



## Calendar 2018

4/3 General Meeting  
 4/10 Board Meeting  
 4/15 Club Dive, @clubhouse 9 AM  
 4/17 Program TBA & Newsletter assembly  
 4/29 Club Dive, @clubhouse 9 AM  
 5/1 General Meeting  
 5/5 Clubhouse cleanup  
 5/6 Club Dive, @clubhouse 9 AM  
 5/8 Board Meeting  
 5/9 BSC Meeting @clubhouse 7PM  
 5/11 RAGNAR Cape Cod Relay Race 5/15 Program TBA & Newsletter assembly  
 5/20 Club Dive, @clubhouse 9AM  
 5/23 Night dive, location TBA  
 5/27 Boat & scallop dive  
 6/2 U-Boat Dive off Block Island  
 \$108 pp., max 7 divers  
 6/5 General Meeting  
 6/10 Club Dive, @clubhouse 8 AM  
 6/12 Board Meeting  
 6/19 Program TBA & Newsletter assembly  
 6/20 Night dive, location TBA  
 6/24 Club Dive, @clubhouse 8 AM  
 7/1 Club Dive, @clubhouse 8 AM  
 7/3 General Meeting  
 7/10 Board Meeting  
 7/15 Club Dive, @clubhouse 8 AM

# Neptunes Sounding Newsletter

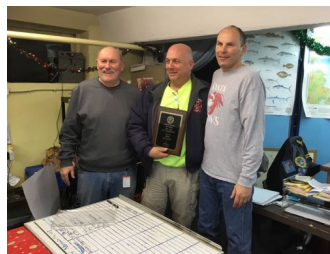
## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Pay your \$35.00 club dues!.
- June 2 U-Boat Dive near Block Island. Cost \$108 pp. See Todd Alger for more info.
- Angelo sought hospital care for infection from cut and so did Roy Chamberlain for help with the flu
- 2018 Budget reviewed and will be presented, as amended, to membership at the March General Meeting
- The Board approved May 11 RAGNAR Cape Cod Relay Race support via advertising and volunteers. Club support generates income for the club. For more info, contact Jeannine Willis.
- John Blackadar was awarded the 2017 Memorial Award for a lifetime of service and support to the SSN Recovery Team and Dive Club. For once he was at a loss for words.



Photos by Theresa

- Mike Glasso (Below L) received a Lifetime Member Award for 20+ years of membership.
- And Rob Robison (Below R) shared slides from his live aboard dive experience on the Roatan Aggressor in January.



## February - March Activities and Dives

### Calendar 2018, cont.

7/17 Program TBA &  
 Newsletter assembly  
 8/5 Duxbury Beach outing  
 8/7 General Meeting  
 8/14 Board Meeting  
 8/19 Club Dive, @clubhouse  
 8 AM  
 8/21 Program TBA &  
 Newsletter assembly  
 8/24-26 NC Wreck Diving  
 trip .See P. 6  
 8/26 Club Dive, @clubhouse  
 8 AM  
 9/2 Club Dive, @clubhouse  
 8 AM  
 9/4 General Meeting  
 9/11 Board Meeting  
 9/16 Bay State Council  
 Treasure Hunt & Coastal  
 Cleanup (tentative)  
 9/18 Program TBA &  
 Newsletter assembly  
 9/22 NE Aquarium Tropical  
 Fish Rescue  
 10/2 General Meeting  
 10/7 River Run  
 10/9 Board Meeting  
 10/16 Program TBA &  
 Newsletter assembly  
 10/28 Club Dive @  
 clubhouse 9 AM  
 11/4 Club Dive  
 @clubhouse 9 AM  
 11/6 General Meeting  
 11/11 Club Dive  
 @clubhouse 9 AM  
 11/13 Board Meeting  
 11/20 Program TBA &  
 Newsletter assembly  
 12/2 Club Dive  
 @clubhouse 9 AM  
 12/4 General Meeting  
 12/9 Club Dive, @clubhouse  
 9 AM  
 12/11 Board Meeting  
 12/18 Program TBA &  
 Newsletter assembly  
**Calendar 2019**  
 1/1/2019 Club SoberR  
 Up Dive, Pleasure Bay

### Boston Harbor boat dive on the Keepah,. Sunday, March 18, 2018



Story by Chuck Zarba. Photos by Chuck Z and Matt Meyer. Matt Meyer, Rob Vice, Doug Eaton, and I made a one-tank dive in Boston Harbor. near Lovell's Island, on the East Boston Divers boat, the Keepah. It was a cold and



lumpy run to the island in 2-3 foot choppy seas that were so cold the spray froze on the boat's windshield and windows and the captain had to clear the glass several times during the trip. The air temperature indicated 15°, but it felt more like 4°F.

