

SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2007



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

The following list of dates were selected at a planning meeting held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. This list may be amended with additions or changes if it becomes necessary.

FEBRUARY

11th, Point Dive, Marblehead Light
18th, Non-point Dive, Long Pond, Plymouth
24th, Boston Scuba Show, Holiday Inn, Marlboro, MA

MARCH

3rd & 4th, Boston Sea Rovers Show, Copley Plaza Hotel
18th, Point Dive, Beach Dive. Site to be announced.
25th, Non-point Dive, Beach Dive. Site to be announced

APRIL

15th, Non-point Dive Beach Dive. Site to be announced
29th, Point Dive, Beach Dive. Site to be announced.

MAY

6th, Non-point Dive, Beach Dive. Site to be announced.
13th, Happy Mother's Day
20th, Point Dive, Bay State Council Treasure Hunt.

JUNE

3rd, Point Dive. Boat Dive.
10th, Non-point dive. Boat Dive.
17th, Happy Father's Day.
24th, Start of the Summer Party.

JULY

8th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive.
22nd, Point Dive. Boat Dive.

AUGUST

5th, Family Outing, Duxbury Beach
12th, Rain Date for Outing.
19th, Point Dive, Boat Dive.
26th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive.

SEPTEMBER

16th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive.
23rd, Point Dive. Boat Dive

OCTOBER

6th, Annual Flea Market.
7th, Rain Date for Flea Market.
14th, Non-point Dive. To be announced
21st, Point Dive. Norton Pond. Pumpkin Carving.
27th, Roy Chamberlain's Annual Halloween Party.

NOVEMBER

11th, Non-point Dive. Beach Dive, to be announced.
18th, Point Dive. Beach Dive, to be announced.

DECEMBER

9th, Point Dive. Beach Dive, site to be announced.
25th, Merry Christmas.

JANUARY 2008

1st, Non-point Dive, Pleasure Bay Lagoon.
26th, Annual Banquet and Awards Night.

Past Events

The planning meeting was lightly attended on Tuesday, January 16th. The members present went through the calendar and as you can see on the left and above, the dates for the club dives and for annual events have been set.

The annual sober up dive on New Year's Day at the Pleasure Bay Lagoon in South Boston went off on schedule. There were eleven hearty soles on hand, five of whom entered the water just about an hour after high tide. It was cold but there was no wind and conditions were good. Everybody was in the water by 10:00 A.M. and the first diver was back on the beach in just over twenty five minutes. And the last diver logged a dive of just under forty five minutes. I think it might have had something to do with diving wet as opposed to diving dry. The lobster were scarce but Steve Breton was able to nab three of the critters. Entering the water along with Steve were Tim Burke, Roy Chamberlain, Doug Eaton and Andy Sachetti. The support crew on the beach was made up of your president, Marty Blake along with John Blackadar, Joe McAndrews, Kelly Burke, Jay Theriault and Wally Westphal.

Banjo is doing



fine, Arf, arf.

The point dive scheduled for the Glades in Scituate on Sunday, January 14th, was not to be. Marty Blake was joined for breakfast at the Gannett Grill by John Blackadar, Roy Chamberlain, Theresa Molis and John Molis. After having the buffet breakfast the group headed to the beach to check out the conditions. It was blowing pretty good and the water was breaking against the sea wall and this was with the tide two and one half hours outgoing.

On Saturday evening, January 27th, the Annual Banquet and Awards Night was held at the Common Market in West Quincy. It was a very enjoyable evening for the fifty one attendees. Cocktails were from 6:30 to 7:30. This allowed time for everyone to say hello to those they hadn't seen in a while. The buffet dinner followed and once again the Common Market served a wonderful meal. After desert, a slice of delicious chocolate cake made by Marie Blake, and coffee, a drawing for a gourmet food basket, donated by past president Kathi Bell, was held. This basket was won by Don Herron, president of the North Shore Frogmen. Next it was on to the presentation of awards for accomplishments during the 2006 year The following Neptunes received awards:

Diver of the Year

- First:**.....Thomas Guild
- Second:**.....Roy Chamberlain
- Third:**.....Theresa Czeripica

Largest Lobster: Gary Osborne

Rookie of Year: Joe Kilcommons

Also being honored at this event were four members who have achieved life membership.

They are: **Life Member...** Steve Breton

Life Member... Kelly Burke

Life Member... Bill Hall

Life Member... Skip Wienrebe

The members of our club congratulate those members for their achievements in winning an annual award and also congratulate our four new life members who have supported us over the last twenty years. At the conclusion of the presentations to the 2006 competition winners and the new

life members it was time to socialize for the remainder of the evening. As you probably noticed it was a North Shore Fboman who won the basket. There were four members of the Frogmen present at the banquet. They had a great time and they thank the Neptunes for having them at the banquet.

Upcoming Events

Moving into February, the first scheduled event is the point dive on Sunday, February 11th, and it will be held 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. Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. at Lincoln's Landing on Rte 1A in Swampscott, across from The Hawthorne Restaurant.



