

SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2004



PAST EVENTS

The New Year kicked off with the sober up dive on Thursday, January 1, 2004, at Pleasure Bay in South Bostom. The weather was ideal and there were six divers entering the water with a like number of members lending support from the shore. The visibility was reported to be a good 15 or more feet. The six divers entering the water were Roy Chamberlain, Tim Burke, who bagged a lobster, Doug Meyer and his son Matt, Peter Speen and Joe Mullin.

Following the New Year's Day dive, our treasurer, Theresa Czerepica, hosted a party back at her house. It was reported that Theresa did a fine job and had a good variety of food and plenty of it. All who attended had a very good time. Also, Theresa's nephew and nieces really enjoyed the company of the members and tried to keep them there.

The Sunday, January 11th dive, scheduled for the North Shore, was a no go. Our president, Ted Hotz, was at the meeting spot, Friendly's at the rotary in Gloucester, and found that he ended up as a group of one. Ted took a ride around Cape Ann and said that there was access to the water at Cathedral Rocks and the Back Beach. The other side was all iced over.

The new president, Ted Hotz, presided at his first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 6th, along with the newly elected vice-president, Kathi Ball, and the re-elected secretary and treasurer, Marty Blake and Theresa Czerepica. Ted has been here before

and is looking forward to leading the club in the coming year. He is putting together his agenda to present to the membership at the next couple of meetings. The vice-president, Kathi Bell, is a relatively new member but has been very active with the club and she will be an asset to Ted and the club. She recently revised the club web site. Check it out at "southshoreneptunes.org".

At the January board meeting, the president announced his appointments for 2004. The following members accepted the listed appointment: Roy Chamberlain, sgt. at arms; Bruce Gerhard, parliamentarian; Tom Guild, storekeeper; Tim Niu, photographer, Joe Geyer, cleanup; Marty Blake, Jay Theriault and Ted Hotz, auditing committee. Also at this meeting, the vice-president made the following appointment of board members of the month:

January	Theresa Czerepica
February	Dina Solimini
March	John Blackadar
April	Tom Guild
May	Angelo Correnti
June	Bruce Gerhard
July	Tim Niu
August	Gary Osborne
September	Ted Hotz
October	Roy Chamberlain
November	John Haskell
December	Kathi Bell

The above members of the board will make plans for a get together for a night out or for a special presentation or some other activity to take place in their assigned month.

On Tuesday, January 27th, there was a special planning meeting to set up dates for point and non-point dives for the year. Also at the meeting dates were set for the other events which take place during the year. On **page 4** of this newsletter you will find the schedule of dates for dive and other dates for the various events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The first event for February is the point dive which will take place on Sunday, February 9th, at Flag Rock in Plymouth. Anyone wanting to meet for breakfast, the location will be the Bickford's in Kingston. The restaurant is located at exit 9 off of Rte. 3. It is on the right as you exit the highway. Meeting time will be 8:00 a.m. For directions to get to the dive site, I called Plymouth P. D., and was advised to take exit 3 off of Rte 3. Assuming you will be coming from the North to the Cape, at the top of the exit go left to head for the shore. Follow the road all the way and it will bring you to White Horse Beach, the location of Flag Rock. Dive time into the water is 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, February 15th, there is the non-point/ice dive at Long Pond in Plymouth. This dive is a popular event when there is good ice and it appears that the ice should be there this year. The set up crew and anyone wanting to join them will be meeting at 7:00 a.m. at the Bickford's at exit 9 off of Rte. 3 in Kingston for breakfast. To get to Long Pond you take Rte. 3 South and get off the highway at exit 3. At the top of the ramp you go right onto Clark Rd. Follow Clark Rd. to the End. Now you take a quick left and right across the road. You are still on Clark Rd. and it will take you down to Lond Pond.

