



Calendar, 2017-18

11/30 DEADLINE All Contests:
Photos, artifacts, largest lobster,
etc.

12/3 Club dive

12/5 General Membership Mtg
Nominations

Bill Zarillo, Coral Restoration

New members photo

12/12 Board Meeting

12/10 Club dive

12/19 Elections,
Newsletter assembly

January 1/2018 New Year's Day
Club Sober Up Dive, Pleasure
Bay

1/27 Annual Banquet, The
Common Market

Club Officers, 2017

Todd Alger - President
Doug Eaton - Vice President
Rob Robison - Secretary/Newsletter
Theresa Czerepica - Treasurer

Board of Directors: John Blackadar,
Tom Guild, Ken Hayes, Garrett Kane,
Joe McAndrews, Jay Theriault, Rob
Vice, Jeannine Willis, Chuck Zarba

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Neptunes Sounding Newsletter

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

New Members Photo: The newsletter editor wants to take a **group photo** of **all the new members who joined in 2017**, at the first meeting in December, which is **Tuesday Dec. 5**. Please be in attendance.

Dues & elections: To **vote** for club officers on **Elections Night, Dec. 19**, you must be a **paid up member for 2018**. The cost is still only **\$35.00**.

Mark Your Calendars: Annual Banquet at The Common Market, Jan 27, 2018. The cost is **\$32.00** per person.

For the Newsletter: Send your best dive or experience as a Neptune to the newsletter editor: robisonr25@yahoo.com

Cape Ann Divers shop and dive boat have closed suddenly and without explanation.

Newsletter Delivery: Our printing costs doubled this past year; as a result, we need your help to cut costs. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please inform the newsletter editor, Rob Robison, at [<robisonr25@yahoo.com>](mailto:robisonr25@yahoo.com).

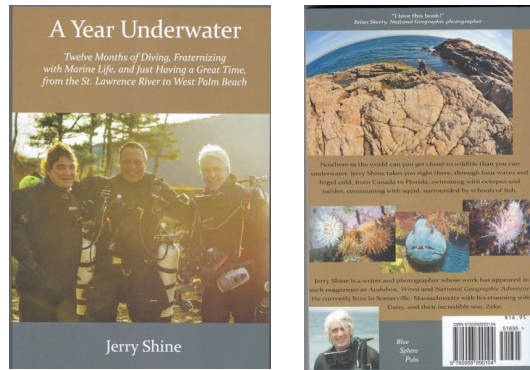
October/November Activities and Dives

Jerry Shine

Well-known local author and underwater photographer, Jerry Shine, was on hand October 17 to share stories and photos from his latest book, *A Year Underwater*. After his excellent presentation and slide show, Jerry sold and signed copies of his books. You can purchase the book online at Amazon for \$15.95, or in Kindle format for \$9.95.

My copy showed up in the mail on Saturday, November 18, and quite honestly folks, I haven't been able to put it down. Jerry has a very easy-to-read conversational style, and his descriptive powers are magnificent. The book is divided into four sections: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. Jerry walks the reader through innumerable dives, diving solo and with family or friends, and personal experiences that are heartwarming and insightful. The diving exploits are magnetizing, to say the least. If you are looking for something to read over the holidays or a gift for a dive buddy who has everything or for a friend who might want to consider exploring

the underwater wilderness, this book makes a great gift and is a must read. Other books by Jerry include *A Shore Diving Guide to New England* and *Nudibranchs of the Northeast*. All are published by Blue Sphere Pubs < <https://www.facebook.com/Blue-Sphere-Pubs-276747696125636/> >. Thanks, Jerry, for a great evening!



Crazy Dive Day at Nantasket Beach

Story by Todd Alger Photos by Todd and Rob Robison

Sunday, November 19, 2017. When I got up this morning, I went outside. It was raining at a good pace and I wondered if it was a good idea to continue on with our dive plans. After a few texts we decided to go ahead and pack up our gear and meet at our planned meeting place, the Pemberton Pier parking lot in Hull.

When we (Rob R, Rob V, Todd, Tarun and Jon W) all arrived, the wind was howling, the ocean was very choppy, and the rain was intermittent. We decided that it would not be fun or a good idea to dive Pemberton Pier and decided to try another site.



Rob Vice, Tarun, Jon Wills, Todd Alger at Pemberton Pier

Our next stop was Nantasket Beach. Since the beach is on the open ocean side, I was not confident it would be better. However, when we arrived it was perfect for diving. The water was flat calm. It had stopped raining and the air temp for this time of year was a warm 59°.



