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South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter MARCH 2008



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

The following list of dates were selected at a planning meeting held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. This list may be amended with additions or changes if it becomes necessary.

MARCH

8th & 9th, Boston Sea Rovers Show, FairmontCopley Plaza. 16th, Non-point Dive, Beach Dive. Site to be announced. 22nd, Roy Chamberlain, 60th, Birthday Party, Marshfield. 29th, North Shore Frogmen, 50th, Anniversary Dinner. 30th, Point Dive, Beach Dive. Site to be announced

APRIL

13th, Non-point Dive. Beach Dive. Site to be announced 27th, Point Dive, Beach Dive. Site to be announced.

MAY

4th, Point Dive, Beach Dive. Site to be announced. 11th, Happy Mother's Day 18th, Point Dive, Bay State Council Treasure Hunt. 26th, Memorial Day.

JUNE

8th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive. 15th, Happy Father's Day. 22nd, Start of the Summer Party. 29th, Point Dive, Boat Dive.

JULY

4th, Independence Day. 13th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive. 27th, Point Dive. Boat Dive.

AUGUST

3rd, Family Outing, Duxbury Beach 10th, Rain Date for Outing. 17th, Point Dive, Boat Dive. 24th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive. SEPTEMBER

1st, Labor Day 14th, Point Dive. Boat Dive. 21st, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive OCTOBER

4th, Annual Flea Market.

5th, Rain Date for Flea Market.12th, Non-point Dive. To be announced19th, Point Dive. Norton Pond. Pumpkin Carving.25th, Roy Chamberlain's Annual Halloween Party.

NOVEMBER

4th, National Election, Presidential.

16th, Point Dive. Beach Dive, to be announced.

27th, Thanksgiving Day.

30th, Non-point Dive. Beach Dive, to be announced.

DECEMBER

14th, Point Dive. Beach Dive, site to be announced. 21st, Non-point Dive, Beach Dive, To Be Announced. 25th, Merry Christmas.

JANUARY 2008

1st, Non-point Dive, Pleasure Bay Lagoon. 21st, Annual Banquet and Awards Nigh

Vacancy

At this time I am regretfully announcing my resignation as secretary of the South Shore Neptunes. Due to reasons of a personal and family nature I am unable to continue in the position at this time.

Meeting Change

At the general meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 there was a motion passed by those present at the meeting to go back to having two general meetings a month. The club will now conduct a geeneral meeting on the first tuesday of the month and a second general meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. The board meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month.

Past Events

It was a cold and dreary Sunday, February 10th, It was the day of the non-point dive. John Blackaar and Roy Chamberlain met for breakfast at the Friendly's on Rte. 139. Following breakfast they went to the dive site at Brant Rock. Conditions were undivable. They waited around until dive time and no one else arrived.

The Bay State Council of Divers held a meeting at the clubhouse on Wednesday evening, February 13, 2008. There were twentythree divers on hand for the meeting. This group was made up from members of several different dive clubs, a shop or two and representatives from state and national agencies. The minutes of this meeting have been posted on line by Mary Howard, council secretary. They are posted on the Council's new web site: www.baystatecouncil.org. The Bay State Council will set up at the Sea Rovers Show on the weekend of Saturday, March 8th, and Sunday, March 9th. Also, the date for the Bay State Council Treasure Hunt is Sunday, May 18, 2008. The next meeting of the BSC will be on Wednesday, April 9th.

The Boston SCUBA Show, (The Fred Calhoun Show) took place on Saturday, February 23rd, at the Holiday Inn, Marlboro, Ma. It was a well attended event and I am told there were a dozen or so Neptunes on hand to take in the various seminars. Also, the report is that Dave Clancy's presentation on the rescue mission from 240 feet of water to save the crew of the Submarine Squalus was well received. Congratulations to Dave for a job well done. The following day, Sunday, Roy Chamberlain had an open house and played the role of host for a get together with Dave Clancy before his return to Florida. Several club members and friends of Dave were on hand for an enjoyable day.

The club point dive was scheduled for Sunday, February 24th. John Blackadar, the club president went to the dive site, Pemberton Pier, with his thermos of coffee and the Sunday paper and enjoyed a lovely clear sunny morning by the shore where there was nary a ripple in the water. But there was only one thing missing, divers. He waited to the dive entry time and another half-hour or more beyond. No other parties showed. Dive cancelled.

Upcoming Events

It is once again time for the Boston Sea Rovers Annual Clinic and Show. The show remains at the Fairmont Copley Hotel in downtown Boston. It will run on Saturday and Sunday, March 8th March 9th. This is the fiftyfourth running of the event. And yes, the South Shore Neptunes will have a booth at the show. What we need from you, the member, is some of your time. As in the past we need volunteers to man the booth. If you can give us a morning or afternoon or the day it will be greatly appreciated. There is a signup sheet at the clubhouse and you can stop by on Tuesday and sign up to work for a few hours. In any event, mark your calendar and make plans to attend. There are thousands of dollars in door and raffle prizes up for grabs.

