

Bottomtime

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Press Release

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive for nominating me for the Sport Nova Scotia Service Award.

The Annual General Meeting is at Keddy's Motor Inn on the St. Margaret's Bay Road in Halifax on June 11th. This is the most important annual event in the Council and all members should attend. At this meeting all members have a vote!

There have yet again been talks of "an alternative Council" being formed. As long as there are fewer divers than fishermen in the province, it is my belief that in order for the diving community to present a strong voice to government when issues are raised that affect sport diving, a unified voice is needed. It is better to have one group of 1000 divers than two groups of 500. I hope that the Council and the other group can begin dialogue and start to work together. As long as both groups are acting in the best interest of the sport diving community there has to be common ground.

President's Report

In this issue I have several subjects to bring up and also report.

SEAHUNT Due to unforeseen circumstances the Sea Hunt has been changed to Sunday September 10th. Registration starts at 1030 a.m. and the event will start at 1230 p.m. It is hoped that we will have additional events sponsored by some of the other shops in the area.

DIVER CONDUCT IN PUBLIC There is a letter being circulated around the dive shops that Sandy Cove in Terrance Bay is going to be closed to divers, the reason is, that divers are stripping down to

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bare buff to change and have been seen urinating in public. This is a good way to lose dive sites and if made public we may lose others. I know it is not a popular dive site apart for its use for check outs. We lose enough dive sites to housing being built across well trodden paths without this sort of incident. So think before you change or relieve your self at a dive site," would I like my family to be subjected to this sort of action?", I think not! Whilst on the

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The Aims and Objectives of the Nova Scotia Underwater Council

1. To be a representative body for the scuba diving community so as to preserve, support and promote diving and diver safety in the province;
2. To ensure that training programs are given to a recognized level of quality, to foster and encourage the safe handling and usage of all approved types of equipment used in the sport of scuba diving;
3. To make available to all members information concerning safety, medical, technical and research data concerning the sport of scuba diving and scuba diving equipment;
4. To co-operate and participate with the provincial government on projects and policies that lead to the recognition of sport diving as a significant recreational activity.

BEACH CLEAN UP

The NSUC is sponsoring a beach clean up at Bear Cove on Saturday May 28th at 1030. Hot dogs, soft drinks will be supplied and prizes will be awarded.

All NSUC members and guests are invited. Directions and further information can be obtained from any of the NSUC executive.

Come on out and help ensure we retain access to this area.



Annual General Meeting

JUNE 11, 1994
1300 hours

Keddy's St. Margaret's Bay Rd.,
Halifax, N. S.

AGENDA

1. Sign in/Role Call
2. Preamble
3. Acceptance of Agenda
4. Business Arising
5. Acceptance of Reports:
 - Executive
 - Directors
 - Membership
 - Bottomtime
 - Sea Hunt
 - Dive Slate
6. Amendments to By-Laws
7. New Business
 - Passport to Diving (New Edition)
 - Any other business
8. Election of Officers
9. Door Prize Drawing
10. Selection of next AGM date and location

The NSUC Lending Library

1991 Sport Diver Open Water Vol 1, Pts 1 & 2	video
Contains Using Skin Diving Equipment	video
Using SCUBA Diving Equipment	video
Sports Diver Open Water Vol 1, 2, Pts 1 & 2	video
Buoyancy/Out of Air Part 1	slides
Rescue/Accident Management Part 1	slides
Rescue/Accident Management Part 2	slides
Dive Promotional Program	slides
Audio Tapes for above	
Underwater Louisbourg	video
Underwater Hockey	video
Hyperbaric Video	video
Hyperbaric Video (Beta)	video
Sport Diver Advanced Vol 1, Parts 1 - 3	video
Contains Equipment, Boat Diving U/W Navigation	
Sport Diver Advanced Vol 2, Parts 1 - 3	video
Contains Limited Visibility Diving Diver Stress and Rescue, Deep Diving	
Neal Watson's Undersea Adventures	video
Louisbourg's Marine Heritage	video
Part 1 English	
Part 2 French	
Australia - Discover It	video
Dive Nova Scotia Series	video
Part 1 Dive Nova Scotia	
Part 2 Dive Nova Scotia (continued)	
Part 3 Wreck Diving	

All videos are VHS unless otherwise stated.
Lending Policy - There is a \$10.00 deposit for each item borrowed (except audio tapes needed for the slide presentations). The deposit will be forfeited if the item is not returned within 21 days of shipping from NSUC. All costs incurred in shipping payable by borrower.

