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# Down Under Diving Ventures, Inc.

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Celebrating Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Year !!

## 2017 Charter Schedule

Join us in Celebrating our 33rd year of being in business and providing charters services to our New England Diver community and beyond. *We will be offering some new locations that promise to add variety to many. We will also offer a few discounts and diver incentives throughout the season which will be published on our website and Facebook pages.*

**NEW OFFERINGS FOR 2017:** In addition to Saturday and Sunday charters, we are now open for charters on Fridays and Mondays. Friday and Monday charters will leave the dock at 9:00 am. These will be morning charters only and will go to locations based on divers choice within the group. Isle of Shoals trips can also be done on Fridays and Mondays. Adventure Combo dives are also available on Friday and Mondays (morning only) for groups of 4 divers. See Pricing Below for Details.

### 2017 PRICING

\*\* Half Day Charter Rate: \$75.00 / person – Call Us for Reservations at (978) 808-1286

**Half Day Departure Times: (Leaving the dock)**

2 Dive Morning Charter (non-Adventure Combo) --- 8:00 AM

2 Dive Afternoon Charter (non-Adventure Combo) -- 12:30 PM

Night Charters when scheduled – 7:00 PM

We suggest that divers be at the boat at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before departure to load and store equipment.

**Adventure Combo Charter Rate: \$95.00 / person: Includes 3 dives per person, (4 Divers Max on these charters)**

-- Morning Charters will leave the dock @ 7:30 AM (3 dives at different locations)

-- Afternoon Charters will leave the dock @ 12:30 PM (3 dives may include 1 dusk or night Dive)

Full Day Discovery Charters to the **Isle of Shoals**: \$90.00 / person (leave dock at 7:30 AM, back by 3:00 PM, approx.)

**BOOKING & REFUND POLICY:** We are now accepting charge cards for deposits and payments on all charters. However, cash is also gladly accepted and welcomed. Due to high demand on many of our charters, we will be charging a \$40 "cancellation fee". Most charters in the areas charge the full charter fee as non-refundable. Our cancellation fee is a very minimal charge and is imposed because we have turned away customers who wanted to go on those trips. We try to fill spots that have been canceled, but as you know, many divers make other arrangements when spots are not available.

\*\*\*\* Monday thru Friday Charters are Available upon Request: Minimum of 4 divers \*\*\*\*

**All Charters Include:**

- Multiple Dive Locations per Charter
- Licensed Captain & Instructor
- Convenient Departure & Return Facilities
- Equipment Prep & Assistance
- Personal Service
- On-Board Safety Equipment/O2
- Head/Port-o-potty
- Refreshments

Departures From: Cape Ann Marina, " J " Dock, Slip #1 – Take route 128 north to Exit #14. Take a right off the exit and proceed 2.5 miles. Cape Ann Marina will be on your left. **FREE PARKING!!!!** Visit our new web site to learn more about our service, book your next charter, or just find other interesting information regarding the Gloucester and North Shore area. Stay in the know and share your dive experience on our Facebook page.

