

# Soundings Newsletter

## Massachusetts' Oldest Dive Club



### DATES AT-A-GLANCE

April 29: Alex Martinez Free speaker night  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup>: SSN Regular membership meeting 7pm  
 May 7: SSN Clubhouse Cleanup 8am-1pm  
 May 10<sup>th</sup>: SSN Board meeting 7pm  
 May 11<sup>th</sup>: BSC meeting 7:30 pm  
 May 15<sup>th</sup>: SSN Club dive @ Stage Ft. park 10am  
 May 17<sup>th</sup>: Guest Speaker, Ralph Fuller  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup>: SSN Club Cleanup Lake Massapoag, Sharon  
 June 5<sup>th</sup>: Pool Party @ Steve Marshall's 12:30-6pm  
 June 7<sup>th</sup>: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 June 14<sup>th</sup>: SSN Board Meeting 7pm  
 June 21<sup>st</sup>: Guest Speaker Moe DiPinto  
 June 26<sup>th</sup>: SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am

### President's Message April/May 2011

Spring is in the air and the snow is gone. Warmer weather and water can't be too far away now.

As I mentioned in my last update we have had and are having a very active year. We have signed up four new members so far and hope to bring on many more this year. The dive shows have proven to be very beneficial for the club in terms of needed exposure.

Looking forward, we have many activities coming up which you can see on our calendar - guest speakers, clean-up dives, club and Bay State Council activities, and our regular club dives. One of our new members will be making a presentation about his recent dive to the Philippines. I too will be making a trip to the Dominican Republic in May and will look forward to presenting pictures to the club at one of the informational meetings.

I am also looking to put together a trip to Lake Winnepesaukee to dive on the wreck of the Lady of the Lakes. This will take place sometime in mid-summer. This is a relatively short drive away so it could be done in day but it would also be a good weekend away. I will be making arrangements and will let everyone know when this will take place.

Additionally, there has been discussion about a dive on the U-853. This too would be a great club dive. Please let either myself or John Pell know if you are interested.

Lastly, the boat owners are getting their boats ready for spring. Hopefully we will get a chance to get out on the water soon and begin our summer dive schedule. Keep your eye on the newsletter, calendar, website, and Facebook for regular updates.

## **UPCOMING CLUB DIVES**

May 15<sup>th</sup>, Stage Fort Park. DUI dog days. Meet at Stage Fort Park. Dive @ 10am and try a dry suit out. DUI Dog days also running on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

June 26<sup>th</sup>. Boat dive. Meet at Quincy Yacht club 9am destination to be determined

## **FREE LECTURE**

APRIL 29TH

The Salem State University Scuba Club will host a presentation on "Marine Life of the North Atlantic" by Andrew Martinez, an underwater photographer on Friday, April 29th at 7 PM in Slater Lecture Hall.

For more than 40 years, Andrew Martinez has been diving around the world. His work has been published in most nature, travel, and dive magazines. His photos are used in books or displays in the New England Aquarium and many other aquaria and science centers. The new and expanded 4th edition of his popular book, Marine Life of the North Atlantic, is considered the best guide to this region. Andy will sell and sign copies of the book after his lecture.

Slater Lecture Hall is located on the 4th Floor of Meier Hall (Room 444, rear corner of 4th floor) on the North Campus of Salem State University. Meier Hall is on Lafayette Street next to the Mainstage Auditorium. Parking is available in North Campus Lots C & A. For directions go to <http://www.salemstate.edu/maps/>

For more information contact Ted Maney at [tmaney@salemstate.edu](mailto:tmaney@salemstate.edu)

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

MAY 17th: Philippines slide show

On Tuesday May 17th Ralph Fuller will talk about diving in the Philippines. Come see photos of ornate pipefish, multitudinous frogfishes and his being buzzed by a banded coral snake.

Ralph has worked as a newspaper reporter and as a public relations officer and marketing director for a university, medical school and teaching hospital. He was Director of Public Affairs for 21 years at Lahey Clinic. Since retiring in 2001 Ralph has been freelancing, mostly writing medical and science articles for several hospitals and a national academic association.

