

Bottomtime

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Press Release

First of all, my apologies for submitting the same page of the membership statistics twice in the last *Bottomtime*. The statistics are correctly published in this issue. In addition, my apologies to Discover Diving for publishing the wrong date for the Treasure Hunt on the Upcoming Events page and to Scuba Tech for not including the Go for Gold event.

President's Report

The AGM was held on June 11 at Keddy's Motor Inn. The day started with a very informative seminar given by Ted Scrutton of the Sports and Recreation Commission. Every one had a chance to participate and have direct input into a process that lead to the definite opinion that our mandate needs to be changed drastically to reflect the diving attitude of today. The board will hash out the new mandate at the Next Board Meeting that will be held in Sydney on the 6th of August. The minutes for the AGM will accompany this *Bottomtime*.

At the AGM we had a lectures on HMCS Saguenay given by Rick Welsford and one on concrete artificial reefs by Ed Kayer. These were very informative and went down well with everybody..

Some of you might have seen recent Interviews on ATV and MITV regarding wreck diving issues and the position of the NSUC . The one that appeared on MITV also interviewed Mr. Bob Ogilvy "Curator Of Special Places" with the Nova Scotia Museum. I would like to make things a little clearer over a couple of his comments.

1. The comment was made that government was not paying foreign divers to do

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wreck surveys but that the foreign divers were paying for the privilege to do these surveys.

This was misleading as either the federal or provincial government has granted a big chunk of money for promotion and advertising aimed to attract these tourists from Europe and elsewhere. I think they will have to attract tourists by the plane load to make it worth while. I feel this is way off beam. The cost of air fare from Europe would be around the \$600, you then have to pay for accommodation, transport and your diving. The minimum time you would need to spend here would be 14 days. Four of these would be spent travelling.

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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.

President's Report

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2. The comment about the Dept. of Education was not aware that the local diver was interested.

Some years ago several clubs made surveys of various places around Halifax. There was very little money to fund this and only immediate expenses were paid. There was interest then why not now?

3. The NSUC was never approached nor we even given the courtesy of a letter to inform of us what was going on. The first we heard of all this was at the AGM some weeks ago and then everything was a rumour.

Local divers and the NSUC should have been involved right from the beginning! The board has not been idle in our pursuit to involve local divers ever since the situation came to light. If we had been kept informed maybe this rumour mill would not have happened. I never approached the media of my own volition. Rick Welsford mentioned it to one of the media and ATV came to my place of work to interview me. MITV followed the next day. Rest assured the board will not rest until we see the local divers get fair representation.

You can help as a member by showing this article to some of the non-member divers that you know.

I am endeavouring to obtain a transcript of both the interviews, these will be published in the Bottomtime and I hope with permission from the shops we will be able display them..

I have in my possession letters written by John Webber, one of previous Presidents written to Mr. Ogilvy expressing our interest in surveying wreck sites and offering to help in any way we could. If we are to fight this sort of thing in the future we need go to the government with a strong hand and a membership at least triple what it was last year at around 340. We need your support.

Notice

First my apologies for not publishing this in the last Bottomtime.

In response to the recent survey a couple of people wanted a list of people available and willing to dive together by contacting the one another by telephone. Also a list of people available to dive during the week. If you are interested submit you name and telephone number to the editor John Webber and if there is enough response we will publish a list.

Editor's note .. Please include the area you wish to dive, and the area in which you reside.

The NSUC Lending Library

1991 Sport Diver Open Water Vol 1, Pts 1 & 2	video
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Using SCUBA Diving Equipment	video
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Sport Diver Advanced Vol 1, Parts 1 - 3	video
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Part 1 Dive Nova Scotia	
Part 2 Dive Nova Scotia (continued)	
Part 3 Wreck Diving	

All videos are VHS unless otherwise stated.
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Dive Slate	\$2.50	+ \$1 s&h

Note - The Shipping and Handling barely covers postage.

H.M.C.S. Saguenay

by Colin Frazee-Whitelock

Arising bleary eyed at 4.03 a.m. on one of my two Saturdays off per month does not go down to well. My wife and I were going to drive to Lunenburg to watch the H.M.C.S. Saguenay scuttled to become an artificial reef. A scheme a long time in the making by a team from Lunenburg. She was completely cleaned and prepared by volunteers.

We arrived in Lunenburg 6.30 a.m. A little early to board our boat. Most of the boats were provided by Clearwater Fisheries and a donation was given to the South Shore Drug Dependency Agency. The crews of the fishing vessels had volunteered their time also.

Whilst waiting to board we watched the Saguenay leave her dock at National Sea Products wharf and go out of the harbour to her final resting place.

7.30 a.m. came and still no one to meet us to show us where the boats were leaving from and people were beginning to get restless.. Finally at 7.40 a.m. the team from the drug dependency agency arrived and divided us into four groups three to go out on fishing vessels and one out on a schooner. Each group had approximately fifteen people plus two drug dependency staff.

We met at Clearwater dock gate our captain who showed us the way to his ship. On the way we passed under a conveyer belt connected to a scallop dragger that was off loading scallops. Try as I might I could persuade them to drop a sack of scallops off the belt and in to my arms.

We boarded by a rather flimsy looking gang plank that bounced precariously as you mounted it this was guarded by a small catch net just in case you happened to slip over the edge. We were showed straight to the bridge to sign a waver of responsibility.

