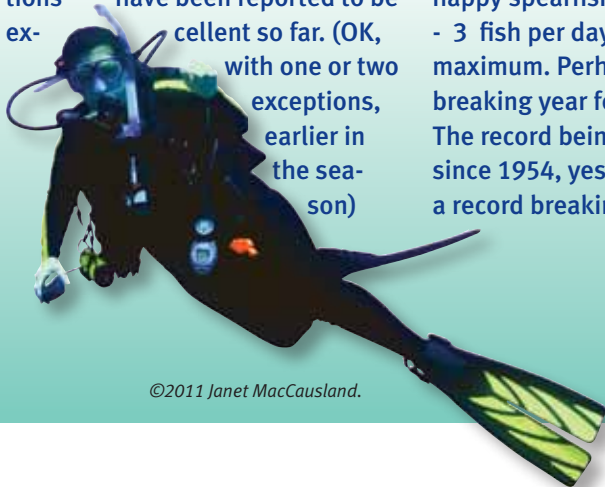
Friday night dives are popular this year and always fun!

Any member can now bring in a story or an "oddy" to be discussed and enjoyed until someone else can trump it! So far, we have had a trailer tire story, (ask Ed P.) and the Disney character, Figment, among others. You never can tell what will be next!

Spearfishing, checking out wrecks, gathering artifacts, lobster diving, photography, going for scallops, diving just for the beauty of it, this club has it all!

The ever popular Friday night dives have been enjoyed by many members as well. The conditions have been reported to be excellent so far. (OK,

with one or two exceptions, earlier in the season)



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A special note to thank our captains for the work involved in keeping their boats maintained (thanks Bill T, Rocco, Eric, Alan, Ian, ...and all others with such expertise). We are fortunate to have such gracious, generous captains among us. Please remember to be generous to them in appreciation of all the trips we have available.

The heat is on for the biggest fish and lobsters in RI and MA. A few affidavits have trickled in so far, hard to tell at this point how it will end up! The abundance of sea life has much to offer all, from photography, "good eating," and pure beauty.

The Tautog, that has more or less taunted spear fishermen, somehow knowing they are off limits, has been safe thus far, but only until August 1st! Then, happy spearfishing for 16" min. - 3 fish per day, 10 fish per boat maximum. Perhaps this is a record breaking year for this species. The record being 21 lbs. 4oz. held since 1954, yes, perhaps this is a record breaking year (for more

than one species).

Speaking of fishing... congratulations to our affiliate, Executive Director and Pres. of RISAA (RI SaltWater Anglers Association) Steve Medeiros and Captain Al Anderson for receiving national recognition in "Making a Difference Awards" by Sport Fishing Magazine. Please read the long list of their accomplishments in the magazine, or at the website, www.risaa.org. Kudos to you both!

Now, back to scuba: Diving safely is something that we need to continually be mindful of by having all of our equipment properly serviced, having the equipment needed for the dives and diving within our training/experience. Most importantly, if you don't feel the dive is right for you, for whatever reason, speak up, trust your gut, and skip the dive. Dive another day, our dive season may be short, but safety is always first! These basics of safe diving are simple and easy enough, let's never take them for granted.

Connie



Arthur Legere

One of the original OCA members, an OCA Lifetime Member and a long time friend passes away.

ATTLEBORO— Arthur P. Legere, 72 of Dexter Street, Attleboro died 8/26/11 at RI Hospital. He was the husband of Norma P. (Martell) Legere, they were married for over 44 years. He was born in St. Stephen New Brunswick Canada, a son of the late Edward & Elsie Legere. He was a Mason and truck driver for the Logville Pre Cast of Woonsocket for over 10 years. He was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps serving with them for four years, also having served in Lebanon.

Mr. Legere lived most of his life in Attleboro, coming there from Canada at age 12. He was a parishioner of St. Joseph Church, he also liked to go skin diving, and play golf. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son Alan Legere of Attleboro, a daughter Judy Boucher of Attleboro, a brother Joseph Legere of Mesquite Nevada, 2 sisters Lorraine Romikiatis of Attleboro, Doreen Charest of Taunton. He was the grandfather of 10 and great grandfather of 3, also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Bernard Legere.

