

SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

APRIL 2004



PAST EVENTS

The Boston Sea Rovers show was held at the Fairmont Copley Plaza the weekend of March 6th and 7th. The club once again had a informational booth at the show and it was set up alongside the Bay State Council of Divers booth. This was the fiftieth Sea Rovers show. Like past shows this event was well attended. There were several Neptunes on hand to assist with the club booth and the council booth. But we could have used a few more hands to help out. Angelo Correnti reported that the Saturday evening show was a sell out. But he stated that the show was not as good as past Sea Rover presentations. And Angelo also reported that this years 'diver of the year award', which the Sea Rovers present annually, was made to all the Sea Rovers members, past and present. Upon setting up the booths for the show it was noticed that some photos were missing from the display. If anyone has borrowed any photos please return them.

NOAA , the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration had a booth at the show among many others. The South Shore Neptunes donated a Club membership to them. They were soliciting donations to be used as awards for an ongoing fish count and study they are conducting.

Last year Cliff Simoneau was a guest speaker at one of our meetings and he gave a most informative presentation on the Inspirational Rebreather System. The club is at this time looking into the possibility of getting some time at one of the pools in order that a hands-on class on using the rebreather may be made to the membership.



The regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2004 was cancelled. We had a snow storm roll in around four o'clock in the afternoon and it caused havoc for commuters.

The point dive which was scheduled for Sunday, March 21, 2004 was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. There were four divers at the meeting place, the Gannett Grill, who enjoyed a buffet breakfast and then proceeded to the shore where they were met by three to five foot waves breaking on the beach. The divers who showed up were Ted Hotz, Debra Stilgoe, John Blackadar and Roy Chamberlain.

The non-point dive which was set for Sunday, March 28, 2004 was likewise cancelled. The president was at the Friendlys at the rotary on Rte. 128 in Gloucester and no one else showed. Again the weather was not very accommodating.

Wally Westphal was at the March board meeting and addressed the board on the subject of wounded and injured soldiers returning from Iraq. Wally stated that there are as many as three thousand or more GIs who are wounded or injured. Many of these men and women are in local VA hospitals. Wally reports that at this time he is involved with a Special Forces unit which is making plans to show their appreciation for the efforts of these men and women. Currently they are planning a Christmas event. As things progress Wally will keep us informed. Also, Wally is looking for support from anyone who is willing to assist him.

The USA Open Masters and Women's Masters Underwater Hockey Teams have both taken gold medals at the Underwater World Championships currently being played in Christchurch, New Zealand. Playing for the USA Open Masters is our own newly made life member Tim Burke. This is reported to us by Joe Gomes, a club member and USA UWH World Referee. Congratulations Tim.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The non-point dive is set for Sunday, April 4, 2004 and will be at Flag rock, Plymouth. Breakfast for all who wish to indulge will be at 8:00 a.m. at the Bickfords Rest. at exit 9, off of route 3, Kingston. The restaurant is on the right at the top of the ramp. 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.

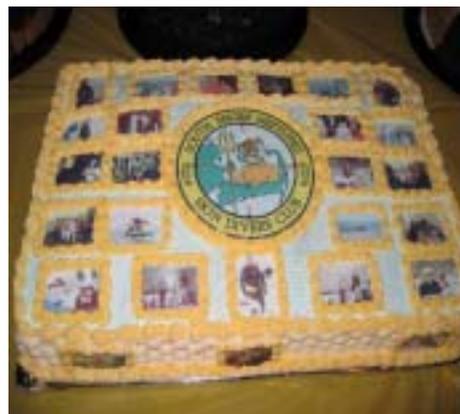
On Sunday, April 11, 2004, the non-point dive will take place at Marblehead Light. This site has provided divers with a good scallop feed on past visits. To get to the light from the South Shore you will take the Southeast X-Way to Boston. After you pass the Frontage Rd. exit you come to the exit for the airport and Mass Pike. Take the exit to go to the airport, you will see the sign with the airplane, and once you get to East Boston you will pick up signs indicating Rte. 1A. Get on Rte. 1A and you will go thru Revere, Lynn and into Swampscott. In Swampscott you will pass a shopping center. You will pass the Marshall's store and come to a Mobil station on your right. Here you turn right onto Tedesco Street. Continuing on Tedesco Street you will pass a golf course on your right. At the next traffic light, Tedesco Street becomes Humphrey Street. Continue on Humphrey Street. At the next light, Humphrey Street becomes Pleasant Street. Continue on Pleasant Street to the second traffic light.

