

SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter
APRIL 2005



SOUTH SHORE NEPTUNES FIFTY YEARS OF DIVING

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Past Events

On Saturday evening, February 26th, there were a total of twenty-two club members and guests at the Museum of Science to watch the showing of the film 'Mystery of the Nile' at the Mugar Theatre. Several members of the group were early and had a bite to eat at the in-house restaurant at the museum and did a little browsing and shopping at the museum store. The film itself was a terrific presentation. The trip down the Nile from its source to the Mediterranean Sea was a fantastic ride once you were used to the twists and turns of the helicopter as it wound its way through and over the terrain. The president's choice of the museum for a night out was a good one.

The point dive scheduled for Sunday, February 27th, at Pemberton Pier, Hull, was a no go. After a breakfast at Star's Resturant in Hingham, yours truly went to the dive site and read most of the Sunday paper while awaiting those hearty divers who didn't make it.

There is not much more to report with respect to the scheduled dives for March. The point dive scheduled for Sunday, March 13th, was blown out. After having breakfast at Lincoln Landing Restaurant in Saugus, our president, Kathi Bell, along with Tim Niu, proceeded to Marblehead Light for a look at the sea. Kathi reports that conditions were not good for diving.

The non-point dive which was scheduled for Sunday, March 20th, at a site on Cape Ann was also cancelled as a result of the weather.

The weather has not been very accommodating during the month of March. The first regular membership meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st, and the Board meeting set for Tuesday, March 8th, were cancelled. The former due to the lack of a quorum and the latter because of an ice and snow storm.

The 51st Annual Boston Sea Rovers show took place the weekend of March 5th and 6th. The South Shore Neptunes, along with the Bay State Council of Divers and a number of other local dive clubs, were represented at the show. It is reported that this year's presentation did not appear to have had as much vendor support as in past shows. But attendance was up and the Saturday night film fest was a terrific show.

On the fourth Tuesday of the month, March 22nd, Ted Hotz brought in a couple of wreck videos on wrecks of The Great Lakes. There were five or six members on hand for the show. Pizza was ordered in.

On Tuesday evening, March 15th, immediately following the regular meeting, there was a guest speaker from the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries. Ross Kessler gave a presentation on an eelgrass, *Zostera marina*, restoration project currently underway in Boston Harbor. The necessity for this restoration is due to die-offs in the '30s, pollution and nutrient loading which has left a few small beds in the harbor. With the improved water conditions in the harbor this grass can again grow and provide a habitat for fish, shellfish, and other marine animals, and is particularly important as a refuge for juvenile organisms. It also stabilizes the sediment and buffers wave action.

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The natural revegetation can take decades. Thus, the Mass Marine Fisheries restoration project. Mr. Kesler is looking for volunteers from the dive community to assist in the project. The first date divers will be needed is on **Sunday, April 24th**, which is a scheduled date for a club point dive. The second date divers are needed is **Monday, April 25th**. The first date would be harvesting and the second date would be replanting. For more information, or to volunteer, call **MDMF at: (508) 563-1779, ext. 142**. There will be more discussion at the first general meeting in April.

Upcoming Events

Here it is the month of April and hopefully Spring has sprung. The non-point dive for the month is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th, at Peggotty Beach, Scituate. Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. at the Gannett Grill, Scituate.

The point dive is Sunday, April 24th. This will be a boat run to assist the Mass. Div. of Marine Fisheries in their eelgrass restoration project. The dive will be made to a known eelgrass bed to harvest plants for transplanting in an area where recolonization will likely be successful.

On Friday evening, April 15th, Jay Theriault will be leading a dinner night out to the Fours Restaurant, on Cottage Ave, in Quincy center. Using the clubhouse as a landmark, to get to the Fours you go left on Quarry Street. Quarry Street becomes Granite Street. Follow Granite Street into Quincy Center. You will come to a set of lights at the intersection of Granite and Hancock Streets. In front of you to your right is a tall bank building. Cross the intersection and turn right on the far side of the bank. This is Chestnut St. Cottage Ave. is the first right. Go beyond Cottage Ave. and park in the municipal lot which is at the rear of the stores on Cottage Ave.

Sunday, May 1st, will be the non-point dive and it will be the Annual River Run down the North river. For anyone not familiar with the river run, it is a trip down the North river from an entry point I believe is at the birdge at Union St. to Mary's Landing, Rte. 3A, at the Scituate/Marshfield town line. The idea is to use your imagination to create your means of transportation to make a successful trip. We will meet at the parking lot off Rte.3A, in Scituate just before the bridge at Mary's Landing at 8:00 a.m. From there participants will be transported to the entry site. At the completion of the run we have been invited to enjoy the hospitality of the Burchills, Bill & Netta, who live a short distance away in Marshfield. The Burchills have had the members back to their home in the past and it has always been a treat to accept their invitation. To get to the Burchills from Mary's Landing you take Rte. 3A South. At the first street on your left, Summer St., take a left. There will be a sign which says Humarock and Seaview. Bill & Netta live at 133 Summer St. It is a brown house which is about three miles down the road. If you have trouble, you can call the house at (781) 837-1522.

On Sunday morning, May 15th, the club is planning a trip to Boston to Chinatown for Chinese Dim Sum, a Chinese brunch. From what I've been told, instead of a buffet and going through a line, you are seated and the food is on carts and brought around to the tables and served. Angelo Correnti is arranging the trip. I will have more information on this outing in the May newsletter.

On Sunday, May 22nd, the point dive will be held at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. **This will also be the Annual BSC Treasure Hunt.** The treasure hunt is a two part event, snorkeling and SCUBA. The Bay State Council Treasure Hunt is a good time to get wet and check out your gear for the coming dive season. There will be more to follow in the May newsletter.