OCA CALENDAR

august11

- 25 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Midas Muffler, South Attleboro, MA
- 26 Friday Night Dive, Allen's Harbor, 7:30 pm, TBD
- 28 *Block Island Dive, cancelled*

september11

- 1 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Midas Muffler, South Attleboro, MA
- 2 Friday Night Dive, Allens Harbor, 7:30 pm
- 4 MA Wreck Dive, Pinthas off Scituate, 9:00 am Green Harbor
- 8 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Midas Muffler, South Attleboro, MA
- 9 Friday Night Dive, Allen's Harbor, 7:30 pm
- 11 Spearfishing Contest, TBD
- 15 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Kalipso Dive Shop, Smithfield, RI
- 16 Friday Night Dive, Allen's Harbor, 7:00 pm
- 17-18 P-Town Weekend, Horizon's Beach Resort
- 22 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Midas Muffler, South Attleboro, MA
- 25 BSC Treasure Hunt, State Forge Park, Gloucester, 9:00AM
- 29 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Midas Muffler, South Attleboro, MA

october11

- 1 Dive Day at Kent Memorial Hospital, Warwick, RI 9 - 2
- 6 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Midas Muffler, South Attleboro, MA
- 7 Friday Night Dive, Allen's Harbor, Henry Cugno, 7:00 pm
- 13 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Midas Muffler, South Attleboro, MA
- 14 Friday Night Dive, Allen's Harbor, Bill Weedon, 7:00 pm
- 16 Lobster Dive, Plymouth/Marshfield, (Bill Lane) Bill Turner 9:00 am
- 20 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Kalipso Dive Shop, Smithfield, RI
- 21 Friday Night Dive, Allen's Harbor, Henry Cugno, 7:00 pm
- 23 Joe-P Memorial Dive, Ft. Wetherill, Alan Reilly, TBD
- 27 OCA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Midas Muffler, South Attleboro, MA
- 29 Halloween Night Dive, Spooky Island, Henry Cugno, 6:30 pm

november11

- 1 Winter Dive Club commences
- 3 Winter OCA Meetings commence, 7:00 pm, Midas Muffler, South Attleboro, MA. 1st & 3rd Thursdays through March '12
- 9-13 Rocco Trip, Key Largo, Rocco

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M-F 0800 - 1630
24 hour capabilities
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East Side Checker Club

On Thursday, June 23, 2011, members of the OCA gathered at the East Side Checker Club for our annual dinner meeting. After dinner a special presentation was made to **Dick Will**, who celebrates 50 years with the OCA this year. He received a beautiful statue, commemorative plaque, and key chain. He was surprised and pleased. It was good to see the **Garzias** and **Barils** who have returned from the warm south, and a special thanks to **Steve Gonsalves** for using his "biggest lobster" award to buy us all a round of drinks. Thanks Steve!



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Perfect Block Island Diving

Flat seas and great vis make it a perfect day on the water.
By Bill Weedon



NEW SHOREHAM, RI · Jim Cherubini and I spent the day spearfishing and fishing on Block Island on Saturday, August 13. The weather was absolutely perfect with 5 knot winds and less than 1 foot seas all day. We left out of Galilee at 8am and was able to make the island in no time doing 30 knots! We started out diving the Pinnacle on the south side of BI. Visibility was 15-20 feet. Striped Bass and Tautog met us at the bottom of the mooring line which we found tied into the top of the outcroppings 40 ft down. We dove all around the rocks which bottomed out at 70 ft with beautiful swim-thru arches. Our second dive was on the Idene, an easy wreck in 81 ft depth. Not much in the way of fish on it, but a fun wreck dive with easy swim throughs. Third dive was on the Lightburn off of Southwest Light in 30 ft of water. We could clearly see the wreck from the surface because the water was as flat as a pond. Forth dive was on Black Rock in about 15 feet where we nailed some more Tautog and a couple of trigger fish.

We pulled into Old Harbor and enjoyed a nice meal at Ballards after anchoring near the shore in "shantytown." After dinner, we filleted our bunch of fish then did some fishing with rod and reel at the north rip. Using an umbrella rig, we landed a nice blue and a striper which we threw back. At 10pm we called it quits and headed back at 30 knots to Galilee. Laying on my couch the next morning, I was completely exhausted, in a good way, after a long day of diving.

The BI Pinnacle is located at N41-07.640, W71-34.078 *Bill Weedon*

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A Friday Night Dive

Castle Hill at nightfall.
By Bill Weedon

CASTLE HILL, RI · Vis was great. Everyone got around 3 lobsters. We had 11 divers. Conditions were forecast to be snotty, but water and wind were calm. A great dive all-in-all.





Jeff Davis assists Joe O'Hare with some equipment adjustments.

Plymouth "Lobstah" Dive

Members new to Cape Cod Bay say they love it! By Bill Lane

MARSHFIELD-PLYMOUTH, MA · And, what's not to love?!? Winds were light during the first dive and underwater vis was not too shabby. We had four boats and plenty of divers on this annual event. Weather has knocked us down a number of times lately but July 17th made up for our lost time.