There will be a fire station at this light. Turn right. You are now on Ocean Street. Follow Ocean Street across the peninsula and continue on and you will come to Chandler Hovey Park, the location of Marblehead Light. If you go via Rte. 128, you get off at exit 25B. Get onto Rte. 114 and follow about six miles into Marblehead and get on Pleasant Street and onto Ocean Street and proceed as above. These directions were furnished by the Marblehead Police Dept. Dive time 10:00 a.m.

Metro West Dive Club's twelfth annual wrecks symposium will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2004 and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This symposium will take place at the Keefe Technical School in Framingham, MA. The price of admission is \$12.00 if tickets are purchased pre-show or \$15.00 if tickets are purchased at the door. For additional information, visit their website at www.mwdc.org/wrecks2004.

John Blackadar has been able to reschedule Paul Adler's presentation on the Bonaire trip to the second meeting in April. Paul will be at the clubhouse on April 20th to present the particulars on the trip. At this time costs, dates lodgings etc. should be firmed up.

The treasurer has notified all delinquent members regarding their arrears in dues. At last notice we had twenty or so members behind in dues. This could be your last newsletter if you are dropped from the roster.



A Photo History of 2003

Kathi Bell, our inhouse webmaster, is doing a great job with the club website. She is always looking for input from the membership. She can be reached at kathi_bell@southshoreneptunes.org If you have anything that you think may be of interest let her know.

Spring is upon us and maybe your looking for a club hat or polo shirt for the upcoming season. Tom Guild, the club storekeeper, has a few items on hand at the club for sale. And he can order items if he doesn't have what you are looking for.

Materials Needed

The club librarian is 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 has printed up a new supply of wallet cards with SSN information on one side and DAN information on the other. The cards are available at the clubhouse.

Boat Dives

It won't be long before we will be into scheduling boat dives as club dives. So just a reminder to all divers that we are lucky to have members with boats available to take us out into the harbor. The owners have an investment that all divers should treat with respect. Don't be afraid to ask if they need any help at the end of a trip when they are securing the boat. Or maybe they could use a hand cleaning up.

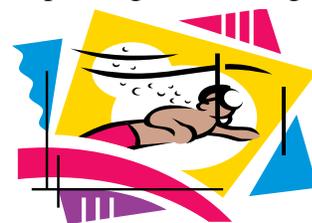
Other News

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.

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.

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.



APRIL 2004

SUND AY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HT 7:51 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	2 HT 8:42	3 HT 9:29
4 HT 11:16 Non-point Dive, Flag Rock, Plymouth, Brkfst, 8:00 a.m., Bickfords, exit 9	5 HT **** Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	6 HT 12:16 Regular Meeting	7 HT 1:01	8 HT 1:45 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	9 HT 2:34	10 HT 3:26
11 HT 4:24	12 HT 5:27 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	13 HT 6:36 Board Meeting	14 HT 7:46	15 HT 8:52 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	16 HT 9:51	17 HT 10:43
18 HT 11:29 Point Dive, Mrblhd., Lt. Brkfst., 8:00 a.m., Swampscott	19 HT **** Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	20 HT 12:22 Regular Meeting	21 HT 12:59	22 HT 1:35 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	23 HT 2:13	24 HT 2:54
25 HT 3:38	26 HT 4:27 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	27 HT 5:20	28 HT 6:16	29 HT 7:13 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	30 HT 8:09	

MAY 2004

SUND AY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 HT 9:02
2 HT 0:954	3 HT 10:43 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	4 HT 11:34 Regular Meeting	5 HT ****	6 HT 12:34 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	7 HT 1:23	8 HT 2:16
9 HT 3:11	10 HT 4:11 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	11 HY 5:15 Board Meeting	12 HT 6:22	13 HT 7:29 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	14 HT 8:33	15 HT 9:30
16 HT 10:21 Non-point Dive, Site to be announced.	17 HT 11:07 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	18 HT 11:49 Regular Meeting	19 HT ****	20 HT 12:30 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	21 HT 1:08	22 HT 1:47
23 HT 2:28 Point Dive, Site to be Announced	24 HT 3:11 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	25 HT 3:57	26 HT 4:47	27 HT 5:39 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	28 HT 6:34	29 HT 7:29
30 HT 8:25	31 HT 9:20					

**SOUTH SHORE
NEPTUNES**
P. O. BOX 518
QUINCY, MA 02269

PRESIDENT
TED HOTZ
69 ROBIN HILL RD.
HOLLISTON, MA 01746
(774) 233-0822
ted_hotz@southshoreneptunes.org

VICE PRESIDENT
KATHI BELL
993 MASSACHUSETTS AV.
ARLINGTON, MA 02476
(781) 777-1871
kathi_bell@southshoreneptunes.org

SECRETARY
MARTIN BLAKE
238 ROOSEVELT RD.
WEYMOUTH, MA 02188
(781) 335-1934
marty_blake@southshoreneptunes.org

TREASURER
THERESA CZEREPICA
21 PROSPECT AV.
CHELSEA, MA 02150
(617) 884-0697
theresa_czerepica@southshoreneptunes.org

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 Correnti 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.

