

BOTTOMTIME

The bi-monthly newsletter of the Nova Scotia Underwater Council - July, 1991

Diving Nova Scotia: Tropical Tourists in Canada

The moment the narrow beam from my flashlight illuminated the brown and white mottled fish, a three-inch long specimen that had parked itself among kelp fronds, I realized that one of us had drifted far off course.

I had become familiar with this tropical species several years ago on a visit to the Florida Keys; thus, I was certain this 'accidental tourist' was far from home waters and was likely physically stressed, having somehow ended up in this much colder environment.

I surfaced from that late October night dive with images of a rare visitor and a lot of unanswered questions. Would the fish survive in north Atlantic waters? For how long? Could one expect to find other tropicals in the area? And how did this orange filefish come to end up ten feet offshore in Back Cove, Nova Scotia?

Back Cove was one of the first dive sites I explored on my arrival in Nova Scotia. I first learned of Back Cove in *Atlantic Diver Guide (Volume II, Nova Scotia)* where I read: "the abundance of marine life in combination with the clarity of the water has brought nationally known underwater photographers to this site."

Located just minutes from Nova Scotia's picturesque Peggy's Cove and less than an hours drive from Halifax along a scenic coastal route, Back Cove is an excellent choice for daytime or nighttime exploration. Tucked behind Paddy's Head Island in St. Margaret's Bay, this location offers fine east coast diving for all levels of experience.

Like many Nova Scotia dive sites, Back Cove offers easy access (park your car and walk 30 feet down a gently sloping beach entry point) and impressive underwater visibility (typically 30 to 60 feet).

With depths ranging from a few feet around rocky ledges to a gently sloping bottom beneath 60 feet of water - this site provides an ideal setting for underwater photography. One can expect to see flounder, sculpin, lumpfish, sea perch, pipefish, moon snails, anemones, colourful

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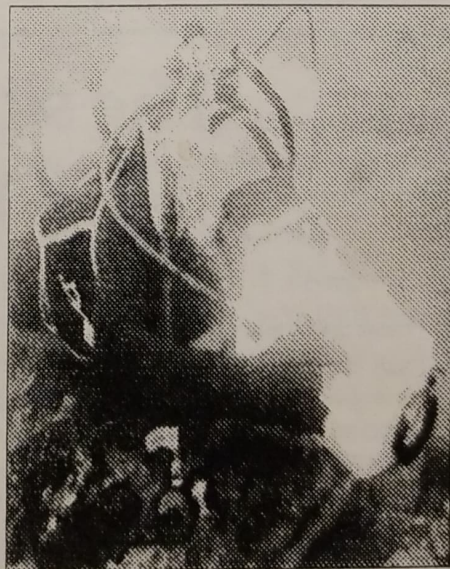
A new interim president of the NSUC is appointed

At the board meeting in Halifax on June 8, Roland G. Lewis was appointed President of the Nova Scotia Underwater Council. The appointment is to be ratified by the membership at the annual general meeting to be held on October 5.

The NSUC is a non-profit organization whose aim is to protect the interests of all sport divers in Nova Scotia and promote safe scuba diving. It is estimated there may be as many as 10,000 certified divers in the province. The Council organizes events such as the Seahunt, scheduled for September 8,

where divers retrieve tokens from underwater in exchange for chances on prizes in a draw. Another event is Subsea Horizons where dive stores and equipment manufacturers are invited to display their products. Sport diving has experienced a dramatic increase in popularity in recent years especially among women and older age groups. More information can be obtained by calling 864-1157.

Dr. Lewis is a specialist in clinical microbiology employed at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Laboratory in Sydney.



Film-maker gets to bottom. Page 6



Editor's Notes

"WE'R BACK!"

Dare I say *we'r back*. I am here as acting editor only, as I really do not have the time or the expertise to carry out this function with any deal of efficiency. Only by the good offices of New Media Services, who will be carrying out the greater part of my duties, has this been made possible. This issue will be going out to last year's members as well as this year's. This is to encourage those who have been waiting to see if the NSUC is going to survive. We have been through a rough few months with a few more to come, although the worst is over. This issue is smaller due to budget constraints, and the withdrawal of the 40% postage subsidy by Sport Nova Scotia. It will cost, by the time you receive this newsletter, over \$2.00 per copy, if you include the postage.

