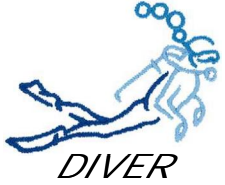


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April 2010

Next Meeting:

Tuesday

April 6th

Social Hour

6:00—6:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30

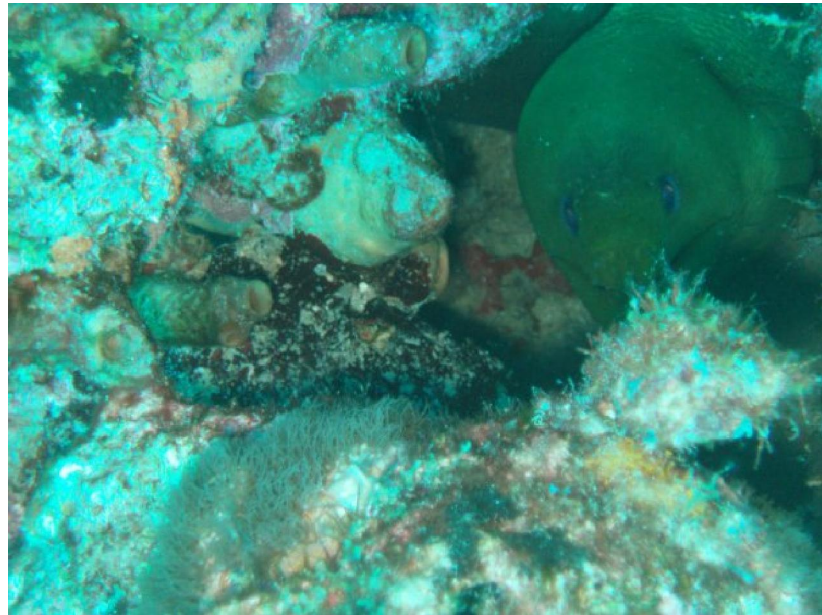
Meeting 7:00 PM

Featured Speaker:

Adam Gresh will do a presentation on NOAA's publicly available resources.

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Green moray off of Boynton Beach, FL—Photo by Adam Gresh

Coming Events:

April

6 Club meeting at On The Border in Rocky Hill. Club member Adam Gresh will do a presentation on using information on NOAA's website to locate and view side scan sonar images of known obstructions.

May

4 Club meeting at On The Border in Rocky Hill. Jeff Godfrey will be doing a presentation on Scientific Diving.

June

tbd Club meeting at On The Border in Rocky Hill.



The newsletter is created from content provided by you, our members. We need your stories, anecdotes and photos!



GRENDDEL AND ME (3/10)

by Bernie Moore



“...To Sleep, Perchance to Dream...”

I was talking to Grendel the other day during one of those Halcyon spring days of promise recently. We were on a sortie of the rear perimeter, the second of the morning, (it was that nice out) and like the flora around us Grendel was rejuvenating. He was tracking scent trails around, and when he came to one of particular interest he began to have a splendid wallow, squirming and writhing in the glorious wafts of what I can only guess was a gloriously available queen. This from a cat that thinks a stinky can of fish cat food smells delicious. I could only be grateful that my own senses could not pick up on his delight.

Above his head the forsythia bush was at the precipice of having its little green buds burst into bright yellow petals. In the branches of the trees squirrels were raging about the branches in a frenzied seasonal pursuit. The air was thick with the pungent aroma of earth working out of its cold hardness. I was actually not bundled up in a coat.

We stayed out a little longer that day, who wouldn't; we might have lingered a bit more but for some young boys walking noisily home from middle school. We are in fenced community near the end of a block that if allowed to extend would tee into a fairly well traveled street. Pedestrians are about seventy yards from where we usually walk. I would think that much distance would make the little G-guy comfortable and safe, but upon seeing anyone there, except women, he scurries home in great trepidation. Yet, if those same people were to walk on our street within ten yards of him, he is not bothered.

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“Boo,” I said, “They’re a mile away. Why are you so nervous?”

“Can’t be too careful, Boss. Loud young boys are not always a cat’s best friend.”

“But they’re nowhere near you,” I offered lamely.

“The way I like it. What if I have them on one side and a UPS truck barreling down at me from the other? What then? Thanks, Boss, but one problem at a time. It’s a lot easier to deal with than a bunch.”

“True, true.” How could I, a diver, quarrel with that?

- *A second stage reg. gets funky just as you reach the reach the deck of the 851. Use the octo, apprise your buddy, and continue the dive? I have. Grendel wouldn't.*
- *On a night dive one of your lights dies. Notify your buddy and abort? I wouldn't. Grendel would.*
- *A member of your dive team points out you have a slight bubble trail coming from your first stage. Abort and return? Or continue knowing there are plenty of octos. in the group. I aborted. So would Grendel.*
- *You find on your last dive that your tank has only 1900cf. It's a 70' dive to a wreck you have been wanting to see for a long time. Plan on a short dive and go for it? I wouldn't. Neither would Grendel.*
- *You're diving a wreck with a known current. Not usually a problem since you're familiar with it, but you notice a really worn fin strap. Grendel wouldn't.*

It's not that cats have nine lives; it's just that they are much more judicious about the one they have.