Ralph has been diving since 1993 and has recently passed the milestone of his 600<sup>th</sup> logged dive. He has dived throughout the Caribbean, including visiting Bonaire 10+ times, both coasts of Australia, the Galapagos Islands and the Philippines.

Combining his penchant for underwater photography, science writing and a passion for the marine life he sees, he has just established a website – The Neptune Blog ([www.theneptuneblog.com](http://www.theneptuneblog.com)) – about life in the ocean.

## JUNE 21st: Underwater Metal Detecting

Moe DiPinto is an accomplished treasure hunter and fellow diver. He is currently a product specialist at [Metaldetector.com](http://Metaldetector.com) in Southborough, MA. He has over twenty years of treasure hunting experience and has been diving for over a decade. Anyone who knows Moe will tell you that he gets great excitement from locating old coins and jewelry. He spends the majority of his time diving in fresh water. He is always on the lookout for new spots to pursue his hobby. He finds old beach sites and swimming holes to be the most productive sites to hunt. He will be the first to tell you that the rewards that can come from these sites are remarkable. Treasure hunting with a Metal Detector adds a new dimension and excitement to his dives. At the meeting, Moe will bring several top under water detectors to demonstrate. There will be time to touch and feel the detectors and a question and answer session. Moe will explain explaining the different types of detectors and the best uses for each. You can email moe with any questions before or after the meeting at [moed@metaldetector.com](mailto:moed@metaldetector.com). He can be reached by phone at 508-460-6244 or 800-446-0244.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Welcome to the newest Neptune's members who were inducted the past two months: Ralph Fuller, Mark Driscoll and Jim Burgess. Welcome all of you!!!!

### **TANKS FOR CASH**

To date tanks for cash has brought in approximately \$200.  
Let's keep up the good work. Bring down to the clubhouse your old tanks, weights or anything that contains metal. We can make some good \$\$ for the club, but only with your help!!!

### **NEPTUNES POINTS LEADERS**

26 POINTS: STEVE MARSHALL  
22 POINTS: THERESA CZEREPICA & JOHN PELL  
20 POINTS: CARL YNGVE & TED HOTZ  
18 POINTS: JOHN BLACKADAR  
15 POINTS: DOUG EATON  
14 POINTS: ROY CHAMBERLAIN & ANGELO CORRENTI

A complete list is posted in the clubhouse.

## **YEAR-LONG DIVE COMPETITIONS**

For complete details and forms please visit the club website: [www.southshoreneptunes.com](http://www.southshoreneptunes.com)

### **ARTIFACT OF THE YEAR CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES AND REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Each participant must be a current member of the South Shore Neptunes Skin Diver's Club, Inc. upon submitting each entry into the Artifact of the Year Contest.
2. Each artifact submitted into this contest must be recovered from New England waters.
3. Each year this contest will begin on January 1 and end on November 30.
4. Each entry must be accompanied by an [official registration form](#).
5. Any and all current SSN club members may enter this contest as often as he/she wishes provided all rules and requirements are met.
6. Artifact must be recovered using SCUBA.
7. If possible, the artifact should be brought to a club meeting before and after restoration. This is not a prerequisite to winning the award, however it will help promote wreck diving interest.
8. Artifact will be judged on the basis of the following criteria:
  - a. Uniqueness of the artifact.
  - b. Historical value of the shipwreck
  - c. Condition of the artifact before restoration
  - d. Difficulty of recovery
  - e. Restoration plans

