

# Soundings Newsletter

## Massachusetts' Oldest Dive Club



### DATES AT-A-GLANCE

July 31<sup>st</sup>: SSN Club Dive, Meet Quincy Yacht Club 9am  
 August 2<sup>nd</sup>: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 August 7<sup>th</sup>: Duxbury Beach Picnic (rain date August 14<sup>th</sup>)  
 August 9<sup>th</sup>: SSN Board Meeting 7pm  
 August 13<sup>th</sup>: Night Club Dive. Location and time TBD.  
 August 21: SSN Club dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am  
 August 25<sup>rd</sup>: August Newsletter Assembly 7pm in clubhouse.  
 September 6<sup>th</sup>: Membership meeting 7pm  
 September 13<sup>th</sup>: Board meeting 7pm  
 September 17: Thompson Island Cleanup  
 September 18<sup>th</sup>: Club Dive Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht Club 9am  
 September 20<sup>th</sup>: Guest Speaker: Victoria Stevens  
 September 25: Bay State Council Treasure Hunt Stage Ft Park

### Presidents Message

I Hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer so far.

The summer was kicked off by Paul Greene's fireworks spectacular on July 3rd. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Many of us have been in the water lobstering, scalloping or just out diving to cool off. The weather has been fantastic. It's looking as though we have at least one entry for the largest lobster competition. This is one of the yearlong competitions that the club runs thru the year.

With the two accidents that happened this past weekend, we should be reminded about safety on the water. These two accidents occurred near were we all dive frequently. We all need to be careful while in the water. Be aware when coming to the surface. Take your flag with you and surface near it. Listen and look up. All it takes is a split second for an accident to happen. Being safe shouldn't take away from having fun and a good time. Just use your head and common sense.

The annual Duxbury Beach Picnic is quickly approaching. Bring your family to this wonderful event.

## WHO'S BEEN DIVING???

August 2011

### Lady of the Lakes July 9<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday, July 9th a group of Neptunes, accompanied by some dive buddies from the Dive Society group out of Diver's Market in Plymouth, made the trek to Lake Winnepesaukee to dive on the *Lady of the Lake*. Neptunes present were John Pell, Rich Bowers, Mark Driscoll, Doug Meyers, Matt Meyers, Doug Eaton, Vik Benson, and Steve Marshall. From Plymouth, the Neptunes were joined by Theresa Gormley, Jack Ahern, Peter Renaud, and Stan Snowman.

It was a beautiful, sunny day on the lake. We all met at the dive operation at around 8 am. Once all the paperwork and payment was done we loaded up the dive boat and headed out across the lake. The lake is quite large and after a 45 minute boat ride we made it to the dive site.

Some divers wore dry suits and others wet and after suiting up we entered the water. The weather the day before was rainy and it was windy on the day of the dive. Consequently, the visibility was not very good.

We descended down the anchor line on to the wreck. Exploration commenced! The water was about 64 degrees and you not hit the thermo cline until descending below deck. Some divers circled to explore the outside, including the infamous fantail of the *Lady*. Others penetrated to look below deck. All that remains of *The Lady* is from the main deck down but this is remarkably well preserved after 116 years. Fresh water is a great preservative for wooden wrecks.

*The Lady* rests in about 35 feet of water and so the dive lasted approximately an hour. Once everyone returned safely, the operation moved to the second dive site, *The Pile Driver Barge*. This is exactly what it sounds like. It is a wooden steam barge and the boiler and crane are still attached. This barge went down around 1910 and rests in about 50 feet of water not far from Wiers Beach.

There is nice "warm" water to just above the deck, at about 45 feet, but once we descended on to the deck we hit the thermo cline. WOW that was cold! The water temperature dropped from a balmy 64 degrees to a quite chilly 48 to 52 degrees.

This wreck is also in reasonably good shape after one hundred years on the bottom. We explored for anywhere from thirty to fifty minutes depending on tolerance to the cold. The visibility was quite poor but we're used to that.

Once we explored the wreck we all ascended above the thermo cline to warm up in the balmy waters of Lake Winnepesaukee. Returning to the boat, we all prepared for the journey back to port.

It was quite windy on the lake and it was about any hour's ride back. We all had a chance to tell our tale about our individual dive. This was a great day with good diving, even with limited visibility. Many of us would like to make this trip again. If you are interested, let Steve Marshall know and he will look to arrange another fun fill trip.

### CLUB DIVES

Jeannine, Tommy Lo, Todd Algiers and Dancing Jay went out on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> for a boat dive. They left at low tide, hit the Secret Spot and returned at high tide (which means the entrance to the QYC was flat!) Todd got his legal daily limit (15), Tommy got a biggie just under the gauge, Jeannine and Jay buddied up and fared quite well for the rookie. It was a beautiful day on the ocean!

