Soundings Newsletter

Massachusetts' Oldest Dive Club



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19th 7pm SSN clubhouse Sinking of the Portland Food by Angelo All welcome

October 30th
Chamberlain's Halloween Party
Must be 21 or over to attend

SSN Business Meeting November 2nd 7pm

SSN 2010 Banquet will be at the Common Market January 23rd 2011. Price \$30.00pp

2010 Flea Market has GREAT turnout

Clear blue sky's plenty of sun and some wind the annual flea market brings in over 1200 at the gate and 117 tables sold. Angelo would like to thank everyone who came to help. The setup team started on Friday evening and with plenty of hands the setup was complete before dark.

South Shore Neptunes Guest Speaker - October 19 (3rd Tues)

Amateur historian, **Art Milmore** will be the guest speaker at South Shore Neptunes meeting on October 19. Art will be discussing the sinking of the Portland. A book that was 30 years in the making.

Welcome New Member

Augusto "Jay" Rodriquez Paul Daly

Returning Member

John Haskell

President's Message

September 18th was the Thompson Island Underwater Clean-up. There were 55 people on on the participating in the cleanup activities. I want to personally thank those Neptunes who participated in pulling off this effort. Without the help of the club members the effort would not have been the success that it was. John Blackadar managed the dive in a very professional manner: I am sure reminiscent οf the underwater search and recovery dives. Rich Bowers, Ted Hotz, Tommy Lo, Angelo Correnti, and Doug Eaton manned the chase boats to keep the divers either inside the dive area or in receipt of a not so light tap on the head. Thanks to Theresa Czerepica, Paul Greene, Carl Yngve, and Donna Bowers for their help on beach and the coordinate the divers. Special thanks to Deb Osborne for her organizational help both on Saturday and on Friday.

I also want to extend my thanks and gratitude to the dive shops who donated equipment for the Dive Kulture crew.

Neptune's Meeting Minutes

SSNeptunes Board Meeting August 10 2010

VP Bowers reported that he has forwarded an article to the Northeast Dive News Magazine advertising the upcoming BSC Treasure Hunt. It will appear in the next hard copy issue, but should be available now on the magazine's website. VP Rich suggested we place a small ad in the magazine, advertising the club.

VP Bowers reported that he recently spoke with a diver at the Marshfield dive shop who says he has seen the plaque at Minots Ledge Lighthouse. The diver gave Rich a sketch showing the location.

The Minots Ledge Lighthouse plaque dive was scheduled for Sunday, August 22nd. The plan was to meet at Quincy Yacht Club at 8:00am. We have three member boats and ten divers signed up.

John Haskell presented his application for membership. John is a previous member. The application was read to the membership in attendance and the membership voted unanimously to accept John's application. This was John's first vote.

Augusto Rodriguez presented his application for membership. The application was read to the membership in attendance and the membership voted unanimously to accept Augusto's application. This was Augusto's first vote.

President Steve Marshall reported on the status of the club's plans for the Coastal Sweep clean-up of Thompson Island on September 18th. He has two chase boats & 26 divers signed up. These include 10 Dive Kulture divers. He is working on the release forms.

There was a general discussion about our membership application procedure. Angelo Correnti reported that he is knows of divers who would like to join the club, but are turned because the application procedure is too intimidating for Currently applicants are them. required to attend a board meeting to submit their application, pay the initiation fee, & receive their first vote. Applicants that pass their first vote are then required to attend one regular meeting to receive their second vote & pay their membership This application procedure gives the club time to learn a little about the applicant, and gives the applicant time to learn about the club and its members. After a lengthy discussion, the majority of the membership agreed that there is no need to change the club's application procedure.

VP Bowers suggested that we give the application procedure a thorough review during the Rule Book review now in progress.

Jim Walker reported that there will be a presentation on the German submarine U-853 at the Braintree Historical Society sometime during the first week of October. Charter Captain Bill Palmer & a German U-Boat survivor will take part in the presentation.

Angelo Correnti reported that he is working on the list of flea market vendors. We need to contact them regarding the change in date for the Flea Market.

John Pell reported that the Tanks for Cash recycling program is doing well, and recently brought in \$83.44.

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Special thanks to Wayne at Divers Market, Al at South Shore Divers, Paul at East Coast Divers and Jim at United Divers. Without their generosity the Dive Kulture kids would not have been able to participate.

I want to thank as well the participants from Mass Bay Divers. Thanks to Mike Vaughan for bringing the contingent of divers.