The Non-point dive is Sunday, February 18th, at Long Pond in Plymouth. Depending on the weather leading up to this event, this will be an ice dive. John Blackadar and a crew will be monitoring conditions at the pond. Water entry will be made at the ramp. The set up crew and anyone wanting to join them will be meeting at 7:00 a.m. at the Hearth & Kettle Rest. in Plymouth for breakfast. To get to the restaurant take Rte. 3 South and get off at exit 6A. Exit 6a onto US 44E to head toward Plymouth center. Follow US 44 to Oak St. Turn right onto Oak Street. Follow Oak Street to the end. You are now at the intersection of Oak St. and Summer. Turn left and the restaurant is on your left. It is attached to the Governor Carver Inn. To get to Long Pond take Rte. 3 South. Get off at exit 3. At the top of the ramp you go right onto Clark Rd. Follow Clark Rd. to the End. Now you take a quick left and right across the road. You are still on Clark Rd. and it will take you to the pond.

Dave Clancy, Life member, and our Florida connection, will be presenting a slide show titled **“Famous Wrecks Worldwide”** at the Boston SCUBA Show, February 24th.

SEA ROVERS ANNUAL CLINIC
MARCH 3 - 4, 2007

The Boston Sea Rovers 53rd International Clinic will be held March 3rd & 4th at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston.

To lock in special Hotel rates, visit their web site at www.BostonSeaRovers.com and click on 53rd Clinic >> Lodging.

Their newly launched web site is constantly updated as speakers and workshops are confirmed.

Bookmark the site and check back often.
The address for the Boston Sea Rovers is:

Boston Sea Rovers
P.O. Box 935
Bedford, MA 01730-0395
Phone; **617-424-9899**

THE BOSTON SCUBA SHOW
FEBRUARY 24, 2007

The Boston SCUBA Show is coming up on Saturday, February 24th at the Holiday Inn, Marlboro, MA (Junction Routes 495 and 20). Hosted by Capt. Fred Calhoun, the show starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends around 3:00 P.M. Tickets are \$20.00 (in advance or at the door). Parking is free For advance tickets or more information, contact Chris Christensen, 2 Ocean Av., Magnolia, MA 01930, or call Chris at 978-525-3432.

Show presenters and topics:

Dee Scarr - Bonaire Diving Adventures
Dave Clancy - Famous Wrecks Worldwide
MBT Divers - Sinking of the Oriskany
(the newreef/wreck off Pensacola, Florida)
Easy Diver crew's new film "Invasion"
Fred Calhoun - History of SCUBA Gear
Chris Christensen - In-Water Video
Deb Greengalgh - The wrecks of 1000 Islands
"Don't Get The Bends"
Tom Huff (Northeast Scuba) - Rebreathers

General Interest

On January 4, 2007, John J. McAniff, Sr. passed away after losing his fight against cancer. Mr. MaAniff was known personally by a number of members of the Neptunes. John McAniff conducted research in diving accidents and fatalities and set up Diving Safety Protocol. Mr McAniff was employed as an underwater researcher at the University of Rhode Island. In 1970 he began collecting information about recreational diving fatalities. In 1989, DAN joined the collection process, working with McAniff until his retirement in 1995. Mr McAniff was a member of the Underwater Society of America. Mr. McAniff was 76 years old.

Wally Westphal at a recent club meeting reported about incidents of old coins having washed ashore at an area beach after storms. At the present time he is gathering more information and when he completes his investigation he will report back on the findings.

**Artificial Reef
Cobble-Boulder Reef**

Julie Barber, Marine Ecologist, with the Comm. of Mass., Division of Marine Fisheries, reports that the Div. of Fisheries has announced the completion of a 1.7 acre complex of six individual cobble-boulder reefs in Boston Harbor. Located at and around position N 42 deg. 20.63 min. W70 deg. 54.41 min., the reefs are West of Calf Island and Southeast of Aldrich Ledge. The 3900 ft. sq. units provide enhanced structure over the seabed. Initial monitoring studies appear to indicate marine life utilizing the new reef structure.

At the last board meeting on Tuesday, January 9th, there was a lengthy discussion about what appears to be a lack of interest in the club. This is not anything new but it is an issue that we will be examining closely in the upcoming club meetings. The chair officers and the members of the board of directors are looking for ideas from the membership on what might be done. We are fast approaching a new summer dive season and your suggestions are welcome.

Member Suzanne Reynard recently had an open house at the Quincy Access Television Photography Gallery celebrating her latest collection of photos titled "Faces of Ice". The photos will remain on display through the end of February at the Quincy Access Television Photography Gallery located at 88 Washington Street, Quincy. This is right beside the Thomas Crane library.

The Bay State Council of Divers had a meeting on Wednesday, January 17th. The date for the Annual Council Treasure Hunt Is Sunday, May 20, 2007. The status on events in Gloucester remains unchanged.

**NEW YEARS DAY
2007**



Tim Burke and the little Burkes,
Patrick to the left and Katie

**NEW YEARS DAY
2007**



Steve Breton made use of the catch bag.
He nabbed himself three lobsters..

**NEW YEARS DAY
2007**



Dave Sachetti, left and Doug Eaton, representing the rugby crew.

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The 2007 season is underway.

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Roy Chamberlain getting an assist from Joe McAndrews

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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.

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