The non-point dive is Sunday, March 16th, and the point dive is Sunday, March 30th. There has been no response the last several months to the winter dives. No sites have been selected for these upcoming dives. Instead, divers will meet at 8:00A.M. at the clubhouse and a decision will be made at that time on where those who show up would like to dive.

There will be a guest speaker at the second general meeting on Tuesday, March 18th. Jeannine Fabian has enlisted Ronda Polleys to give a presentation on the current real estate market that will also include information about personal credit histories, the meaning of the different acronyms used, who does the numbers and tips on improving credit scores.

On Saturday, March 22nd, it is the day to celebrate Roy Chamberlain's entry into the decade of sextagenarions. Roy and Jennne have extended an open invitation to one and all to join them in celebrating this happy birthday event. The party is at Roy & Jeanne's house in Marshfield. For additional information you can call Roy or Jeanne at (781) 837-5164. A little enlightenment: SEXTA-GENARIAN... a person in his sixties (60 to 69). Sextagenarians are considered to be senior citizens. In some places, 60 or 65 is deemed as the age for retirement. Sixties is also the decade in which

health problems related to an aging body may begin to appear. Notable sextagenarians: Al Pacino, Archie Andrews (comic book fame), Marty Blake, Colin Powell, John Blackadar, Jack Nicholson, Woody Allen, Bill Burchill and Dustin Hoffman.

Another 50th, anniversary celebration. The North Shore Frogmen's Club will be holding a 50 year reunion on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The event will be held at the Salem Waterfront Hotel, 225 Derby Street, Salem, MA. The hotel is one of the newest hotels in Salem and close to downtown attractions. The cost of a ticket is \$40.00 if bought before February 14, 2008. The price after the 14th, is \$45.00 per ticket. Go to the North Shore Frogmen's web site for complete information. It is www.northshorefrogmen.com.

E - Mail & Snail Mail Addresses Update John Blackadar, club president, is requesting that all our members and friends of the South Shore Neptunes take a few minutes of their time and provide us with your current e-mail address as well as your current postal mail address. I ask you to please respond in the manner most convenient for you. You can send an e-mail to the secretary at (marty_blake@southshore neptunes.org) or send hard copy to:

South Shore Neptunes Attn. Secretary P.O. Box 690518 Quincy, MA 02269

Please include:

Your Name Your Address Your Telephone Number (Both Home & Cell)

Your e-mail address

We are making an effort to get the lines of communication open and working. Your help is needed. Thanking you in advance for the support.









All tides are A.M. tides	March 2008								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
						1 HT 5:38			
2 HT 6:37	3 HT 7:34 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	4 HT 8:27 Regular Meeting	5 HT 9:16 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	6 HT 10:02	7 HT 10:46 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	8 HT 11:31 Sea Rover's Annual Clinic & Show, Fair mont Copley Plaza, Boston			
9 HT **** Sea Rover's Annual Clinic & Show, Fair mont Copley Plaza, Boston	10 HT 1:34 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	11 HT 2:19 Board Meeting.	12 HT 3:07 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	13 HT 4:00	14 HT 4:59 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	15 HT 6:04			
16 HT 7:14 Non-point Dive. Meet at the Clubhouse at 8:00 a.m	17 HT 8:23 Under Rugby	18 HT 9:28 Regular Meeting	19 HT 10:24 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	20 HT 11:13	21 HT 11:57 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	22 HT 12:16 60th Birthsay Party for Roy Chamberlain Marshfield			
Non-point Dive. Meet at the Clubhouse at 8:00 30 HT 5:57	24 HT 1:28 Underwater Bugby Linc-Hane. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 34 HT 6:55	25 HT 2:05	26 HT 2:43 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	27 HT 3:25	28 HT 4:10 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	29 HT 5:01 North Shore Frog- men 59th Anniver- sary Banquet			

All tides are A.M. tides	April 2008								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
		1 HT 7:53 Regular Meeting	2 HT 8:48 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	3 HT 9:40	4 HT 10:30 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	5 HT 11:18			
6 HT ****	7 HT 12:21 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	8 HT 1:08 Board Meeting.	9 HT 1:56 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	10 HT 2:48	11 HT 3:44 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	12 HT 4:45			
Non-point Dive. Site to be announced	14 HT 7:01 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	Regular Meeting Guest speaker, Real Estate & Finances	16 HT 9:11 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	17 HT 10:05	18 HT 10:53 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	19 HT 11:36			
20 HT ****	21 HT 12:22 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	22 HT 12:57	23 HT 1:34 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	24 HT 2:13	25 HT 2:54 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	26 HT 3:39			
27 HT 4:28 Point Dive. Site to be announced	28 HT 5:21 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	29 HT 6:16	30 HT 7:32 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.						



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<u>REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u> First Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Second Tuesday of each month 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
(receives mailings only)

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<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.

BOSTON SEA ROVERS ANNUAL CLINIC & SHOW FAIRMONT COPLEY HOTEL, BOSTON SATURDAY, MARCH 8th & SUNDAY, MARCH 9th 2008

GUEST SPEAKER, TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008

ROY'S 60th BIRTHDAY PARTY, SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd.

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