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6. Sheilagh Condy	423-5783
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9. Gary Edwards	883-9392
10. Gary Field	479-2981
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26. James Semple	876-0555
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29. Dale Smith	275-4471
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31. Russell Warren	567-2055
32. Sean Wilkie	634-3443

NSUC ITEMS FOR SALE

Hyperbaric Video	\$20 + \$2 s&h
Cloth Crests	\$8 + \$1 s&h
Passport To Diving	\$3 + \$2 s&h
Emergency Card	\$1.50 + \$1 s&h
Hyperbaric Decal	\$0.75 + \$1 s&h
Dive Slate	\$2.50 + \$1 s&h

Note - The Shipping and Handling barely covers postage.

Presidents Report

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subject take your litter home, don't leave pop cans sandwich wrappers etc., and park sensibly allowing parking spaces for others and the local inhabitants. The NSUC intervened in one case of littering last year and thanks to Roly Lewis, the President at the time, we managed to stop the access to Bear Cove being sealed off and I know this is a much frequented site.

ALTERNATE COUNCIL There is rumour circulating that an alternate council is going to be set up. Although to my knowledge it has not happened as yet. Ask yourselves would this be beneficial to the diver. I think not. It would be better to have one strong council rather than two weak ones. I urge the individuals who are involved to come to our open forum and voice what they want to see in a council, run for the board of directors and make changes within. We must have some common ground, the welfare of the diver in this province, for instance. They must have ideas and facilities they can offer the present council and we have facilities that we can offer them. A meeting between them and the board can also be arranged. So gentlemen and ladies step forward don't be shy make yourself known it is no good mumbling behind the scenes.

Our open Forum at the AGM is open to all to come and say what you see a council should be doing for you the diver. Don't forget 9 am at Keddy's Motor in Halifax the open seminar will be hosted by Mr. Ted Scrutton the Chief Coordinator for Sports and Recreation.

Sport Nova Scotia AGM and Moosehead Sports Awards. On Saturday April 30, I represented the NSUC at the Sport Nova Scotia AGM held at the Sheraton Halifax. WE are a voting member of this organization so it is important that we do have a representative at this type of meeting I was accompanied by the Treasurer Lynn Gallant. The meeting went well and basically nothing has changed for the relationship between ourselves and Sport Nova Scotia. In the evening I attended the Sports awards with Lynn Gallant and John Webber your editor. I had nominated Lynn Gallant for executive of the year which she did not win but John was there to receive a service award for ten years service to the NSUC.

John started with the council as Central Area Director and then went to serve terms as Vice President, President, Past President and is currently our Editor of Bottomtime. A recognition long over due. THE ROGER AGGETT AWARD. This award is given to a member who has served the council and the diving community above and beyond the call of duty. I am pleased to announce we have two nominees this year, Kenny Jardine our long suffering Sea Hunt dive master and emcee and John Webber who's achievements are listed above. The board will have received their voting slips by the time this goes to press.

Daniel Steinman

by Colin Frazee-Whitelock

The wreck of the Daniel Steinman was one of the worst tragedies to occur in Halifax approaches, yet her loss has been all but forgotten through the passage of time. One hundred and fourteen passengers and crew were lost one night in April, 1884.

She lies just five miles from where the SS Atlantic met her fate eleven years before. Unlike the Atlantic, the Steinman bred no heroes. If remembered at all, it is for what they did not do and the cowardice they showed in the face of death.

The Steinman was a White Cross steamer built of iron and like many ships of her day schooner rigged, and registered at 1,785 tons. Her last Atlantic crossing was made from Antwerp, Belgium on March 20, 1884, with about ninety passengers and thirty four crew.

On the evening of April 3rd she was slowly approaching Halifax Harbour from the southwest. It had been foggy all day and as the evening progressed a thunder and lightning storm set in, followed by gale force winds. At about 2120 hours Captain Schoonoven was on the bridge when he sighted a light at about ten miles distance. Thinking the light was Chebucto Head he kept the steamer on course and ordered sounding to be taken. Twice soundings were made and on the second reading a chilling realization was made. Twenty six fathoms (156ft). It was not the Chebucto light he was

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February 16, 1994

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

Re: Permission To Dive

This letter is in response to your request for permission to dive in Halifax Harbour during 1994.

