

SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

JANUARY 2004



PAST EVENTS

December is the month for nominations and election of officers for the upcoming year. Nominatioin for officers and for positions on the board of directors were opened at the December 2nd regular meeting. Additional nominations were accepted at the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 16th. At the conclusion of nominations, elections took place and following are the results.

Officers & Members of the Board for 2004

President: Ted Hotz
Vice-president: Kathi Bell
Secretary: Martin Blake
Treasurer: Theresa Czerepica

Board of Directors

Roy Chamberlain
John Haskell
Dina Solimini
Angelo Correnti
Thomas Guild
Timothy Niu
Gary Osborne
Bruce Gerhard
John Blackadar

Congratulations to the new officers and board members and best wishes for a most successful 2004. At the completion of the regular order of business the annual beer and pizza party got under way and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The point dive which was scheduled for Sunday, December 14th, was cancelled due to incoming bad weather reports. But we did get a report that Marshall Reynard had hooked up to dive the Chester Polling this date and was able to get the dive in.

On Sunday, December 12th, there were two events on the schedule. The first event was a non-point at Pemberton Pier in Hull. At the time of preparing the newsletter I did not have any information on the dive. The second event of the day was the Annual Children's Christmas party which took place at the Bryan Post, VFW, in Quincy. The turn out for the party was very good and a fun time was had by all. There was face painting and balloon animals ongoing for the little ones. There was a buffet for all in attendance to enjoy. The arrival of Santa was the highlight of the party. Presents for all the little ones were handed out by Santa and he was off and on his way.

Other News

Tommy Lo as promised has been attending city council meetings at Quincy City Hall and is glad to report that the city council took a vote on the issue of mooring fees and defeated the proposal with only one council member voting against the mooring fee.

Attaining life membership is a long road to travel. The treasurer has informed us that we have five members who have reached that level this year. The five who are new members to this select group are Joe Milligan, Jay Theriault, Mike Klipp, Timothy Burke and Mark Maimeron. Congratulations to all.

On hand for elections and pizza night was Paul Adler. He will be handling the booking for the trip that John Blackadar will be running. Paul went over the basics briefly. He stated the best time for the trip would be the Fall. Cost would be around \$1500/\$1600. per diver and \$200/\$250. less for a non-diver. This covers air and stay

along with all boat dives and also unlimited air fills. The accommodations will be at the Plaza condos. These units sleep four. Paul stated a date should be set and being that air fares fluctuate, a fare should be locked in. Also a deposit will be required for anyone who will be going.

Paul Adler also related his first ever and hopefully last encounter with the bends. On a recent trip he was on he did a series of dives. He made three dives, the first at 106 ft., the second at 107 ft. and the third dive at 80 ft. For these dives he used a Cobra Computer, which he states works on the conservative side. He did the hang time called for and an additional five minutes. Following the dive he went aboard the boat and did some work on the anchor. He experienced some discomfort in his abdomen and thought that he may have strained himself moving the anchor around. He lay down for a time and the pain started moving upward. He got up to go down to the cabin and his legs started to give out on him. He sat down and then found that he couldn't raise his arm. He knew then he had a problem. He called out for help and as luck would have it Paul Greene was aboard and assisted him. Paul got on oxygen right away and this relieved the symptoms and help was summoned. It was a type 2 central nervous system hit. He was evacuated by a U.S.C.G. Blackhawk copter to Miami. He spent nineteen hours in the chamber over five days in Miami. Paul did buy insurance for this trip and it covered his treatment in full. The treatment costs were in the area of \$40,000/\$50,000.



Upcoming Events

January 1, 2004 is the Annual Sober Up Dive at Pleasure Bay Lagoon in South Boston. This annual event is usually a crowd pleaser. The lagoon does have its cache of lobster and usually parts with a few to those hardy divers who venture into the water. Remember, it is the new year and you must have a 2004 license. The Environmental Police are often on the scene. If you are unfamiliar with the Pleasure Bay Lagoon location, the easiest way to get there from the South or North is to take the Southeast Expressway and get off at the JFK/Columbia Circle exit. From the South, at the bottom of the exit ramp turn right. From the North, at the bottom of the exit ramp turn left. At the rotary take the second road which will take you along the shore. Follow the road right to the lagoon.