At 8 a.m. we left the dock side and steamed out the 8 km to where the Saguenay was now sitting. The day could not have been better very little wind, glorious sunshine and flat calm. The planned time of the sinking was 10 a.m. this came and went as did 11 am By

this time there were some 250 craft of all shapes and sizes there, amongst them one water scooter and three kayaks.

Finally at 11.40 there was a flurry of activity aboard her and every one disembarked. Shortly after there was a small bang and the Saguenay took on a immediate but slight list, slowly very slowly the list increased there was big bang and then things started to move quickly. Suddenly her bow rose gracefully in the air as if in a final salute and went under just leaving the mast showing for a very short time. The sea was in violent action at this time as the air escaped turning the water in a bluish white froth. The volunteer cleaning teams had done their job well as I never saw one piece of debris or one small oil slick.

I am informed by Rick Welsford one of the team involved in the event she now sits upright in ninety feet of water and is quite stable. The mast is four feet from the surface. They hope to leave everything intact. I hope so too, if it can be adequately buoyed. If not a few feet will have to be taken of the mast. By the time you read this she should be open to all divers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rick Welsford for giving us his time a week before the sinking to give us an insight what had gone before and what was about to happen plus announcing the sinking date at the AGM.



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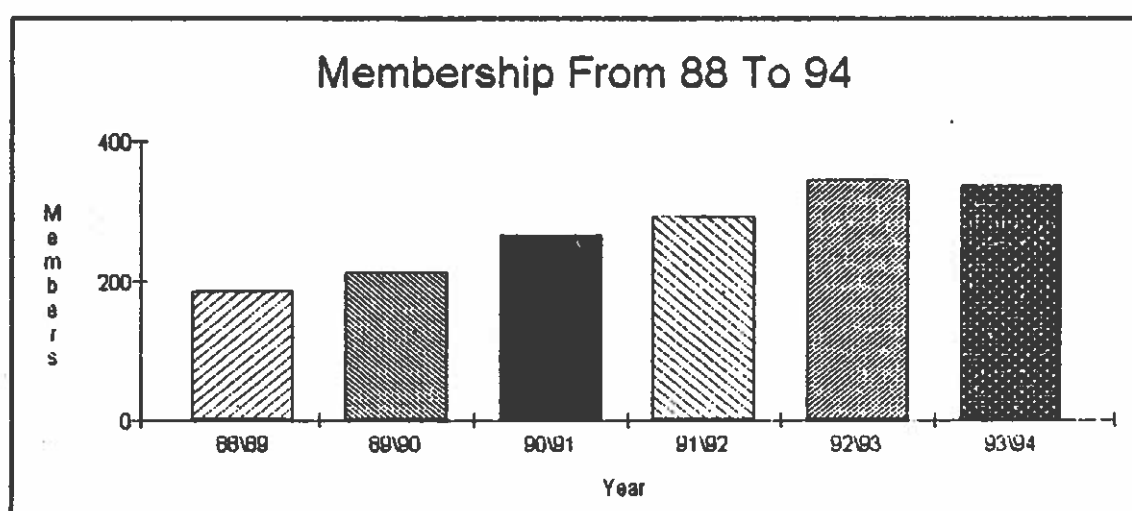
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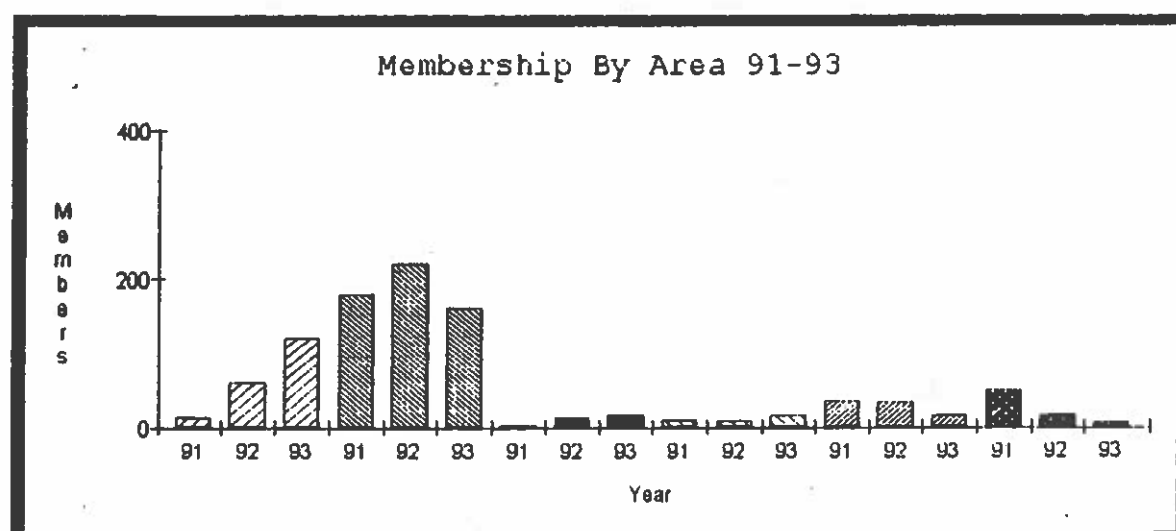
After four consecutive years of rises in membership, this year there was a slight drop, not critical, and not surprising in the present economical climate. (See fig 1)