E-Board Meeting Minutes
by Sandy Gordon

**Innerspace Explorer's Board Meeting Minutes
No March Meeting Was Held**

Dive Club Meeting Minutes *by Sandy Gordon*

Innerspace Explorers Dive Club Meeting Minutes March 2, 2010

Our interminably impeachable President Woody opened the meeting at 7 PM.

Guests: Kevin Stowe, John, and Larry Lawrence – all came to see Mark Munro.

WBD (Who's Been Diving?)

Linsley & Kevin dove with Captain Bruce's Charters off the west coast of Oahu, Hawaii. Visited Mine-sweeper wreck, at about 100 ft. Bad current and some very inexperienced divers. Water 74 degrees, air in upper 60's. Saw turtles, dolphins, whales. Bad traffic, surfing competition, movie filming, good food, good beer.

Adam Gresh dove in Fla, from the vessel Watervision with Captain Keith, off Boynton Beach, with one other diver. Saw turtles, eels, lobster.

Norm dove in Jamaica!

Has anyone done the Disney Dive? If so, please contact Woody.

UE (Upcoming Events)

E-Board scheduled for 3/9 – later cancelled due to numerous scheduling issues.

Beneath the Sea - **Meadowlands Exposition Center March 26- 28, 2010. Bernie and Norm have a room if anyone would like to share.** http://www.beneaththesea.org/BTS_coming_soon.html

4/22 is Earth Day. Be on the lookout for any nearby clean up dives.

Next **E-Board** for April is 4/25 at Norm's, beginning with a 9:00 AM doggie dive.

May 15 – Railroad dive, Collinsville, Farmington River (not CT River), near Collinsville Ax Co. Adam will send directions.

IE Club meeting presentations:

Tonight's presentation – Mark Munro. Mark presented "Third Time's a Charm", a chronicle of his adventures searching for previously unfound or unidentified shipwrecks in our local waters, using a tow fish of side scan sonar. For some GREAT side scan sonar images, go to his website: <http://www.ppo2.com/SUS/default.htm>. Contact Mark at Mark@SoundUnderwaterSurvey.com

"We specialize in large, easy to find targets. You show us where it is and we can find it!"

Next Meeting: April 6 at On the Boarder.

Wings That Work - Flying Penguins Discovered!

by Adam Gresh

4/1/2010

Source: [BBC News](#)



A BBC camera crew filming a colony of Adelie penguins were astonished when they did something "no other penguins can do" and took to the Antarctic skies.

The crew was on site in Antarctica filming for a new BBC series, "Miracles of Evolution", in which film-maker and writer Terry Jones follows in the footsteps of Charles Darwin during his voyage on the Beagle in 1831 .

The first episode "presents spectacular footage, which has never been caught on camera before, of a unique colony of Adelie Penguins as they fly thousands of miles across the frozen wasteland of Antarctica to the Amazon Rainforest".



See the BBC video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kvWS1XwCMM>

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Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration



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Currently has openings for Volunteer Divers! To apply online, go to www.mysticaquarium.org and click on Get Involved!

Questions? Email volunteer@mysticaquarium.org

The aquarium is looking for divers who can commit to a weekly or bi-weekly dive slot. Divers must be SCUBA, first aid, and CPR certified. They must also pass a swim test, a physician dive physical, and a written dive exam.

Let's Dive!!!

Simon Says Dives:

Eric and Ricky Simon (860) 742 2280

Wrecks & Drift Dives on request.

Canned Air Dives: Block Island Area

Capt. Wayne Gordon (860) 871-1782.

Give Wayne a call if you want to dive.

Divers Cove, a full service dive shop:

Ed & Chris Rosacker. 1-800-762-9249

Call for dives. SIGN UP AND PLACE DEPOSIT.

Scuba Shack, a full service dive shop: Rocky Hill, CT

860-563-0119

Training classes, local and travel charters.

Enfield Scuba, a full service dive shop:

860-745-7282

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New England Ski & Scuba, a full service dive shop:

860-872-0228

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New England Dive, a full service dive shop:

203-284-1880 or on the web at www.nedive.com

Brownstone Park: Portland, Connecticut

On the web at brownstonepark.com. Advanced scuba diving, rock climbing and sports facility



The Club Page



Club News:

1. **THANK YOU!** Without your contributions this newsletter would not be possible.
2. **Join the Dive committee and help plan dives, see any club officer for details.**
3. **Executive Board members wanted. Please consider joining the E-Board**
4. **Club patches available at each meeting. See Kevin or Linsley.**
5. **If you have changed your email, snail mail address &/or phone number please contact one of the club officers or Gerry Foster via the website to update your contact information.**

Join The Innerspace Explorers Dive Club

Invite a friend or two. Contact any of the Club Officers or visit our website for details:
www.innerspaceexplorers.org



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Innerspace Dive Club Patches

Available at each meeting, \$3.00. See
Linsley