The after the dive party will be at Theresa Czerepica's house. Theresa has supplied me with the following directions. Take the Southeast Expressway North. Enter the tunnel and keep to the left. Go over the new Zakim/Bunker Hill bridge. Take the exit on the left for Rte 1 North and go over the Tobin bridge. Take the 3rd exit, this will be Webster St. exit. At the bottom of the ramp, turn left to Everett and Rte. 16 and proceed straight through lights to Gafield Av. Pass second set of lights (there will be 2 gas stations, a house and a store on the 4 corners). The next major intersection is Prospect Av. Turn left. Theresa's house is the 2nd house on the left. It is a white 2 story, with a flat roof. There are fruit trees in the yard and also hedges. To contact Theresa call 617-884-0697. The house # is 21 Prospect Av.

There is a non-point dive scheduled for Sunday, January 11, 2004. This will be a North Shore dive and we will meet prior to the dive at the Friendly's on Rte. 128 at the rotary in Gloucester. The dive site will be determined at this time. As with all dives, dive time is 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

On Tuesday, January 27, 2004 there will be a special club meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to set dates and locations for dives for the 2004 year. Also at this meeting dates will be set for all annual club functions and activities. If you have a site you would like to see the club dive come to the meeting and present it. Sometimes it seems that we get a bit repetitive. Let's get some new sites.

SOUTH SHORE NEPTUNES WEBSITE. Kathi Bell, our newly elected vice-president, has just posted the club's new web site. Kathi took on this task a few months ago and it is now here. The address for the website is: "www.southshoreneptunes.org". Kathi has done a fine job on this ongoing project. She has moved the site to a new hosting service which gives us more space and more options. One thing now available to the membership is the ability for each member to have an email address with his or her firstname_lastname@southshoreneptunes.org For example, Kathi's is "kathi_bell@southshoreneptunes.org". She has at this time set up an address for anyone whom she has a current email address for. All accounts forward to the users regular account.



South Shore Neptunes Annual Banquet

The banquet committee has been and is working hard to make the annual banquet a success. Jeanine Fabian has sent along the letter printed below. Your attendance will be a wonderful thank you for the committee's efforts.

From Jeanine Fabian

The Annual Awards Banquet of the South Shore Neptunes will be held on January 31, 2004 at the Quincy Yacht Club.

While the evening will be filled with fine food, the main ingredient is the fine friendships that have been forged through the club. Without your presence, the evening won't be the same. Please come and join us in congratulating the efforts of everyone in the 2003 year as well as welcoming the new life members.

The committee worked very hard to plan a delicious menu and delightful evening. They also kept the cost at only \$15.00 per person (if ticket purchased on or before January 20th. The desire was to have this fit into everyone's budget and have more people participate and make the evening that much more enjoyable. Please mark this important date on your calendar.

The evening starts with appetizers and cocktails:

- fruit & vegetables
- cheese and crackers
- asparagus & chicken rollups

The first course for dinner will be escarole soup. It will be followed by the second course which is a choice of Stuffed Pork Loin, Fruti Del Mar seafood dish and then Eggplant Parmesan (for the vegetarian; please order ahead). The second course will be accompanied by salad, rosemary potatoes, butternut squash and broccoli. This gastronomical delight will be rounded out with assorted cakes, pies and cookies.

Last but not least, we will be having a live band for our entertainment. John Blackadar's daughter will bring her band to make the evening perfect.

South Shore Neptunes {2003} Year in Review

{From the desk of your Vice President}

Membership

The South Shore Neptunes Dive Club currently has 138 members on its active Roster. Out of the 138 active Members there is presently 39 Life Members, 94 Regular Members and 5 Members with Correspondence status.

Meetings

The Neptunes President {Roy Chamberlain} called to order 23 Membership Meetings during the course of the year {2003} with the average of 20.7 members in attendance at each meeting. The month with the greatest number of Members in attendance was in October {Oct. 7th, 27 members} and the month with the least amount of members present was the month of February {Feb. 25th, 14 Members}. Total Regular Membership Meeting Minutes: 1416 minutes or 24 Hours

The Neptune's Vice President {John Haskell} called to order 12 Board of Directors Meetings during the course of the year {2003}. During the months of March, May, September, November and December all Board Members were present. During the month of February attendance dropped to its lowest, 9 of 14 members were present. As a reminder this meeting was held on the day of a winter storm were the South Shore was blanketed with nearly 3 feet of snow. Total Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: 720 Minutes or 11 hours.

There was also one Planning Meeting called to order {by V.P John Haskell}, during this meeting, a total of 10 members gave input and suggestions for setting dates and activities during the upcoming year.