We dove on what I was lead to believe was a wrecked 1840 steamboat that carried mail and passengers to and from Europe. Rob Vice found a nice collection of bottles in the murky 3'vis. I was fortunate to discover a piece of china that looks to be a soup or salad bowl. Our bottom time was 35,' at a max depth of 39 feet. We returned cold—my hands became two useless blocks of ice in the 32° water—but happy. What a dive!



**18 Boston Sea Rovers Clinic. Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11.** If you were unable to attend the 2018 Boston Sea Rovers Clinic in Danvers at the Double Tree Hilton, you missed quite a show. In

keeping with their mission raising awareness about the underwater world and by Jo Ruxton's film, *A Plastic Ocean*, shown in part at last year's BSR Film Festival and in its entirety on Sunday afternoon this year, the BSR gave out 2500 aluminum water bottles. Funded by sponsors Backscatter, East Coast Divers, The National Marine Life Center, and Reef and Rainforest, BSR is doing its part to reduce the amount of plastic waste being used and discarded by all who attend the Clinic and who work and play in and around the ocean.

The sessions I attended were excellent. There were strong sessions by Erin Quigley, Berkley White, and Joel Penner on underwater photography techniques and using your GoPro to better advantage. Wreck sessions were intriguing, especially the down-to-earth experience provided by Jeff Goodreau and Ryan King, who took us straight down the anchor line with them on a 300'+ rebreather dive to discover the Wreck of the William H Machen off the coast of Maine. Their footage was the first public viewing of the wreck ever! Diver Ed Monet shared a hilarious session diving the ins and outs of Maine waters and sewers in the cold of winter. Jerry Shine reprised his talk given at a recent Neptunes meeting on his book, *A Year Underwater*, complete with spectacular photographs and great sidebar stories. Tony Gramer shared his footage and story of the "Loss of the Steamer Fred McBrier." While Don Ferris shared his top 10 best diveable shipwrecks off Cape Cod from his tome, *Cape Cod Anthology of Shipwrecks*. Don, Jerry, and Peter Hunt, pilot, author, and persistence researcher and discoverer of *The Lost (A-6) Intruder*, were available after their talks and virtually all day selling and autographing copies of their respective books. I found another local author, Capt. Raymond H Bates, Jr. who sold and autographed his two-volume set of books on the Shipwrecks North of bBoston: Salem Bay and Cape Ann. Both are excellent reads.

The Film Festival was worth every penny. Emceed by Berkley White, the owner of Backscatter, the largest underwater photography store in the world, there were wonderful film clips for Doug Allan, who gave us a glimpse into what it is like diving under the Antarctic ice shelf, in water that is so clear visibility reaches 1000'; Jill Heinerth, renowned for her filming and exploration, who took us diving inside an iceberg; Matt Ferraro, who showed us the life cycle of the Monomoy Island National Wildlife Refuge seals through his photography, which he captured in all of 25 minutes; and the work of Roger Hanlon and Eric Olsen on adaptive coloration (think flounder or octopus) or how animals blend into their surroundings by changing color, shape/size, or both. Folks, you had to have been present to fully appreciate the work and spectacular videos of these marvelous explorers of the undersea world.

Special thanks to **Chuck Zarba, Joe McAndrews, Tommy Lo, Ken Hayes, Jon Willis, Garrett Kane, Mary Rose Largess, John Blackadar, Theresa Czerepica, Angelo Correnti, Gerardo Bacchus, Doug & Matt Meyer, and Rich Bowers** who set up, tore down, and manned the Neptunes and Bay State Council booths, took photos, passed out literature, played our slides shows, displayed their and our collective artifacts, shared dive stories with interested potential new members who dropped by, and fed us. Very important! (See photos on Page 5)

**Sat. 2/24/18.** Neptune Jon Willis and I dove **Plymouth Beach** the *last Saturday morning in February*. It was a clear sunshiny day with the air temp in the mid 40s, water temp @37-38°, vis. approx. 15-20,' bottom time 33 min. depth 11-13.' Low tide. We saw many tiny brine shrimp, a crab or two, a waved whelk, and a beautiful nudibranch we think is called *Onichodoris muricata* (Photo is taken from *The Marine Flora & Fauna of Norway* <http://www.seawater.no/fauna/mollusca/muricata.html>).



As we were taking off our fins in the shallow water, I lost one of mine, but Jon found it in the light surf shortly after we removed our gear. Lucky! Thanks, Jon. Thanks also to Jon for the videoclip he made of the day's dive, which can be found here on his YouTube channel: <<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1l30aaP97MI>>

Dive into it everyone. The water is warming up bit by bit?!

