

SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

MAY 2004



Past Events

The April 4th non-point dive was a non-dive. Once again the dive was cancelled on site at Flag rock in Plymouth where three and four footers were rolling in to the beach. Roy and Jean Chamberlain, along with John Blackadar, met for breakfast at the Bickfords in Kingston and then went to the dive site where they made the above observation.

The April 18th Point Dive was held at Marblehead Light. The divers met at Lincoln Landing for breakfast. Four divers went into the water: Roy Chamberlain, Marshall Reynard, Jeannine Fabian and Robert Spiker. The water temp at the surface was 43 degrees and dropped to 39 degrees at a depth of 36 feet. The visibility was about 10 feet.

John Blackadar reports that he has contacted the underwater rugby team about sharing some pool time with them to demonstrate and try out the Inspiration Rebreather system. They are agreeable to having the presentation. John reports that he is looking at a date in the Fall when school reopens after the Summer break. It will allow time to coordinate the program.

We received an update from Wally Westphal on the plans being made to have a Christmas party for the wounded and injured military personnel returning from Iraq. At this time it appears that the party will be held at the U.S.C.G. Station Boston. He states that they will be looking for volunteers to assist in different phases of the plans. Contact Wally if your interested. As more information becomes available, Wally will keep us informed.

Upcoming Events

The clubhouse cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st. Joe Geyer, the cleanup committee of one, is looking for a few good men and women to join him in sprucing up the clubhouse grounds and giving the clubhouse a good spring cleaning.

Night Dives. John Molis has accepted the responsibility to again run the night dives this year. The dives will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The first night dive will be held on June 22nd. The divers will meet at Hewitt's Cove in Hingham at 6:30 pm. More information and directions will be available in next month's newsletter.

The non-point dive for May is set for Sunday, May 16th, and will be in Scituate at Strawberry Point. Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. at the Gannett Grill. Directions are as follows. If you are coming from the Quincy area take Rte. 3A and follow it into Scituate. At the large "Welcome to Scituate" sign, turn left. Follow the road thru the first set of lights and the Gannett Grill will be on your left. If you are coming from the North, take Rte. 3 South. Take exit 14 off the highway. At the end of the exit turn left. You will be on Rte. 228. Follow Rte. 228 to Rte. 3A. Take Rte. 3A until you come to the "Welcome to Scituate" sign. Turn right and pass thru the first set of lights. You will come to the Gannett Grill on your on your left. If you are coming up the highway (Rte. 3) from the South, get off at exit 12. At the end of the exit take Rte. 139 toward Marshfield. Follow Rte. 139 to Rte. 3A. Turn left on Rte.3A. Follow Rte. 3A until you come to the "Welcome to Scituate" sign. Turn right and proceed thru the first set of lights and you will come to the Gannett Grill on your left. Meet here.

The Point dive for this month is Sunday, May 23, 2004 and will be at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. This is also the date for the **Annual Bay State Council Treasure Hunt**. This is the ideal time to shake out the Winter cobwebs and check out the equipment for the upcoming Summer dive season. Plus, by entering the treasure hunt, who knows what goodie you might win. Don't miss out on the comraderie of joining other divers at the conclusion of the events for something to eat and catch up on dive news while waiting for results and the drawings. As for directions, you take Rte. 128 to Gloucester. Take Rte 133 off of Rte. 128 and follow it to the end. Turn right and Stage Fort Park is on the left.

In the month of June we will be hopefully into the boating season. Both dives for June are scheduled as boat dives. The point dive is scheduled for Sunday, June 6, 2004. The non-point dive is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 2004. Tentatively the non-point dive will be at Minot's Light, weather permitting. The boats will leave from the Quincy docks at 8:00 a.m. with a pass by Pemberton pier at 8:30 a.m. Some boat owners leave from other locations. **A point of information for all boat Captains: to contact other club boats and to be monitored, use channel 68.**

Other News

Roy Chamberlain is forever keeping himself busy with projects at home. He informs us that he has just finished refurbishing the club gas burners that are used at the annual outing. It seems that last year we had a problem or two with the gas lines. Roy has remedied these problems and also has added some balance to the burners.

Boat dives. 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.



Think Summer!

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.

Looking for a clear cold water dive trip? In the March newsletter, it was mentioned that Dave Clancet was going to running a dive trip to dive the wrecks of Nova Scotia. Well I checked his web site, www.nswrecks.net, and the dates for this week long trip are August 22, 2004 to August 28, 2004. If your interested go to the above listed site for all the information.

Bonaire Dive Trip. Paul Adler, Chris Archer (from the Plaza Resort Bonaire) and Paul Campbell (from Air Jamaica) spoke at the SSN meeting on April 20th. They provided many handouts with pricing for the upcoming Club trip and also showed a short video of the island and resort. The pricing includes airfare and hotel for the week.

If you are interested in going, see John Blackadar for copies of the handouts. We are very close to setting a date to go - probably in early October. There will be many activities for non-divers so include spouses and other family and friends in your plans. It looks like a lot of fun so plan on going!

