

SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

AUGUST 2006



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following list of dates were selected at a planning meeting held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006. This list may be amended with additions or changes if it becomes necessary.

August

6th, Annual Outing..????.

20th, Point Dive.

27th, Non-point Dive.

Brd. Mem. of Mo., Angelo Correnti.

September

10th, Non-point Dive.

19th, Third Tuesday. J. Theriault*.

24th, Point Dive.

October

7th, Flea Market.

15th, Point Dive.

22nd, Non-point Dive.

28th, Halloween Costume Party. R. Chamberlain*.

November

5th, Point Dive.

19th, Non-point Dive.

21st, Third Tuesday. J. McAndrews*.

December

3rd, Point Dive.

5th, Nominations, Officers & Board Members.

19th, Nominations Continued & Elections.

Annual Pizza Party.

Brd. Mem. of Mo., J. Kilcommons*.

January 2007

1st, Non-point Dive, Pleasure Bay Lagoon.

27th, Annual Banquet & Awards Night.

*The names preceding the asterisk are board members who have volunteered to work on an event to take place during that month.



PAST EVENTS

The Annual July 4th, Fireworks display was held on Saturday, July 1st, off of Wessagussett Beach, Weymouth. There was good viewing from the Quincy Yacht Club and also along the seawall on Edgewater Drive, Houghs Neck

The point dive was Sunday, July 9th. Boat captains Reynard and Lo left the Quincy Yacht Club along with eight other divers for a trip out to the Harbor islands. The first dive was out to Graves Light. At the light they hooked up with Betsy Harling, another South Shore Neptune, who was out for the day with some friends. The visibility was a respectable 15 or so feet. Plenty of lobsters were taken between this dive and a second dive back at Shag Rocks for Marshall and his crew and at Tewksbury Rock for Tommy and his crew. All in all, an enjoyable and fruitful day.

The Bay Stae Council of Divers met on Wednesday, July 12th, and the topic of discussion was the by-law placing restrictions on diving in Gloucester and Rockport. Although there is a state law in effect to govern the actions of divers, it seems that this is not good enough for these North Shore communities. There is more on the subject in the upcoming events.

The non-point dive scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd, seems to have been a victim of early morning fog. Marshall Reynard and Todd Alger were at the Quincy Yacht Club early Sunday but found themselves all alone with fog encircling the area.

Its been a while since I've had the opportunity to say 'welcome to the South Shore Neptunes'. At the board meeting on Tuesday, the 18th, three applications

for membership were presented to the board for review. The parties whose applications were presented are: **Matthew McCue** of Weymouth, proposed by Jay Theriault, **Rick 'Chip' Cipitelli** of Holbrook, proposed by Joe Kilcommons and **Joseph Ballem** of Braintree, proposed by Joe Kilcommons. The board passed favorably on the applications with a recommendation that the candidates be accepted to membership.

Tommy Lo and his family were on the Cape for a family gathering in July and Tommy had a chance to hook up with Bill Schwabe who is staying in Craigs ville for the Summer. Tom, during his visit, exercised his culinary expertise by preparing lobster Chinese style for his host.

Life member Dick Gullicksen, along with his wife Wendy, is pulling up roots in Weymouth and heading for Wellfleet. The big move is Monday, July 31, 2006. His New Address is 165 Mill Hill Rd., Wellfleet, MA 02667.

Upcoming Events

The Annual Summer Outing at Duxbury Beach will be held Sunday, August 6th. This is a great family day and it is also a great day to get together with friends you don't see as often as one would like. The rain date is Sunday, August 13th. All the particulars are posted elsewhere in the newsletter.

The point dive for the month is Sunday, August 20th. This is a boat dive and the departure time from the Yacht club docks is 8:00 A.M.

The non-point dive for the month is Sunday, August 27 and is a boat dive with the boats pulling away from the Quincy Yacht Club docks at 8:00 A.M.

On Wednesday evening, August 9th, there will be a meeting of the **Bay State Council of Divers** at the South Shore Neptunes Clubhouse at the corner of Joyce Rd. and Quarry St. in Quincy. This is a very important meeting to discuss a

situation which affects all **SCUBA Divers**. The agenda at the meeting is the actions of the community of Gloucester and specifically the interpretation and enforcement of the Scuba and Skin Diving Ordinance, (**Sec 10-81**), (**Ord No 17-1993, 12-14-93**). **Attorney Steve Coren** will be present at this meeting. Mr. Coren has been retained by the **Council** to represent the dive community in challenging the legality of this ordinance. Plan to attend this meeting and if you have any questions for Mr. Coren this is the time to ask them.

