

District 34 Spring Conference, Saturday March 28, 2026

Emmy award-winning storyteller and ocean explorer Richard Vevers

will present “An Ocean (RE)Introduction”. Vevers serves as director of **Room 71** at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. In that role, he works to flip beliefs about the ocean and accelerate ocean science solutions to global issues. His work has been featured in more than 10,000 media articles and numerous books and documentaries, resulting in over \$200 million in funding for ocean science and conservation.



Room 71 is a new communications initiative at Woods Hole Oceanographic designed to transform how people think about the ocean. They develop new ways to challenge false beliefs and overcome public misperceptions. Why the name? Well, the ocean surface covers 71% of the Earth, and in Room 71, you'll discover that it's hiding a world that's far more extraordinary than you imagine.

Adventures Aboard Celestial P/D/C Barbara Herrmann will present the 10 week roundtrip cruise that she and husband Tom Gonsiorowski took from Jamestown R.I. to Nova Scotia aboard their Tartan 3700. Historic Halifax, bustling Lunenburg, and quiet coves in Cape Breton; multiple crew swaps and close whale encounters; seeing the Bluenose under sail, wearing long underwear in July and enjoying fiddle and piano music at Scottish themed gatherings at night....it was as memorable as it was beautiful.



The Bluenose schooner



A year ago the state passed a law requiring boater education. How is it working?

This has generated much discussion about how this affects our education efforts and those of us who were certified years (or decades) ago. The Mass. Env. Police, by their own admission, have not yet been able to clarify all issues. NASBLA Boating Law Administrator Captain Erik Tynan will join us offer as current guidance.

A representative (TBA) of Chief Commander Wiedel will update us on National issues and answer your questions.

- ❖ **FREE cocktail reception**, Friday night at the Fairfield Inn
- ❖ **Coffee and pastries**, during Saturday morning registration
- ❖ **Buffet lunch** – included!
- ❖ **FREE attitude adjustment hour**, Saturday evening at the Inn.

Two cocktail parties, lunch and great speakers all for only \$49, couples \$89!!

**District 34 Conference
New Bedford Fairfield Inn
Fri. 3/27 to Sun. 3/29/2026**



Until 3/01 hotel rooms can be reserved for only \$139/night. For full agenda, conference and hotel registration, and more go to <https://abc-d34.org>