

Cape Dive Club Newsletter

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Our July Meeting

The Cape Dive Clubs July meeting was on Tuesday July 31. The meeting was well attended. We now have 22 individual and 8 family memberships totaling 39 members! We want to thank Jeff Garran and Cape Cod Beer for the Grand Prize Donation of a Growler pack.



Message from the President

I can't believe how fast the summer goes. We all say that every time and before we know it, it is gone. The next three months is some of my favorite time around here. It is still warm with plenty of light and no reason for us not to be diving.

Everyone needs to take some time for themselves and stop making excuses and putting off when you are going to go diving! You need to do it now!

I am really delighted at how well of a response we have had to the club. We are getting more and more new members and lots of good ideas for speakers, events, etc. Keep them coming! This is your club.

Make sure to get involved, it makes a good club great!

Jodi

Entries and Exits

1.) The preferred entry from the side of a small boat when wearing scuba is a:

- A. Giant Stride
- B. Forward Roll
- C. Back Roll
- D. Swan Drive

2.) Select the preferred entry with scuba from a height of about three feet from a dock or platform:

- A. Giant Stride
 - B. Forward Roll
 - C. Back Roll
 - D. Half Gainer
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Cape Dive Club Cookout

Our cookout was a success! We had a great day for the cookout at Hathaway's Pond. Divers set up four buoyancy rings in the pond to practice your skills. If you take a 60 degree heading from the shore area to the right of the public beach we normally dive from, you will find them. They are near the platform and statue. It was a hot day and some of the diver's ditched their suits and dove in shorts because of the warm water! There should be some pictures of the divers in the weekly publication Cape Cod Sports Report soon. Thank you to everyone who helped out!



Monthly Club Raffles Organizer

Each month at our club meetings, we sell raffle tickets. The money from the raffle will be to benefit club events and outings. We need to get contributions every month. These items do not have to be dive related. Anything you want to donate would be accepted.

We are looking for a few people to take over the raffle. This would be to help obtain donations both from club members and businesses. You would also run the raffle at each meeting.

We need your help so please, if anyone is interested, please let us know at the next meeting or send an email to capedive@capediveclub.com.

July Raffle Winners

Winners And Prizes

Dave Nommensen – Growler Pack, donated by Cape Cod Beer

Jim Milano – PADI Duffle Bag, donated by a club member

Coleen Bevacqua- Book, donated by a club member



Cape Cod Beer
1336 Phinney's Lane
Hyannis, MA
508-790-4200

Boat Dives

The Cape Dive Club has chartered the Dive Lockers boat for a Cape Cod Bay Charter on Saturday August 11th. Everyone is looking forward to this. We also want to thank Capt. Bryan Burnham for offering to captain the charter at no charge so club members could be offered the charter at a discounted rate!

Shore Dives

Peter Latimer is going to help the club coordinate some shore dives. He will need some help and suggestions with the dives. So please make sure to get in touch with him.

Peter@capediveclub.com

Other News

We still need more help with the following:

Newsletter Help – Help is needed on putting together our monthly newsletter or just submitting an article, dive trip story, pictures.

Fundraising – We need volunteers to come up with ideas and help raise money for the club.

New Members - Tell everyone you know about our club and get them to join!

More Stuff

DAN-We have a DAN instructor available if anyone is interested in taking any classes offered by DAN. DAN is giving away free Testing-Shirts if you sign up and share your dive information. Check it out at: <http://www.DiversAlertNetwork.org/news/article.asp?newsid=928>

Bonaire – Join us in January 11-20th – there are still a few openings. Payment in full is not due until October. More information at the next meeting! This is a great deal- **you get a full seven days of diving!** It is a nine night trip!

Web-site – It is still a work in progress. Log on to see what changes have been made. We need you to bring those suggestions & comments to us so we can make it better for you!

Lobster Regulations – There is a proposal to limit the size of lobsters on the outer cape now. This means no more monster lobsters will come home! More information on the upcoming hearing can be found at: [Lobster Size Regulation Changes and Public Hearing](#)

Entries and Exits

3.) The last thing to check immediately before entering the water from a boat or platform is:

- A. Air Supply
- B. Reserve Position
- C. Area Below
- D. Mask Adjustment

4.) During an entry from a sandy ocean beach, the recommended procedure is to:

- A. Put your fins on and walk into the surf
- B. Put your fins on and back into the surf
- C. Wade into the surf and put your fins on
- D. Wade and swim past the surf and put your fins on

Logo Ideas

We need a logo! We would like to get the logo design so we can start getting shirts, hats, etc. done with our logo.