Permission is granted to carry out this activity subject to the usual requirements, i.e. notifying the Harbour Masters office (426-3648) during working hours or Ports Canada Police off-hours (426-3629) prior to the dive, and also advising Halifax Traffic at 426-9750 so they can notify shipping of your presence.

Yours truly,

Capt. Randall Sherman
Harbour Master/Director of Operations

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steering by, but the light on Sambro Island, about twenty miles west of Halifax. He realised that he could have only been a few miles off when the light was first sighted, and now they were dangerously close to the rocks and shoals that surround the island on every side.

He ordered the helm hard aport in order to extract the ship from its impending doom. As the vessel turned it stuck the granite rocks waiting beneath the waves. For a while the ship was swept against Mad Rock Shoal striking three times, the last disabling both her propeller and rudder. Passengers scrambled out of their beds and on to the deck, urging the crew to hurry with life boats. The four life boats were doubled lashed and had not be used for some time. Suddenly a giant wave rolled over the deck sweeping scores of men, women and children into the boiling sea. The force of this wave was the death knell for the steamer she began to sink, her mast upright. A life boat full of people was still lashed to her davits and as the steamer plummeted to the bottom the life boat was carried with her.

At the same instant her jolly boat shoved off manned by three seaman and a passenger who had leapt of the bridge and landed head first in the boat, followed by the boatswain and a fireman who had jumped from the stern. As the jolly boat pulled away all around her men, women and children struggled in the icy water. This drowning mass called out for the men on the boat to save them, grabbing at the oars and the sides of the boat. Only one crew man, and an Italian passenger was hauled to safety, the rest were beaten back with oars. Twelve people clung to a spar, begging the men in the jolly boat to rescue them, but the boat stayed clear. The men in the boat were over powered by fear for there own lives, as one later explained."(had we) attempted to save them or others who appealed to us, they would have undoubtedly swamped the boat and we would have all been lost"

In the meantime the captain and a passenger had reached the yard arm which

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remained above water. There they clung for about seven hours, unable to converse as one spoke Belgian and the other German. Seeing fires and lights on the island, about three hundred yards distance, they shouted until they were numb and exhausted and could shout no more. During this time the jolly boat made its way to the island, battling the winds and surf for about three hours. The lighthouse keepers on the island had seen the Steinman before it struck, but the fog whistle had not been sounding and when they finally turned it on, the warning came to late. The officers on shore had no boat with which to assist the people in their plight. All they could do was stand helplessly by.

The jolly boat was guided by lights into a safe cove. At the crack of dawn the boat was manned and headed out to the vessel.

Besides the Captain and passenger in the rigging no other survivors were found. In all only nine people survived. The tragedy being that the jolly boat could have held thirty more people. The seven people on board claimed the jolly boat was full of water and could have held fifteen people at most.

Captain Schoonoven was a broken man when he departed from Sambro a few days later. With the help of the local people just eleven bodies had been recovered. To add to this burden one of the local papers accused him of "sacrificing the lives of 124 passengers and crew". The press not only questioned the actions of the captain, but cried out for an investigation of the officers on the island, who should have fired guns when they first saw the Steinman approach the reef.

Although the Steinman's valuable cargo was recovered, the White Star Line was not prepared to pay for the recovery of the bodies. When the fisherman were informed of this fact their search for victims was naturally stopped. The few bodies that were found were interred on Flinn's Island in the mouth of Sambro Harbour, with little ceremony. This wreck is only reachable by boat and should only be dived in good weather as

the Sambro ledges and Sisters can be dangerous at the best of times. She lies now just off Sambro island in approximately 80 feet of water. The wreck is broken to some extent but there is plenty of it. Covered in a thick marine growth unlike the wrecks closer to the harbour. The occasional small bottle of champagne is found. This is a dive for divers with an advanced level of experience.

Parts extracted from Disasters at Sea by Tony Granston.



