

Rockport/Isles of Shoals Weekend

Friday September 4 - Monday September 7, 2015

Shore diving conditions in New England are quite different from those that we find in the New York/New Jersey area. Much of the shoreline is rocky and, therefore, supports vegetation which is at the low end of a well developed food chain. As a result, there is more life and more color than we usually see when diving in New York. In addition, north of Cape Cod, the Gulf Stream gets forced farther east. The result is colder water which provides greater visibility.

SUMMARY OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES

For The Divers:

We will meet on Friday, September 4 in Rockport, MA. We will do one shore dive. After dinner we will continue on to Portsmouth, NH.

On Saturday, September 5 we will spend the day shore diving at sites that will be determined based on the conditions that day.

On Sunday, September 6 we will meet for breakfast and then we will prepare for a two-tank boat dive. The first dive will be at an offshore sight with a lot of life and color typical of the colder water north of Cape Cod. The second dive will be at a site where we may be able to see seals.

On Monday, September 7 we will drive back to Rockport and spend the day shore diving and/or sightseeing before heading home.

We will have dinner reservations at several very good restaurants in the area.

Some Of The Stuff For The Non-Divers:

Bearskin Neck, in Rockport, is an artist's colony with numerous quaint shops and galleries. Kittery, ME is known for its historic sites, rocky beaches and many outlet malls on US 1. York Beach, ME has nice beaches and some interesting shops. There are very nice state parks, museums and whale watching tours in New Hampshire, Maine and in Rockport, MA

I have literature on many nearby attractions. Feel free to call me to discuss them.

DIVE EQUIPMENT

Bring full ocean gear. Water temperature will be cold, so bring appropriate thermal protection. (Dry suits are NOT necessary.) You will need to bring at least two tanks. Air fills will be available. Oxygen Enriched Air or Nitrox fills are NOT available at some of the dive shops we will be using, so please bring the appropriate tanks for refills or the appropriate number of tanks for the number of dives you are planning.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL

All dives will be geared toward the experience level of the divers. Divers of all experience levels are welcome. The boat diving specialty is recommended.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tiedemann's Diving Center: (516) 796-6560
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COSTS

HOTEL: \$130.00/Room/Night + applicable taxes (Double Occupancy)
MEALS: Approximately \$250/Person
BOAT: \$140.00/Diver (A *limited* number of non divers may be able to be accomodated @ \$40.00 each.)
EQUIPMENT: Contact Tiedemann's Diving Center

The approximate total cost per diver for the trip, assuming double occupancy, will be \$600.00 plus any equipment rental and travel expenses.

SIGN UP PROCEDURE

Contact either Tiedemann's Diving Center or me to confirm availability of space on the trip. A non-refundable fee of \$140.00 for each diver will be required to hold your spot. This will cover the cost of the boat. The deposit can be paid at the dive store or by mailing a check to Mark Brandes. If you are uncertain as to whether or not I have your telephone number and/or e-mail address, please provide them when you make your payment at the store. Upon receipt of your payment, you will be given the information necessary for you to reserve a room at the hotel. Please be sure to give a credit card number in order to hold your room for late arrival. Your spot on the trip will then be secured.