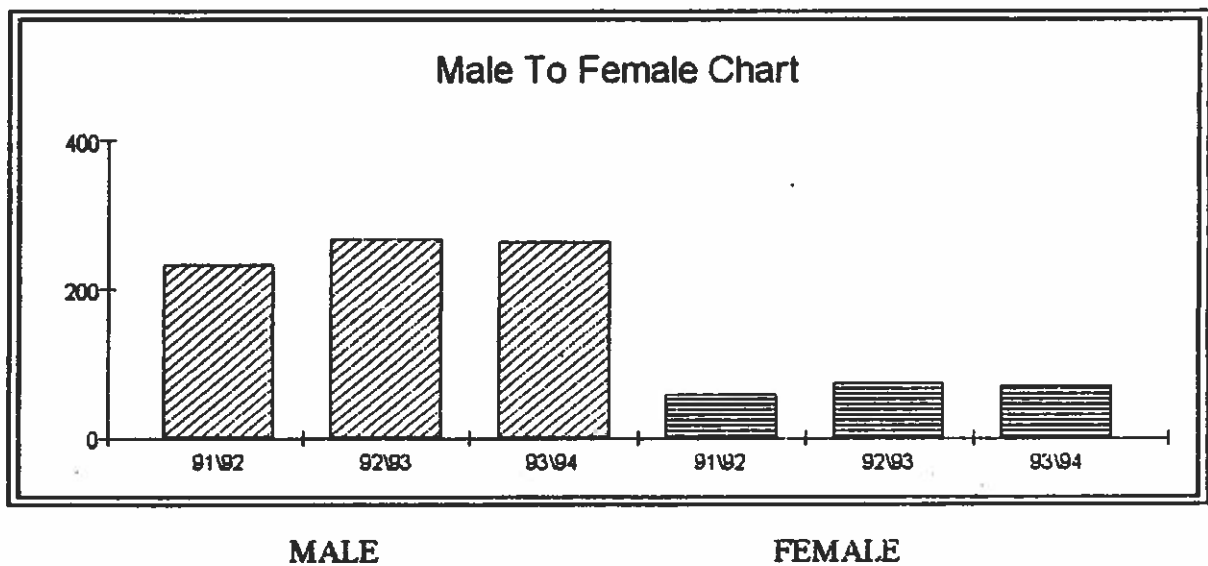
(fig. 1)

The distribution of the membership has fluctuated in the past three years, with the most improved area being Cape Breton consistently over these three years that the survey has been kept. This thanks mainly to Scuba Tech and Kenny Jardine sponsoring his basic students completing courses. (See fig. 2)

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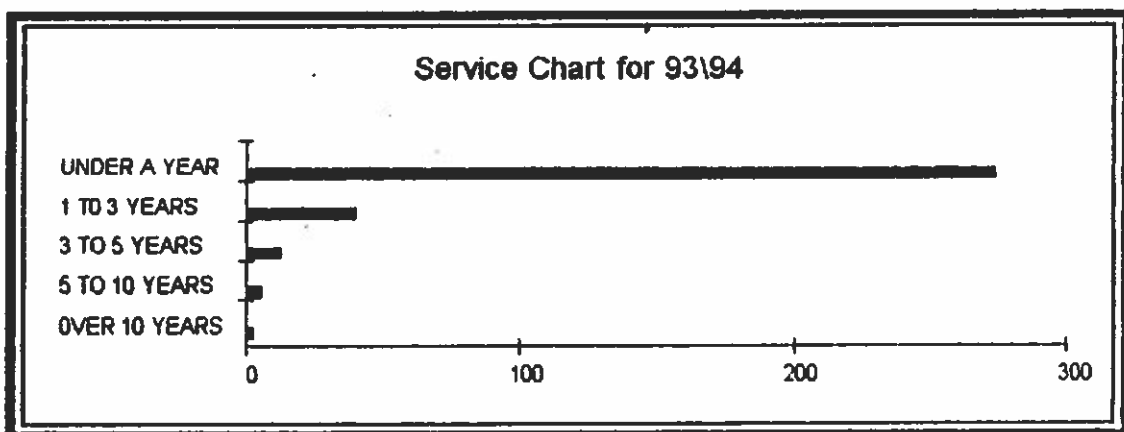


The bar graphs for (fig. 2) are in sets of three, three for each area and are in the following order; Cape Breton, Central, Fundy, Out of Province, South Shore, and The Valley. The male, female proportionally has remained approximately the same over the past three years, (See fig 3.)



(fig. 3)

The one area we are severely lacking, is long term members. Unfortunately there is no way of telling how many member are not diving after there first year and thus do not join again or they do not find it worth while to join if they are still diving. (See fig. 4.)



(fig. 4)

I have other facts and figures available on request such as membership statistics by clubs and by training agencies.

Colin V Frazee-Whitelock (President)

Annual General Meeting Minutes

The Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Underwater Council (NSUC) was opened by President Colin Frazee-Whitelock at 1325 h in Keddy's Motor Hotel Halifax, Nova Scotia on 11 June 1994

Board Members present:

President: Colin Frazee-Whitelock
Treasurer: Lynn Gallant
Secretary: Rob Mack
Past President: Roland Lewis
Central Area Director: Chuck Mora
Executive Director: Michael Haynes

There were seven other persons present.

