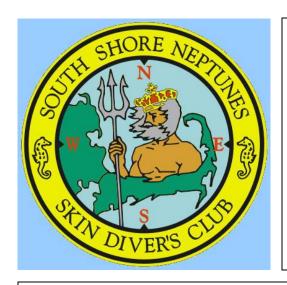
Soundings Newsletter

Massachusetts' Oldest Dive Club



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>February 26</u> The Boston Scuba Show, Marlboro MA; 9-3pm

SSN Business Meeting March 1; 7pm

Sea Rovers March 4-5-6 Danvers.

SSN Board Meeting March 8; 7pm

NSRWA Expo- April 2

CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS WINTER WEATHER??

We have had 3 meetings cancelled due to the wintry storms that we have gotten for the last 3 Tuesdays.

Our Prez Steve talked to Old Mother Nature and looks like we are back on schedule.

FEBRUARY 15 GUEST SPEAKER - Free-Diving

Free Diving Speaker

On February 15th the SSN hosted Nick Fazah Performance Free-diver Instructor.

23 attended Nick's talk. (8 non-members, 15 SSN members).

Nick discussed common misconceptions of free diving, similarities and differences between scuba and free diving, free diving techniques, free diving physics and physiology, and signs and symptoms of blackout. One key element emphasized in free diving is safety! Nick's talk was an excellent talk. Pizza was served and a raffle was held.

President's Message

With 2011 underway, we have already had our first of many successful events for the year. This year's banquet was a huge success with many of the members coming together at the Common Market in Quincy. A good time was had by all.

This year, we had some great audio visual material showing all the club has dome over the past couple of years. This year, we introduced the South Shore Neptunes Yearbook. This is a great collection of photos from the prior year showing all the great activities of the past year. We had two yearbooks; one for 2009 and one for 2010.

I am looking forward to a great 2011. We tried to have our planning meeting to lay out all the great adventures for the year, but alas, This is New England and failed weather has to cooperate. We plan to present a tentative list of ideas during the February meetings. This gave chance members а consider the ideas, add any of their own and we will lay out the plan for the year formally This will not in March. present a problem for the first few months of the year as we already have commitments;

Neptune's Meeting Minutes

SSNeptunes Regular Meeting Minutes

We are forgoing the minutes for this month's edition of the newsletter. To get the skinny on the club, ATTEND A MEETING and get the news first hand, live and in person!!

Membership Email, and address changes:

Have you moved? Did you get a new email address? Phone number?

Please update your information to ensure you receive all club related activities.

Send an email to:

Steve Marshall sdmarshall960@gmail.com John Pell pmcjpp@aol.com

Marty Blake was admitted to the hospital earlier February for heart issues. He had a heart valve and a pacemaker installed. Let's all send Marty a voice of support in his recovery. Marty Blake has been moved from the hospital to the rehab facility.

Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital 250 Pond St.

Braintree Ma. 02184

Yearbooks

Steve Marshall unveiled two Neptune's photo Yearbooks at the banquet. Pricing on the books is \$80 for the 2009 and \$95 for the 2010 book. 2011 calendars are also available for order.

George Buckley, a local diver, informed us of a free scholarship for a high school student between their sophomore and senior year with good grades to the Harvard extension school who is interested in marine sciences.

For more details please e-mail me at paul@ecdivers.com

President's Message, continued

the Banquet, The Boston Scuba Show at the end of February, the Sea Rovers Show at the beginning of March and the NSRWA Outdoor Expo in Norwell in April.

One item I would very much like input on is our continuing mission of

- Supporting the club goal of promoting diving by engaging in underwater exploration, research and conservation
- Engaging the membership in volunteer opportunities in sup-port of environmental support activities
- Identifying & engaging with other organizations & the public in support of similar activities
- Promotional expanded membership by identifying & recruiting members with interests in scuba diving & environmental conservation activities.

We had a great turnout at out 2010 Underwater Clean Up in September and I would like to choose a location and do that again. I would also like to consider volunteer efforts that promote Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary. I am looking into that area more and will report back in the future.

Your input and ideas on our mission and related activities would be greatly appreciated - particularly on the underwater clean up and expanding our membership. Please call or email me with any ideas you may have and encourage any divers you know to come join the Neptunes.

Pres. Marshall

Cinematographer and Director presents his newest full feature movie staring you the Neptunes. Follow Stephen on his Facebook page.

http://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Shore-

Neptunes/187620045922#!/profile.php?id=1631560088

Scheduled club dives

It has been brought to the clubs attention that some of the locations we normally dive might be difficult for entry/exit due to the weather (snow piles and ice) we have had the past several months.

All scheduled club dives will be held. It will be left up to the divers that show to determine if the conditions at the location are safe enough to dive. If it is determined that the dive is not safe for any reason, then those that show can change the location at their discretion.

March dive is set for: stage Fort Park in Gloucester. Sunday March 20th, meet at Friendly's at rotary 8am

Yearlong Dive competitions

Reminder: the Neptune's run three separate yearlong competitions they are:

- 1. Underwater photography
- 2. Largest lobster
- 3. Artifact of the year

Rules and guidelines will be published in future newsletters.