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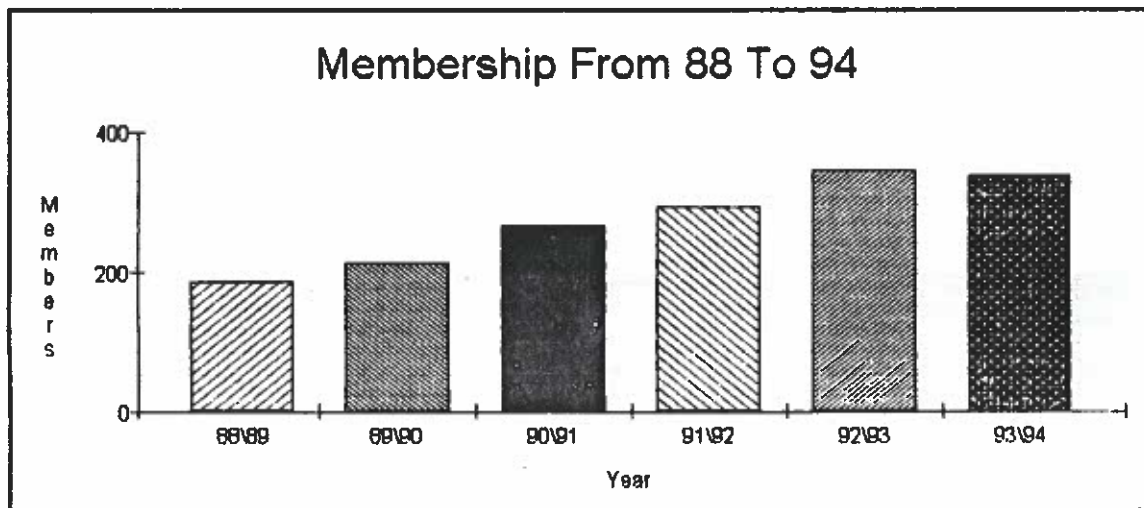
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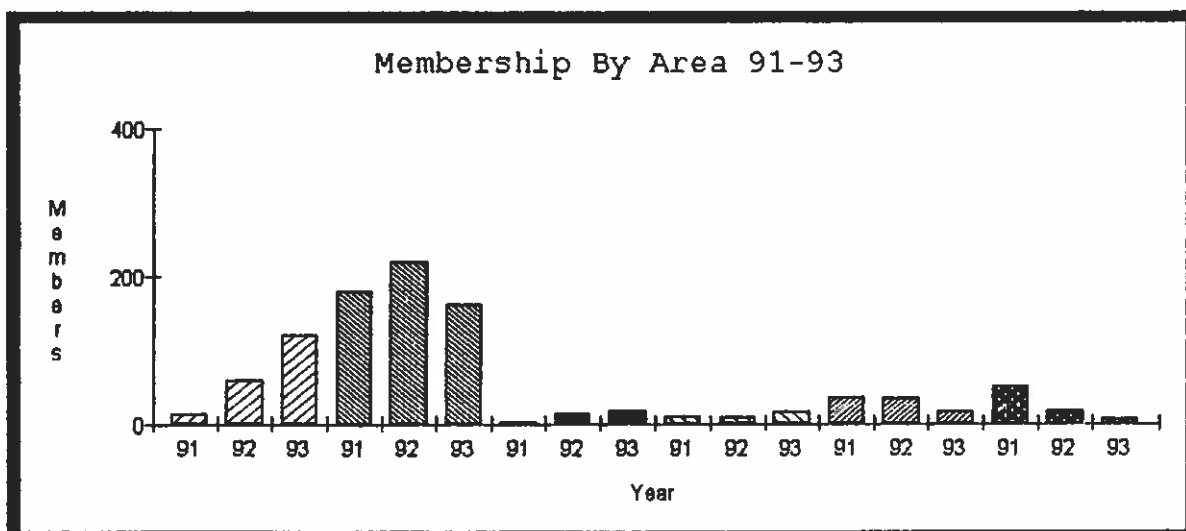
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