

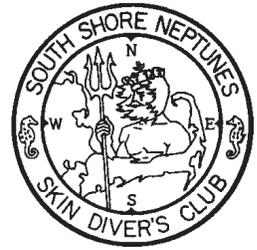
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# SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

JUNE 2004

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## PAST EVENTS

The club cleanup was done on Saturday, May 1st. On hand was our president Ted Hotz, along with Kathi Bell, Tim Niu, Bruce Gerhard and Theresa Czerepica. The work was pretty much confined to giving the inside a good freshen up. Our groundskeeper, Joe Geyer, has the outside area looking good..

On Monday evening, May 3rd, Roy Chamberlain, along with several other Neptunes, were in attendance at a Marine Fisheries hearing at the Mass. Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay. A part of the hearing was on changes to the non-commercial lobster license. The state is looking to impose a daily limit on the number of lobsters which a diver or ten trapper is allowed to take. The Neptunes made up the bulk of the dive community in attendance. The majority of those present at the hearing were commercial lobstermen. Roy stated that those who spoke on behalf of the divers were well prepared with information about diving for lobsters. Also there was the ever present lobsterman who had his tale of woe about how he is continually ripped off by divers who take from his traps and prevent him from making a living. The feeling that Roy and others got from the hearing was that there will be a limit put into place. The next night, Tuesday, May 4th, a second hearing was held in Gloucester. Angelo Correnti and a couple of others from the club were their to represent the Neptunes. He stated that things were pretty much the same as they were at the previous nights hearing. Angelo noted that there were no representatives from the North Shore dive clubs. At the time of the hearing he felt that there would be a limit imposed.



**SINCE THE HEARINGS THE STATE HAS PLACED A FIFTEEN (15) LOBSTER A DAY CATCH LIIMIT ON THE NON-COMMER-CIAL LOBSTER LICENSE.**

There was a meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers here at the clubhouse on Wednesday, May 12th. At this meeting there was a discussion of the hearings held on the non-commercial lobster license and also a discussion on the artificial reef project. Wally Westphal gave a presentation on what has been going on with other states and their pursuit of an artificial reef. Angelo Correnti then showed a video on the site where they have been doing transect work This is an area located between 3 1/2 Fathom Ledge and Graves Light. Following the video, Vin Malkowaki of the marine fisheries, spoke about the location for an artificial reef. Mr. Malkowski stated that the current location at 3 1/2 Fathom Ledge was a gravelly bottom. A bottom which is made up of sand is more preferrable. With this in mind, Angelo has suggested that a more Southerly site would be more suitable. At this time he thinks a site in the area of the wreck 'Pinthis', which is about 6 miles East of 4th Cliff in Scituate would have the bottom discribed by Vin Malkowski.

The non-point dive for May took place at Strawberry Point, Scituate, on Sunday, May 16th. Roy Chamberlain reported there were four divers entering the water after enjoying breakfast at the Gannett Grill. Making the dive were Roy Chamberlain, Gary Greenberg, Paul Nassralla and Bob Spiker. At entry time the water was calm and the visibility was very good. During the dive the weather overhead changed and when the divers surfaced they encountered choppy waters. There was no report of any bugs taken.

**There has been a change in** the makeup of the Board of Directors. John Haskell has submitted a letter of resignation. Due to a change in his work hours it will not be possible for him to attend meetings of the Board. John Molis, who was first alternate, has accepted the appointment to fill the vacancy on the Board.

**The point dive was held on Sunday, May 23rd,** at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. The point dive was combined with the annual Bay State Council Treasurer Hunt. It was reported that there were twenty seven entrants for the treasurer hunt. The snorkel event which is a team event was not held because of not enough members from clubs to be able to have teams. Following the scuba event it was time to relax and have something to eat. Following the break for lunch the drawing for the various prizes donated for the hunt was held. The attendance was off from previous years but all in attendance had a good day. And nobody was lost in the parking lot this year.

**The departure time for boats leaving** from Quincy on boat dives is 8:00 a.m. This was reported in the newsletter last month. That notice was a little premature because the time had not been voted on by the membership at a regular meeting. This has been corrected. At the May 18th general meeting this departure time was approved by vote of the membership.

**The club extends a thank you** to Jay Theriault. He informs us that he has renewed the club's domain name on the internet and has donated the cost for the two year renewal.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The sites for the Summer point dives** were voted on at the general meeting on Tuesday, May 18th. The following are the dive sites for the months of June, July, August and September. The June point dive will be on Sunday, June 6th and the site is 3 1/2 Fathom Ledge. The July point dive will be on Sunday, July 18th and the site will be Lovell's Island\*\*. The August point dive will be

on Sunday, August 22nd and the site is 40 steps, Nahant. The September point dive will be on Sunday, September 12th, and the site is Devil's Back. These are all boat dives and boats will leave from the Quincy docks at 8:00 a.m. and will make a pass by Pemberton Pier at 8:30 a.m. to check for anyone who may be at that location. Also, note that the July point dive has been moved from The Spit to Lovell's Island. This change was made because of the rapid increase in the costs of gasoline. All boat owners should monitor channel 68 on their marine radios. This is the channel the club members with boats use on club dives.

**The non-point dive for June is Sunday, June 13th,** This is a boat dive and the president has been asked by Angelo Correnti if this could be a transect dive.