We are hoping that more and more commercial members, businesses and organizations will see the value of advertising in a provincial newsletter which deals with the positive activities that make up the diving community. Once we are able to increase the advertising we will then be able to increase the number of pages. We can never repeat enough that our real life-blood is the support we receive from our members and readers. We are also in need of an editor. We are also thankful to those who provide us with information about events or by sending in reports, interesting diving stories, photos, commenting on what we publish, or by writing on issues of concern.

Colin V. Frazee-Whitelock, Acting Editor

BOTTOMTIME

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Bottomtime is published as a forum with the aim to generate opinions, communication with and feedback from our members. Submissions to *Bottomtime* are published at the discretion of the editor. Articles are the opinion of the contributory authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the NSUC. Articles may be reproduced with the written permission of the NSUC. We encourage response to any of the articles.

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Send all submissions to:

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The sky used to be the limit. Now it's the bottom.

from John Versteeg, Global Video Inc.

I have taken this ad to call on divers to tell us about your most exciting, interesting, and beautiful dive sites - i.e. wrecks and u/w locations. If you were given a chance, what would you show in a one-hour documentary video about Nova Scotia's underwater world? Your opinions, ideas and talent are needed. We are looking for your responses. For our part, we are an award-winning producer of documentary videos, and are assembling a team of experts with

an intimate knowledge of the maritime world, its history and related topics. We are able to film above or below the water. The most interesting submission will receive a gift certificate for dive gear in the amount of \$50.00 at Aqua Dive.

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Proposals will become the property of Global Video. For your proposals to be considered, please enclose and sign a copy of this ad, constituting a release.

News in Brief & Comment



DIVER Magazine Publishes New Tabloid

A SUPPLEMENTAL publication of *Diver Magazine* has been launched and is now available in dive stores across Canada. It's a free newspaper for divers and non-divers alike and contains reports and news releases on diving equipment and other products of interest to divers.

The manufacturers of diving equipment have so many products, innovations, accessories and ideas that *Diver* simply cannot produce enough space to accommodate all the information that comes to hand.

Canadian Diver aims to keep divers in touch with products on the market and informed about activities planned for active divers. The newspaper carries news, events, environmental subjects and interviews with people in diving.

Canadian Diver wants to know about the environment, diving practises, equipment use, instruction, unusual experiences and specific concerns relating to any subject of choice.

For information:

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Life technologies

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3. We invite you to submit a proposal outlining your teaching experience (especially any experience with wireless communications equipment) and credentials along with the specific instructional applications that you have in mind. As well, state how you feel that this equipment will benefit or enhance your courses, whether basic or advanced.
4. This is the same equipment used by numerous military and law enforcement agencies around the world, and by NASA during an astronauts-in-water training period. It has

Did you know?

¶ SCALLOP LICENCES are available to all divers from the Department of Fisheries on Lower Water Street for \$5.00.

¶ During a three month expedition in 1990 divers recovered 24 full bottles of whiskey from the *Politician*, which ran aground February 5, 1941 near South Uist, U.K. and subsequently was featured in the comedy film 'Whiskey Galore'. It is estimated 500 - 1,000 intact bottles may still be lying in and around the wreck.

¶ What is a Receiver of Wreck?

¶ Fresh water divers - *argh eh!* - may run the risk of contracting *cryptosporidiosis*, a diarrhoeal illness lasting two to three weeks by ingestion of contaminated water. *Cryptosporidium* is a single-celled animal similar to the amoeba which causes dysentery.

¶ The Special Places Protection Act of Nova Scotia requires you to have a Heritage Research Permit before disturbing any place where historical artifacts are found, including underwater sites.

¶ According to The Canada Shipping Act anything recovered

from a wreck must be turned over to the Receiver of Wreck.

¶ Where is the nearest Receiver of Wreck?

¶ The 1990 expenditure of the British Sub Aqua Club was £1,514,775.

¶ The great white shark may be on the verge of extinction in part due to sport fishermen in South Africa and Australia. There may be as few as 1,500 worldwide. The record for size is 21 feet in length and 3.5 tonnes weight.

¶ What it takes to circumcise a whale? Four skin divers.