<p>NORTH ATLANTIC SCUBA</p>  <p>1820 Ocean St., Rt. 139 Marshfield, MA 02050 Exit 12 Off Rt. 3 To Rt. 139</p> <p>www.northeastatlanticscuba.com 781-834-4067</p> <p>A FULL SERVICE DIVING FACILITY</p> <p>Open 361 Days a Year.</p>	<p>SUBSEA DIVERS</p>  <p>(508) 378-4200 www.subseadivers.com</p>  <p>Recognized internationally as both a RECREATIONAL & TECHNICAL DIVER TRAINING FACILITY</p> <p>We offer classes from entry level to mixed gas rebreather diving COMPLETE DIVER CERTIFICATION CLASS IN ONE WEEK! MASTER INSTRUCTION * STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT * COLLEGE CLASSES OVER 15 YEARS OF ACTIVE DIVE EXPERIENCE 398 Bedford St. (Rte 18) East Bridgewater</p>
---	---

WHY PAY MORE ?

MAJOR BRANDS
OF
DIVING EQUIPMENT

B&M
DISTRIBUTING INC.

33 YEARS EXPERIENCE
FACTORY AUTHORIZED REPAIRS

WHOLESALE
TO THE PUBLIC

(401) 434-5058

279 TAUNTON AVE.
EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914

ON RT. 44 EAST



Compliments of Dave Clancy
Your SSN Florida Connection

Charlie Levine
Has Come Back East
And Is in Milford,
New Hampshire.
We Ski in
New Hampshire Too!



waterworks

Bill VanderClock
PO Box 541062
Waltham, MA 02254
(781) 820-1221

Underwater Instruction
Private Scuba Instruction
Underwater Photography
Search & Recovery

DIVER'S MARKET SCUBA CENTER

319 Court Street
(Route 3a)
Plymouth, MA 02360

Wayne Gomer

Just off Route 3 South

A New Larger Store

(508) 746-DIVE
(508) 746-3483

AIR STATION
SALES
RENTALS
CHARTERS
HYDRO



SOLIMINI CONSTRUCTION INC.

COMPLETE LOADER, BACKHOE, SHOVELDOZER SERVICE
SEWER AND WATER CONNECTIONS
GRADING, EXCAVATING, DRAINAGE

VINCENT P. SOLIMINI

(781) 337-8047



16 Manning Street, Suite 104
Derry, New Hampshire 03038
(603) 432-1997 fax (603) 432-4702

www.uwphoto.com
sales@uwphoto.com
Sea & Sea *** Nikons
Nikon F100

REPAIRS AND SALES
CUSTOM HOUSING PACKAGES
PHOTO TRIPS & ACCESSORIES
LATEST VIDEO PRODUCTS

And
Sea & Sea's New
NX-100 Pro Housing
For Nikon's F100

One Call Gives You Complete Sales & Service
for All Your Underwater Photographic Needs

South Shore Divers



147 Bridge St. (Rt. 3A)
N. Weymouth, MA 02191



*Air 781-331-1144

*Sales

*Repairs

*Rentals

*Classes

WWW.SOUTHSHOREDIVERS.COM

UNITED DIVERS

SNORKELING &
SCUBA DIVING CLASSES
ALL YEAR ROUND
LEARN ON A WEEKEND



AIR • SALES
RENTALS • REPAIRS
UNDERWATER VIDEO
SPECIALISTS

- INDOOR HEATED POOL
POOL RENTALS AVAILABLE
- PRIVATE CLASSES
- EXPERT DRY SUIT REPAIR
- INSTRUCTOR TRAINING FACILITY

UNITED DIVERS, INC.

59 Washington Street
Somerville, MA 02143

209 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907

(617) 623-DIVE

(617) 623-3483

(617) 666-0410

FAX (617) 776-7986

(401) 274-4482

FAX (401) 274-2715

Internet Address:
<http://www.uniteddivers.com>

Booster Listings - \$25 Per Calendar Year

South Shore Neptunes

P.O. Box 518
Quincy, Massachusetts 02169



151 sheets printed.