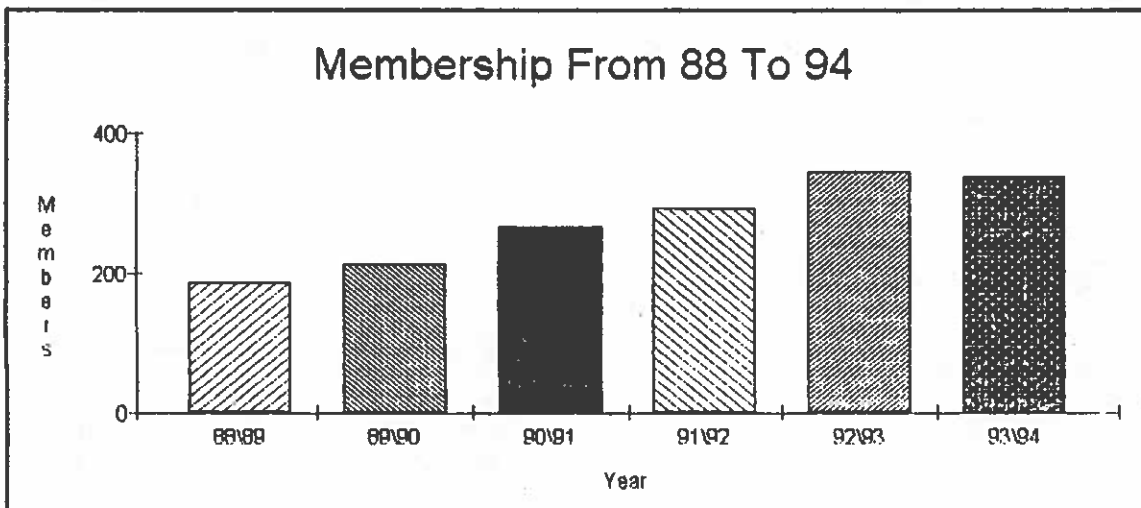
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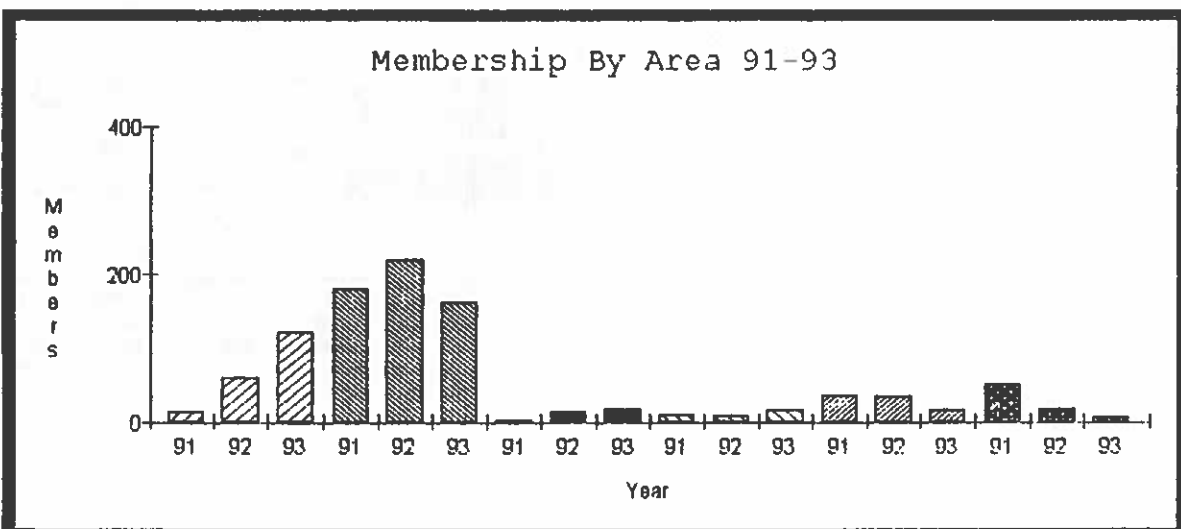
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Eighth 1.5" x 1"	\$10	\$15	\$50	\$80