¶ The N.S. Treasure Trove licence is issued by the Department of Mines and Energy.

¶ The most recent instructions for CPR?

¶ Full conservation of the ships wheel from the *Breadalbane* is expected to take two years and \$100,000.

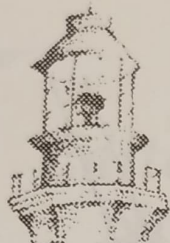


¶ Membership in DAN (Divers Alert Network) provides an excellent bi-monthly newsletter for only \$20.00.

proven to be invaluable for u/w cinematography.

For information: Coast to

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Aqualantic Scuba Club

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Membership is open to individuals, families, clubs or commercial enterprises. Dues are set annually - usually at the AGM. Individuals may join by sending an application or letter with the \$16.00 fee to the Treasurer.

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"... the diving you hope to enjoy tomorrow may depend on the success of the NSUC today."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year has been a stormy one for your Board resulting in much fragmentation. In spite of these difficulties a successful Sea Hunt was enjoyed by many and Subsea Horizons took a big step toward the commercial success we know it will one day become. Heroic efforts were made to produce this edition of *Bottomtime* in a format of which we can all be proud. There were many other things big and small, carried out on behalf of all NSUC members by a - not so tireless few. The above did not come about without great expense, and I am not referring only to money. At this date a new crew is taking over; the sailing plans are being altered to cover a new course with all striving toward our original aim of promoting good and safe diving in Nova Scotia. It is with great expectations that I have assumed the post of President of your society. I expect the new Board will put past differences behind them, pull together, and work toward our common goals. I expect the average member to come forward with suggestions on how we can best represent them and on the programs they expect us to provide. I expect all the members to encourage membership in the organization and to support our activities. Of course, I and this Board cannot save the world - or even the NSUC. Only you the membership can do that. If you want it to work - then you must work on it. One thing you can do is to give up a Saturday afternoon on October 5 to attend the Extraordinary Annual General Meeting. Meet the Board and other mem-

bers; discuss the reports presented; make your views known - give us some direction; ensure your dues are buying good value. Why not adopt a non-member buddy and bring them to the meeting as well? One last comment: *the diving you hope to enjoy tomorrow may depend on the success of the NSUC today.* Roland Lewis

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am glad to say that we have a new President and Secretary and I'd like to extend a welcome to Roland Lewis and Wayne Bell. Both have extensive committee experience and no doubt you will be hearing a lot from them in the next two years. In order to save a little money as our budget gets tighter, the board has opted to change the mailing address to one that is more convenient (see NSUC box). This will eliminate the cost of motor mileage of 12 ct/km for picking up the mail once a week and sometimes more in busy periods. The AGM, alas, was a non-starter, possibly due to the glorious day we had and with every one off diving, where they should rightly be. Maybe a change of time of year should be seriously looked at. The reports were read at the unofficial meeting that took place: they will not be read again but will be on view October 5 at the boardroom of the Nova Scotia Museum. After the abortive AGM, an extraordinary board meeting was called. A n interim President and Secretary were elected: these positions will be valid until the AGM in October, when they will be put forward for re-election by the membership. The meeting was then duly closed. Another meeting was then promptly called by the new President to clear

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some essential business such as *Bottomtime* and the Sea Hunt. Again we are lacking in members' support: without you, there is no council, so I hope to see a lot more of you at the AGM in October. We need your input: the executive is not only there to develop their ideas but yours as well. The Center for Outdoor Recreation Services (CORS) has been approved by the provincial government and a background and concept appears in this issue.

The volunteers that are on the board and various committees give up a lot of their spare time to keep the council functioning with little or no thanks but more stabs in the back; so let's have some more support from you the members. To the Commercial Members past and present: we need your support to gain access to the new diver and the qualified diver alike. We also need your input and to hear what you would like us to do for you.
Colin V. Frazee-Whitelock

Coming Events

§ SEA HUNT

September 9 at Crystal Crescent Beach, Sambro (see ad on page 6)

§ NSUC AGM

October 5, 1-5 pm, N.S. Museum, Sumner Street, Halifax, Boardroom

§ ACQUALANTIC DIVE CLUB

sponsors a full program, including regular meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. Tel.: 434-2768