Bring your drawings, pictures, ideas, what ever you have to our August meeting or drop them off to Coleen or Caitlin at The Dive Locker in Hyannis.

They are there Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We hope to choose a logo at our August Meeting. You can email them to us too!

capedive@capediveclub.com

Speaker and Presentation Coordinator

Finally! We have someone to help us with speakers and presentations at our meetings. Pamela Latimer is going to take this challenge on for the dive club. There were several ideas presented at the July meeting and she brought some information on "A Sinus Sufferer's Survival Guide" to share with the club.

Pam can be reached at Pam@capediveclub.com with your ideas and questions.

Bulletin and Chat Board

It is a work in progress, but thanks to Jeff Garran, we have a bulletin and chat board. Check it out at: <http://capediveclub.com/forum/index.php>

Entries and Exits

5.) When preparing to exit from the water into a small boat, the correct order for removal of equipment is:

- A. Fins, tank and weight belt
- B. Mask, tank and fins
- C. Weight belt, tank and fins
- D. Tank, mask and fins

6.) Upon exiting the water onto a dive charter boat, the first actions that should be taken is to:

- A. Consult the dive tables and determine your repetitive group
- B. Get yourself and all your equipment clear of the exit area
- C. Discuss the details of the dive with your dive buddy
- D. Assist crew members in helping other divers aboard

Welcome New Members!

Mark Erickson
Jeremy McKnight
Dave Foley
Pat Ryan
Susan Foley
Donald Silva Jr
Paul Wills



Charter Boat Etiquette

Before the Trip

Reservations are required. You must make reservations to secure a spot. Most charter operations request a deposit or full payment upfront. Once you've made a reservation, show up. If you haven't prepaid, you're costing the charter operator money as well as denying someone else a place on the dive trip. Ask about the cancellation policy when you sign up. The operator may require 24 or 48 hours notice to guarantee a refund. If you must cancel, do so as early as possible. Even if something comes up at the last minute, call anyway, as there may be standby divers who would love to have your space. Be punctual. At the time you make your reservation, ask for details on when and where to board the boat. If you arrive after departure time, don't be surprised if an empty dock greets you. Bring your certification ("C") card, plus your completed logbook if requested. Your scuba equipment should be checked out and adjusted at home. Don't wait until you get to the boat to string the tank strap on a new buoyancy compensator (BC) or try on a rental wet suit. If you're renting gear from the boat operator, arrive early so you have time to get properly fitted.

Ask permission from a crew member before climbing aboard. This is standard maritime courtesy generally observed by the diving community. Even though the boat may appear ready, the crew may not be prepared to receive passengers. If no one is on board, wait for a crewmember to show up.

On Board

Once on board, follow the advice of a crewmember on stowing your gear. You might be expected to assemble it before departure, while under way or at the dive site; or sometimes a crewmember sets it up for you. If it's not obvious which is preferred, ask. Deck space on a dive boat is always at a premium, so you'll want to use as little as practical for your gear bag. Pack your bag using the "last in first out" technique so you won't needlessly spread gear around the deck during assembly. Keep mask, fins and other accessories handy but out of the way until needed. Stow your gear bag under the bench or in another designated spot where no one will trip on it. Don't forget to secure your scuba unit in the rack provided.

Be present at and pay attention to all briefings. The captain usually gives a boat briefing before departure, including necessary information such as where the life jackets are stowed, off-limits areas and how to use the head (marine toilet). The pre-dive briefings are just as relevant for experienced divers as first-timers. They include entry and exit instructions and time and depth restrictions/recommendations for that dive, plus other relevant details such as bottom features, critters to look for and current conditions.

When you're on a group dive trip, consider the rights of those who are not part of your group. Don't take over the whole boat or monopolize the crew's time. Acknowledge the presence of other divers; show them you are a friendly bunch. You may even gain new recruits for your club or dive center.

Handle weights carefully to avoid injuring someone or damaging gear and the boat deck. If you borrow weights from the boat, return them to the appropriate place when diving is completed.

If you feel seasick it's best to remain outside near the centerline of the vessel where the motion is least. If the feeling overwhelms you, don't rush to the head. Grab a spot along the railing on the downwind side, near the stern if possible, and let nature take its course. Other divers will understand and sympathize. Don't leave drinking cups, food wrappers or other lightweight items around the deck where they can blow around, or worse, fly overboard. Be ready to go when it's your turn to enter the water.