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New Shop Opens in Yarmouth

On March 2, 1994 the Yarmouth Dive Center opened. The shop is owned by Joe Younger and Tony Beare and is located the beautiful downtown section of historical Yarmouth.

The Dive Center has 750 square feet of floor space consisting of a large classroom with audio visual equipment, and equipment service clinic, equipment room and show room.

On March 8th, an active Dive Club was formed.

The prime objective of the Dive Center is to promote "Safe Diving with Fun and Adventure to All!" Services provided include sales, rentals, professional diving instruction and charters.

Staff members are Joe Younger, Tony Beare and Mario Plata.

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Cape Breton Invades Cuba

by Roland Lewis

It was a bright sunny day - which really was too bad, as we were all heading to Cuba for a week of sun, sand and sea and would have preferred to be leaving more typical Canadian winter conditions. The group of twenty consisted of seventeen Cape Bretoners, including some of the *Nervous Wrecks'* finest, one diver from Toronto and two student divers from Greenwood. We all met as I planned at the Halifax airport. After a two hour delay, which contrary to popular belief, was not due to Terry Rose wanting to sit with the flight attendants, the Canadian Airlines 737 headed south into the night on the non stop four hour flight to Varadero. Our hotel, the Paradiso Puntarnea - about thirty minutes from the airport, proved to be exactly as described with all the modern facilities one could desire. There was a little difficulty in securing safety deposit boxes, but in fact we got along just fine without them. Our first day was taken up enjoying the white sandy beach and the 27 degree Celsius ocean, getting the lay of the land, and finding the beer store. I also located the dive shop and arranged for an 0830 pickup the next day.

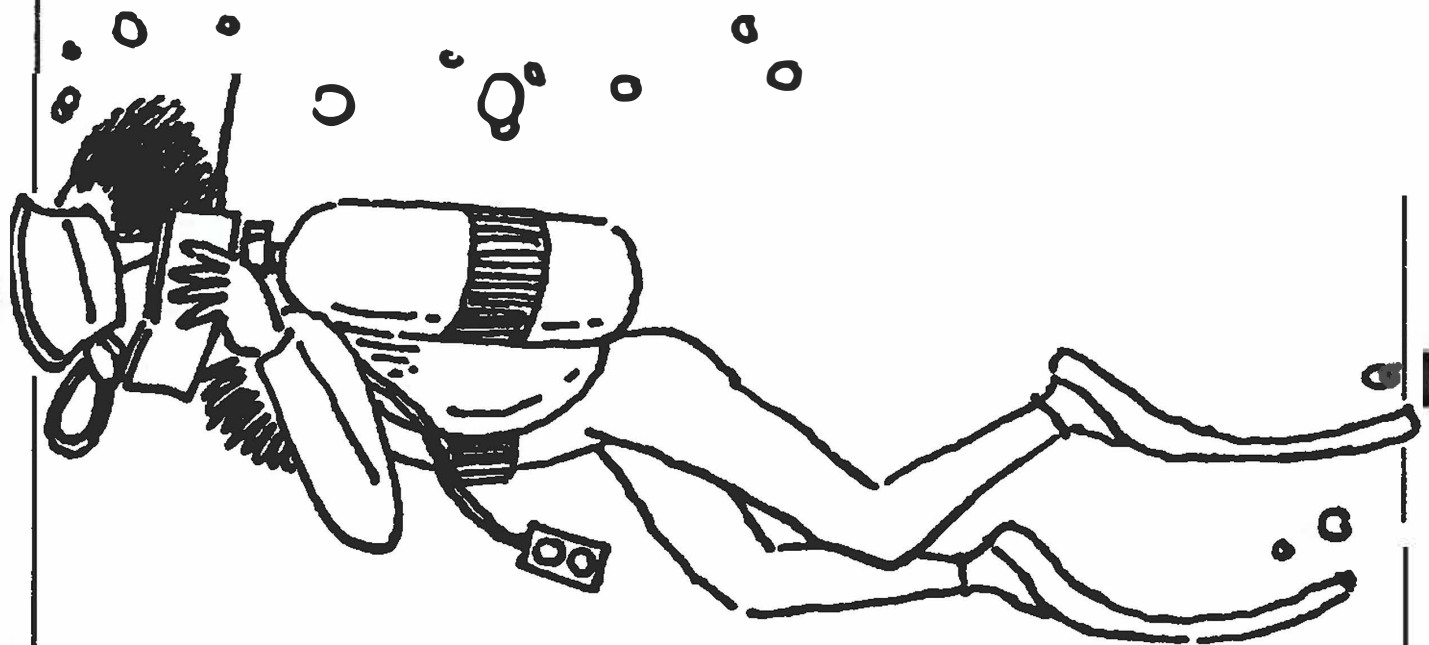
Marina ACUA is a five minute ride from the hotel and is located across the road from the canal where the dive boats are moored. The shop is run by Fernando and Nancy. Our dive guides were Tony and George, and on one occasion they were accompanied by one or two others. All were Cuban; spoke little English; and were fantastic people to get along with. Although MARES equipment was available, we had elected to bring our own BC's and regulators. Weight belts and cylinders were provided. It was not necessary, but we assisted in loading and unloading the SCUBA tanks from the boats. Three different boats were on hand, however except for one day, our group used the same craft. It was quite adequate for the number of divers - which never exceeded twenty, and allowed for a few non diving passengers as well. The rear deck was open with sufficient room for dive bags around the engine cowling and also had a shaded area. There was a small bar on the starboard side from which rum punch was served at the end of the day, and forward of this a raised