Angelo Correnti has informed me that at this time he expects to have another informational meeting on the Gloucester ordinance at the **Aquarium Dive Club on Wednesday, August 16th**. At this time he was not able to confirm this meeting. I will send out an e-mail when Angelo gets back to me.

City of Gloucester Ordinance Sec 10-81 Scuba and Skindiving

(a) Divers Flag. Scuba or Skindivers within the Gloucester waterways shall display a diver's flag consisting of a white diagonal stripe on a red field not less than twelve by fifteen inches (12 X 15) in size. The flag shall be displayed upright on a float or similar device at a height sufficient to be seen by passing vessels. The diver shall trail this flag while submerged, unless the harbormaster grants permission to do otherwise, and shall surface within twentyfive (25) feet of the flag.

(b) Distance From Buoys. The diver shall maintain a distance of at least twentyfive (25) feet and stay clear where vessels are hauling traps in the immediate area.

(c) Prohibitions. The harbormaster may prohibit scuba or skindiving in areas within Gloucester waterways where such diving cannot, in the opinion of the harbormaster, be carried out safely without undue inconvenience to vessel operations.

(d) Beach Regulations. Scuba or Skindivers must comply with beach regulations promulgated by the director of public works.

COURT CHALLENGE TO GLOUCESTER ORDINANCE

It has been noted earlier in the newsletter that there is a Bay State Council of Divers meeting at the Neptunes' clubhouse on Wednesday, August 9th. The agenda is to review the Gloucester ordinance with attorney Steve Coren who has been retained by the Council to represent it in a challenge to this ordinance, The attorney's cost to represent the Bay State Council in this litigation will be somewhere around \$4000.00 or so. The Council is appealing to all divers and friends of divers, along with shop owners, charter boat captains and all others who have a interest in diving to come forward with monetary support to see this action through to its finish. Send your donation to 'Bay State Council of Divers, P.O. Box 518, Quincy, MA 02269. Also Mark Potter, Owner of Mass Diving in Natick, has added a donation product to his website for people to use their credit card to donate to fight this dive flag law. To access this site go to '<http://www.massdiving.com/detail.aspx?ID=786>'. Anyone who dives particularly in New England has to love the sport. This being said, it is incumbent upon us to protect our rights. Don't put off your support. Mail a check today or go to Mass Diving's web site and make a donation by credit card. The Council has gone to court before when our diving rights have been challenged and has won. And the Bay State Council will continue to fight for diver's rights. SUPPORT THE "BAY STATE COUNCIL OF DIVERS"

WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE

John Blackadar is looking to put together a Saturday afternoon and evening trip to Providence, R.I., in September to a presentation of *Waterfire Providence 2006*. Waterfire Providence, the award winning sculpture by Barnaby Evans, is installed on the three rivers of downtown Providence. Since 1997, Waterfire has been presented starting with 42 braziers, an estimated 350,000 people attending thirteen lightings, and been expanded on annually to where there are 100 plus braziers in 2006. And during this time millions have enjoyed this work of art. To find more information go to 'www.waterfire.org' on the internet. If you are interested let us know so that John will be able to work out a plan.



Annual Halloween Party Saturday, October 28, 2006



Where: Roy Chamberlains, 216 Grove St., Marshfield.

When: Dusk to ??

Costumes required. ID Required (to eliminate crashers). Photo Taken. Adults Only.



Put this date aside on your calendar. Roy claims to have over 3200 props to entertain you. Prizes & Raffles. It just keeps getting better every year!



ANNUAL FLEA MARKET SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006

(RAIN DATE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 2006

As you may be aware, the Annual Flea Market is a primary fund raiser for the club. To make it successful, we need help. If you can volunteer your time or if you have items you would like to donate to the club table, either would be greatly appreciated. On Friday, September 30th, we will be at the clubhouse pricing and sorting items for the table. On Saturday, October 1st, we will need help to man the gates, and the club tables and also assist with other chores which arise. Bring your discarded treasures to the clubhouse on the 1st or 2nd Tuesday in September. If you have something to contribute but are unable to get it to the clubhouse, call a club officer and we will try to make arrangements to pick the item(s) up. Remember, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." Only I don't know who said it.