Point Dives

Over the course of the year {2003} The South Shore Neptunes hosted a total of 12 {Day light} Point Dives. The month that attracted the most divers was the month of July {were 16 members along with 5 boats enjoyed a day of diving}. The Neptune divers were lonely during the months of February and September when on 2 members showed for each dive. Unfortunately due to weather conditions the Point Dives for the months of March and October were cancelled.

This year the South Shore Neptunes are in a trial basis with awarding Points to Divers who attend the Night Dives. During the months of May and June a total of 3 divers entered the water, there was a little less attendance when only 2 divers joined the activities in the months of August and September. The Night Point Dives for the months of April and July were cancelled due to weather conditions.

Competitions

During the planning meeting in January, Competition Director Jay Theriault informed all in attendance that he would be conducting 4 competition dives during the course of the year. Unfortunately only 3 of the 4 dives actually took place due to adverse weather

conditions. The competition was fierce with 5 divers entering the frigid water for the dive/snorkel competitions and only one for the spear fishing competition. The first Competition Dive standings were: {Snorkel Event} 1st Place John Molis, 2nd Place Roy Chamberlain. {Scuba Event} 1st Place John Haskell and John Molis 2nd Place Marshall Reynard and Roy Chamberlain. The Second Competition Dive standing were: {Snorkel Event} 1st Place Jeannine Fabian, 2nd Place Marshall Reynard. {Scuba Event} 1st Place Chamberlain and Marshall Reynard 2nd Place Jeannine Fabian and John Haskell. There was a spear fishing Competition held at Kings Beach in Rhode Island during the month of September {9/14/03}. Charlie Mathews won the spear fishing competition with a catch totaling thirteen pounds.

Only 2 entries were made in the "Largest Lobster of the Year" Competition, Tom Guild {2.61 lbs} and Angelo Correnti {3.53 lbs}. Charlie Matthews entered a fish {Tautaug} into the "Largest Fish of Year" Competition {19" 5 lbs}. Ed Redfield produced an entry for Artifact of the Year, {a "Binnacle" off of a Naval "T" Boat in Inner Boston Harbor}, and Board Member Jeannine Fabian took a beautiful photo for Photo of the Year Competition {Sea Peaches at Marblehead Light}.

Credit System

Along with the Night Point Dives the South Shore Neptune's took on a "Credit System" during the course of the year, on a trial basis. The system worked out well. With a total of 20 different members volunteering there time and in return receiving points toward diver of the year. A total of 276 points were shared amongst the 20 different members. Out of the 20 members that shared in this new system 12 were Board Members. The Sea Rovers turned out to be the event that most of the membership volunteered there time with {a total of 16 members}. The event that awarded the most points was the Annual Flea Market, due to the weather conditions the flea market was stretched to 3 days instead of the usual 2, {1 evening for pricing and loading and the others for the actual Flea Market itself}.

At the November 18,2003 Board of Directors Meeting, the board unanimously voted to recommend that the club continue on with this practice. On November 25,2003 at the 2nd membership meeting of the month, the club voted to continue on with the credit/point system that the Board recommended.

Attendance

During the course of the year there were three members that were able to attend every meeting they were; President Roy Chamberlain, Vice President John Haskell, Treasurer Theresa Czrepica and Board Member / Club Parliamentarian Bruce Gerhard.

Life Members

The South Shore Neptunes will be honoring five new Life Members {as of 01/01/04}. The new Life Members are: Tim Burke, Mike Klipp, Joe Milligan, Mark Maimaron and Jay Theriault. Congratulations to the New Life Members.

