

stone quarry, 7 acres and 30 ft. deep and mine shaft to 50 ft. I have been to Sherkston Quarry (Niagra Falls area) and Nelson Ledges (upstate N.Y.), and this quarry is the best by far! The quarry features great camping facilities, with and without hook ups, a nice dive shop within 100 feet from the water, with gradual, grass covered entry areas. Natural cliff diving boards, at 2 ft., 5 ft., 10 ft., and 20 ft. surrounding one end of the quarry. They have 3 boats, 2 airplanes, 2 cars, a truck, and a school bus! All objects are easily found because each object has a compass location such as 250 degrees 20 k, 250 degrees and 20 kicks from this point. A laminated map is available for \$5 Canadian with all objects identified! Great fish diving!

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

Sal

Operator Guido Resca/Morabeza Hotel, December 2002, Marilyn Koukol (koukolm@hotmail.com), FPO AE. Vis: 30-50 ft. Water: 70-75 F. Dives logged: 1,200. Dive restrictions enforced: time usually about an hour. This was my second dive trip to Sal in the Cape Verde Islands. Last time I saw 8 nurse sharks on 1 dive. This time I saw 1 nurse shark on 8 dives. Lots of rays and schools of soldier fish and surgeon, and snappers and lobsters too! It is still difficult wading out to the inflatable dive boat and getting in it while in the surf. There was current on several dives. The Morabeza is a great place to stay and right by the dive shop. Their Christmas celebration

was quite special. Americans are rare in the Cape Verde Islands, which are located off the coast of Senegal, Africa. I also tried to dive on the island of Boa Vista, but the waves were too large and the dingy too small. These islands are still rather primitive and the usual tourists are from Europe. Two weeks of sunshine was great!

(www.hotelmorabeza.com)

Technosea, Morabeza Hotel, March 2003, Anne W. Simon, APO, AE.

Dives logged: 157. Vis: 60 ft. Water: 21 C. Dove two sites with Guido Resca and Technosea. "Pontinha" (80 ft. max) had huge nudibranchs, worms, two moray eels, white anemone with spines, schools of snapper, and squirrel fish under reef. Very interesting dive with nice wall that kept getting better and better. Second dive after 40 minute interval was "3 Grotte" (61 ft. max) and featured three caves. Saw strange invertebrates — rope like big sausage covered with yellow bubbles, huge sea snails that belched purple ink when afraid. Also saw c. robustus. The robust a Ghana butterfly fish. Unique to this part of Atlantic and West African Coast. Hotel had best beach and location of all the Sal resorts. Cape Verde is popular with European package tours — German, Italian. Portugese speaking country but you can get by with Spanish at resorts. (www.technosea.fr)

CROATIA

Diver Sport Center, Rubin Villas, August 2003, David Schwab (schwabd@bunt.com), APO, AE. Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 10 to

15 meters. Water: 18 to 22 C, choppy. Just outside of Rovinj, Croatia (it's on the Adriatic, on the peninsula south of Trieste, Italy). The boss was not onsite due to a personal emergency. On the day of our arrival wind swept in from the SW and remained until the day we left. The boat captain did not want to take us out because of the wind he claimed, but more likely because we were too few to make it worthwhile. We did go on one dive — 24 divers on a small boat. Dive personnel did not seem eager to serve the divers. Divemaster on boat had no idea who was in the water and how much air they had. Boat captain was "short" with some divers. Photos of the wrecks in the area (including the *Baron Gautsch*) were impressive and made us want to dive. Too bad we came towards the end of the summer season. Food onsite was reasonably priced, but nothing special; good meals in town. Accommodation was substandard. Locals were friendly; English and German widely spoken. Limited public transportation; long drive from Germany; accessible from Venice by boat. The leader of our group has dived here 5 or 6 times — he says it is good — certainly has to be better than this experience. (+385 52-816-648, diver@pro.hr)

SPAIN

Scorpio, January 2003, Marilyn Koukol (koukolm@hotmail.com), FPO, AE. Vis: 30-90 ft. Water: high 60s-low 70s. I now live in Southern Spain. The best shore/boat diving that I've found around here is in Tarifa.

There are usually currents and wind, but we see octopus, mullet, wrasse, conger eels, and rays. There are also little cuttlefish. We saw 15 on one dive. A 5 mm with a hood is definitely a must. I've gone on boat dives with Scorpio out of Tarifa, and they are quite competent. One dive was on a wreck. There is also supposed to be good diving around Gibraltar too — just haven't gotten there yet! Thanks for all your great information.

UNITED STATES

Massachusetts

Cape Ann Divers, June 2003, Joseph Gallagher (joegallagher@aol.com), Fort Wayne, IN. Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 10 to 15 ft. Water: 45 to 50 F, choppy. Cape Ann Diving offers challenging boat diving for the hardy. Most divers from New England dove with drysuits. One diver after fighting the surge in the cold for 20 minutes was found in the Cape Ann Dive shop after the dive buying a dry suit claiming he wasn't going to dive cold again. Boat dives go to a variety of sites including one which features diving with seals. We dove a wreck, *Chester Poling*, in 80-90 feet of water (depending on tides) at the mouth of Gloucester Bay. Dive is for the experienced, as limited visibility, surges, and thermal climes tend to challenge beginners. The wreck is covered with anemones and normally crawling with crabs as well as a lobster or two. Locals can obtain a license to catch lobsters. Bring everything you need to be self sufficient on the boat; it acts