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Soundings Newsletter



DATES AT-A-GLANCE

July 29: Foxwoods Trip. Contact John Blackadar

July 31: Tuesday Night at the Movies Aug 5: Duxbury Beach Picnic/Outing

Aug 7: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm Aug 10: Friday NIGHT Dive Gunrock 5pm / 7pm

Aug 14: SSN Board Meeting 7pm

Aug 19 & 26: Club Dives, meet at the clubhouse at 8am

Aug 21: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm

Sept 9 & 16: Club Dives, meet at the clubhouse at 8am

Sept 14: Friday NIGHT Dive Gunrock 5pm / 7pm

Sept 23: BSC Treasure Hunt Gloucester (club dive)

Sept 29: FLEA MARKET

President's Message

We are now mid-summer. To this point, the weather has been great for diving. Even though some boats are not in the water and the Quincy Yacht Club is still closed for repairs our club dives still continue. We have several more club dives scheduled for this summer. We also have several night dives planned for the month of August. So dust off your dive lights and let's go diving!

Our annual Duxbury beach outing is set for August 5th with a rain date of August 12th. Last year the outing was cancelled due to weather. This year we are keeping our fingers crossed that the good weather continues. More details of the outing are in this newsletter.

Our annual flea market is set for September 29th with a rain date of October 6th. We decided to try consecutive Saturdays this year vs. postponing till the next day (Sunday) in order to keep vendor participation high. This is our #1 fundraiser. Help is always needed.

Our third Tuesday night guest speaker spots have been suspended for the summer months and will pick back up hopefully in September. We have had several fantastic speakers so far this year.

We have been trying to do more communication/updates via email. If you have not been receiving emails to date, please email John Pell @ pmcjpp@verizon.net.

OH NO!!!! Tell Me It Isn't So...

After five years living on the South Shore and being a member of the Neptunes I have decided to move. My job requires that I be in New York City and the commute back to and from Braintree every week has becoming too much. I have enjoyed my time with the Neptunes and wish you all the best.

As I make this move I have also decided to sell my boat. It is a 2006 Trophy 2352 WA. It has full electronics, is set up for diving, and comes with a full enclosure for the cockpit. Also included is a trailer. I am asking \$34,900 and considering all reasonable offers. If interested give me a call at 617-833-1178.

All the best. Steve Marshall

What Have You Missed???

MOVIE NIGHT at the Hingham Shipyard Jeannine and Jon enjoyed Madagascar 3 in 3d. Jon has not laughed that hard in a long time. It had some great humour and slapstick and even a few lines that went over our heads (we don't listen to Howard Stern). The next Move Night is July 31. Be sure to stay tuned for the details.

Our beloved member, **Gary Osborne** passed away at the end of June. It was truly touching to see how many others cherished Gary's life. At his calling hours, the receiving line was 2 hours long. His family was troupers for receiving all of us.

Saturday June 30: John Pell and Ted Wolfrum shore dive at Folly cove. Visibility was about 20 ft. We had an excellent dive. The tide was just right.

Saturday July 7: Tim Burke, John Pell, Doug Eaton. 2 dives off Tim Burke's boat.

Sunday July 8. Club dive. Off Tim Burke's boat, Tim Burke, John Pell, Doug Eaton, Lenny Picot. Scallop dive and lobster dive. Filled more than ½ of a 5 gallon pail with scallops (shucked).

Todd Alger and Joe Kilcommons have been doing misc. dives.

Ted Wolfrum has been doing miscellaneous shore dives on the North Shore. Old Garden Beach was a recent dive on Friday July 6.

July 15, George's Island Picnic was attended by Jon, Jeannine, Jean Belbin, Theresa and Bill Schwabe. We arrived to realize that no one had brought charcoal. Jeannine & Jean worked their feminine charms and scored a hot grill from the Falafel King of Downtown Boston. He had natural wood charcoal (none of those chemical coals). We shared our grilled items, fresh fruit and Hebrew National assorted wieners. Theresa led the group on the tour since Jon had never been there. The Island now has a policy of "pack it in and pack it out" which means that there are no garbage cans. I personally applaud this move since the limited money can be used for something more beneficial. Bill however did not share my view.

Lenny had taken several people on his boat but he found out that he was not allowed to let passengers off on the dock. *Sigh* Perhaps by next year, they will have the docks finished so boats can bring people.

July 17th: Board meeting. We were soooo much more comfortable since the club has invested in an A/C. Thank you to Fingers for not only mowing the property but also for turning the A/C on early so that we were cool as cucumbers for meeting.

DON'T MISS

July 29th (Sunday) FOXWOODS trip. Contact John Blackadar for a bus seat. Leaving from North Quincy at 9:30a \$10.

August 5th. Club outing at Duxbury beach. Rain date is august 12th. If you can help load trucks on 8/4, we will meet at the clubhouse at 7am. Cost will be \$14 per person. Children 6 and under are free. Parking is \$15

NOTE ABOUT THE CLUB DIVES

It is strongly suggested that if you plan on doing the club dives, especially the night dives, that you <u>call</u> either Doug Eaton or John Pell about a day or two in advance and let them know you intend on being at the dive. Several boats are not in the water and due to the unpredictable NE weather, night dives may be cancelled the day of the dive. If we know who is coming we can call you and let you know of any changes the day before or the day of.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN A DIVE VACATION

John Blackadar is planning our 2013 Bonaire Dive Vacation, perfect for the divers, snorkelers & land lovers. Save Your \$\$.

CALLING ALL PHOTOS

In the age of digital, there are memories that are on your memory chip. Guess what, we can't see what's on your chip. Share the love. Print out your favourite club photos (compromising or not) and bring them to the club. The printed medium won't go away or be obsolete is 2-3 years time.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Join Jeannine and Jon for the Fourth Tuesday Night at the Movies. Each free Tuesday (fourth or fifth), Jeannine picks a movie to see at the Hingham Shipyard Patriot Cinemas. Movies are only \$5 all day on Tuesday! If you'd like to receive email notification of the movie night, email Jeannine at jeannine@gianninamia.com

MeetUp.com

Paul has started an event at MeetUp.com. Check it out (and sign up) Get started with South Shore Neptunes Skindiver's Club

COASTAL SWEEP COORDINATOR

We are **still** looking for someone to coordinate the coastal clean up for 2012. How can you give back to the dive community and to the environment at the same time? Chair the Coastal Sweep!

TANKS FOR CASH

Keep bringing in that metal! Let's keep up the good work. Bring down to the clubhouse your old tanks, weights or anything that contains metal. We can make some good \$\$ for the club, but only with your help!!

NEPTUNES GEAR FOR SALE

BASEBALL HATS: \$15 COFFEE MUGS: \$5 POLO SHIRT: \$22 PATCH: \$2

STICKER: \$2 TANK TOP: \$9 T-SHIRT: \$16

Annual Duxbury BEACH OUTING SUNDAY AUGUST 5 9 am-5 pm

Volleyball Tug of War Pinata

Three-Legged & Sack Race Wheelbarrow Race

MENU INCLUDES

- BBQ CHICKEN
- HAMBURGERS
- HOT DOGS
- ITALIAN SAUSAGES
- CORN ON THE COB
- SODAS, ICED TEA, LEMONADE

No one has ever gone hungry at our Picnic Bring Your Appetite!

\$14 per person; children 5 and under are free.