**The Annual George's Island outing is** scheduled for Sunday, June 27, 2004. There is a signup sheet at the clubhouse and anyone who wants to go on this island outing is requested to sign up in order that we can get a count of all who are going. This is a great way to spend a day with the wife and kids or girlfriend or boyfriend.

## Rules Change !!!

**At the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 18th** there was a discussion on competition dives. Currently in the club rules it says that there will be three competition dives per year. It seems that interest has been lacking with regard to competition dives. The membership at the meeting felt that this rule should be changed. At the direction of the president, with the assistance of the club parliamentarian, there will be a motion brought before the membership at the general meeting on June 15th to make a rules change regarding competition dives. If you are interested and have any input plan to attend the general meeting Tuesday, June 15, 2004.

Dina Solimini has planned a dinner night out at the Hilltop Restaurant, Braintree for Friday Evening, June 11th at 7:30 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet at the club on June 1 & 8. Or you can call Dina direct at (617) 425-7131, e-mail dsolimini@combinatorx.com.

**John Molis will be running night** dives again this season. The first night dive of the Summer is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22nd. The meeting place for the dive will be Hewett's Cove on Rte 3A in Hingham. The time is 6:30 p.m.

**The Underwater Rugby Team** will be hosting a tournament at the Lincoln-Hancock pool on Saturday, June 12, 2004. The tournament will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If your freed up that day, stop by and show your support.

### **Oh Yes, Of Course, Much Better**

Australia's Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals believes it is wrong to kill lobster by dropping them live into boiling water.

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The long awaited trip to the Caribbean is now a reality. The dates are set. The accommodations are listed above. All you have to do now is contact **Paul Adler at East Coast Divers, 280 Worcester Rd., Framingham, MA 01702, Phone (508) 620-1176. Web site [www.ecdivers.com](http://www.ecdivers.com). E-mail: [travel@ecdivers.com](mailto:travel@ecdivers.com).**

At the time of mailing of the newsletter there are 12 people booked for the trip. Make your reservation now. You can also contact Blackie at (781) 826-4696 if you have ques.

## JUNE 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1 HT 10:15</b> Regular Meeting	<b>2 HT 11:09</b>	<b>3 HT ****</b> MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	<b>4 HT 12:13</b>	<b>5 HT 1:08</b>
<b>6 HT 2:01</b> Point dive, Boat dive, lesve Quincy docks at 8:00 am 3 1/2 Fatham Ledge	<b>7 HT 2:58</b> Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	<b>8 HT 3:57</b> Board Meeting	<b>9 HT 4:59</b>	<b>10 HT 6:01</b> MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	<b>11 HT 7:04</b> Dinner night out at the Hilltop Restau- rant, Braintree, 7:00 pm.	<b>12 HT 8:05</b> Underwater Rugby Tournament, Lincoln Hancock Pool, 8:00 am / 5:00 pm.
<b>13 HT 9:02</b> Non-point dive. Boat dive, leave Quincy docks At 8:00 am.	<b>14 HT 9:54</b> Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	<b>15 HT 10:42</b> Regular Meeting	<b>16 HT 11:25</b>	<b>17 HT ****</b> MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	<b>18 HT 12:05</b>	<b>19 HT 12:44</b>
<b>20 HT 1:24</b>	<b>21 HT 2:05</b> Underwater Rugby Lincoln-Hancock Pool 7:00-7:45	<b>22 HT 2:46</b> Night Dive, Meet at Hewitt's Cove 6:30 pm	<b>23 HT 3:30</b>	<b>24 HT 4:16</b> MIT Zeisiger Ctr Pool Underwater Hockey 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	<b>25 HT 5:06</b>	<b>26 HT 5:59</b>
<b>27 HT 6:55</b> George's Island, out- ing, beginning of the Summer	<b>28 HT 7:53</b>	<b>29 HT 8:52</b>	<b>30 HT 9:50</b>			

## JULY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1 HT 10:48</b>	<b>2 HT 11:45</b>	<b>3 HT ****</b> Fireworks off Wessa- gussett Beach. 9:00 p.m. View from Quincy Yacht Club
<b>4 HT 12:51</b> <b>Independence Day.</b> <b>God Bless America</b>	<b>5 HT 1:46</b>	<b>6 HT 2:42</b> Regular Meeting	<b>7 HT 3:38</b>	<b>8 HT 4:34</b>	<b>9 HT 5:32</b>	<b>10 HT 6:31</b>
<b>11 HT 7:30</b>	<b>12 HT 8:29</b>	<b>13 HT 9:24</b> Board Meeting	<b>14 HT 10:15</b>	<b>15 HT 11:01</b>	<b>16 HT 11:44</b>	<b>17 HT ****</b>
<b>18 HT 12:23</b> Point Dive, Lovell's Island.	<b>19 HT 1:03</b>	<b>20 HT 1:43</b> Regular Meeting	<b>21 HT 2:23</b>	<b>22 HT 3:06</b>	<b>23 HT 3:50</b>	<b>24 HT 4:39</b>
<b>25 HT 5:32</b> Non-Point boat dive to be announced	<b>26 HT 6:29</b>	<b>27 HT 7:29</b>	<b>28 HT 8:31</b>	<b>29 HT 9:23</b>	<b>30 HT 10:33</b>	<b>31 HT 11:30</b>

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**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:

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