cabin. Below deck was a small, dark, and some would say barely adequate head/change room, and a space for a propane stove used to cook the "catch of the day". There was a platform on the stern and a good ladder for entry and exit. The boat crew was helpful, friendly, and seemed to enjoy their work. Among the other divers who sometimes accompanied us were some from Brazil, Belgium, Spain and Australia as well as other parts of Canada.

The longest run out to a dive site was ninety minutes; the closest only fifteen minutes. None of the sites were buoyed off and occasionally it took some time to locate an anchor point. The trip out through the canal included a stop at the police post where presumably a head count was carried out. Each site was unique and provided us northern divers with an abundance of smaller fish of the tropical variety. Among the ones I identified were : goby, blenny, damsel, clown, angel, morish idol, parrot, and squirrel fish. There were also green and spotted moray, grouper and spiny lobster. The latter was cause for the propane stove to be put to good use. There also was a variety of colourful coral - both hard and soft including: brain and stag horn coral; tube and basket sponges. Sea fans, anemones, Christmas tree fans and sea cucumbers complete my list. The visibility was never less than fifty feet and usually double this. The depth ranged from sixty to one hundred thirty feet. The seven boat dives in our package were complemented by two shore dives and a cave dive. The six who elected to visit the Saturno Cave, rather than partake of other diversions, such as Mark who got to kiss a dolphin - or perhaps visit Havana, were taken there by taxi cab. The gear was donned in a parking area, followed by a eight minute walk through the trees and down a steep slope into the bowels of the earth. Personal effects were left in the care of a very large policeman at the top. The water in the cave was gin clear and in the absence of sunlight felt cold at twenty degrees Celsius. A light was required but the dive was well worth the effort. The trip back up to the land surface was made more easy thanks to the young lads who carried the heavy gear. Once back to the cabs, George and Tony produced the

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Upcoming Events

► Beach Cleanup

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► Instructor Training Course

June 10 through 19, 1994 at CFB Shearwater, Nova Scotia.

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► First 2 Weeks of June ??

Sinking of the Saguenay

► NSUC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 11 at 1 pm at Keddy's Motor Inn on the St. Margaret's Bay Rd., Halifax.

► July 2, 1994

Privateer's Wreck Day in Liverpool a charity dive at Carter's Beach
Call Tim 634-3443 or 543 2432

The Treasure Hunt at Hubbard's Beach in support of the Children's Wish Foundation. Call Tim Gay at 835-6565

► July 15,16,17

The Get Wet Weekend at the Oven's Park - Contact Jo's Dive Shop at
(902) 634-3443

► Sunday September 10 at Crystal Crescent Beach

The SEAHUNT - registration begins at 1030, divers in the water at 1230

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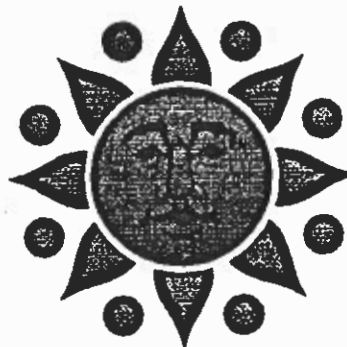
rum (no punch) and every one present ended the outing in the traditional way.

The two shore dives were made on the south or the Caribbean side of the island. The two and a half hour bus ride to Plata Gurion was a treat enjoyed by some who took the opportunity to view rural Cuba. It was, however, only endured by a few. The bus passed through open fields which generally were very flat although hills were encountered and some mountains could be seen in the distance. There were many crops seen in the fields, few of which I could identify. A rest stop was made at a juice stall where fresh orange juice was served. The extremely large toilet to the rear was lacking in running water or "Delsie", however providence managed to find some old newspapers which proved to be invaluable.