Charter Boat Etiquette -cont

The Dive

Don't keep other divers waiting while you stand at the entry point adjusting fin straps and checking equipment. Complete all checks and don appropriate gear, then move toward the entry area.

Don't don your scuba unit over your head. It's unsafe on a boat and takes a lot of room. If possible, remain seated while gearing up; if you have to stand, get assistance. Don the scuba unit when instructed by the dive staff. As soon as you enter the water, move away from the entry area (after signaling OK to the deck crew) so you don't hold up others. If there's a current line use this do move a safe distance from the entryway, you can wait for your buddy at the anchor or down line if needed.

When the dive is guided, stay within sight of the leader. If he or she has to waste bottom time waiting for you to catch up, the group may not make it to all the features normally visited at that site. On a drift dive, it's particularly important to surface where and when you're expected. During a guided dive along a wall, remain at or shallower than the depth of the guide. Should you drop below the maximum depth for that profile, the guide may have to shorten the entire group's bottom time to avoid putting you in a decompression situation — a sure way to become unpopular. Along the same lines, don't forget to signal the guide at the prearranged air pressure benchmark or if you run low.

On unguided dives, follow the crew's instructions about when you're expected to return to the boat. Your excellent air consumption and the additional bottom time allowed by a dive computer are not the only factors influencing the recommended bottom time. The charter boat's daily schedule may dictate a standard time to return to the dock or your bottom time may be limited because of current changes. Plus, it's inconsiderate to strand the rest of the divers on a rocking boat waiting for you to surface.

Under water photographers and videographers have acquired a reputation, deserved or otherwise, as selfish divers. Don't add to the stereotype by hogging access to an interesting creature or by scaring it off while chasing after it for a shot. Courtesy works both ways. If other divers are trying to capture underwater images, be even more careful than usual not to stir up the sand or silt. When you see photographers with cameras raised to their masks, they are probably in the process of shooting; avoid swimming into the picture unless they ask you to.

Ending the Dive

Wait your turn to exit the water. Be aware of other divers as you approach the ladder or swim platform after your safety stop. Float a few feet under the surface or hang onto the drift line a safe distance from the exit point while others exit. Don't tail gate; let the previous diver clear the ladder before you position yourself to climb aboard.

As soon as you are securely back on the boat, move away from the exit area. Save discussions about the dive until after you've doffed and secured your equipment. Be sure to carry all your accessories away from the exit area and stow them properly so they don't create an obstacle course for others.

If available, rinse scuba gear in the tank or bucket specified, not in the one reserved for cameras and computers — heavy objects can damage these fragile instruments. Remove the lead from pocket weight belts before rinsing. Even if you'd never dream of relieving yourself in your wet suit underwater, you've probably not shared that information with other divers, so refrain from dipping wet suits in the gear rinse tank (at least until all regulators and BCs have been rinsed). The same applies to scuba booties.

Underwater camera gear is fragile and expensive. Take care not to set anything on top of someone's setup. Stay away from the camera work area with wet clothes, hair or gear — just a drop inadvertently splashed inside can ruin a camera. Underwater photographers and videographers, do your part by placing your equipment only in secure areas away from heavy traffic and never directly on the deck.

Charter Boat Etiquette -cont

If fresh water is available, be thrifty with it, especially when rinsing off. On most boats the water supply is limited. Save alcoholic beverages for a post dive shore party. A moving boat is no place to be even slightly impaired. Besides, alcohol consumption immediately following a dive is thought to increase the potential for decompression sickness.

There's typically a waiting line at the head or changing area after dives; be considerate of others. But don't decide to change out of your swimsuit in public. While you may not care, others on board could be offended by even partial nudity.

After The Dive

Stay out of the way whenever the crew is handling lines for anchoring or docking. Don't help unless asked (which seldom occurs).

Repack your gear bag before the boat reaches the dock and disembark promptly when the crew indicates it's time. They may have to ready the boat for another charter or wash it down at the end of the day. Chances are the crew began work an hour or two before your arrival and will spend another hour or so on tasks such as cleaning the boat and rental gear before they can call it a day.

Dive charter boat captains and divemasters do enjoy their work, but it is a job for them. Don't ask. The answer is a resounding "Yes"! You should tip. When you go on a chartered and chaperoned dive through a dive shop, it is customary to tip both the captain and the divemaster. Tipping shows your appreciation for good service by contributing a few dollars. Most charter operations don't actively solicit tips. Also be generous with compliments where warranted. Better yet, take the time to let the boss know if a crew member has done an exceptional job.