The agenda was accepted as circulated.

Minutes of the 1993 Meeting, May 15, 1993, Sydney, N.S.

The minutes were read by Colin Frazee-Whitelock. There were no errors or omissions and the minutes were accepted as read.

Business Arising

The status of the petition re NSUC authority in the 1993 minutes was questioned. This was noted to have died on the table. The closure of McNab's Island to visitors has been changed and the island is again open to tourists and divers. Two Halifax operators are making trips to the island regularly. It was noted that the NSUC signing authority was as written.

President's Report

Colin Frazee-Whitelock gave a report on the successes and failures of the NSUC over the past year. Membership was down six, commercial membership was down 3 however Cape Breton area was up considerably and the Central Area remains strong. The Sea Hunt will be sponsored this year by MT&T. The diver survey was very poorly responded to with only 22 returns. The diver slate has recently been distributed. The Bear Cove Beach Clean up was done on the 28th of May with 12 bags of garbage collected. There is an effort being made to form an



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alternate underwater/diver council however information appears to be somewhat lacking on what it is or what it intends to do. Mr. Terry Dwyer seems to be spearheading this effort and although invited to the meeting did not attend. It also was noted that the NSUC financial picture has become far better this year. No diving fatalities were known to have occurred this year.

Vice President's Report

No report

Past President's Report

Roland Lewis reported that he had assisted in the production of the Dive Slate and had attended various board meetings and generally promoted the NSUC in the Cape Breton area..

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Gallant reported that the debt had been paid off and that the NSUC had a surplus of \$2513 at the end of the fiscal year. It should be noted that this was slightly deceptive as the dive slate project had to be paid out of that however overall the finances are in far better shape this year. The budget submission to Sport Nova Scotia is in, pending approval. The books were reviewed at Sport Nova Scotia by Debora Buckoski and although this was not a true audit, it was deemed that this was acceptable. A copy of the Income/Expenses for the forthcoming year was presented.

Central Area Director's Report

Chuck Mora reported he will be standing down as he has insufficient time to devote to doing the job properly. The Central area remains strong in terms of numbers.

Committee Reports

A. Bottom Time: John Webber reported that the new format of Bottom Time is being well received. He would like more articles from the members, particularly from the areas outside of Halifax. He requested that these be in WP 5.1 or

better, hard copy or ASCII text files. He also may be using INTERNET soon to get other diving related items .

B. Sea Hunt: Lynn Gallant reported that the Sea Hunt will be corporately sponsored by Maritime Tel and Tel (MT&T).

It will be on Sunday the 18th of September at Crystal Crescent Beach. There will be a differential fee structure this year to encourage NSUC membership, essentially selling promotional memberships with the registration.

C. Dive Slate: Colin Frazee Whitelock reported the dive slates had arrived and had been distributed. A few people have not yet received theirs and anyone who has not is to contact a member of the executive for one.

Amendments to the By-Laws

A series of amendments to the NSUC constitution were presented for votes by the membership. The amendments are listed below with the item to be changed underlined and the new wording in brackets.

Item 3.5 (Those instructor members whom avail themselves of free membership shall be deemed to be Associate Members.) Vote: For - 0, Against - 6 (defeated).

Item 6. The business and affairs of the NSUC shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Past President and the six (6) (5) Area Directors and the Commercial Director (Member at Large). Any member of the NSUC shall be eligible to be a Director except for the commercial director who must be an owner or designated employee of a diving related store or business which holds a Commercial Membership in the NSUC. (No dive shop/dive related business owner or manager may be appointed to the board with the exception of the Member at Large.) Vote: For - 6, Against - 0 (Carried)

Item 6.1. There shall be one (1) Area Director for each of the six (6) (five (5)). The Fundy and Highlands areas

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shall be combined with one director and be known as Fundy and Highlands.) geographical area defined by Nova Scotia Sports and Recreation Commission. Each area director must reside in his/her representative area or must be a member of a club in that area. Vote: For - 7, Against - 0 (Carried)

Item 6.2. Directors shall be elected by the individual members at the Annual General Meeting of the NSUC. Notwithstanding the above, Area Directors may be elected only by a vote of those individual members who reside in their respective area, and the Commercial Director may only be elected by a vote of the Commercial members. (Member at Large shall be appointed by the board as deemed necessary.) Vote: For - 8, Against - 0 (Carried)

Item 6.3. Directors shall hold office for two (2) years except for the Commercial Director who shall be elected at each Annual General

Meeting (Member at Large). Directors shall retire from office at the dissolution of the meeting at which their successors are elected. Retiring Directors are eligible for re-election (Add: As long as no longer than three consecutive terms has been served in one office.) Vote: For - 7, Against - 0 (Carried)

Item 6.4. The election of Directors shall be staggered so that the President, Secretary and three (3) of the Area Directors are elected in one year, and the Vice President, Treasurer and the other three (3) Area Directors are elected in the following years. (as follows odd years President, Secretary, Central Area and Fundy Area, even years Vice President, Treasurer, Cape Breton, South Shore and Fundy/Highlands.) Vote: For - 7, Against - 0 (Carried)

Item 6.2. Notwithstanding Article 6.2 above voting for the Area Directors and Commercial Director (delete) may be conducted by mail amongst those eligible to vote for their respective directors. Vote: For - 7, Against - 0 (Carried)