Several years ago we started the president's "Start of the Summer Party". This was held at George's Island under the watchful eye of The Lady in Black.

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The past couple of years it has fallen off a bit, primarily because of unavailability of boats and weather conditions. This year our own in-house chef, Dave Inglis, along with his wife Debbie, have informed the membership that they would host the party at his newly moved into home in Kingston. The date for the party is **Sunday, June 26th**. Dave has asked me to let you know that if you would like to make a dish and donate it to the party it will be graciously accepted. I have a set of directions to get to his home and they are: take Rte 3 South to exit 9. Take exit 9. At the top of the ramp turn right. You are on Rte. 3A. Pass through

the lights in front of Bickfords. Follow the road down the hill. There is a set of lights at the bottom. Turn left at these lights. You will now be on Rte. 80. Follow this road to the stop sign. Turn left, you are still on Rte. 80. Keep going until you get to the garden center which will be on your right. Now go to the second street on your right, this will be South Street. Turn onto South Street. Dave and Debbie live at #19, and it is on your right side. It is the third house and it is set back. The driveway is just beyond the inverted telephone pole that looks like a 'V' sticking out of the ground. To contact the house call (781) 585-4946.



1955 Club Logo



2005 Club Logo

50th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

The fiftieth anniversary committee is continuing in its work to put together a memorable program to celebrate the South Shore Neptunes fifty year birthday.

The design for the pin has been decided on and it is in the process of being ordered. It will be the club emblem with the words '50th Anniversary' around the top and the years '1955 - 2005' around the bottom. They will be given out at the dinner/dance.

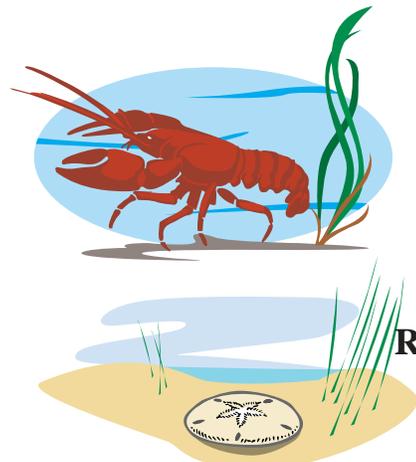
The Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner/Dance date and location have been set. The date is Saturday, August 20, 2005, and the location is Anthony's Pier Four, Northern Avenue, Boston, overlooking the inner harbor. There is a mailing being prepared which will have all the information on this affair. Mark your calendar and get your tickets early.

I hope it is a sign of general enthusiasm that several members have already started logging in dives on their quest to make fifty dives to celebrate our fifty years. Remember, if you make fifty dives in the period from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005 you will be awarded a commemorative fifty dive shirt.

Junior Membership Program

At the general meeting on Tuesday, February 16th, the program was introduced to the membership. It was well received and the president appointed Doug Meyer and Angelo Correnti to co-chair a junior membership committee. Anyone interested in joining this committee contact either Angelo at (617) 645-0721 or Doug at (508) 224-4794. The committee will be responsible for reviewing the current policy and rewriting the policy to put together a program for junior membership in the Neptunes.

T H I N K U M M E R



All tides are A.M. tides							APRIL 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
					1 HT 3:31	2 HT 4:33 Metro West Dive Club Show at Kee fe Tech, School. Framingham							
3 HT 6:41	4 HT 7:50 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	5 HT 8:57 Regular Meeting	6 HT 9:56 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	7 HT 10:51	8 HT 11:42	9 HT 12:02							
10 HT 12:45 Non-point dive, Peggoty Beach, Scituate. Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., Gannett Grill.	11 HT 1:27 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	12 HT 2:09 Board Meeting	13 HT 2:52 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	14 HT 3:38	15 HT 4:28 Dinner night out, The Fours Rest., Cottage Av., Quincy Ctr. 7:00 p.m.	16 HT 5:23							
17 HT 6:21	18 HT 7:21 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	19 HT 8:18 Regular Meeting	20 HT 9:10 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	21 HT 9:57	22 HT 10:41	23 HT 11:24							
24 HT **:**:* Point dive, boat trip to assist the MDMF with eel-grass project.	25 HT 12:16 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	26 HT 12:57	27 HT 1:41 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	28 HT 2:29	29 HT 3:21	30 HT 4:19							

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
1 HT 5:23 Non-point Dive, River run, North River Meet at Mary's landing. Check info in newsletter.	2 HT 6:30 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	3 HT 7:37 Regular Meeting	4 HT 8:41 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	5 HT 9:42	6 HT 10:35	7 HT 11:25							
8 HT ****	9 HT 12:18 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	10 HT 12:59 Board Meeting	11 HT 1:41 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	12 HT 2:23	13 HT 3:08	14 HT 3:56							
15 HT 4:47 Chinese brunch, Chinatown, Boston. Details inside newsletter.	16 HT 5:41 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	17 HT 6:36 Regular Meeting	18 HT 7:31 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	19 HT 8:24	20 HT 9:14	21 HT 10:51							
22 HT 10:51 Pt. Dive. BSC treasure Hunt, Stage Fort Prk, Gloucester.	23 HT 11:38 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	24 HT ****	25 HT 12:32 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	26 HT 1:22	27 HT 2:14	28 HT 3:10							
29 HT 4:09	30 HT 5:12 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	31 HT 6:16											

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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 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.

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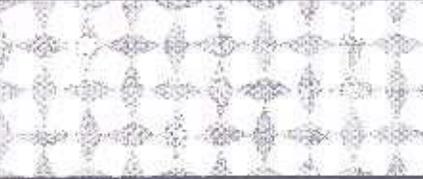
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