Finally, I want to thank all the participants. We had a great crew with a wide range of skills. Instructors, technical divers, weekend divers, and the new divers. I believe this was a great start for the first year of our new club mission. I hope that everyone enjoyed the time and we can have an even better time in the coming year.

Thank you. Stephen Marshall

BAY STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 9/8/10

The <u>Great Annual FISH COUNT</u> was held on July 24 at Stage Fort Park. The event was very successful; there were 114 registered divers. Al is not sure exactly how many surveys were received, but numbers were good. The surveys are now computerized and Holly was entering the information during the event. A REEF Fish ID program for the Northeast is now being worked on, to be an ID online program.

The <u>Tropical Fish Rescue</u> was on Sunday, August 29 at Fort Wetherill, RI. It was crowded, lots of people. An Attendee at the meeting tonight didn't catch any fish, but did see 5. A couple of dozen tropical fish were captured, including a southern stingray, a kind of remora, a coronet fish, puffer, pipe fish, butterfly fish, look-downs. The numbers of fish "rescued" not as good as last year. It seems that the fish came early and then they seemed to be gone. It was lots of fun.

Braintree Historical Society / BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC, U-BOAT WARFARE ON THE NEW ENGLANDCOAST AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GERMAN SUBMARINE U-853 OFF BLOCK ISLAND, RHODE ISLAND

Talk coming up on Oct 2 in Braintree, story of U853 and the people involved in its sinking, gentlemen from WWII, will have tons of equipment. You don't want to miss this presentation!

<u>Wrecks</u> – MetroWest Dive Club's 'Wrecks' show will be held on November 6, 2010 at Keefe Technical School as in previous years. Steve Marshall will send out the information he has.

SSN Flea Market will be on October 9 (rain date 10/10) at Bldg 19 on Rte 53 in Hanover. Charge \$15 for table space; over 100 tables, selling all kinds of stuff. If your club wants to make money, it's a great thing to do.

The Sea Rovers Show will be held the first weekend in March 2011 (3/5-6) at the Danvers Ferncroft on Rte 1. They will have access to the pool for Discover Scuba. Dave Caldwell is working on Club booths, and he should be contacting clubs. The application period for **Scalli Internship** is now open.

The next BSC meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM on November 10, 2010 in Quincy. Angelo will cook.

Stellwagen Alive! is pleased and proud to introduce Marissa Wozniak as our Dive Community Ambassador.

Marissa has been diving for 10 years, is an Advanced Open Water Instructor and has been teaching SCUBA since 2008. Originally from Hudson, OH and Simsbury, CT, she attended Carnegie Mellon University and is currently working on a Master's degree in Environmental Policy at Tufts University, where she is particularly interested in fishery management & conservation. If that's not enough to keep Marissa busy, she also works at MIT, in grant management.

Marissa's favorite dives include drift/current dives and she enjoys diving year-round in New England. She loves wreck diving, and identifying marine life. When not in our local waters, you may find her at the Homestead Crater hot-spring in Utah or Hawaii.

There are wrecks and scenic dives throughout the sanctuary and many New England divers have never visited these sites. As you know, the more time divers spend on the sport, the better their habits and the more their enjoyment. There are so many New England divers that never dive our local waters. With Marissa's help Stellwagen Alive! hopes to get more divers to experience the great dive sites close to home.

Marissa will be working on several initiatives to raise the level of understanding and education about local diving in the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. She will be a resource to your shop and your customers and you will be hearing from her soon. I'm sure Marissa's energy, enthusiasm and expertise will benefit all New England divers!

Michael Cohen President Stellwagen Alive!

Don't Forget Support your club RUN FOR OFFICE

Elections are coming up quick. We know several positions will be open. Support your club today and make a difference.

Call Stephen Marshall or Rich Bowers for more details.

South Shore Neptunes Regular Meeting Held on August 3, 2010

Paul Dailey's application for membership was presented for a second vote. The membership voted unanimously to accept Paul's application.

John Blackadar reported on the dinner night out at the Tavern at Granite Links in Quincy on July 24th. The nineteen members & guests that attended had a great evening.

Angelo Correnti gave a status on the upcoming BSC Treasure Hunt scheduled for Sunday September 26th. Angelo reported that a number of dive clubs have arranged their dive schedules to participate in the event. He feels that we will have a very good turnout this year.

There was a general discussion about the search for the plaque at Minot's Ledge Lighthouse. Vice President Rich Bowers recently spoke with a diver who dives Minot's regularly & indicates that he has seen the plague. The diver drew Rich a rough sketch of the plaque location. President Marshall agreed to get together with Rich to speak with the diver about the plaque & our dive planned for August 22nd.