Item 15.6 (The Board shall appoint the

Member at Large if and when deemed necessary. The appointment will last to the next Annual General Meeting. The duties shall be described by the Board of Directors and he/she shall have the same rights and privileges as the other Board members.) (add all) Vote: For - 7, Against - 0 (Carried)

New Business

Passport to Diving: Colin Frazee-Whitelock raised the plan of producing a new edition of the Passport to Diving. Michael Haynes suggested that possibly a way to go about this was to approach a commercial publisher under the standard format publisher rules such that the publisher bears the costs of printing unlike previously where the council bore the costs. It was proposed a committee be formed to investigate this method and the effort of producing a new edition (5th) (Vote: For - 9, Against - 0 (Carried)). Lyn Eric Hebb, Dwayne McLaughlin and Rob Mack agreed to be on the committee.

A presentation to the meeting was made by A.A. Cayer of International Biodiversification of Dartmouth. His company is interested in putting together a series of artificial reefs made of modular concrete at various locations throughout the province. He asked if the Council would be interested in co-sponsoring these projects to various government agencies. The feeling was that this was probably beyond the capability of the council to undertake a project of this scope with volunteer members, however it would be further discussed at the next Board meeting.

Change of Mandate: Rob Mack read the minutes from the meeting in the morning which was chaired by Ted Scrutton. This was a review of the NSUC Mandate, currently in basic draft form is intended to refocus the NSUC on the way ahead. Four primary areas were identified; (a) the overall vision of diving in Nova Scotia in the year 2000, (b) what are the current trends, issues and influences that will impact upon diving, (c) who are the key players or participants in this vision and (d) what is the role of the NSUC. Ted Scrutton agreed to produce the formalized version of this discussion and this will be published in a future Bottomtime.

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Four short term projects will be undertaken, with a completion date of that of the Sea Hunt, (a) production of a support package to be distributed to all Directors detailing what the NSUC is and does, how to form a club, landowner diver strategies and of diving in general in the province, (b) produce an instructor package similar to the first item, (c) to try and bring the dive shops more on line and (d) identify a high profile project to be undertaken to raise council visibility. There also was discussion regarding the Saguenay sinking and three wrecks in Guysborough County where water lot leases have been taken by groups/individuals which may restrict diver access. Ted Scrutton agreed to undertake a search of the relevant legislation/laws to determine what this is, how it occurs and what can be done in the future. A letter will be sent to him formally requesting this.

Chuck Mora raised the possibility that the Area Director concept wasn't particularly useful and that possibly another way of representing the divers may be advantageous. He also raised the idea of an instructor support group. It was felt that the latter would be partly handled by the Instructor package to be developed.

A discussion of the recent near closures of Sandy Cove and Paddy's Head to divers occurred. It was felt that Colin's recent approach to the local inhabitants at Sandy Cove may have forestalled further problems there. A proposal to build and maintain washroom facilities at Sandy Cove was rejected.

Election of Officers

Vice President: no nominations - position is vacant

Secretary: Rob Mack - acclaimed

Central Area Director - no nominations - position is vacant

Treasurer - no nominations - Lynn Gallant has agreed to remain in place until a replacement can be found.

Cape Breton Area Director - Damian

Romard - acclaimed

South Shore Area Director - no nominations - position is vacant

Fundy/Highlands Area Director - no nominations - position is vacant

Setting of Dues

Lynn Gallant proposed to drop student membership dues from \$11 to \$5 effective immediately. Vote: For - 6, Against - 3 (Carried). She also proposed to keep regular membership fees at \$22 and commercial membership at \$50. Vote: For - 8, Against - 0 (Carried)

Draws

A drawing for the doors prizes was made.

Setting of next Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday 10 June 1995. The location will be announced later.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1634 h 11 June 1994.

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Jo's Dive Shop Ltd., Yarmouth's Family Watersport Center specializes in Dive Instruction, Travel, Charters, sales rentals, repairs and airfills.

