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On the Line

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD COLONY AMPHIBIANS

PREZ BOX

Hi everyone,
After a very wet spring the warm weather of summer is upon us. I haven't been able to do as much diving as I would like this year due to the weather but hopefully I can make up for it with the rest of the summer still ahead .

There are still a lot of scheduled dives ahead of us like the Annual Winter Island Weekend that is always a lot of fun. It offers a lot of different activities including: scalloping, lobstering, wreck diving, and camping. In August we have a trip to try, once again, the Isle of Shoals off of New Hampshire. This trip should offer some good visibility and perhaps a chance to see and swim with the seals. There is also Family Day that Bob and Deb McManus have volunteered to host. Come on down with the family for some food , drink , and fun. We have Spearfishing Dives coming up as well as the Fall P-Town Weekend that everyone enjoys.

Pirates of the Caribbean is out in the movie theater with good revues. The special effects and character make up are phenomenal, now if I could just look as suave and cool as Johnny Depp in my wet suit as he

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A glorious morning was in store for our brave OCA members who attended this past weekend's Mass Lobster Dive in Marshfield. As we set out around 8:30 for the Power Plant, the sea was like glass and the temperature in the balmy 80s. A little sea fog made passing Gurnet Light a little nervy hoping one of those Captain John boats wasn't screaming out of Plymouth Harbor.

Ex-club member Tom Gagne joined me on Express Lane and Rick was host to Ray and Janet on Cap't Nels while Kim took the helm. Tom & I dove close to shore as we had had good luck two weeks ago in 20' of water. I got two bugs where the sand meets the rocks while Tom caught one keeper.

Rick and crew dove out in deeper water about 1 mile NE of us and were about as lucky

with bugs as we were.

Our second dive took us north to Beetle Rock off of Fieldston Beach. I got quite enthused as we dropped the anchor line and the visibility appeared pristine...pristine to 30' but the bottom was 45.' It wasn't bad but I've seen better. Lobsters were similar to the first dive and Tom got a few laughs scaring the bejeebers out of me. I was wrestling with a nice sized lobster in a hole when he flicked a sculpin in my face. I jumped a mile...Mr. Ocean Pout! Water temperature was a little chillier at about 48 - 58 degrees.

Gorgeous summer weather and flat seas made for a beautiful morning no matter how well we did or how chilly the bottom was.

Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed what Cape Cod Bay had to offer. **Bill L.**

MA Lobster Dive



Nice hat Tom!



Janet, Ray, Rick & Kim just after their first dive off the Power Plant.



GRILLED SEAFOOD with CITRUS & HERBS

- 2 limes thinly sliced
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons Galliano or anisette liqueur
- 1 Tablespoon tequila
- 1 teaspoon dried red hot pepper flakes
- 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- ten 4-inch sprigs of fresh herbs
- 2 - pounds large shrimp, in the shell

Recipe calls for any kind of herbs – cilantro and thyme are a nice combination. Scallops, lobster or any firm fish can be added or substituted.

I increased the marinade and added veggies too.

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl, cover and refrigerate 4-6 hours, stirring occasionally. Grill for just a few minutes (veggies take longer).

Enjoy! Terry C.

Big thanks

to Jim Brady who has secured our new web address: www.ocascuba.org and has it up and running.

Man 'o the Mountain!

For all of you who concluded that I had lost my mind after having read last months newsletter, this is the picture I was talking about when I said we had found New Hampshire's Man of the Mountain. OK – so maybe I had had too much sun that day. *Terry C.*



The Top 10 Things you will NEVER Hear a Diver Say

10. It's too early to dive.
9. It's too late to dive.
8. Sorry guys, there's not enough room in the cooler.
7. Let me show you where the big lobsters are.
6. No need to worry, I just bought a new boat!
5. I thought YOU had the beer!
4. Not today I'd rather stay home and work on my to do list.
3. Ian didn't catch anything today.
2. Gee, did I put air in this tank?

and at number one...

1. Yes, of course I have ALL my gear!

Got ICE?

Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI recently sent out info to its members about I.C.E., meaning **I**n **C**ase of **E**mergency. Putting the letters ICE with an emergency contact person's name and number into your cell phone can save valuable time in an emergency situation.

Medical personnel look for I.C.E. in cell phones and have for some time now. This was actually put into effect after 9-11 although many are still unaware of its existence. Whether you are a diver or not, this is something we all need to do. And if you are a diver, make sure you know where your buddies cell phones are kept.

It's simple to do, takes less than 5 minutes, and could be a real life saver. Hope you never need it but *In Case of Emergency* is so simple and easy to set up.

Happy and Safe Diving, *Connie*

Ed Packhem
wanna be.



SPECIAL NOTICE
Our August 10th OCA meeting will be held at Corrine's, just south of the Home Depot Plaza on route 1A in Pawtucket. A buffet dinner will be served at \$15.00 per person. Beware: no left turn heading south during commuter hours.

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 at the Scuba Center in South Attleboro, MA. 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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W.D.C.

I look forward to getting the OCA newsletter, it's my link to New England diving. Great newsletter, thanks, Bill. After reading the "Prez Box" (April 2006) I was saddened by the fact that no one made it through the Winter Dive Club. People, I've been telling everyone here in Key Largo about how tough you guys are, diving thru the winter in 30 degree water, ice, snow, etc, etc. Yes, it's true I didn't sign up last year but I did figure my fellow OCA divers would keep the tradition going.