Respectfully Submitted
John Haskell VP

2003 SOUTH SHORE NEPTUNES AWARDS

DIVER OF THE YEAR

1ST JOHN HASKELL 2ND ROY CHAMBERLAIN 3RD JEANINE FABIAN

CO-ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

KATHII BELL.....TIM NIU

COMPETITIONS

LARGEST FISH
CHARLIE MATTHEWS

LARGEST LOBSTER
ANGELO CORRENTI

ARTIFACT
ED REDFIELD

PHOTOGRAPH
JEANINE FABIAN

COMPETITION DIVES

MARCH 30, 2003

SNORKEL EVENT
1ST **JOHN MOLIS**
2ND **ROY CHAMBERLAIN**

SCUBA EVENT
1ST **J. HASKELL, J. MOLIS**
2ND **M REYNARD, R CHAMBERLAIN**

APRIL 13, 2003

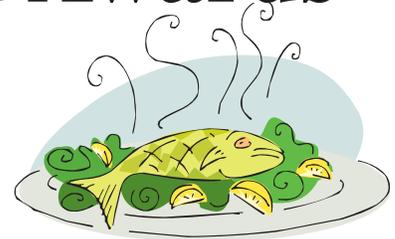
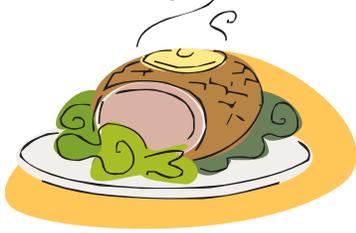
SNORKEL EVENT
1ST **JEANINE FABIAN**
2ND **MARSHALL REYNARD**

SCUBA EVENT
1ST **R CHAMBERLAIN, M REYNARD**
2ND **J FABIAN, J HASKELL**

LIFE MEMBERS

JOSEPH MILLIGAN TIMOTHY BURKE MICHAEL KLIPP
MARK MAIMARON JAY THERIAULT

Annual Banquet and Awards Night



**Saturday, January 31, 2004
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Cocktails: 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Award Presentations Following Dinner

Diver of the Year & Competition Winners.

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January 20th.**

\$20.00 Per Person after January 20th.



JANUARY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HT 6:25 Sober Up/Pt. Dive Pleasure Bay, S.Bos. T.Czeripica's House After Dive	2 HT 7:16	3 HT 8:05
4 HT 8:51	5 HT 9:34 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	6 HT 10:15 Regular Meeting	7 HT 10:55	8 HT 11:35 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	9 HT 12:12	10 HT 12:50
11 HT 1:29 Non-point Dive, North Shore. Frndlys 8:30, Rte 128, Glou- cester.	12 HT 2:10 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	13 HT 2:53 Board Meeting	14 HT 3:40	15 HT 4:31 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	16 HT 5:25	17 HT 6:23
18 HT 7:23	19 HT 8:23 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	20 HT 9:22 Regular Meeting	21 HT 10:18	22 HT 11:12 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	23 HT ****	24 HT 12:43
25 HT 1:31	26 HT 2:18 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	27 HT 3:05 Planning night for 2004. Set up dives, events etc.	28 HT 3:53	29 HT 4:42 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	30 HT 5:34	31 HT 6:28 Annual Banquet and Awards night Quincy Yacht Club

FEBRUARY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HT 7:23	2 HT 8:15 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	3 HT 9:04 Regular Meeting	4 HT 9:50	5 HT 10:32 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	6 HT 11:12	7 HT 11:51
8 HT 12:23 Point Dive, Flag Rock White Horse Beach. Brkfst at Bickford's exit 9 off Rte 3 at 8:00	9 HT 1:01 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	10 HT 1:41 Board Meeting	11 HT 2:23	12 HT 3:10 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	13 HT 4:02	14 HT 4:59
15 HT 6:01 Non-point Ice Dive Long Pond. Set up Team meet at Bickford's 7:00 am	16 HT 7:07 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	17 HT 8:12 Board Meeting	18 HT 9:13	19 HT 10:10 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	20 HT 11:01	21 HT 11:49
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29 HT 5:41						

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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS First and third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM.

Members, applicants for membership and other interested parties are invited to attend all Membership and Board of Directors meetings. All meetings are held at the Quincy Emergency Management Dive Team headquarters building at the corner of Quarry and Joyce Streets in Quincy. To reach the building take the Furnace Brook Parkway exit from the Southeast Expressway and follow Furnace Brook Parkway to Quarry Street (at the second set of traffic lights). Turn left onto Quarry Street and travel one short block to Joyce Street. The Dive Team headquarters is the small stone building on the right.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to all sport divers and other interested persons. Application for membership can be made at any Membership or Board of directors meeting. Membership applicants are required to attend at least one Board of Directors meeting and after that one regular membership meeting. Membership fees are:

Regular member dues	\$35.00 per year
Initiation fee	\$25.00 one-time charge
Corresponding membership (to receive mailings only)	\$10.00 per year

DIVER'S HOT LINE

Looking for a diving buddy? To find out who is diving when and where call Angelo Corienti at (781) 391-1034.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To learn more about the club's activities and membership please feel free to call one of the club's officers, or call John Blackadar at (781) 826-4696.

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