§ NORTHERN SHORE DIVING CENTRE

hosts renowned diving expert, George Brooks, founder of the company of the same name, in the first of a series of occasional seminars for the diving community. Mr. Brooks will be discussing developments in diving technology. For information: Tel.: 429-8265

§ VIKINGS AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC

The ships *Saga Siglar* and *Oseberg* will be ballasted and rigged in traditional Norse fashion. ETA: Tues., Aug. 20. Watch the papers for other events

More News in brief

I Recreational Scuba Council

ACUC and PADI Canada have announced the first steps in the formation of the Recreational Scuba Training Council of Canada. The decision to form it is based on many issues involving certification standards within the recreational diving industry that need to be addressed. One result is a combined effort to produce a minimum set of training standards for the recreational diving industry in Canada.

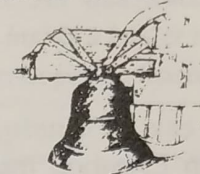
I Diving in the schools

Divers and dive shops need look no farther than the local school to find a keen interest in the underwater world. Recently Colin Frazee-Whitelock gave his second presentation in the schools, to a fascinated 6th grade class at the Gertrude Parmed Elementary School in Sackville. He encourages others to do the same.

I Roger Agget Award

By the kind permission of Andy Desroche of Aquadive, the NSUC's esteemed award now hangs there. The award is given annually for outstanding, unselfish service.

Notice of Meeting



Extraordinary AGM

Inasmuch as a quorum was not present for the June 8, 1991 Annual General Meeting, an Extraordinary AGM will be held Saturday October 5, 1991 from 1-5 pm at the Nova Scotia Museum. The meeting room will be open at noon in order for members to review reports which will be open for discussion and adoption at the meeting.

Agenda for the NSUC AGM

5 October 1991, 1:00 pm, Nova Scotia Museum, Boardroom

1. Roll call
2. Acceptance of the agenda
3. Reading of the minutes
4. Business arising out of minutes
5. Executive board reports:
 - Treasurer's report
 - Secretary and Vice-President's reports
6. Director's reports
 - Central
 - Valley
 - Southshore
 - Fundy and Highlands
 - Cape Breton
 - Commercial
7. Committee reports
 - Sea Hunt
 - Subsea Horizons
 - Bottomtime
 - Passport to Diving
 - Membership
 - Ethics
8. Budget
9. Auditor's report
10. New business
 - CORS report
11. Elections
12. Adjournment

PEGGY'S COVE GOES TO TAPE

IT CAN BE DONE HERE, and it can be done well". That was the message proclaimed in charming fashion by Global Video of Dartmouth on July 12. That night, the Sou'Wester Restaurant in Peggy's Cove was the scene of the premiere of the documentary video, **Peggy's Cove: Its People, Its Beauty, and Its History.**

It was a special screening for the residents of Peggy's Cove who "star" in the film. They gave the production their enthusiastic seal of approval. What follows isn't about diving in-itself but the maritime world and its culture which surround us. Nor is it natural beauty that makes this portrait of Peggy's Cove special; it's the poetry of the

people: the fishermen - first, last, and always ... the point-of-view of a postal clerk in the only post office lighthouse in North America ... the proud widow of a great marine artist ... the pastor of the local church ... the memories of a village elder. The program has the same name as the community: **Peggy's**

Cove (subtitled, "Its People, Its Beauty, And Its History"). It is an independently produced documentary, using 100% Nova Scotian talent involvement in every element of the production.

Peggy's Cove is the brainchild of filmmaker John Versteeg, who also dives. Before starting to work, he talked with many people who told him that they ordinarily found "destination" videos to be



**Film-maker
goes to
the bottom
for story**

SEA HUNT

Sunday, September 8, 1991 at Crystal Crescent Beach, Sambro

**Fees: NSUC members - \$12.00
Non-members - \$15.00**

*Divers must have 'C' Card and dive gear
in working order to enter water*

Everyone Welcome

**Registration begins at 10 am
SEAHUNT begins at 11 am**

For more information, contact:

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disappointing. Eventually, he put his finger on the missing ingredient, "Most tourist videos don't have any people. Wherever you go, you don't remember the place so much as the people - a Peggy's Cove video without the people would be sterile."