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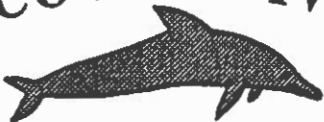
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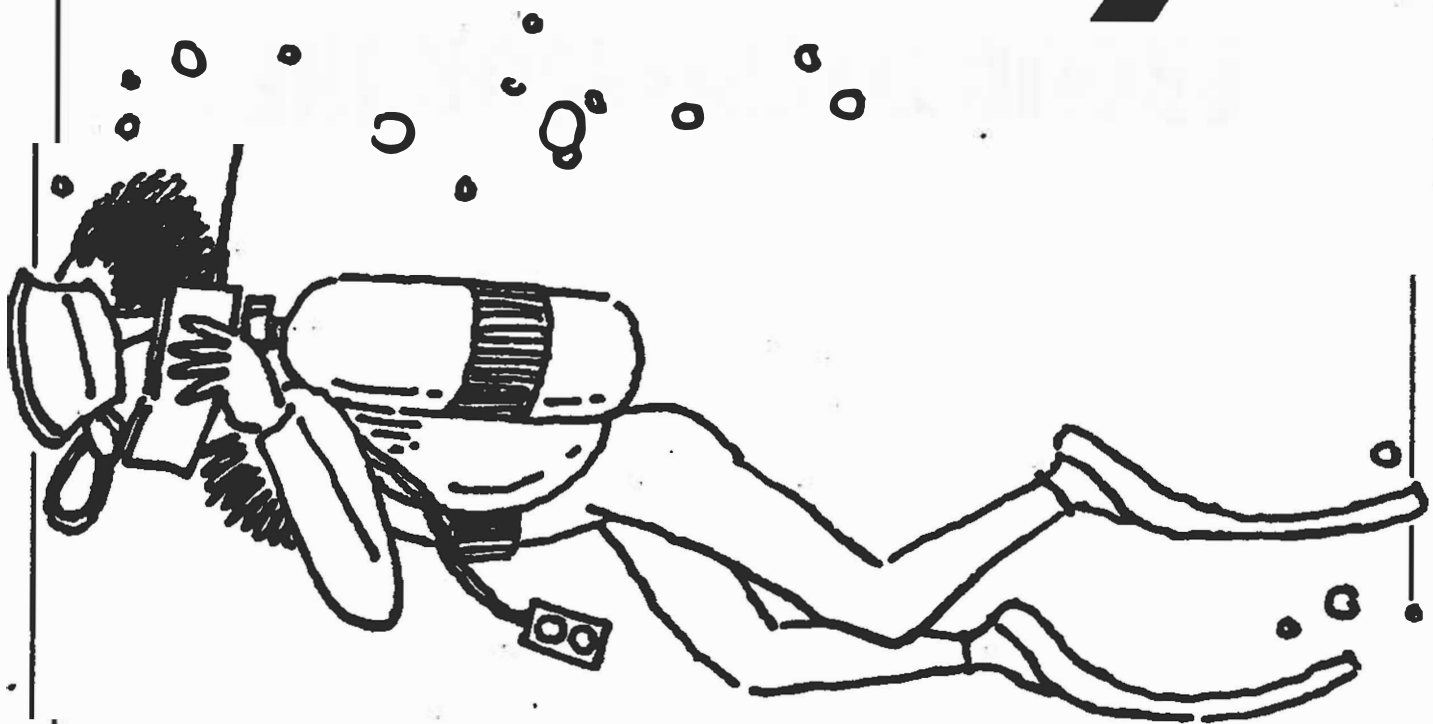
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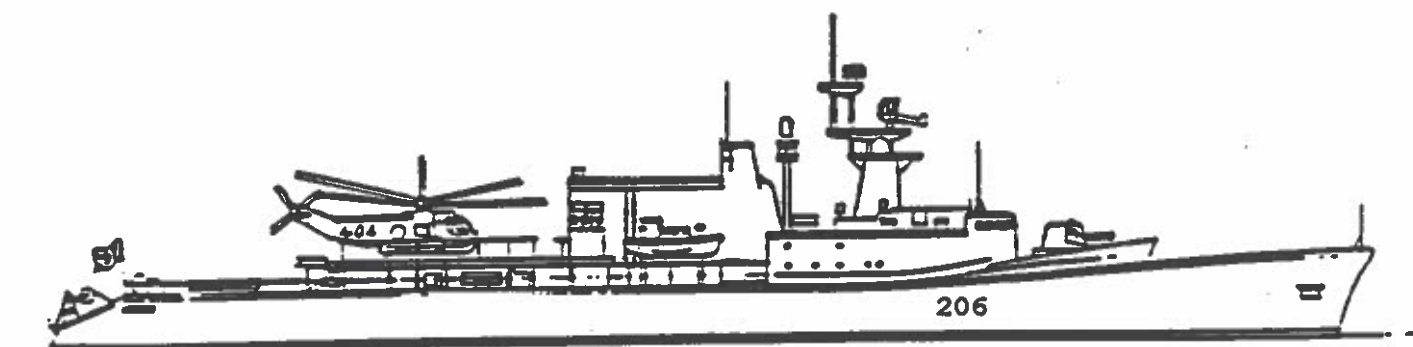
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Diving the Saguenay

After watching the sinking of the Saguenay on the local television stations I was finally going to dive Nova Scotia's newest dive attraction. Other than a freighter in Honduras that was sunk as a dive site, I had not been on an intact wreck and eagerly looked forward to making my way across the decks and into whatever nooks and crannies I could find.

On the drive from Halifax, I had suggested some suitable spots for my dive buddy to position himself so I could photograph him. As we descended to the bow, the Saguenay loomed into our range of vision, and I was immediately enthralled at the photo opportunities presented. At forty feet, they light was good considering the overcast day. The vessel had been on the bottom less than two weeks, and already some small pollack and cunner were darting in and out of most of the small recesses of the ship and algae had started to grow on most surfaces. Most items of interest, such as the signal lights, winches, rudders and propellers have been left on the vessel and can be used as background for some interesting photos.

If photography is not your interest, try looking down the funnels and identifying or counting the fish usually found circling there. Although the visibility was no more than 25 feet on this dive, the light colour of the hull paint enabled us to see large areas of the wreck even at eighty-one feet near the stern.

I purposely swam away from the wreck to see the type of bottom and if there was much marine life there. What I found was

an almost barren bottom with large clams being the most obvious sign of life.

