SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

APRIL 2007



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

The following list of dates were selected at a planning meeting held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. This list may be amended with additions or changes if it becomes necessary.

APRIL

17th, Pasta night & Roy's Knife Honing Clinic. 22nd, Non-point Dive, Brant Rock, Marshfield. 29th, Point Dive, Marblehead Light, Marblehead.

MAY

6th, Non-point Dive, Beach Dive. Site to be announced. 13th, Happy Mother's Day 15th, Chow der Night & Pre-season Gear Check. 20th, Point Dive, Bay State Council Treasure Hunt.

JUNE

3rd, Point Dive. Boat Dive. 10th, Non-point dive. Boat Dive. 17th, Happy Father's Day. 24th, Start of the Summer Party.

JULY

8th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive. 22nd, Point Dive. Boat Dive.

AUGUST

5th, Family Outing, Duxbury Beach 12th, Rain Date for Outing. 19th, Point Dive, Boat Dive. 26th, Non-point Dive.

SEPTEMBER

16th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive. 23rd, Point Dive. Boat Dive

OCTOBER

6th, Annual Flea Market.
7th, Rain Date for Flea Market.
14th, Non-point Dive. To be announced

21st, Point Dive. Norton Pond. Pumpkin Carving.

27th, Roy Chamberlain's Annual Halloween Party

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11th, Non-point Dive. Beach Dive, to be announced. 18th, Point Dive. Beach Dive, to be announced.

DECEMBER

9th, Point Dive. Beach Dive, site to be announced. 25th, Merry Christmas.

JANUARY 2008

1st, Non-point Dive, Pleasure Bay Lagoon. 26th, Annual Banquet and Awards Night.

Past Events

The annual Boston Sea Rovers show and clinic was held the first weekend in March at the Fairmont Copley Plaza. The South Shore Neptunes, along with several other dive clubs and the Bay State Council of Divers, were represented at the show. It appeared to me that the event did not have as many participants as they have had in the past. There were several travel booths advertising trips to the tropics as well as trips to our Northern neighbor. Also present were a scattering of dive manufacturers, specialty exhibitors and exhibits from state agencies and NOAA, DAN and The Underwater Society of America. The show did provide the opportunity for the different area dive clubs to spend some time together developing some rapport and opening links to some possible joint gatherings among the groups.

Roy Chamberlain was at the Ganett Grill on Sunday, March 18th, awaiting dive companions for the scheduled non-point dive. He enjoyed the breakfast buffet and proceeded to Peggotty Beach following his meal. Conditions were not so favorable for diving but he waited around for some time. No other divers arrived on scene and Roy called it a day. No non-point dive.

The point dive scheduled for Sunday, March 25th, was also called off due to adverse weather conditions. But the previous day Roy Chamberlain & John Molis got wet at Gunrock Beach and got themselves a nice feed of sea clams.



Upcoming Events

Moving ahead to April, the non-point dive will be on Sunday, April 22nd, and the site is Brant Rock in Marshfield. Breakfast will be at 8:00 A.M. at the Omelet Factory, Rte. 139. To get to the Omelet Factory take exit 12 off of Rte. 3. At the top of the ramp go left. After a three or four minute ride you will come to the restaurant on your right. If you are not going to breakfast, when you exit from the highway, at the top of the ramp go right and follow 139 into Branr Rock. Water entry time is 10:00 A.M.

The Point dive for April is scheduled for Sunday, April 29th, and once again the club has decided to give Marblehead Light a go of it. This will be the last chance to dive the Light until next Fall. Breakfast will be at Lincoln Landing, Swampscott.

On Tuesday, April 17th, the third Tuesday of the month, it will be pasta and meatballs and/or sausages night at the clubhouse. Stop by from 6:30 P. M.on. Roy Chamberlain will conduct a clinic on knife sharpening.

An early 2007 whale watch has been scheduled by the New England Aquarium Dive Club. On Sunday, April 29, 2007, the NEADC will be departing the New England Aquarium, Central Wharf for a trip out to Stellwagon Bank aboard the whale watch vessel Voyager III. Meet up at 9:30 A.M. in front of the Whale Watch Kiosk on the Aquarium Plaza. The vessal sails at 10:00 A.M. For tickets and any additional information contact Maryhelen at (508)942-9119. email: environmental@neadc.org.