Archival film footage unearthed

Aside from the fishermen themselves, the "star" of the video would be the late William de Garthe, the marine artist whose Monument to the Fishermen of Nova Scotia, carved out of the granite in the backyard of his home at Peggy's Cove, has become a provincial park. Paintings and sculpture from de Garthe's 50-year career at Peggy's Cove help to illustrate the history of the community. The video also contains some vintage footage of de Garthe himself, including a breathtaking shot of the artist at work as a wave crashes on the rocks immediately in front of him.

The wind at Peggy's Cove is also highlighted. John Versteeg reports that while taping one day on the approaches to Peggy's Cove (appropriately called "The Barrens"), the gusts were such that the camera couldn't be held steady even with two people trying to brace it. One of the most spectacular and cautionary scenes illustrates the power of the wind - especially when combined with that of the sea. This scene shows a fishing boat caught in an



William de Garthe and Monument to Fishermen

ominous-looking ocean of whitecaps on the first day of lobster season. *An underwater camera was placed inside a lobster trap to get the crustacean perspective on things.*

The intention was to have a program under 15 minutes. The finished product is nearly 40 minutes. Scriptwriter Paul Moore: "We simply kept running into things that were too good to leave out. For instance, we came across Mr. Donald Crooks almost by accident. He was one of the men who helped William de Garthe with the hard physical labour of the Fishermen's Monument, and we wanted to have a short interview with him in connection with that. But when we started to roll the tape, we found out that Mr. Crooks is a natural storyteller, with a real sense of drama, and a very dry

Maritime humour."

Peggy's "exotic locale" in his own backyard

John Versteeg of Global Video has won several awards for documentary work that has taken him around the world - from Europe ... to China ... from the streets of Calcutta, to the plains of Africa. This time he found a microcosm of the world in Peggy's Cove, population 61. **Peggy's Cove - Its People, Its Beauty, And Its History**, is narrated by marine historian and veteran broadcaster Russ Lownds. It is being distributed through Global's sister company, Impact Videographic of Dartmouth.

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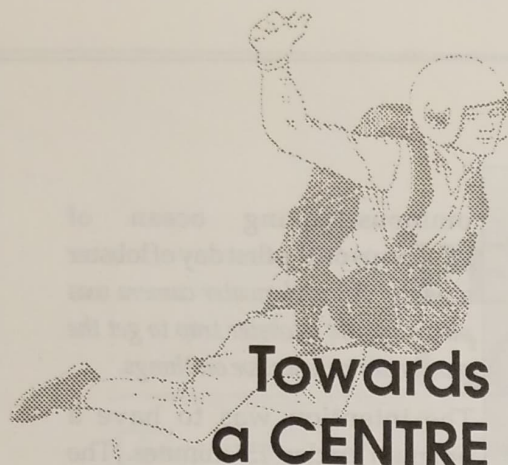
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Towards a CENTRE for OUTDOOR RECREATION SERVICES

THE NOVA SCOTIA Sport and Recreation Commission has long recognized the vital role played by many provincial outdoor recreation and related agencies in the delivery of safe, high quality and diverse outdoor recreation opportunities to Nova Scotians. The Commission has demonstrated this view by supporting, through programs and services, over twenty-five of these agencies on an ongoing basis.

At a time when the appropriate care of our environment is so critical and more Nova Scotians seek out adventure through activities that take place in this environment, an increasingly heavy burden is being placed upon the volun-

teers within these agencies. This increased demand for programs and services will come from individuals, municipalities and community-based groups throughout the Province.

In order to address these demands, especially at the local level, it is becoming increasingly important for agencies to work together, coordinate initiatives and share workloads. This is especially critical at a time when they are repeatedly being asked to do more with less. Due to its multi-discipline, province-wide perspective: the Commission has a key role to play in fostering cooperation and coordination among the outdoor recreation agencies.

During some extensive dialogue with agency volunteers and individuals in the outdoor recreation field, it became evident that a formal mechanism needed to be put in place. That would help foster this cooperation and coordination. It is being recommended that this mechanism be the Centre for Outdoor Recreation Services and that the Commission be integrally involved in its establishment at least over the short-term.

CONCEPT

In brief, the concept of the Centre for Outdoor Recreation Services is outlined below. More details will follow in subsequent sections of this document.