Although the vessel was supposed to sit on the bottom with a definite list to one side, the force with which the stern struck the bottom dug the propellers and rudders into the soft bottom forcing the vessel to sit almost upright. From a diving point of view this is excellent as it enables snorkellers to follow the antenna masts down to the upper decks and provides a reference point while surfacing. The natural attitude also makes it easier for divers to maintain a correct perception of the wreck. Hopefully the antenna masts will be allowed to remain approximately one meter from the surface at low tide.

Those involved with the sinking have done an excellent job not only in site selection but also in preparing the wreck for curious visitors. Several hatches have been welded shut for safety but the helicopter hanger and wheel house are excellent for penetration. The wreck is perfect for all divers from basic to advanced and could be used for teaching various speciality courses as well. For snorkellers, basic open water divers, advanced open water divers, wreck divers and underwater naturalists this site has something to offer every one.

The opportunities for great underwater photos is amazing. The opportunity for great dives is endless. Plan to dive what used to be an obsolete war ship and is now a state of the art dive site: You will bring back great memories or photos.

1994 MT&T Mobility Seahunt

This years Seahunt is being held on Sunday, September 18, starting at 10 a.m. at Crystal crescent Beach.

It appears that the majority of N. S. Dive Shops will be participating in this years event. Once again Divers World will be holding a barbecue to keep those hunger pangs at bay. Ken Jardine of Scubatech will be the emcee and Divemaster. We all appreciate his sense of humour. The Maritime Makos of Discover Diving will be hosting a sand sculpture contest to keep families and divers busy during the waiting periods. Mike Chambers of Nautilus School of Diving has promised us a surprise event. Other shops are also considering some event so watch for posters and the next Bottomtime for an update.

All in all it promises to be a fun filled event with something for the whole family.

The registration form with the rules are in this issue so fill it out and bring it with you on September 18.

See you there!

Notice

Vacant positions exist on the Board for the following positions:

Treasurer

South Shore Area Director

Central Area Director

We need volunteers willing to work a few hours a month to help promote diving in this province. Please get involved.

Needed: A Seahunt Co-ordinator or assistant. If interested please contact Lynn Gallant at 434 - 3675.

Upcoming Events

Gold for Gold By Scubatech
proceeds to charity

July 31, at Groves Point Provincial Park

NSUC Board meeting August 6 in Sydney
Details to be announced

1994 MT&T Seahunt

At Crystal crescent Beach, near Sambro
Register at 10 am. Dive starts at 1230.

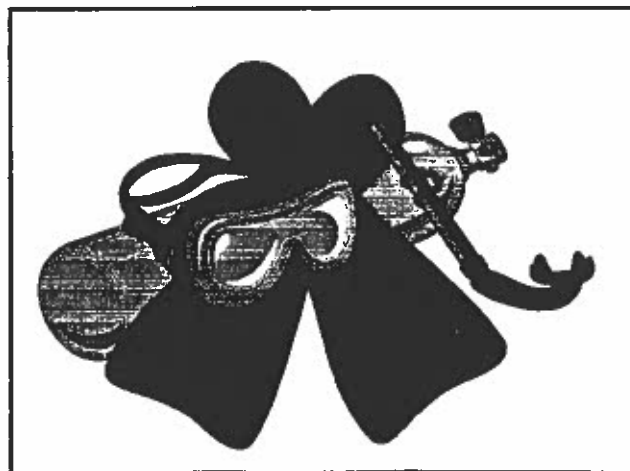
The Shearwater Dive Club invites non members on their dives. Remember, however, on boat dives club members have first priority.

A schedule follows:

Sat. Aug. 13	Halifax/Sambro Boat Dive
Sun. Aug. 14	Halifax/Sambro Boat Dive
Wed. Aug. 17	Cranberry Cove Night Dive

Contact Roland Morrison at 463-3796 for details.

Contact Paul Miles at 465-6941 for details about Courses at Shearwater that are open to both the military and the public.



Safe Boat Diving Practices

1. Select a boat that is fully equipped with the required safety equipment and has diver support and safety equipment as required by the Canada Steamship Act.
2. Ask to receive Boat Diving Techniques Training as a part of your basic, sport or advanced diving courses.
3. Rely on the Skipper's knowledge of the most suitable dive sites. Plan your dive using the specific site information provided by the crew or divemaster.
4. Only sign up for trip destinations that are consistent with your ability and dive plan.
5. Arrive at the boat at least a half hour before departure. Stow your *well marked* gear in the assigned locations. Respect the boat facilities: no wet suits in the bunk room nor dropping tanks or weight belts on the deck.
6. Between dives keep dive gear in your bag to avoid lost or broken equipment. Assist your buddy with his/her tank. Do not sit on the deck to put your tank on or you may get hit on the head by another diver's tank.
7. Use your equipment to dive easily and safely. Do not over weight yourself. Only use your BC to fine-tune your buoyancy during the dive or to compensate for a heavy game bag at the end of the dive.
8. No loaded spearguns are *EVER* allowed on the boat or boarding ramp. Bring a container for your game. Help keep the boat deck clean and clear.
9. Use the boat exit points recommended by the crew. Move away from the boat exit once you are in the water. Either snorkel clearly on the surface or begin your descent down the anchor line. Do not use scuba to skim just under the surface. If you just skim the surface you cannot be seen by passing boats or other divers.
10. Fins should be put on last while you are waiting near the exit. Do not walk around the deck wearing fins.
11. Be sure to use a compass and submersible pressure gauge. Plan your dive so you end the dive with a reserve of air and are able to return to the boat while still underwater.
12. Be aware of changes in current conditions during the dive. Use natural clues such as seaweed. Look for current lines trailed behind the boat on the surface. Do not hesitate to pull yourself hand-over-hand back to the boat using this line.
13. Use common sense, training, and experience—and ask questions if you are unsure. Allow for a "margin of reserve" and do not push your endurance limits. Watch for other divers waving one arm while on the surface. They are signaling a diver in distress. Divers who maintain personal control and are comfortable in the water have safe, enjoyable experience underwater.