President Marshall reported on a scouting dive he & John Pell made at Thompson Island in preparation for our Coastal Sweep project in September. Steve reported that the visibility was bad & they didn't see much trash. There are Steve also reported that a freelance writer, Sue Perry will be there on the day of the clean-up to report on the event & the Dive Kulture kids.

Jay Theriault reported that Art Milmore is scheduled to give a slide presentation on the Steamer Portland on October 19th at 7:00pm.

Angelo Correnti reported that the Summer Outing was a big success. The weather was great & the water was warm. Everyone pitched in to set-up in the morning & break down at the end of the day. The egg toss & the tug of war went over big with the 130 members & guests.

There was some discussion about the Flea Market scheduled for October 9th. John Pell will place a notice on Craig's List advertising the event, & Angelo Correnti will be contacting the vendors of the change in date.

Bill Burchill reported that the Marshfield Yacht Club is holding a Clam Bake on Sunday August 15th. Contact Bill for more details. Meeting adjourned.

Minot's Light Plaque Search and Recovery Dive

August 22nd the Neptunes along with the Quincy police department under the guidance of Jimmy Walker, divers performed search patterns to find the memorial plaque. It was not to be. The plaque remains missing and plans are to try again this spring.

Dive Kulture shows appreciation with a Thank You letter

Dear Steve,
I wanted to thank you for
everything you have done for
Dive Kulture this summer. Thank
you very much for believing in
these kids. For taking the "risk"
and taking them diving with you.
As I often say, some of the
smiles you saw, were truly
priceless. I really feel blessed, for
having people like you in my life.
You are real Angels on Earth...
yes, look around, the wings are
there...

I know words are not enough to express the gratitude I feel. Thank you, thank you, thank you to you and the people from your club who gave their time and support in any way. Thank you especially not only for your time and support, but also for your passion and enthusiasm, Steve. Please, extend my gratitude to the other club members who made Thompson Island possible. I hope we stay in touch and to see you above or underwater soon again.

Smiles, Laura

September Dive Log

Tom Lo reports that Marshall was on his boat. Yes folks Marshall was on the water. Todd Alger was fighting off the sailboats while Marshall was collecting Todd's scallops and running the other way.

John Pell, Paul Daly and Stephen Marshall went diving on the Poling and the New Hampshire. Rumor has it John spent lots of time with his metal detector. Sorry no spikes.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Member Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The meeting begins at 7:00pm.

Board of Directors Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The meeting begins at 7:00pm.

3rd Tuesday Member Meetings are informal gatherings for members, family and friends. The meeting begins at 7:00pm.

HOW TO JOIN THE CLUB: Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the South Shore Neptunes Skindivers Club, Inc., is invited to attend any of the Regular Member or Board of Directors Meetings.

Membership is open to all sport divers and other interested persons. Applications for membership are available at the Clubhouse. Completed applications must be submitted with the initiation fee to the club at a Board of Directors Meeting. The Board of Directors reviews and votes on the applications. Applications accepted by the board are then presented to the regular membership for a Club Vote at the next Regular Member Meeting. Applicants are required to attend both of these meetings.

Membership Fees

\$25.00 Initiation Fee: This is a one time fee collected at the time of application for membership.

\$35.00 Annual Dues: Regular Membership Dues are to be paid by the first Regular Member Meeting of the year.
\$10.00 Corresponding Membership Dues:

Junior and Student Memberships are also available.

DIRECTIONS: To get to the South Shore Neptunes Clubhouse from Route 93 / Southeast Express, Take Exit 8 "Furnace Brook Parkway". This exit will lead you directly into Furnace Brook Parkway in Quincy. Proceed to the second set of lights. At the lights at the intersection of Furnace Brook Parkway and Quarry Street, take the left onto Quarry Street. The South Shore Neptunes Skindivers' Clubhouse is the first stone building on your right.

DIVER'S HOTLINE: Looking for a Dive Buddy? Contact President John Blackadar at (781) 826-4696 or Board Member Angelo Correnti at (617)

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17 HT 8:007a – LT 1:38a	18 H T8:51 – LT 2:30a 7:00p U / W Rugby at Lincoln Hancock Pool, Quincy	19 HT 9:36a – LT 3:17a SPECIAL MEETING Sinking of the Portland Angelo is cooking!	20 HT10:16a-LT3:58a 7:30p Under Water Rugby Murphy Pool Dorchester	21 HT 10:54a– LT 4:37	22 HT 11:31a – LT 5:16a 6:30p Under Water Rugby Murphy Pool Dorchester	23 HT 12:07a – LT 5:53a
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