- The Centre for Outdoor Recreation Services will be an informal non-registered federation of agencies, organizations, and businesses involved in the delivery of outdoor recreation programs and services to Nova Scotians.
- The Centre will be established to provide these agencies with a mechanism through which they can receive services

and coordinate initiatives in a manner that will enhance their ability to meet their mandates.

Membership will be categorized at three levels based upon mandate and current infrastructure sophistication.

The affairs of the Centre would be managed by a Members Council (comprised of representatives from each of the full member agencies, a representative administrator and the Commission's Coordinator of Outdoor Recreation) through meetings held from three or four times per year.

The Centre would be physically housed within the Sport Nova Scotia "administration centre" and each of the full members would receive a base level of administrative support services as currently offered through Sport Nova Scotia.

Each of the full member agencies would have access to shared professional administrative support. These administrators would be jointly employed by the agencies served.

On an ad hoc basis, representatives from all membership categories could be brought together to discuss matters pertaining to outdoor recreation in Nova Scotia.

The Centre will not replace the existing individual provincial outdoor recreation and related agencies but rather provide a substrate that will be designed to serve the Outdoor Recreation agencies and not interfere with their current autonomy.

The establishment and nurturing of this Centre over the long term will provide the foundation for further expansion of outdoor recreation opportunities for Nova Scotians.

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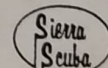
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semple's summer list photo competitions

No. 7 in a series on underwater photo techniques

I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD deviate from our discussions on underwater cameras to another closely related topic to which interested photographers often ask: "I would like to enter my photos into competitions: how do I find out about photo contests?" One easy answer is: the dive magazines! They usually carry a listing of upcoming events which often include dive photo contests. To speed up your research, I thought it would be appropriate at this time to give a list of some of the more well known competitions and approximate deadline date. You should write the organization for more information and an entry form.

Oceans U/W Photography Competition

Deadline: July 31, 1991

Oceans 91 Congress Auckland, New Zealand (Sept)

✉ Oceans Society of NZ Inc., Joan Marshall, Secretary, Fax 0064-9-395-308 • Tel. 0064-9-861-633 (eve.).

Prizes include New Guinea trip and cash.

29th International Underwater Photography Competition

Deadline: October 20, 1991

Underwater Photographic Society.

✉ Contact: Carlos A. E. Lernmi, 28 AIUPC Chairman, Underwater Photographic Society, 6624 Abbottswood Dr., RPV, P.O. Box 11366, Torrance, CA 90510.

First Place Plaque and \$75.00 in prizes. Best-of-Show: Grand Cayman trip

Ocean Expo 92 International Marine Photo and Video Contest

Deadline: December 14, 1991

Ocean Expo Productions Inc.,

✉ 1141 NE 142 St. N. Miami, Florida 33161, Fax (305) 893-3486, Tel (305) 891-6095

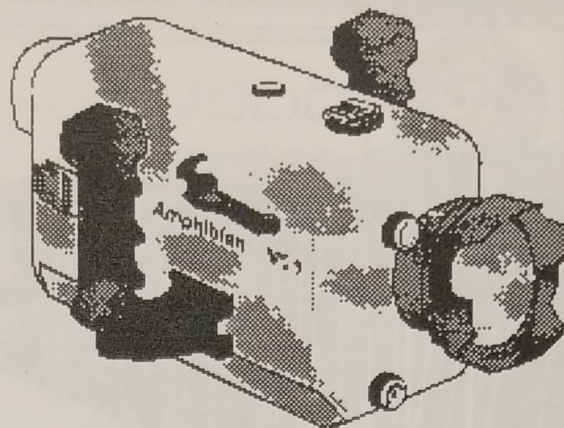
Categories: Above, Macro, Wide-angle and video. Prizes include dive vacation to Bay Islands, dive computer and \$5,000 in equipment

Seas '92 Underwater Photography Contest

Deadline: January 12, 1992

✉ Dale Martin, Seas '92 Photo Contest, P.O. Box 1996, Manteo, NC, 27954

Categories: Open, Macro and Wide-angle. Winners receive plaque and prize.