**Explore the far away places.
Boat Dive Often**

Eastern Passage Clean-up

Sunday, July 17, the Shearwater Scuba Club and about forty volunteer residents conducted a clean-up of "Church Pond" and "The Creek" (boat channel) at Eastern Passage. Divers wearing wet and dry suits (to protect them from the stagnant water) braved the shin-deep muck and the hot sun to wade through the pond the refuse and debris of several years. On-shore volunteers and backhoes assisted in removing the garbage from the shore to dumpsters donated for the clean-up. In the afternoon, The Creek was roped off and nine divers played blind-mans bluff in the silty water removing articles from the bottom of the channel. In all six dumpsters of garbage were removed, earning the club the thanks of the community, as conveyed by Eugene Deveau, County Councillor for Eastern Passage.

The project was initiated by Kevin Soward of the Shearwater Scuba Club and was only intended to involve club members in the cleanup, with certain services donated to assist the effort. However, the community rallied behind the project and almost overwhelmed Kevin with support. Special thanks are due the following donors and supporters:

Leo Beazley	provided 6 dumpsters
County of Halifax	paid dump fees
St. Andrews Church	Washrooms and BBQ
	chefs
Speedy Propane	BBQ's and fuel
Sparkling Springs	Water for volunteers
Tim Horton's,	
Easter Passage	Donuts
Bill Thompson	backhoes
Eastern Passage	spray clean divers,
Volunteer Fire Dept	first aid
Lions/Club/Leos	co-organizers,
workers	
Boy Scouts	shore workers

Cash donations were provided by:

McKenna Eссо	Passage Pharmacy	Lloyd's
Dartmouth Central Plumbing	New Release Video	
Eastern Passage Credit Union	Buffalo Club	
Eastern Passage Legion	Pizza Time	

Approximately \$500 was netted in donations and this money will be given to the Children's Wish Foundation. Sixteen club members participated, with Paul Miles as dive master and Kevin taking care of all other arrangements. Some items removed were old bottles, cans, boots, oilskins, an acetylene tank, a 45 gallon drum, auto tires, knives, bait bags, engine filters and parts, a bicycle, old canteens and a lawn chair.

Watch for our float in the Eastern Passage Days parade!

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Consent, Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk

I am aware of the inherent risks associated with scuba diving and agree to assume these risks, rendering MT&T Mobility, the Nova Scotia Underwater Council, Divemasters, pick up boats, Rescue Divers, sponsors and the emergency ambulance service unaccountable for any loss or injury. I understand that during my participation in the 1994 MT&T Mobility Seahunt I will be exposed to situations and environmental conditions where the stresses and hazards may be greater or different than those normally encountered (scuba diving). I also understand that, although the NSUC has taken precautions to provide organization and Divemasters, circumstances may arise which are not foreseeable or which are beyond the control of the NSUC. I acknowledge that the NSUC cannot guarantee absolute safety. I also understand that I am, in part, responsible for my own safety and I agree to comply with the following rules and direction of the Seahunt staff.

I agree to assume all of the risks arising out of my participation in the 1994 MT&T Mobility Seahunt. This includes, but is not limited to, any risks that are unforeseeable.

I have accepted responsibility to verify that I do not have any physical or psychological problems which would create undue risk to myself or others who may depend on me during participation in this event.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

Please see other side for rules and registration form.

FEES: NSUC member \$15.00, non-member \$25.00, Seahunt plus membership \$30.00

1994 MT&T Mobility Seahunt
Registration Form and Rules

Name: _____

Address: _____

Certification Number: _____

Phone: _____

Guardian (if under 16): _____

NSUC Member: Yes _____ No _____

How did you learn of the Seahunt? *Bottomtime*() *Poster*() *Dive Shop*() *Radio*() *Newspaper*() *Friend*() *Other*() Please specify _____

Comments: _____

RULES

1. All divers must present Certification Card.
2. All divers must wear a B.C. if a wetsuit or non-neoprene dry suit is worn. All equipment must be in good working order.
3. All divers must enter and exit the water with their buddy.
4. All divers must sign a consent form acknowledging they have read and understood the rules of the Seahunt.
5. Scuba equipment must be worn.
6. Anyone who retrieves more than one token will be disqualified.
7. When exiting the water all divers must report to the marshalling areas before leaving the beach.
8. The decision of the Chief Marshall is final. Non-compliance will result in disqualification or refusal of entry in the Seahunt.

We would like to thank the following who helped make the 1994
MT&T Mobility Seahunt possible:

MT&T Mobility**Nova Scotia Underwater Council**Nova Scotia
Department of Lands and Forests**Dive Retailers**Volunteers

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER...REMEMBER:IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO
CONSUME ALCOHOL IN THE PARK