United Divers Sale. United Divers will be having a storewide sale on Saturday, May 15th and Sunday May 16th at their Somerville store. Lots of great buys for divers at every level. Be sure to stop by & check them out!

Boat for Sale. Ed Bates announced that there is a boater alongside him at Hewitt's Cove who is getting away from boating. He has a 1982 28' Wellcraft, which has recently been repowered. The owner also has a new trailer for hauling the boat. See Ed for more details or for contact information.

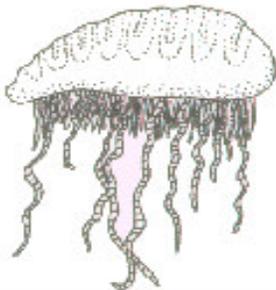
Try out a Dry Suit. Ever wondered what it would be like to go diving and come out completely dry? Now's your chance. DUI Dog Days allow people to try a dry suit and see if diving dry is for you.

DUI Demo's will be held at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester on May 22nd and May 23rd. Tickets are available at the South Shore Divers store for \$7.00 including a BBQ lunch and the opportunity for merchandise coupons.

For more information please call South Shore Divers directly at 781-331-1144 or stop by the shop for your tickets. They are now also an official DUI Dealer and their stock suits are in stock now if anyone wants to see anything in advance.

New Jellyfish Exhibit at New England Aquarium. On April 17th, a new exhibit opened in the West Wing of the NEAQ. The 5,000-square-foot exhibit includes thousands of specimens and a variety of different species of jellies. In addition, the exhibit features other exotic habitats, such as a Palauan Lagoon, and strange creatures, such as the monitor lizard. Amazing Jellies describes human influence on the oceans in a compelling and dramatic way. Visitors will learn why jelly populations are swelling around the world and how humans have helped them multiply.

The Aquarium is open 9 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday and 9 am - 6 pm Saturday and Sundays.



Change to Lobster Regulations! The Department of Marine Fisheries has a public hearing on May 3rd at 7pm at the Mass Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay and May 4th at 7 pm at the Gloucester High School in Gloucester. From the information it looks as if they are looking to put a bag limit on our lobster catch.

Here is how it reads exactly:

2. (e) Establish a recreational daily bag limit of 10 lobsters applicable to recreational lobstermen while fishing or while traveling to and from fishing grounds either

- i. in the Southeastern Recreational Lobster Area;*
- or*
- ii. in all state waters*

It appears that this applies to divers holding recreational lobster licenses.

If you cannot attend you can e-mail comments to marine.fish@state.ma.us or fax comments to 617-626-1509. Visit their web site for further details: <http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dmf/>

Board Resignation. The Board of Directors regrets to report that John Haskell has had to resign from the BOD due to work obligations. We are very sorry to accept his resignation. He has done a tremendous job for the club - especially during his stint as Vice-President last year. He will continue to participate in club dives and activities as much as possible. He will be replaced on the Board by the first alternate member, John Molis.

SSN Web Site. A new section on items **For Sale** will soon be added to the Neptunes web site. If you have scuba related gear for sale or know of a local dive shop having a sale, please give the information to Kathi Bell and she will get it posted for you. You can give it to her at any club meeting or send it to her via email at kathi_bell@southshoreneptunes.org.

MAY 2004

SUND AY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 HT 9:02 Club Clean-up 8 am
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 HT 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, Sci- tuate, Strawberry Point. Brkfst at the Gannett Grill, 8:00am	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, *see note *	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					

*** This is the Bay State Council Treasure Hunt and also the point dive in Gloucester.** ****There is no pool on Monday, May 31, 2004**

JUNE 2004

SUND AY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 HT 10:15 Regular Meeting	2 HT 11:09	3 HT ***** MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	4 HT 12:13	5 HT 1:08
6 HT 2:01 Non-point dive, Boat dive, lesve Quincy docks at 8:00 am	7 HT 2:58 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	8 HT 3:57 Board Meeting	9 HT 4:59	10 HT 6:01 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	11 HT 7:04	12 HT 8:05
13 HT 9:02 Point dive. Boat dive, leave Quincy docks At 8:00 am, Minots Light?	14 HT 9:54 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	15 HT 10:42 Regular Meeting	16 HT 11:25	17 HT ***** MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	18 HT 12:05	19 HT 12:44
20 HT 1:24	21 HT 2:05 Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	22 HT 2:46 Night Dive, Hewitt's Cove 6:30 pm	23 HT 3:30	24 HT 4:16 MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	25 HT 5:06	26 HT 5:59
27 HT 6:55	28 HT 7:53	29 HT 8:52	30 HT 9:50			

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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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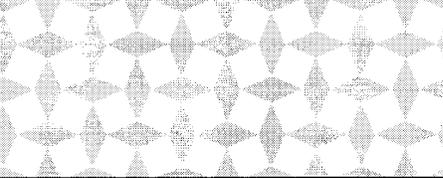
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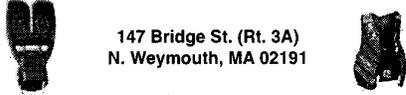
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