(L - R) Todd, Rob V & Tarun, Jon W

Four divers geared up and dove in two pairs. Todd and Jon W were one pair and Rob V and Tarun formed the other pair. This was the first time any of us had been on this dive site and it was spectacular. We all had a great dive experience. The vis was 20' and the water temp was mid to low 40s. We saw a lot of crabs and a sea raven, and there were loads of big clam shells throughout the bottom. The terrain was very rocky with colorful vegetation and there were many channels in the rocks to swim through. We swam out alongside the rocks on our right and then turned and swam in front of the condos.



Nantasket Beach, Heading out

Jon and I turned the dive earlier than the others. While surface swimming near shore, I looked overhead and saw blue sky with broken clouds and a shining sun. But when I looked toward the Boston Harbor lighthouses, the sky was nearly black and bad weather was rolling in. Jon and I then really started to hurry to try to beat the weather. We did not make it. As we walked up the beach with all our gear on, it started raining slowly, and by the time we had removed our equipment, it was pouring down. We even got some hail.

By this time Rob V and Tarun were near shore. Rob said that he could not even see the shore a short distance away when the storm was at full strength. The rain lasted a very short in time, maybe five minutes, and Jon and I were trying to take our tanks and suits off during most of that. Once I squared away my gear, I saw Rob walking in the water but I did not see Tarun. It turned out Tarun had decided to take a "short cut" and climb over the rocks and walk in that way.

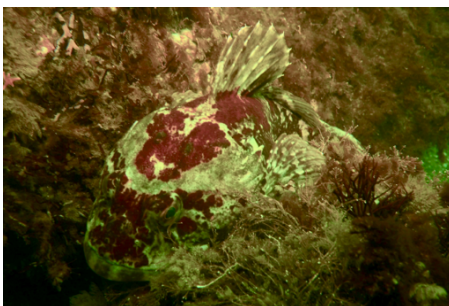
While the four of us continued to stow our dive equipment and change into dry clothes, the weather continued to evolve. The sun came out again, but the wind shifted and was blowing hard. As we left the beach, there were white caps on the water.

All in all, we had a great dive on a day that should not have been. We followed up the dive with tacos and beer.

Pebble Beach Dive

Story & photos by Rob

Sunday, November 12, 2017. Depth 21,' H2O 46°, Vis. 5-15,' Bottom time 80 min. Beautiful day and beautiful dive with friends. Here are some of the better photos from the dive. Not pictured were numerous very tiny nudibranchs, too small to photograph successfully and Peter's enormous game bag full of crabs. It was a veritable crab parking lot out there, so to speak. Great dive on a great day with great friends. Diving into it was never better than this!



L-R from top row: Star, Quahog, Blood star, Oyster, Feeding anemone, Anemone cluster, Sea Raven, Single anemone side shot, Juvenile red sea raven, Crab-jammed "parking lot"

From the Log Book



CHINA: MONGOL SHIPWRECK REVEALS GOLDEN TREASURE FROM WHEN GENGHIS KHAN'S DESCENDANTS RULED

BY **CALLUM PATON** ON 10/25/17 AT 9:55 AM

Archaeologists in China have uncovered the remains of a 700-year-old ship holding gold and bronze treasure from the time the Mongol descendants of Genghis Khan ruled the country.

The archaeological find has offered a fascinating insight into artwork from the period, from between 1271 and 1368, when the Yuan Dynasty ruled from the Mongol palace in Xanadu, Live Science reported. The 70-foot wreck was found to contain more than 100 artifacts including iron, bronze and gold, as well as other jade, porcelain and clay items.

Despite being under Mongolian authority, the period marked a renaissance for China in traditional artwork and craftsmanship. Among the artifacts recovered from the wreck were motifs popular in China at the time, including depictions of dragons and phoenixes.

The ship, which over the centuries had been preserved by mud and silt, would have been used for river journeys and appears to have sunk after an unknown object struck its hull....

Building workers stumbled upon the ship as they were excavating a modern-day construction site. Shortly after the boat sank, the silt immediately under the wreckage was washed away and the vessel sank a further half-dozen feet into the now-dried-up riverbed, where it remained over the centuries.

Source: http://www.newsweek.com/china-mongol-shipwreck-reveals-golden-treasure-when-descendants-genghis-khan-692511?utm_source=internal&utm_campaign=right&utm_medium=related1

Parting Thoughts

What a wonderful sport we enjoy, exploring the underwater wilderness and delighting in the light, water, flora, and fauna together, regardless of politics. At a time when our country, not to mention a large portion of the world, is riven with political and cultural strife or war, we are most fortunate to be able to join hands and celebrate the beauty and glory of the underwater world as friends, companions, and stewards of one of the greatest natural resources offered by our planet. It is in this spirit The South Shore Neptunes wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving, joyous holiday season, and Happy and Prosperous New Year!