The dive site was adjacent to the highway. Although the air temperature was thirty-seven degrees Celsius, no one seemed to mind as this was to be a wall dive. The drop off was clearly visible about one hundred meters off shore. It was here that some of our group easily reached the maximum limit for sport divers - and Melissa even got to go below thirty feet. This was also the site of the only shipwreck we saw; a small freighter sitting upright at the top of the wall. Intact and picturesque, it has open hatches which allowed for entry. The return bus trip was more enjoyable with more rum being consumed in makeshift glasses; a stop to see the crocodiles; and a taste of fresh cut sugar cane. As night descended, it was easy to look into the houses of the villages through which we passed and to compare the standards of living endured by our hosts to our own. And we think with have a hard time with our government.

As far as I could tell everyone, including the non divers enjoyed the vacation. In the early evenings there were stage shows with audience participation, and the disco stayed open until the last person dropped. Some enjoyed a stroll downtown or just along the beach - all perfectly safe. Tours of various kinds could be booked during the

day or for a taste of Havana night life. There were no major upsets, except for "Parnelli" Rahey, who could do with a motor bike lesson. But then Krista would not be amiss in taking a navigation course. "Dancing" John came head to head with some brain coral and both suffered ill effects. Time will tell where the most damage occurred. The two Joe's had a better time than was legal; they did a lot of diving and sometimes used SCUBA. In total eighty-four dives were completed by twelve divers. Congratulations are due to Philip and Marteen who completed their first certification dives with instructor Ken. As for me, yes, I had a good time; met lots of interesting people (who has Deborah's address anyway?); lost ten pounds at the disco; enjoyed the smugglers; the rum and walks on the beach. All this in addition to the comradeship of a great group of people. And isn't this what diving is all about! Would I return - the plans are already being made ...



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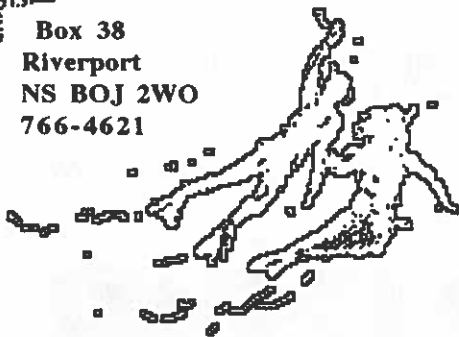
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Discover Diving Treasure Hunt

On July 16th, 1994 hundreds of divers will again don their equipment and enter the water in search of the "round gold".

Hundreds of yellow printed golf balls will be scattered about the bottom eagerly awaiting discovery. For the participants finding one will produce prizes from ten dollars to several hundred dollars donated by major scuba and non-scuba contributors. As an added bonus there will be authentic treasure coins from the wreck "La Auguste", dated as far back as 1726, scattered on the bottom.

Last year 159 divers attended, and thanks to the volunteers and sponsors like Scabapro and Captain Morgan and Deep Star Resources, the event enabled Discover Diving to donate \$2005.00 to the Children's Wish Foundation.

This year, we hope to raise as large a donation as last year and we are expecting as many as 200 divers! There will be prizes and refreshments for all.

The event is held at the Hubbards Beach Campground with an evening social at the Shore Club and we're planning more to do for the entire family.

Call Discover Diving for more details at 835-6565. We start taking registration May 1st.

Charity dive raises \$1,500

**By Jim Gowen
STAFF REPORTER**

HUBBARDS

The Children's Wish Foundation is richer by about \$1,500 after a weekend fund-raising event.

About 150 recreational divers, members of local dive clubs and independent divers took part in Treasure Hunt, held at Hubbards Beach Saturday.

Divers were given the chance to recover one of a large number of golf balls. The bottom of the ocean off Hubbards Beach had been seeded with the balls by a volunteer committee prior to the dive.

"This is a fun event. The bottom here is quite sandy and safe and everyone has a good chance of



Jim Gowen/Staff

About \$1,500 was raised for the Children's Wish Foundation during a fundraising dive off Hubbards Beach Saturday.

finding one of the balls and winning a prize," said divermaster Robert Smith, Dartmouth. Mr. Smith was one of two supervising divers in charge of safety for the event.

"The prizes, and I think there are almost as many prizes as divers, were all provided by sponsors

and businesses," Smith said.

The Children's Wish Foundation makes dreams come alive for critically-ill children. Children have been sent to Disney World, one of the most popular wishes, given flights in aircraft and introduced to stars.