### **ANNUAL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES**

1. Each participant must be a current member of the South Shore Neptunes Skin Divers' Club, Inc. upon submitting each entry into the Annual Underwater Photography Contest.
2. Each photograph submitted into this contest must be taken in New England waters.
3. Each year this contest will begin on January 1 and end on November 30.
4. Each entry must be a print measuring five inches by seven inches.
5. Each entry must be accompanied by an [official registration form](#).
6. Any and all current SSN club member may enter this contest as often as he/she wishes providing all rules and requirements are met.
7. Each contestant is responsible for acquiring his/her own photographic equipment and must pay for his/her own film and film processing.
8. Should any diver(s) or person(s) be included as subjects in the entry to be considered, their names(s) must be supplied where designated on the registration form.
9. The contestant will indemnify and hold the South Shore Neptunes Skin Divers' Club, Inc. and all of its assigns harmless for and against all claims arising from the use of any and all entries submitted.
10. The print judged as the winning print will become the property of the South Shore Neptunes Skin Divers' Club, Inc. and will not be returned.
11. Non-winning photographs shall be returned upon written request, otherwise, they will be stored in a designated club photo album with their photographic specifications as written on the accompanying registration form.

### **LARGEST LOBSTER CONTEST:**

1. Members must show their lobster licenses before being able to register in the lobster contest.
2. The largest lobster contest will run from December 1 to November 30. In order to be eligible for the lobster contest an entrant must show a Massachusetts lobster license. Weights must be witnessed by a valid signed slip from a fish market or bait shop. Members must register their catches at a club meeting within 30 days after the catch takes place. A trophy for the largest lobster of the year will be awarded.

## MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> CLEAN UP AT LAKE MASSAPOAG IN SHARON

MEET AT LAKE MASSAPOAG @ 8am. Meet at the Beach near the High School. Sharon High school is on Pond Street.

THERE WILL BE A DIVE COMPETITION HELD THIS DATE. Roy Chamberlain will announce day of the cleanup. Divers will need all the typical gear: mask, fins, snorkel, tank, regulator, BC, knife, weight belt, dive light (optional), gloves (for handling broken glass), flag and float (so we know where everyone is) a small lift bag is optional but could be very helpful, and large bug bag with no big holes in it. A timing device might be helpful as well. Food will be served.

### SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY DIVE COURSE

Underwater Research Methods Course (BIO 344, 4 Credits) at  
Salem State University  
Course Location: Cat Cove Marine Lab (M & W: 9 – 4; May 23 – June 29, 2011)

**Course Description:** This course is designed to introduce scuba certified students to research methods used in the study of biology, ecology and physiology of sub tidal organisms. Current underwater research methods are taught and implemented in underwater exercises. Potential topics for lectures and labs include: diving physics, physiology, dive planning, first aid for diving professionals, sampling design, statistical analysis, underwater photography, population census methods and fish habitat surveys. This course fulfills the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) scientific diver training requirements. Three lecture hours and one four-hour lab per week (12 Dives).

**Prerequisites:** Basic Open Water Scuba certification, an Introductory Biology laboratory sequence; or permission of Department Chairperson. Students must supply their own scuba equipment.

For registration information go to <http://www.salemstate.edu/9671.php>

For course information contact Ted Maney at [tmaney@salemstate.edu](mailto:tmaney@salemstate.edu)

## **President's Pool Party**

Club President Marshall is hosting a pool party on June 5th for club members and their families. Come join in some some fun and kick-off the summer season. Bring your dive gear if you want to do a "check-out dive".

The party will be from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm at 379 Liberty Street in Braintree. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided. Other side dishes, drinks, or snacks would be appreciated. Please RSVP to President Marshall at [sdmarshall960@gmail.com](mailto:sdmarshall960@gmail.com) or by calling 617-833-1178 with the number of people attending and any food items you may wish to bring.

Please note you are responsible for bringing your own gear and for your own safety in the pool. Additionally, please note for those that may not know that President Marshall has five small, friendly dogs.

## **ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED**

The club is in need of alternates to serve on the board of directors. Alternates will fill in voids for board members that may not be able to serve for the remainder of the year. If you can help with this position please come to a board meeting or email President Marshall or Vice President Pell.

## **VIDEOGRAPHY GUEST SPEAKER APRIL 19TH**

Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> Guest Speakers Alex Shure and Chuck Marrone showed video and photos of local dive sites. 13 members came to the presentation. Alex's videos were very creative. Also shown was a brief video of the Dive Locker Museum in Gloucester where you can see vintage gear. Pizza and desserts were served.