On Saturday, February 21, 2004, the 55th edition of the **Boston Scuba Show** will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Resort at the junction of routes 495 and 20 in Marlboro, Ma. Our own South Shore Neptune life member Dave Clancy will be a speaker at this event. He will be giving a presentation on "The Shipwrecks of Nova Scotia". Along with Dave other presenters will be as follows: Capt. Spencer Slate: The Sinking of the Spiegal Grove (The Florida Keys new wreck/reef.

Dave Norman: Decompression Modeling (Keeping Yout Dives SAfe).

Debra Greenhalgh: Diving Beyond Disabilities (A new world for the disabled).

Fred Calhoun: Diving Thatcher Island (Exploring with a video camera).

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and may be purchased at the door. For more information contact Fred Calhoun at (978) 897-0877.

Coming up on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 5th through the 7th, will be the Boston Sea Rover's **50th Anniversary International Underwater Clinic**. It will again be held at he Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. There will be over forty daytime seminars, parallel workshops, and an exhibit hall with manufacturers, vendors, organizations and local dive clubs. Saturday evening will feature the Film Festival with long time Sea Rover, Bob Ballard, doing the duties of master of ceremonies. Tickets for the event can be ordered online at 'www..bostonsearovers.com' or call (617) 424-9899.

Join in the Polar Plunge. John Haskell has informed me that at the 2nd Annual Jordan's (like Jordan Hospital) Polar Plunge they are looking for divers to volunteer in water support at the event. The plunge will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at

Plymouth Beach. Divers may also be participants. They can pick up a pledge form at the Divers Market dive store at 319 Court St., Plymouth. All monies raised will go to the Jordan Hospital Cancer Center. Registration is at 11:00 a.m. and the plunge is at noon. Divers will be in the water at 11:45 a.m. Call (508) 746-3483 for more information and forms.

At the second regular meeting of the month in February, Tuesday, February 17th, Bruce Gerhard will be conducting a knot tying session and Roy Chamberlain will demonstrate the proper method of getting a fine edge on your favorite knife immediately following the regular order of business.

John Blackadar states that he will have Paul Adler at the second regular meeting in March, Tuesday, March 16th. The purpose will be to go over the Bonaire trip and finalize the plans. Paul will hopefully have the dates of the trip along with the cost.

Other News

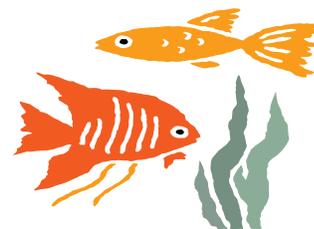
John Blackadar wants to remind the membership that Roy Chamberlain will be teaching a CERTS class here at the clubhouse in the near future. The class will be open to members and their families and their friends. Let John know of your interest in attending so that he can create a list of those taking the course. Remember this class deals with handling situations which may result from a disaster. John states that Roy has a good presentation for this training.

There's a new Dive Museum which will be opening soon in the Florida Keys. Joe and Sally Bauer say they have purchased a building at mile marker 86 bayside that allows the future museum to begin its development phase. The name is the Florida Keys History

of Diving Museum. It will be designed to provide an educational and cultural experience focusing on the history of undersea exploration specific to the Keys. The Bauers have been collecting historic artifacts for over thirty years. They say they have the world's largest collection of its kind and have written and lectured on the topic of historic diving equipment and underwater exploration throughout the years. If you would like to contact the Bauers by e-mail their address is 'divingmuseum@aol.com' or call (305) 664-2784.

The Town of Braintree will be conducting an Entergy Training session at the Braintree Town Hall Auditorium on a Tuesday evening (tentatively April 13th) between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The training session deals with what has to be done in the event of a nuclear evacuation. The Entergy Nuclear Generation Company in Plymouth will compensate those in attendance at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for their participation. If you are interested contact John Blackadar who will be making up a roster to give to the Braintree FEMA director. You can either see John at a club meeting or contact him at (781) 826-4696.

It seems that each time I check the club web site Kathi has added a little more. If you have not been there yet click onto it. Also, if you would send me your e-mail address I would appreciate it. I think I have the majority of members e-mail addresses but I'd like to update my address book. Kathi Bell will assign you an address which will have your 'firstname_lastname@southshoreentunes.org'. All accounts then forward any mail to your regular account.