Jeff Farinella, the owner of NorthAtlantic SCUBA in Marshfield, will be present at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 15th, and will be making courtesy inspection of dive gear. Mark the date on your calendar. Bring your equipment by and get it checked out before the Summer season. John Molis has decided to put his culinary skills to the test and will be serving a chowder on this night. How can you go wrong? Free chowder and free gear inspection.

The Bay State Council Treasure Hunt is on Sunday, May 20th. And it will be held at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. Make plans to attend and show your support for the Council. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

General Interest

A New Club Phone Line will be in service by the time you get this newsletter. The club will be testing out having a phone line with information available about dives and other club activities. You will also be able to leave a message if you have information you think may be important to the club. The phone number is 781-803-DIVE, (781-803-3483).

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Bruce Gerhard, life member, club parliamentarian and as active a member as the club has ever had is a patient at Brigham & Women's Hospital. He is in the intensive care unit. Roy Chamberlain notified me that he, along with Bill Burchill, had been in to visit Bruce the third week in March. Roy reported that Bruce's condition was not so good. At this time I don't know if he is still able to have visitors. Call the Hospital @ (617)

Wreckhunter.net the web site created by Dave Clancy is a terrific resource for dive information. The site has over 200 pages of information and it is easily accessible through the *site navigator* located on the home page. Dave also has a message board which is available for all visitors. The site includes many links to fit everyone's needs. It is a site worth adding to your favorites.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
1 HT 11:31	2 HT **** Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	3 HT 12:21 Regular Meeting.	4 HT 12:54 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	5 HT 1:28	6 HT 2:03 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	7 HT 2:43				
8 HT 3:23	9 HT 4:10 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	10 HT 5:03 Board Meeting.	11 HT 8:02 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	12 HT 7:03	13 HT 8:04 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	14 HT 9:03				
15 HT 9:59	16 HT 10:53 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	17 HT 11:45	18 HT 12:02 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	19 HT 12:51	20 HT 1:41 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	21 HT 2:33				
22 HT 3:28 Non-point Dive. Brant Rock, Marsh field	23 HT 4:27 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	24 HT 5:30	25 HT 6:36 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	26 HT 7:41	27 HT 8:41 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	28 HT 9:34				
29 HT 10:20 Pt. Dive, Marble- head Lt. Brkfst @ Lincoln Lndng. 8:00 a.m.	30 HT 11:02 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.									

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6 HT 2:15 Non-Point Dive. Site to be announced next newsletter	7 HT 2:58 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	8 HT 3:46 Board Meeting.	9 HT 4:39 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	10 HT 5:36	11 HT 6:36 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	12 HT 7:37		
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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING First Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Second Tuesday of each munth at 8:00 P

DIRECTIONS Applicants for membership and other interested parties are invited to attend all Membership and Board of Directors meetings. All meetings are held at the field house at the corner of Joyce Road and Quarry Street in Quincy. To get to the building take the Furnace Brook Parkway exit off of the Southeast Expressway and follow Furnace Brook Parkway to Quarry Street. This is exit #8. If you are coming from Boston you must follow the road to the left under the x-way and bear right onto the Parkway. If you are coming from the South at the bottom of the exit turn right onto the Parkway. Go to 2nd set of lights, Quarry St. Turn left. Building is about 25 yards on the right.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION Membership is open to all sport divers and other interested persons. Applications for membership are to be presented at a Board of Directors meeting for review and then to a general membership meeting. The applicant is required to attend both meetings. Membership fees are:

Initiation Fee \$25.00 one-time fee
Annual dues \$35.00 per year

Coresponding member (receives mailings only)

\$\forall 10.00 \text{ per year}\$

<u>DIVER'S HOT LINE</u> Looking for a dive buddy? To find out who is diving when and where or for other current club information call the South Shore Neptune Dive line at (781) 803-DIVE ((781) 803-3483).

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u> To learn more about the club's activities and membership go to www.southshoreneptunes .org or feel free to call one of the club officer's listed to the left, or call John Blackadar at (781) 826-4696.

Pasta Night, Tuesday April 17th, 6:30 P.M. Followed by Roy's Knife Sharpening Clinic

John Molis's <u>Chowder Night</u>, Tuesday, May 15th. Pre-season Dive Gear Checkout By Jeff Farenella of North Atlantic Scuba Dive Shop

Bay State Council of Divers Treasure Hunt, Sunday, May 20th. Stage Fort Park, Gloucester

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