*Rob*

### **Canoe Beach Dive, Nahant**

*Story by Robert Vice*

*Saturday February 24, 2018 @ 10:30am.* Dive Stats: 15-20ft Visibility; Water temperature 39°F; Air 48°F; Calm outgoing tide

Todd Alger and I dove Canoe Beach in Nahant Saturday after stopping off at the Police Station to check-in. Water temp was 39°F with calm waters and visibility of 15-20 feet on an outgoing tide.

Todd went right when we made it to the Chimneys and saw a few of the swim throughs, caves and the big chimney. I went left and saw some boulder piles, a small sand spot, and came back into the Chimneys.

I saw what I think was a tiny pout and a few brine shrimp. I also came across a large piece of what looked like fence pipe that snaked around in the shallows. Not sure what this came from, but it had a lot of growth on it.

Dive time was about 25 minutes before heading back in. The Northeastern University Marine Science Center police were enjoying the views by the gate in their SUV and many people walking with their dogs stopped by to talk.

Per request of the police, we checked-out at the Nahant Police Station around noon. Anyone interested in diving anywhere in Nahant must check-in/out with the Nahant Police.

All-in-all was a good day.

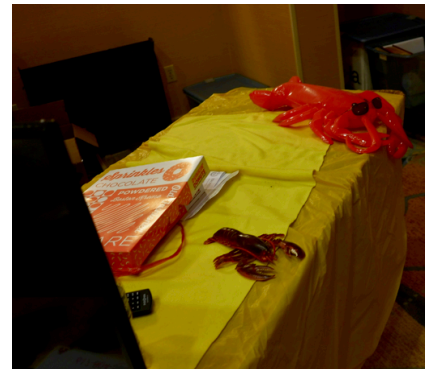


## Neptunes at 2018 Boston Sea Rovers

Photos by Rob



For the rest of the 25+photos of the Neptunes at the Sea Rovers Show, all by **Theresa C**, go to the club FaceBook page at this link:



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## Graveyard of the Atlantic North Carolina Dive Rendezvous August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2018

Scuba diving in North Carolina is truly an incredible experience. Fed by the warm clear waters of the Gulfstream, they have incredible visibility and comfortable temperatures making NC Diving always top rated by scuba enthusiasts and dive publications. North Carolina is also referred to as the "Graveyard of the Atlantic." More than 2,000 ships have sunk in these waters since people began keeping records in 1526. August is the right time to go with water temps in the 80's and visibility reaching 100 ft. this will be our fourth trip to the Graveyard and I can honestly say we have never been disappointed.

Northeast scuba is offering this 3-day diving package with Olympus Dive Center in Moorhead City N.C. Arrival and check in, no later than 5:30pm on August 23rd, 2018.

**\$450.00 p/p**

- Ψ Three days of diving two dives per day on the 25 passenger Olympus.  
(we have booked the entire boat just for Northeast Scuba )
- Ψ Four nights lodging in the famous bunkhouse located just steps from the dive center  
(Lodging is Optional. Please deduct \$90.00 p/p if you choose lodging outside of the bunkhouse)\*
- Ψ Weights

Not included: Cylinder Rentals or fills, rental equipment, and transportation\*\*

### Deposit Schedule:

- \$200.00 p/p time of booking Book by 5/30/2018
- 160.00 p/p due on 7/15/2018
- If you have selected bunkhouse lodging \$90.00 p/p by 7/15/2018

Checks can be made out to Rich Bowers or Northeast Scuba

\*Olympus has special rates negotiated with the Bask Hotel, Hampton Inn, and Holiday Inn Express for our divers. Please check out the website [www.olympusdiving.com](http://www.olympusdiving.com) or call Olympus dive center for more info 252-726-9432.

\*\* Rental equipment can be done with Northeast Scuba, Call Tom to get all the details 978-256-2300.

If flying cylinder rental prices can be found here <http://www.olympusdiving.com/dive-center/equipment-rental/>

Cancellation Policy: Any cancellations made 40 Days prior to the charter date must be made in WRITING or by FAX to Richard Bowers @ [rdbscuba@gmail.com](mailto:rdbscuba@gmail.com) or Northeast Scuba. Confirmed cancellations will receive a refund. **Cancellations made 32 days or less from the charter date will NOT receive a refund.** Individuals diving with less than the booked quantity of divers or using less than the booked quantity in the lodge will not receive a refund for the no show divers.

**Minimum Requirements for a Full Day Charter: Advanced Open Water Certified with a minimum of 20 logged dives. At least 2 boat ocean dives in diving career, with at least 1 dive being to 70 feet or greater, and at least 2 dives in the last 12 months. Minimum age for Full Day Charter is 15.**

Divers must let Olympus Dive Center know if they are using DIN or YOKE regulators. It is to your benefit if your diving DIN to bring an adapter with you. Adapters can be purchased at Northeast Scuba.