Seaspace 1992 • 17th International Underwater Photography Competition

Deadline: May 12, 1992

✉ Sheryl Maruca, Photo Contest Chairperson, Seaspace 1992 Photo Contest, P.O. Box 3753, Houston, Texas, 77253-3753, Tel.: (713) 729-6131. Send Federal Express and UPS deliveries care of Ken Knezick, 7887 Katy Freeway, Suite 105, Houston, Texas 77024.

Categories: Open and Novice; Macro and Wide-angle; Freshwater, Surface, Special Effects and Series; Prints and Slides. First Prize Winners receive plaque and prize of equipment and trips.

Jacques Dumas Underwater Photography Contest

Deadline: December 31, 1992

✉ G. Albuquerque, President of Audiovisual Commission, CMAS, -47, rue du Commerce -75015 PARIS. Tel. 45.75.42.75

Category: Four prints (12"x16") and slide of same. Overall Winner receives trophy and prize of \$100 U.S.

These are some of the better known international competitions which offer great prizes and are an honour to compete in, as entries come from all over the world. At another time I'll discuss how and what to enter in contests, or - "How to fool the judges!!". Have lots of good shooting (photos) this summer. *Bob Semple*

NSUC Annual Awards

Roger Aggett Award Sea Hunt

Lynn Gallant

Service Awards

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John Pothier

Sylvain Roy

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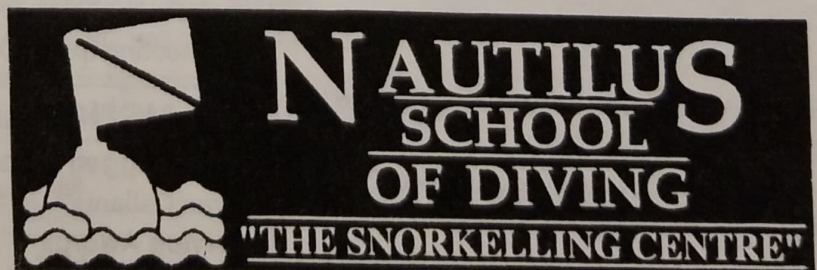
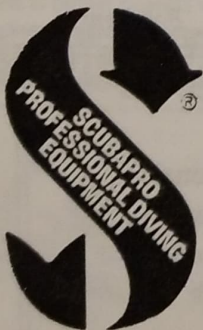
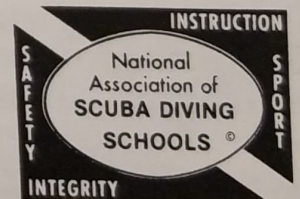


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coralline algae as well as large numbers of skate and wolfish in the deeper areas.

Locals like to explore along the ledge at the base of the rocky shoreline on the southern side of the cove. Here they often come across large lobster - one mammoth resident, with claws large enough to crush anything unfortunate enough to come between them, stands about 18 inches off the seafloor.

Rare encounters with creatures from the open sea are a possibility on any dive along Nova Scotia's eastern shore. Ocean sunfish (mola mola) with their strange long dorsal and ventral fins, electric torpedo rays, schools of dogfish sharks and even encounters with pufferfish and seahorses are not unheard of. Last summer, a great white shark was seen (from the shore!) entering Halifax harbour. For a number of weeks in September, astonished swimmers in Cape Breton were greeted by a curious beluga whale.

A few days after my orange filefish sighting, a hurricane off the coast of Florida was reported to have dissipated to a tropical storm. Apparently the tropical fish I had come across (and likely many others) were misplaced as a result of that distant disturbance. That evening I returned to Back Cove hoping for another rare encounter. Not only did I come across another filefish, but I was even lucky enough to cross paths with not one - but two - seahorses!

The excitement of that tropical (North Atlantic) night dive was somewhat overshadowed with the sad realization that these beautiful fish would soon die in these frigid northern waters. The next day local television broadcasts displayed images of dead tropicals that had washed ashore in several areas along Nova Scotia's eastern shore. *By Kim Genereux*

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Mr. Colin V. Frazee-Whitelock, Secretary
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Dear Mr. Frazee-Whitelock:

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Please ensure the person in charge of each dive notifies the vessel traffic centre and the harbour master's office prior to commencement and after completion in every instance.

Thank you for your cooperation and I wish you a safe and pleasant season.

Yours truly,

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