**Our Website – <https://www.downundercharters.com>**  
**Our Facebook Page – <https://www.facebook.com/downunder.ne>**

DATE	DAY	DEPARTURE TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Deep/Ledge	Halfway Rock
+ May 19 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM,	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	<i>ECD</i> , 12:30 PM	Wreck Dive	Chester Poling
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	SUN.	7:30 AM, 12:30 PM	Lobster/Seal Dive	The Salvages
+ May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	7:30 AM, 12:30 PM	Lobster/Photo Dive	Sandy Bay Breakwater
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	<i>ECD</i> ,	<b>Discovery Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
**May 29 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Wreck Dive	Chester Poling
+ Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM,	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SAT.	<i>ECD</i> ,	<b>Discovery Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
Jun 4 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	7:30 AM, 12:30 PM	Lobster/Seal Dive	The Salvages
+ Jun 5 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ Jun 9 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM,	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
Jun 10 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Scallop Dive	Salem Sound Area
Jun 11 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	7:30 AM,	<b>Discovery Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
+ Jun 12 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM,	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	<i>ECD</i> ,	<b>Discovery Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
Jun 18 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	<b>Deep + Wreck Dive</b>	<b>Saturday Night Ledge + Chester Poling</b>
+ Jun 19 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM,	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
Jun 24 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	<i>AS</i> ,	Scallop Dive	Salem Sound Area
Jun 25 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	7:30 AM, 12:30 PM	Deep Dive/Scallop Dive	Halfway Rock/Salem Sound
+ Jun 26 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM,	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	SAT	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Deep Dive	Saturday Night Ledge
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SUN.	7:30 AM, 12:30 PM	Seal Dive/Wreck Dive	The Salvages/The Chelsea
**July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	MON.	7:30 AM,	<b>Discovery Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
+ July 7 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM,	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	<i>AS</i> ,	<b>Deep + Wreck Dive</b>	<b>Saturday Night Ledge + Chester Poling</b>
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	<i>ECD</i> ,	<b>Discovery Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
+ July 10 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ July 14 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	7:30 AM, 12:30 PM	Lobster/Seal Dive	The Salvages
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	<i>AS</i> ,	<b>Deep + Wreck Dive</b>	<b>Saturday Night Ledge + Chester Poling</b>
+ July 17 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ July 21 <sup>st</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SAT.	<i>ECD</i> ,	<b>Discovery Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	SUN.	7:30 AM, 12:30 PM	Scallop Dive	Salem Sound Area
+ July 24 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ July 28 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	<i>ECD</i> ,	<b>Discovery/Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
+ July 31 <sup>st</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	MON.	7:30 AM, 12:30 PM	Scallop Dive	Salem Sound Area
+ Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	<i>AS</i> ,	<b>Discovery/Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
Aug 13 <sup>st</sup>	SUN.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Scallop Dive	Salem Sound
+ Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM	<i>Seal / Discovery Dive</i>	<i>The Salvages</i>
Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Lobster Dive	Middleground
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	<i>AS</i> ,	Seal / Lobster Dive	The Salvages
+ Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>	SAT.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Scallop Dive	Salem Sound Area
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	SUN.	<i>ECD</i> ,	Seal / Lobster Dive	The Salvages
+ Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
+ Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	FRI.	9:00 AM	<i>Discovery Dive</i>	<i>Diver's Choice</i>
Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SAT.	<i>ECD</i> ,	<b>Discovery Seal Dive</b>	<b>Isle of Shoals, NH/Maine</b>
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SUN.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Scallop Dive	Salem Sound Area
**Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	MON.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Labor Day Scallop Dive	** Salem Sound

<b>+ Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> FRI.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Discovery Dive</b>	<b>Diver's Choice</b>
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> SAT.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Scallop Dive	Salem Sound
Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> SUN.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Wreck Dive/Lobstering	Chester Poling/Kettle Rock
<b>+ Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> MON.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Discovery Dive</b>	<b>Diver's Choice</b>
<b>+ Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> FRI.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Seal Discovery Dive</b>	<b>The Salvages</b>
Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> SAT.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Deep Dive	Halfway Rock
Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> SUN.	<b>ECD,</b> 12:30 PM	Seal / Lobster Dive	* The Salvages
<b>+ Sept 18<sup>th</sup> MON.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Discovery Dive</b>	<b>Diver's Choice</b>
<b>+ Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> FRI.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Discovery Dive</b>	<b>Diver's Choice</b>
Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup> SAT.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Lobster Dive	* The Graves
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup> SUN.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Lobster Dive	* Halibut Point
<b>+ Sept 29<sup>th</sup> FRI.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Discovery Dive</b>	<b>Diver's Choice</b>
Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> SAT.	8:00 AM,	Discovery Dive	* Middle Ground, Salem Area
Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> SUN.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Scallop Dive	* House Island
<b>+ Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> FRI.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Discovery Dive</b>	<b>Diver's Choice</b>
Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup> SAT.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Sport Lobster	* Halibut Point
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup> SUN.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Scallop/Lobster Dive	* Salem Sound
<b>+ Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> MON.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Discovery Dive</b>	<b>Diver's Choice</b>
Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> SAT.	8:00 AM,	Discovery Dive	* <b>Gooseberry Ledge</b> & Salem Sound Islands
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> SUN.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Discovery Dive	* <b>Southeast Breakers</b> / Salem Sound
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup> SAT.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Sport Dive	* Kettle Island
Oct. 22 <sup>rd</sup> SUN.	<b>ECD,</b>	Wreck Dive	* Chester Poling, Coastal Tanker
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup> SAT.	8:00 AM, 12:30 PM	Wreck Dive	* Chester Poling, Coastal Tanker
Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup> SUN.	8:00 AM 12:30 PM	Lobster Dive	* Kettle Island