Proper dive boat etiquette has no hard-and-fast rules. It's based on custom, safety and simple courtesy. Now that you know what to expect — and what is expected of you — now you're ready to enjoy charter boat diving.

Entries and Exits

7.) When waiting in the water to exit onto a boat via a ladder, a diver should:

- A. Follow his or her buddy up the ladder
- B. Remove fins and wait until the ladder is clear
- C. Stay clear of the ladder if another diver is on it
- D. Climb up the sides of the boat if the ladder is in use

8.) When swells are present and you are trying to exit onto rocks or a boat:

- A. Wait until the swells subside before exiting
- B. Time the swells and use them to help exiting
- C. Swim to another place for a safer exit
- D. Whenever it is feasible to do so



Cape Dive Club
Presents
BONAIRE
January 11th – 20th 2008

DIVE & DRIVE PACKAGE WITH BUDDY DIVE RESORT



TRIP INCLUDES:

Round Trip Airfare from Boston
 9 night's accommodations
 Breakfast daily
 Pick-up truck or van rental for entire stay (1 per apartment or unit)
 Welcome drink
 Managers Rum Punch party
 2 Nights Cape Dive Club Dinners
 Airport transfers
 Government taxes

Diver rate also includes:
 Unlimited shore diving 24/7
 Unlimited Nitrox
 Cape Dive Club personal Chammyz Classic Pullover

Diver: \$1,725.00*

Non diver: \$1,600.00*

Above rate is per person based on 4 people in 2 bedroom apartment

*Airlines may add additional fuel charge

You can pay for this trip with a credit card!

You need to Call Jodi at 508-274-7809 or email at Jodi@CapeDiveClub.com if you are interested in the trip ASAP

A deposit of \$250.00 per person is needed to book the trip. Final payment due 10/4/2007

Bay State Council of Divers

WHAT IS BAY STATE COUNCIL OF DIVERS?

The Bay State Council of Divers, Inc. (commonly known as the BSC) was founded in the early 1970's to represent the organized divers in Massachusetts. The Bay State Council of Divers is a member of the Underwater Society of America which is composed of other dive councils, clubs and independent divers throughout North America. The Bay State Council of Divers, which is managed by a Board of Directors, meets approximately four times a year. The Bay State Council of Divers membership is made up of over 700 individual divers, clubs, dive shop owners, charter boat captains, scuba instructors and other interested persons throughout the state.

The Bay State Council of Divers was organized for the following purposes:

- 1. To disseminate information relative to the sport of diving and legislation affecting divers.
- 2. To create public sentiment for the encouragement of skin and scuba diving;
- 3. To promote safety, education and conservation in the sport of skin and scuba diving;
- 4. To cooperate with and assist government officials in the use of diving in connection with governmental functions;
- 5. To sponsor competitive activities in the sport of diving;
- 6. To give aid and assistance to groups desiring to organize diving organizations;
- 7. To educate the public and diving community in the sport of skin and scuba diving;
- 8. To advance educational and literary endeavors in the field of underwater activities.

The annual Bay State Council of Divers Underwater Treasure Hunt competition is performed in May or June of each year and is their major fundraiser. It is an enjoyable family event providing an opportunity to meet new dive buddies, compete in a friendly environment and win prizes while supporting the Bay State Council of Divers.

Make sure to support the Bay State Council for just \$5.00 a year per person.

Make your check payable to BAY STATE COUNCIL and mail it to:

Bay State Council of Divers P.O. Box 690518 Quincy, MA 02269

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone _____

1-Aug	Rescue Class	Rescue Diver Course	Call	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
2-Aug	Charter	Shark Dives from Point Judith, RI	ALL Day	\$250.00	Buzzards Bay Dive Center - Onset	508-291-7282
	Charter	Night Dive Charter Scorton Ledge 2 Dives	7:00PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
4-Aug	Lobster Dive and Sunset Cruise on the Canal	Departs from Onset Pier - one tank dive in Cape Cod Bay and a leisurely sunset cruise through the canal. Light snacks provided and you may bring adult beverages!	5:00PM Arrive 1/2 hour early	\$70.00 Diver \$20.00 Non Diver	Buzzards Bay Dive Center - Onset	508-291-7282
	Advanced Open Water Diver Class	Become Advanced Certified. Classes start August 4 and continue on August 5 and 9th..	Call	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
	Night Shore Dive	Shore Dive and Pizza Dinner-Guided Dives Available for Open Water Divers	6:30PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
5-Aug	Beach Dive & Picnic	Morning Beach Dive followed by a picnic at Sandwich Town Beach- the grill runs from 11:00 am 5:00am	9:00	\$5.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Charter	Horatio Hall 60' Wreck Dive	5:30AM	\$90.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Charter	Pinthis Wreck/Captains Choice	7:00AM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
	Charter	Scorton Ledge 2 - Dives	2:00PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
6-Aug	Charter	Aranas 60' Wreck Dive	6:30AM	\$90.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Open Water Diver Class	Learn to Scuba Dive. Classes start August 6 and continue on August 8, 13, and 15. Open water dives are August 18 and 19th.	Call	Call	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
7-Aug	Night Dive	Snake Pond	7:30PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
8-Aug	Rescue Class	Rescue Diver Course	Call	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
9-Aug	Rescue Class	Rescue Diver Course	Call	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
	Night Dive	Advanced Course Sandwich Town Beach	7:30PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
10-Aug	Charter	Catherine Marie	7:00am	\$75.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Dry Suit Course	Become a dry suit diver. Class August 10th and 11th	Call	Call	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
11-Aug	Charter	Cape Dive Club	7:00AM	Private	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Night Shore Dive	Shore Dive and Pizza Dinner-Guided Dives Available for Open Water Divers	6:30PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444

12-Aug	Charter	The Pinthis - 100' Wreck Dive	7:00 AM	\$110.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Charter	Pottstown & Benjamin Wrecks	7:00AM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
	Charter	Scorton Ledge 2 - Dives	1:00PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
13-Aug	Charter	Barnstable Ledge - Lobster/Scallop Dives	7:00AM	\$75.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
17-Aug	Charter	Nauset Barges 110' Wreck Dive	7:00AM	\$110.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Charter	Night Dive Charter Pottstown & Benjamin Wrecks	7:00PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
18-Aug	Charter	Nauset Barges 110' Wreck Dive	7:00AM	\$110.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Night Dive	Garbage Beach	7:30PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
19-Aug	Charter	Horatio Hall 60' Wreck Dive	5:30AM	\$90.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Charter	To Be Announced	7:00AM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
	Charter	Pottstown and Benjamin Wrecks	3:00PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
	Lobster Hunt	Lobster Hunt aboard the "Lady K" All day 3 dive event. \$250.00 cash prize and trophies!	6:30AM	\$125.00	Buzzards Bay Dive Center - Onset	508-291-7282
20-Aug	Charter	Aransas 60' Wreck Dive	6:00AM	\$90.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
23-Aug	Advanced Open Water	Get your advanced certification. Includes night diving, boat diving, deep diving, and navigation. August 23 thru the 26th.	Call	Call	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
24-Aug	Charter	Nauset Barges 110' Wreck Dive	7:00AM	\$110.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
25-Aug	Charter	Nauset Barges 110' Wreck Dive	7:00AM	\$110.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
	Charter	Mary Anne Rocks-2 Dives	7:00AM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
	Charter	Scorton Ledge 2 - Dives	1:00PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
	Beach Party	Sandwich Town Beach Diving and then a cookout around the fire pit back at the store!	Call	Free	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444
26-Aug	Charter	Nauset Barges 110' Wreck Dive	7:00AM	\$110.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
27-Aug	Charter	Nauset Barges 110' Wreck Dive	7:00AM	\$110.00	The Dive Locker - Hyannis	508-775-1185
28-Aug	Night Dive	Full Moon Night Dive at Sandwich Town Beach	8:00PM	Call	The Aqua Center Sandwich	508-888-3444

Happy Birthday In August

Peter L. 8/???

Marley O. 8/13

Paul T. 8/19

Jodi B. 8/19

Paul W. 8/19

Entries and Exits

So if you read the newsletter thoroughly, you will have noticed the "Entries and Exits" questions. Good, now to get your answers, check our website, they will be on it within the next week and they will also be posted in next months newsletter.

Contact US

Join the Cape Dive Club Now! For more information, email us at **CapeDive@CapeDiveClub.com**

Individual Member \$40.00 Family Member \$65.00 Associate Member (Non-Diver) \$ 15.00

Mail us at: Cape Dive Club
 PO Box 92
 Centerville, MA 02632

Check out our website – it is still under construction- **www.capediveclub.com**

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DON'T MISS THE NEXT MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 27, 2007
AT THE HYANNIS GOLF CLUB
ROUTE 132 – HYANNIS
6:00 TO 8:00 PM