



**6th Annual New England
REEF/GAFC Celebration Event
&
The New England Aquarium
Dive Club, Inc.**

**July 28th, 2007
State Fort Park, Gloucester, MA**



On July 28, 2007, The New England Aquarium Dive Club and The Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) will host the 6th annual Northeast Great Annual Fish Count (GAFC) event.

The celebration will be centered at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, Massachusetts. GAFC dives are planned at seven (7) shore locations around Cape Ann, along with dives at Nubble Light, York, ME. There will be a picnic, free raffles and door prizes. Every survey form submitted after each dive will count as an entry into the raffles for each diver. We are expecting more than 100 divers to participate in the day's celebration!

Members of both the print and broadcast media will be invited to join in the survey dives.

Begun in 1975, the New England Aquarium Dive Club, Inc. is one of the world's oldest, largest and most active aquarium affiliated dive clubs. We share the fun of diving, a love of the sea, a concern for diving safety, and a desire to learn more about the aquatic realm and to share that knowledge with others. The REEF Fish Survey Project allows volunteer SCUBA divers and snorkelers to collect and report information on marine fish populations. The data are collected using a fun and easy standardized method, and are housed in a publicly-accessible database on REEF's Website. These data are used by a variety of resource agencies and researchers. In 2001, the acclaimed REEF Fish Survey Project and the Great Annual Fish Count was introduced to New England's SCUBA-diving community.

During the 5th Annual GAFC event held on July 15, 2006, 86 divers conducted 127 fish and invertebrate surveys at 7 locations around Cape Ann and southern Maine, making this the largest single day GAFC event held in the United States for an unprecedented fifth year in a row!

Join us as the celebration continues with the New England Aquarium Dive Club, REEF and the Great Annual Fish Count by signing up to:

- coordinate a dive site
- make a dive and perform a count
- help with the setup
- help with the pack up when the event is over.

It's huge fun for everyone! Please come and join us for the great event and help make it an even bigger success. We'd love to see you!