#### **NOTE:**

\* These have been scheduled as primary locations but may change due to storm and high sea conditions. For your safety and the safety of others we reserve the right to change locations for more favorable sites where conditions are better suited for an enjoyable dive.

\*\* Holiday (Memorial Day, Independence Day & Labor Day)

\*\*\* These dates are dependent on Boat Readiness due to annual maintenance. Divers interested in diving these dates should call Capt. Fran at 978-808-1286 two weeks prior.

**AS = Aquatic Specialties Scheduled Charter**

**ECD = East Coast Divers Scheduled Charter**

## **Diving Activities**

### **Discovery Dives:**

If you have ever wondered what a specific location has in store for you, let us take you there to see what this new location offers. These dives are for the adventurous at heart and can be as far south as Nahant and north to the far reaches of Cape Ann. The Discovery Dive charter is a two-tank charter and can be at different spots for each dive. For dives deeper than 60 ft., each diver must hold at least an advanced certification or dive log with proof of diving abilities. All C-Cards will be checked before leaving the dock. Come and join the fun and experience these new locations may bring.

### **Deep Dives:**

Deep dives are considered to be greater than 60 feet and are most often 100+ feet. When diving in deep offshore waters such as Deep water ledges and basins (Jeffery's Ledge, Stellwagon Bank), divers should always carry a wreck reel, safety sausage, and take extra precautions regarding air consumption. Carrying extra air is also a recommended practice of these dives. Advanced Open Water Certification is required for these dives.

### **Sport Dives:**

Sport Diving depths will generally not exceed 60 to 70 feet. Open Water certifications are required to participate in these dives.

### **Wreck Dives:**

Most wreck dives around Cape Ann are in depths between 60' to 100". The most popular wreck for divers is the Chester Poling at 90'. These wreck dives should be made by certified divers with at least one year of diving experience. Dives to the Chester Poling requires Advanced Open Water, Open Water II certification or equivalent experience.

### **Wall Dives:**

Wall dives will generally consist of depths from 10' to 80' unless specified in the schedule. Because of the terrain, walls will not have places for resting and will require adequate buoyancy control skills for maximum enjoyment.

**Ledge Dives:**

Ledge diving is an experience in adventure due to the many caverns, crevices, marine life, surge conditions, and tidal shifts. Many of these ledges are virgin territory for divers because they are in open water and not in view from the surface. Anchorage will generally be on top of the ledge for safe descents. This will truly be an adventure for all diving levels.

**Night Dives:**

Night Dives will consist of two dives at different locations. The first dive will be at dusk, and the second will be in full darkness, so bring your underwater lights. The depths during the actual night dive will generally be 40' or less. Deeper night dives will be conducted based on diver experience and group requests.

**Tech Dives:**

Tech Dives are primarily reserved for Tech Divers using mixed gas and are diving depths greater than 100+ feet. On occasions, Tech dives will make two deep dives at the same location when conditions are favorable. Groups of Tech Divers when making reservations will need to notify the Captain of the location and dive intentions. Due to the equipment that most Tech Divers bring on these dives we will limit the number of passengers to 4 divers max.

***Isle of Shoals: A favorite location for all level of divers***

The Isle of Shoals is a group of islands, half of which are in New Hampshire waters and the others are in the Gulf of Maine. This area always promises an exciting diving experience for many divers. Due to the large seal population in this area, most times divers will see seals that swim down to meet and greet the divers as they explore the bottom and rock formations. Ledges, Crevasses and small seamounts are all part of this area. Because of the vast array of bottom topography and diversity of plant and marine life, this makes for great photo opportunities.

**Let's Go Diving !!**

*Capt. Fran Linnehan*