Thanks to Alan Reilly, Bill Turner, Tom Gagne (and me) for providing our club members with rides to High Pine Ledge and The Gurnet. I think most got a few bugs and fish before the wind really picked up and made the trip back to Green Harbor a little wet for some. Fortunately though, the sun was warm.

Joel caught a fish that really puzzled him as he thought it was a big ocean eel. Turned out it was an Ocean Pout. *Bill Lane*



Board of Directors Dive

P-Town Fall 2011

Brisk winds but bright sun greet our divers and guests during the OCA semi-annual weekend.



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cool off!

Rick and Kim enjoyed a “twin day” although unplanned, it was fun to see both dressed the same (with the exception of the knee brace on Kim). Stay healthy Kim!

Kim discovered a snake, small, but a snake just the same that was rare to see not only in the summer, but during the day. Ok, it was so small it could fit in a cup for everyone to view. This was a Ring Neck Snake Hatchling which can grow up to 27” (no longer fitting in a cup).

Captain Bob was teaching the finer techniques of fishing to grandson Anthony, who learned how to walk with a fishing pole, the hook safely attached to the pole instead of a toe! Bob was busy even when the clouds rolled in later in the day. The wind picked up and rain threatened but did not deter any children from wanting and yet, just one more ride! Please?

As always, there was no lack of delicious food, what a wonderful smorgasbord!

Thanks to our captains who worked throughout the day to provide the fun for our families... and especially to Bob and Deb McManus for yet another successful OCA Family Day!

Connie Rogers



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Winter Island '11

Winter Island, Salem, MA • Winter Island Weekend has been one of my scuba diving goals since becoming a member in 2009. When I joined the club all I kept hearing about was how great the Winter Island weekend was. When the time came for Winter Island in 2010 I was denied because I had to have my Gall Bladder out a few weeks before. The original date this year couldn't be secured because that slot was already booked by someone else, so the date had to be changed to the weekend of August 6 and 7th. So don't I crack a rib 2 weeks before by falling down on Bill Turner's boat. But I wasn't going to be disappointed again and went to Winter Island anyway and captained Bill Turner's boat so all the divers could drift dive at the same time. I had an absolute blast which could have only been made better if I could have dived.

The Captains were great as it seems that they always are. The first day we had ___?___ divers and everyone got scallops and had good dives. We had a terrific meal with Eric Alphonse as the grill master on the new club grill. Eric did a excellent job chairing this dive weekend. If there was a rank above Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts that rank would have been awarded to Ian Campbell, that guy came prepared and put up a canopy with a couple of sticks and a tarp. If there is a catastrophe I am heading to Ian's house to survive.

Saturday night was a little stormy, but we had a really good time. Connie Rogers was at a family function up in Maine and came in late, better late than never. The next morning the smart people went home (as stated by Henry).

The weather was going to be a little iffy because of potential storms. The only boats that went out Sunday were Henry Cugno's with Jeff Davis and I took out Bill Turner's with Rick Amaral. It was a little rough when we went out but we've dived in worse. After Bill, Rick and Jeff had submerged the storm came in with lightening, heavy rain and 3 – 5 foot seas. Henry and I had all we could do to keep a close eye on the diver's flags. Everyone was picked up safely and we decided not to do a second dive. And on the ride in we all got more than soaked.

The guys that dove got scallops and we shucked them and then went home. I had an absolute blast both days but the storm on the second day was very exciting and I was satisfied with being able to get my divers picked up safely in a storm.

I have to give a special thanks to Bill Turner for letting me “Captain” his boat and being my big brother all weekend to make sure I was safe and comfortable with my cracked rib. *Randy Shore*





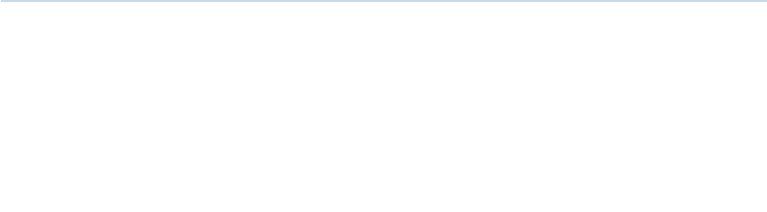
The new OCA Web Site up and running!

Check out the newly redesigned and fully functional OCA web site. Designed and executed by Russ Martin and Jim Brady, the site allows members to log into the "members' only" area for a live chat room, forum and club news. For the user name and password, check with either Jim or Russ and they will set you up. And, a special thanks to the web committee for getting this new site off the ground.

If you would like your email and phone information listed within the password protected "member only" area, please contact Russ or Jim with your approval.

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