All tides are A.M. tides							August 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
		1 HT 4:38	2 HT 5:27 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	3 HT 6:20	4 HT 7:16 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	5 HT 8:14							
6 HT 9:12 Annual Outing, Dux bury Beach	7 HT 10:06	8 HT 10:59	9 HT 11:49 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	10 HT 12:01	11 HT 12:52 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	12 HT 1:44							
13 HT 2:37 Rain Date--Annual Outing, Dux bury Beach	14 HT 3:31	15 HT 4:38	16 HT 5:28 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	17 HT 6:32	18 HT 7:38 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	19 HT 8:43							
20 HT 9:43 Point Dive, boats to QYC docks at 8:00 A.M.	21 HT 10:35	22 HT 11:20	23 HT 11:59 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	24 HT 12:06	25 HT 12:44 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	26 HT 1:22							
27 HT 1:59 Non-point Dive, boats to leave QYC docks at 8:00 A.M.	28 HT 2:38	29 HT 3:19	30 HT 4:03 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	31 HT 4:51									

All tides are A.M. tides							SEPTEMBER 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
					1 HT 5:45 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	2 HT 6:43							
3 HT 7:43	4 HT 8:43 LABOR DAY	5 HT 9:39	6 HT 10:33 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	7 HT 11:22	8 HT ***** Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	9 HT 12:33							
10 HT 1:25 Non-point Dive. Boat Dive Cast off from QYC at 8:00 A.M.	11 HT 2:17	12 HT 3:11	13 HT 4:08 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	14 HT 5:08	15 HT 6:13 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	16 HT 7:20							
17 HT 8:24	18 HT 9:22	19 HT 10:10	20 HT 10:51 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	21 HT 11:28	22 HT ***** Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	23 HT 12:18							
24 HT 12:53 Point Dive. Boat Dive Cast off from QYC at 8:00 A.M.	25 HT 1:32	26 HT 2:10	27 HT 2:50 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	28 HT 3:34	29 HT 4:22 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	30 HT 5:17							



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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING First Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P

DIRECTIONS Applicants for membership and other interested parties are invited to attend all Membership and Board of Directors meetings. All meetings are held at the field house at the corner of Joyce Road and Quarry Street in Quincy. To get to the building take the Furnace Brook Parkway exit off of the Southeast Expressway and follow Furnace Brook Parkway to Quarry Street. This is exit #8. If you are coming from Boston you must follow the road to the left under the x-way and bear right onto the Parkway. If you are coming from the South at the bottom of the exit turn right onto the Parkway. Go to 2nd set of lights, Quarry St. Turn left. Building is about 25 yards on the right.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION Membership is open to all sport divers and other interested persons. Applications for membership are to be presented at a Board of Directors meeting for review and then to a general membership meeting. The applicant is required to attend both meetings. Membership fees are:

Initiation Fee	\$25.00 one-time fee
Annual dues	\$35.00 per year
Corresponding member	\$10.00 per year
(receives mailings only)	

DIVER'S HOT LINE Looking for a dive buddy? To find out who is diving when and where call Angelo Correnti at (781) 391-1034.

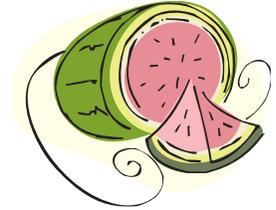
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION To learn more about the club's activities and membership go to www.southshoreneptunes.org or feel free to call one of the club officer's listed to the left, or call John Blackadar at (781) 826-4696.



Annual Outing

Sunday, August 6, 2006

Duxbury Beach



Time: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: Member & Iguest - \$8.00 each

Children in household

6years & older.....- \$8.00 each

Guests: adults & children

6 years & older.....-\$10.00 each

All children 5 years and

younger..... - FREE

Menu: Chicken

Hamburgers - Hotdogs

Sausage - Corn - Salad

Watermelon - Deserts

Cold Drinks (no alcohol)

Contact: Angelo Correnti

781-391-1034

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Cutoff Date: Thursday July 27, 2006

Rain Date: Sunday, August 13, 2006



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