Dive Dates and Event Dates

February 8th, Point Dive, Flag Rock.
February 15th, Non-point Dive, Long Pond
March 21st, Point Dive,
March 28th, Non-point Dive
April 4th, Non-point Dive
April 18th, Point Dive
May 16th, Non-point Dive
May 23rd, Point Dive
June 6th, Point Dive
June 13th, Non-point Dive
June 27th, George's Island Party
July 18th, Point Dive, Spit Dive
July 25th, Non-point Dive
August 1st Outing, 8th Raindate
August 7th, Boat-B-Que
August 22nd, Point Dive
August 29th, Non-point Dive

September 12th, Point Dive
September 26th, Non-point Dive
October 2nd/3rd, Flea Market
October 10th, Point Dive
October 17th, Non-point Dive
October 24th, River Run, (late entry)
October 30th, Halloween Party
November 14th, Point Dive
November 21st, Non-point Dive
December 12th, Point Dive
January 1st, Non-point Dive, Pleasure Bay
January 9th, Point Dive
January 29th, Banquet
February 5th, Alternate Date Banquet
February 13th, Non-point Dive, Ice Dive

Bay State Council of Divers

There will be a meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers on Wednesday evening, February 11, 2004 at the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. Plan to attend. Support the Council.

The Newsletter

Our list of members who now receive the neptune's newsletter via e-mail has been growing this past year. If you would like to receive the letter via e-mail please notify me by e-mailing your address to me at 'marty_blake@southshoreneptunes.org'. I will add your address to the growing list. The e-mail version is in Adobe Acrobat format, and the Acrobat Reader can be downloaded from the Adobe Website, 'www.adobe.com'. By being added to this e-mail list you will be saving the club both the cost of printing and mailing, a cost that adds up.



Materials Needed

The club librarian looking for books, videos, photos and newspaper clippings for the club library. If you have anything you wish to donate bring it along to a meeting. It will be added to the collection to be enjoyed by the membership. Do you have any scrap lead pipes, flashing or similar objects or old weights which can be melted down, bring them along to the clubhouse. It will be used to cast new weights for weight belts to be used for raffle prizes. Wheel weights are not suitable because they are an alloy which is lighter than lead and is hard to work with.

SSN / DAN Cards

Roy Chamberlain will soon have a new supply of wallet cards with SSN information on one side and DAN information on the other available at the clubhouse.

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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 Bay State Council meeting, South Shore Neptunes Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.	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 Regular 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
22 HT 12:20	23 HT 1:02 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	24 HT 1:43	25 HT 2:24	26 HT 3:07 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	27 HT 3:54	28 HT 4:45
29 HT 5:41						

MARCH 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 HT 6:39 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	2 HT 7:37 Regular Meeting	3 HT 8:30	4 HT 9:19 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	5 HT 10:03	6 HT 10:45
7 HT 11:26	8 HT **** Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	9 HT 12:30 Board Meeting	10 HT 1:12	11 HT 1:56 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	12 HT 2:45	13 HT 3:39
14 HT 4:40	15 HT 5:47 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	16 HT 6:56 Regular Meeting	17 HT 8:04	18 HT 9:05 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	19 HT 9:59	20 HT 10:47
21 HT 11:32 Pt. Dive, Scituate, meet at Gannett Grill 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., brkfst /pick site.	22 HT **** Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	23 HT 12:30	24 HT 1:08	25 HT 1:46 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	26 HT 2:27	27 HT 3:12
28 HT 4:02 Non-pt. Dive, North Shore. Meet Friendly Rte 128 Gloucester at 8:00 a.m. pick site.	29 HT 4:58 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	30 HT 5:56	31 HT 6:55			

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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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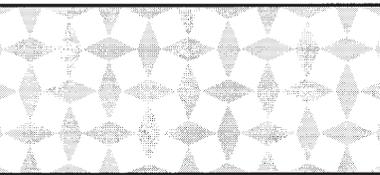
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