A little history about the WDC. Somewhere in the mid 80' OCA members, Bob Black, Ray Baril, Steve Baker, Russ Martin and I were getting ready to stow our gear for the approaching winter when someone said "Hey, why don't we see how long we can keep diving this year." The club was already doing the New Year's Day dive so we knew we could handle the cold temps. The next step was to set some ground rules, we kept it simple. Only two rules. 1. You must make a dive every two weeks from November 1st to April 1st. (The two week period starts the day you make the dive. Actually the first few years we were diving just about every weekend, no one wanted to wait until the second week just in case the weather was bad.) Rule #2. No excuses.....none. You miss a dive you're out.

Then another idea, why don't we all put in \$10.00 and who ever is still diving come April gets to keep the money. Most of us made it through the winter so we all got our money back, no fun, so we changed that to going to a local pub and have a party. And that's how it started.

Now back to 2006. I can't believe no one made it through the winter. Let's face it, most of you have dry suits and the winters haven't been so bad. Where's the club spirit? Think of the 20+ year tradition.

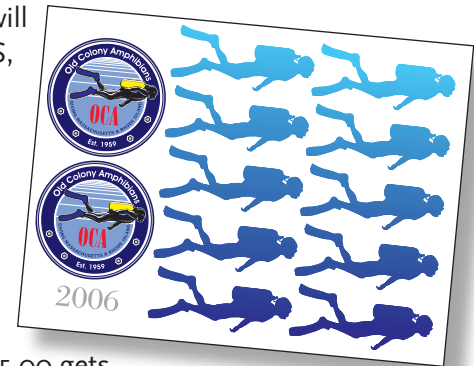
Well, I'm not going to let this happen again I'm joining the WDC right now. My check is in the mail. I will keep the spirit of the original members going. I don't care how cold the winter air gets here in Key Largo, 70, 65, 60 degrees and I'll brave those cold ocean temps of low 70's and even when it dips down into the high 60's I'll be making a dive every 3 weeks in my 1/8" wetsuit and my cotton gloves. I won't let the tradition down I'll be in the water no matter what.... "No excuses!" **Rocco**

OCA Tee Shirts

After hemming and hawing over the tee shirts this year, read –how much will they cost, that's too expensive, it's too late in the year, what sizes will be available, I'm an XXS, I'm an XXXXXXXXL, etc., etc., we're taking a new approach. It's called... **you do it!**

An 8.5" x 11" transfer sheet of 2006 OCA scuba graphics is now available during our regular meetings. \$5.00 gets you one sheet (club nets approximately \$2.75 per sheet). It's very easy to iron-on the graphics and now you can become your own designer. You can put the logo and/or divers anywhere you want. I think we should initiate a contest to see who can make the most creative design. Hey, buy two sheets or more and really go to town.

Good luck and let's see who's really cool. **Bill L.**



Ian: I'm getting sick of writing captions. How 'bout some really big fish?!?



The June 30th Friday Night Dive hosted by Karen @ John Stanford at Fort Wetherill, Jamestown.



July

- 29 **Winter Island Weekend**
Bob McManus/Eric Alphonse
401-567-8624

August

- 10 **OCA Dinner Meeting**,
at Corrine's, Rt. 1A, Pawtucket.
Details to follow.
- 11 **Friday Night Dive**, Spooky
- 13 ~~Isle of Shoals~~ (rescheduled)
- 20 **Isle of Shoals**, Ian Campbell
401-647-2061
- 25 **Friday Night Dive**, Castle Hill
- 26 **Family Day**, switched to
Saturday due to scheduling
conflict at venue. Bob
McManus, 401-567-8624

September

- 3 **Scallop Dive**, Salem?
- 10 **Spearfishing Dive**
- 16-17 **Fall P-Town Weekend**
- 22 **Friday Night Dive**, Castle Hill

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does in his pirate ensemble? Not likely.

In conclusion, go on a club event or pick up an extra dive day. There are always plenty of people willing to go in the club, just give them a call.

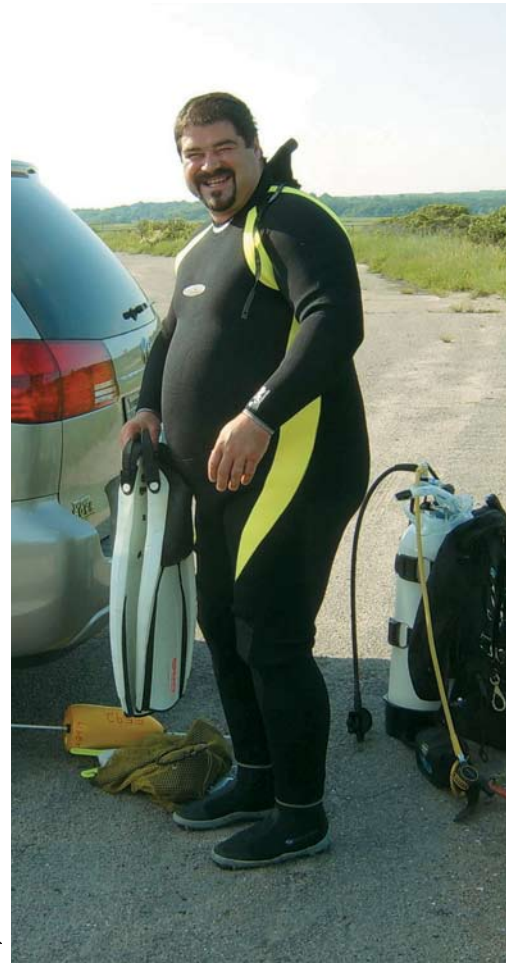
Say wet, **Bob Riecke**

Recently re-joined member Chris Troy suits up in Sandwich.

FROM THE DOGHOUSE

Rule Change

If you are sitting in an airplanes emergency exit row, you are now instructed first open the hatch and stay to assist others out. If I'm in that row and we need to exit through that door the first thing out is going to be me. **Seadog**



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