The South Shore Neptunes would like to thank.

Carl Yngve – for kindly donating the tide chart booklets and the 2011 Eldridge Tide and Pilot Books. These are great assets in planning our dives each year. THANK YOU CARL!

Dues are due!!!!

We are willing and able to collect dues and are waiting for yours!!!!

The Underwater Club of Boston Presents the 60th edition of

THE BOSTON SCUBA SHOW

February 26, 2011 (9 A.M. to 3 P.M.) \$25 ticket (at the door) Holiday Inn and Resort Marlborough (jct of Rtes 495/20

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Janet MacCausland's MoonGlow artistry

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Hunting New England 's Ship Wrecks with Dave Clancy & Marc Munro
DIVING THE GREAT LAKES with Dallas Edmiston
Applaud the Paul Revere Spike Award to

John Blackadar and The South Shore Neptunes Underwater Recovery Team

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Marine Fisheries/December 2010

MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES UPDATES FOR NON-COMMERCIAL LOBSTER PERMIT BEGINNING IN 2011

DMF has implemented a new recreational licensing system to incorporate the recreational salt water fishing permit required in 2011. Non-commercial lobster permits and for-hire (charter and party boat) permits will be issued through the new system as well.

The new web address is www.mass.gov/massfishhunt

You can apply for a new permit or renew your existing permit online at the above address. Please note that a small convenience fee applies to all recreational permits purchased online.

You can also mail your renewal in the envelope provided or visit one of our three licensing locations:

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Gloucester, MA 01930	1213 Purchase St
(978) 282-0308	New Bedford, MA 02740
	(508) 990-2860
	30 Emerson Ave Gloucester, MA 01930

Non-commercial Lobster Permit Holders will now use a 5-digit permit number which will be the last 5 digits of your Customer ID number, located in the upper right hand corner of your renewal.

- All buoys, pots, traps, cars, dive markers and air tanks must be marked with the licensee's 5-digit permit number.
- The permit number must be burned or cut into the surface at least ½" high X ½" thick.
- In the case of non-wooden traps, said numbers shall be burned or cut into a wooden lath or plate made of durable synthetic material, which shall be permanently secured to the inside of the trap.
- Non-Commercial permit holders must also add the letter "N" preceding their 5-digit permit number, followed by a (-) with a single digit from 0 to 9, indicating the sequential pot number in the series that the permit holder is fishing. (This gear-marking requirement negates the need for trap tags for recreational lobster permit holders.)
- Existing gear can be marked with the new permit number and the former permit number crossed out.

9th annual North and South Rivers Watershed Association watershed expo.

April 2nd, 2011 10am- 4pm

Norwell Middle school 328 Main Street (route 123) Norwell, MA 02061

Main website: http://www.nsrwa.org/

Expo website: http://www.watershedexpo.org/

NEADC's Annual SEA ROVER's Show

March 4-5-6, 2011 at a new venue in at the Crowne Plaza, Danvers

There will be more Dive Shops represented at the show making the Sea Rovers more about divers diving locally. # Over 40 Saturday and Sunday Daytime Seminars! # World renowned Saturday Evening Film Festival! # Expanded Exhibit Hall – Featuring a half-day exhibit floor on Friday for dive industry professionals, with two full days open to the public on Saturday and Sunday! # Free admission to Exhibit Floor.

Discover Scuba offered at the on-site pool.

Fantastic Shipwreck Display, highlighting artifacts and images from Ocean liners and Passenger Vessels recovered by Boston Sea Rovers and our friends.

Website: http://www.bostonsearovers.com/

ANNUAL BANQUET A ROARING SUCCESS: Saturday January 29

52 were in attendance for this year's banquet, held at the common market in Quincy. A fun filled evening was had by all. A very special award was given last night. The South Shore Neptune's are proud to announce that Joe "Fingers" McAndrew is the recipient of the most coveted award the David Rodbera Memorial Trophy. This honor is given to a select few. No doubt Joe deserves it.

This year there were 3 rookies of the year. They were Steve Marshall, Doug Eaton, and John Pell who shared in the honor. Artifact of the year went to John Pell for a trunion pin and washer from the USS New Hampshire.

Several members were recognized as life members. Among them were Tommy and Marie Lo, Eddie Bates and Charlie Matthews.

John Blackadar won the Bonu\$ Buck\$ Raffle.

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& Equipment Officer	Carl D. Yngve	(781) 664-0326
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Parliamentarian	Thomas Guild	(617) 484-4204
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and	Stephen Marshall	(617) 833-1178
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CLUB WEBSITE: To learn more about the South Shore Neptune's activities, membership, etc., visit our website: www.southshoreneptunes.org

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

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\$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 vear.

\$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) 645-0721 to find out who is diving when and where, directions to dive sites, or to find out other current club information.

If you need more information, contact any of our Club Officers or Board Members, leave a voicemail at: 781.803.DIVE / 781.803.3483, or send an email to: vicepres@southshorenpetunes.org

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