SOUNDINGS South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter DECEMBER 2003



Past Events

At the November 25th regular meeting the members voted on Debra Stilgoe of Norwell and welcomed her aboard as a menber of the South Shore Neptunes.

The night out at the Yard Rock Cafe on November 4th ended up as a night at Cronin's Pub for libations and food. Jeannine and her group, along with a group of musicians, showed up at the Yard Rock only to find that it was closed for reasons unknown. But Jeannine is determined and is going to attempt to reschedule at a later date.

The scheduled November 9th pier & piling cleanup at the U.S.C.G. Sta. Pt. Allerton, went off as planned on Sunday, November 9th. There were 24 or 25 members on hand to make short work of this service to the Coast Guard. There was a bit of miscommunication between the personnel at the station and we missed lunch. But the team made short work of the snacks on hand. Also along with the cleanup the divers surveyed the Coast Guard's vessels and found that there was rope on a couple of shafts and also the line cutter on one shaft of the forty seven footer was about to fall off.

There is new life in the back stairs at the clubhouse. Member Ken Hayes came by with a crew of workers and filled the void under the stairs, then proceeded to add a half step and cement the gap closed. The club extends a very hearty thank you to Ken for his efforts.

The Bay State Council of Divers met here at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, November 12th. There was a discussion on the progress of the artificial reef project. Angelo Correnti presented Vincent Malkowski with the location which they have been doing transect dives at this past Summer. This is the site between 3 and 1/2 Fatham Ledge and Graves Light. The bottom here is relatively barren Mr. Malkowski stated that he would have the area examined over the Winter by the state and get back to the Council on its findings. Also Angelo stated they discussed merging the New England Artificial Reef Society with the Council. Angelo also reported on the recent hearings in Fairhaven. The agenda revolved around the commercial lobstermen in the South Coastal area and there was not anything involving divers.

The monthly club point dive took place on Sunday, November 16th, at Marblehead Light. Ther were four divrs entering the water while Angelo Correnti provided shore safety. Entering the water were Roy Chamberlain, Peter Speen, Jeannine Fabian and Gary Osborne. Roy reported that visibility was 10' to 15'. There was a slight chop from light winds. The divers were rewarded with a catch of lobster and scallops.

At the Board meeting on Tuesday, November 18th, there was a discussion on the temporary change in the way points have been awarded this past year. The recommendation of the board was that this change in point awards be kept in place for an additional year. At the regular meeting on November 25th, a motion was made and passed accepting the recommendation of the board. The point system modification referred to is as follows: Members who help with club events, one point for two hours work and two points for use of a vehicle up to a total of four points per day to be awarded solely at the discretion of the event chairman. Events will be the Flea Market, the Outing, the Sea Rovers, emergency repairs, and events disignated by the Board. Also there will be three points given for one night dive a month.



The final event for November was the non-point dive on the 30th at the Glades in Scituate. There were five of us at Breakfast at the Gannett Grill. There was Jean & Roy Chamberlain, Marty Blake, Gary Osborne and Gary Greenberg. Entering the water were Roy and the two Garys. The tide was on the low side so there was 18' to 20' of water. Visibility was okay and Gary Greenberg caught himself a keeper.

Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, December 2nd, there is a regular meeting. This will be the first night for nominations for office for the 2004 year. Remember, if you are interested in running for office you have to have your dues paid for 2004.

The final point dive of the year is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th, and will be at Cape Ann. Divers will meet at the Friendly's at the rotary on Rte.128 in Gloucester at 8:30 a.m.for breakfast if your hungry and to pick the location and head for the site. For those divers heading North from the South Shore take the x-way through Boston. Go over the Zakim-Bunker Hill bridge and take the exit for the Tobin bridge. Go over the Tobin bridge and follow Rte. 95 North to Rte 128. Take Rte. 128 to Gloucester and follow to the rotary and Friendlys.

Our president, Roy Chamberlain, is the Board member of the month for December. It was his plan for a night at the N.E. Aquarium to see a new release by Bob Ballard which was to be shown on the I-Max screen. But he has been notified that the showing is a 4:00 p.m. presentation which is not possible for most parties to attend. Roy has rescheduled a dinner night out for Saturday evening, December 20, 2003 at Giomati's Rest., on Quincy Av., Braintree. Quincy Av. is also Rte. 53. Meeting time is 6:00 p.m.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS. The second regular meeting of the month is Tuesday, December 16th. At this meeting nominations will still be accepted for officers for the coming year. Nominations will be completed and elections will be held. Following the elections and the meeting, our annual pizza and beer party will commence. You are a member! Stop by to vote, see old friends and enjoy the party.

On Sunday, December 21st, there is a non-point dive at Pemberton Pier, Hull. Prior to the dive, we will meet for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Star's Rest/ Diner on Rte. 3A, just North of the Hingham rotary. To Get to Pemberton Pier from the North or from Quincy, you take Rte. 3A over the Fore River bridge and follow it to Hull. When you enter Hull you follow the shore out to the end and you will arrive at the pier. From the South, take Rte 3 North until you get to the exit for Rte. 228. Take Rte. 228 and follow it into Hull and then follow the shore out to the end of Hull until you arrive at the pier. If you are coming up the highway from the South and are going to breakfast, take a left onto Rte. 3a when Rte.228 intersects it. When you get to the Hingham circle go around the circle and head North on Rte. 3A and go up the road a quarter mile or so and Star's will be in front of you.

CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. Also on Sunday, December 21st, there is the Children's Christmas party. The party will be held at the GEORGE F. BRYAN VFW Post on Broad St. in Quincy and will run from Noon to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. If you can bring along a baked good or something to eat it will be welcomed. Also, please keep your child's gift in the \$10. to \$15. range. John Blackadar is working hard to make this party a success.

Jeannine Fabian is active with a group called ELf, Everbody Loves Families. She has explained that the group is currently involved in a clothing drive to secure clothing for both adults and children. If you have clothing you have considered donating to an organization here is your chence. Bring it along to the clubhouse either on December 2nd or 9th. Jeannine will have vouchers available for completion for tax deductions.

For you club members who are boat owners, Tommy Lo has been attending meetings at the Quincy City Council. He reports there is a mooring fee in the wind at City Hall. January 1, 2004 is the Annual Sober Up Dive at Pleasure Bay Lagoon in South Boston. This annual event is usually a crowd pleaser. The lagoon does have its cache of lobster and usually parts with a few to those hardy divers who venture into the water. Remember, it is the new year and you must have a 2004 license. The Environmental Police are often on the scene. If you are unfamiliar with the Pleasure Bay Lagoon location, the easiest way to get there from the South or North is to take the Southeast Expressway and get off at the JFK/ Columbia Circle exit. From the South, at the bottom of the exit ramp turn right. From the North, at the bottom of the exit ramp turn left. At the rotary take the second road which will take you along the shore. Follow the road right to the lagoon.

THE AFTER THE DIVE PARTY will be at Theresa Czerepica's house. Theresa has supplied me with the following directions. Take the Southeast Expressway North. Enter the tunnel and keep to the left. Go over the new Zakim/Bunker Hill bridge. Take the exit on the left for Rte 1 North and go over the Tobin bridge. Take the 3rd exit, this will be Webster St. exit. At the bottom of the ramp, turn left to Everett and Rte. 16 and proceed straight through lights to Gafield Av. Pass second set of lights (there will be 2 gas stations, a house and a store on the 4 corners). The next major intersection is Prospect Av. Turn left. Theresa's house is the 2nd house on the left. It is a white 2 story, with a flat roof. There are fruit trees in the yard and also hedges. To contact Theresa call 617-884-0697. The house # is 21 Prospect Av.

Dues & Waiver- Dues & Waiver - Dues & Waiver

Dues are due and also the waiver form must be submitted. You can mail both your dues and the waiver to the club. But why not stop by for elections on December 16th followed by pizza and a beer or soda.

Annual Banquet and Awards Night



Saturday, January 31, 2004 Quincy Yacht Club Live Entertainment



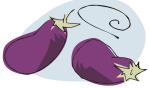
Cocktails: 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cheese Table - Apertizers Buffet Style Service: Entrees, Meat--Fish--Vegetarian Dishes Dessert Table.

Award Presentations Following Dinner: Diver of the Year & Competition Winners. Four Life Member Awards Tickets: \$15.00 Per Person if purchased by January 20th.

\$20.00 Per Person after January 20th.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 HT 5:15 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	2 HT 6:14 Regular Meeting	3 HT 7:09 Mass Mar Acad Underwater Rugby 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	4 HT 7:59 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Poo Underwater Hockey 8:15 pm - 10:00 pm	5 HT 8:43	6 HT 9:24
7 HT 10:03 Pearl Harbor Day.	8 HT 10:40 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	9 HT 11:18 Board Meeting	10 HT 11:56 Mass Mar Acad Underwater Rugby 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	11 HT 12:36 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Poo Underwater Hockey 8:15 pm - 10:00 pm	12 HT 1:16	13 HT 1:57
14 HT 2:41 Point Dive North Shore, Site to be de- cided that morning	15 HT 3:28 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	16 HT 4:18 Regular Meeting	17 HT 5:10 Mass Mar Acad Underwater Rugby 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	18 HT 6:03 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Poo Underwater Hockey 8:15 pm - 10:00 pm	19 HT 6:58	20 HT 7:52 Dinner Night Out Giomati's Rest. Braintree. Meet at 6:00 p.m.
21 HT 8:45 Non-Point Dive at Pemberton Pier, Children's Christmas Party, Bryan Post	22 HT 9:39	23 HT 10:32	24 HT 11:25	25 HT 12:08 Merry Christmas	26 HT 1:01	27 HT1:54
28 HT 2:48	29 HT 3:42	30 HT 4:36	31 HT 5:31			

JANUARY 2004										
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Theresa G. Czerepica 21 Prospect Avenue Chelsea, MA 02150 (617) 884-0697 **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** First and third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM.

Members, applicants for membership and other interested parties are invited to attend all Membership and Board of Directors meetings. All meetings are held at the Quincy Emergency Management Dive Team headquarters building at the corner of Quarry and Joyce Streets in Quincy. To reach the building take the Furnace Brook Parkway exit from the Southeast Expressway and follow Furnace Brook Parkway to Quarry Street (at the second set of traffic lights). Turn left onto Quarry Street and travel one short block to Joyce Street. The Dive Team headquarters is the small stone building on the right.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to all sport divers and other interested persons. Application for membership can be made at any Membership or Board of directors meeting. Membership applicants are required to attend at least one Board of Directors meeting and after that one regular membership meeting. Membership fees are:

Regular member dues Initiation fee Corresponding membership (to receive mailings only)

\$35.00 per year \$25.00 one-time charge \$10.00 per year

DIVER'S HOT LINE

Looking for a diving buddy? To find out who is diving when and where call Angelo Correnti at (781) 391-1034.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To learn more about the club's activities and membership please feel free to call one of the club's officers, or call John Blackadar at (781) 826-4696.

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