The club dive on July 17th, Todd Alger, Doug Eaton and John Pell joined Tommy Lo on his boat. We did two dives, a scallop and a lobster dive. (Sites that will remain a secret.) 7 lobsters were taken and all four of us went home with a 2lb bag of fresh scallops. It was a great day out on the water!

### **UPCOMING CLUB DIVES**

July 31st: SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht Club 9am

August 13<sup>th</sup> : SSN Club dive, Night Dive, Location and time TBD. Come to a membership or board meeting this month. See postings on email and webpage.

August 21st; SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht Club 9am

### **BSC George's Island multi club picnic**

**July 10**

Angelo Correnti, Bill Schwabe, Tommy Lo and Jeannine Willis ventured out to the island for a fine day of grilling. Tommy's 2 girls and 2 of their friends went out. The girls enjoyed scaring anyone who ventured close to the Lady in Black's final resting place. A seagull plucked a chicken breast off of the scorching hot grill. Angelo and Bill traded Neptunes stories (some true, some embellished and only they know which is which). The weather was PERFECT!

### **TANKS FOR CASH**

Keep bringing in that metal! 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!! Keep That scrap coming!

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Victoria Stevens: Hull Lifesaving Museum

September 20<sup>th</sup>

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is located in the historic 1889 Point Allerton US Lifesaving Station, home of Captain Joshua James and his crew of legendary surfmen. Victoria Stevens is the museum's curator, a position that includes everything from collections care and exhibits planning to searching tidal pools for sea stars with intrepid preschool explorers. Before coming to the Lifesaving Museum in 2001, Victoria studied Art History at Harvard University and Museum Studies at Tufts University. Working in the field of maritime history allows Victoria to combine many of her passions - teaching, museums, history, and the coast. In 2010, with support from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, Victoria worked with Audissey Guides to launch a new website, [bostonshipwrecks.org](http://bostonshipwrecks.org), a resource for researching Boston Harbor's historic shipwrecks.

Victoria will be bringing two versions of the shipwreck chart: a Boston Harbor Shipwreck chart that goes for \$15.00, and a Hull/Cohasset Shipwrecks version that goes for \$6.

### **DUXBURY OUTING**

Sunday August 7 with a rain date of August 14. \$12 per person children 5 and under are free. Meet at 8:30am at Duxbury beach. See Flyer insert.

### **AUGUST GUEST SPEAKERS**

August is open for guest speakers. If you have something dive related you would like to share with the club. Slideshows, videos of your dive trip, please email President Pell. Come to a meeting, check email, web or facebook for updates.

### **NEPTUNES GEAR FOR SALE**

BASEBALL HATS: \$15                      COFFEE MUGS: \$5  
POLO SHIRT: \$22                      PATCH: \$2  
STICKER: \$2                      TANK TOP: \$9    T-SHIRT: \$16

### **NEWSLETTER**

On Thursday August 25th, @ 7pm we will be having a meeting to assemble the August Issue of the newsletter. If you can help come on down. Please note where we don't have an August guest speaker we might change to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Come to a meeting or check webpage, facebook, and/or email for updates.

If anyone has anything dive related to add to future issues of the newsletter, please email President Pell.

### **ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED**

We could use one more alternate, if you can help with this position please come to a board meeting or email President Pell or Vice President Jeannine.

### **FLEA MARKET**

Flea Market date has been set. It will be Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will need help setting up on Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> as well as the day of the flea market. This is the clubs biggest fundraiser. Also please keep in mind while you are cleaning around the house, we will need donations for the club table. Anything that you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Because the clubhouse is small, we ask that you hold your donations until the end of August/beginning of September.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Joe McAndrew and his friend Kevin for doing the carpentry work on the front entrance to the clubhouse. IT LOOKS SPECTACULAR!!

### **THOMPSON ISLAND CLEANUP**

Steve Marshall will be organizing another cleanup at Thompson Island. Please contact Steve at [sdmarshall960@gmail.com](mailto:sdmarshall960@gmail.com) if you can help. Date for cleanup is September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **LADY OF THE LAKES TRIP**

Several members missed out on the July 9<sup>th</sup> Lady of the Lakes trip. Steve Marshall will be organizing another depending on interest. Please contact Steve at [sdmarshall960@gmail.com](mailto:sdmarshall960@gmail.com) if you are interested in going.



# Annual Duxbury BEACH OUTING SUNDAY AUGUST 7 9 am-5 pm

Volleyball                      Tug of War                      Pinata  
Three-Legged & Sack Race      Wheelbarrow Race

## **MENU INCLUDES**

- BBQ CHICKEN
- HAMBURGERS
- HOT DOGS
- ITALIAN SAUSAGES
- CORN ON THE COB
- SODAS, ICED TEA, LEMONADE

No one has ever gone hungry at our Picnic  
Bring Your Appetite!

\$12 per person; children 5 and under are free.