

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