

Soundings Newsletter

Massachusetts' Oldest Dive Club



DATES AT-A-GLANCE

- June 5th: Pool Party @ Steve Marshall's - **Cancelled due to work schedule**
- June 7th: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
- June 14th: SSN Board Meeting 7pm
- June 21st: Guest Speaker Moe DiPinto underwater metal detecting
- June 23rd: July Newsletter Assembly
- June 26th: SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am
- July 9th: Dive Lady of the Lakes, Lake Winnepesaukee
- July 10th: BSC multi-club family picnic on Georges Island
- July 17th: SSN Club dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am
- July 31st: SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am

President's Message June 2011

As we move into spring, dive activity is increasing. We are really kicking off the club dive activities in May with our underwater cleanup of Lake Massapoag in Sharon as well as the DUI Dog Days at Stage Fort Park. We are also looking forward to the many dive activities planned for the summer and I hope many of you will join us.

We also had a successful clubhouse spring cleanup. Many thanks to all who participated. I want to especially thank Joe McAndrews for his hard work and organization of the cleanup. We still have more to do on the clubhouse to address some of the water leak damage but we will continue to address these over the summer.

I also want to mention that we are organizing a club dive on July 9th to Lake Winnepesaukee to dive on the Lady of the Lakes. The Neptunes will charter the entire dive boat on that day. There are four spots left. This will be a fun filled event and I hope to see you there.

I will also be diving in the Dominican Republic in May and look forward to bringing back good dive stories and photographs to share with the club at a third Tuesday meeting. I encourage anyone else who has gone on or is going on an excursion to bring back their stories and share them with the club members.

So as we move into summer let's all have an enjoyable and SAFE dive season. Hopefully there will be many stories and many lobsters and scallops from our dive adventures.

UPCOMING CLUB DIVES

MAY 22nd 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. If you have GPS Sharon High school is at: 181 Pond Street Sharon, MA 02067-2084. A map with directions is at the end of the newsletter. Please use as a guide. Directions are from the 93/rt 24 area, as most are coming from the south. If any doubt please verify before heading out.

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. If you can't dive but wish to snorkel come on down, you can still enter the competition events!

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

July 9th. Lady of the Lake @ Lake Winnepesaukee. SSN are booked for Saturday July 9th for a 9 am dive. There will be two dives on that day, one of them being Lady of the Lakes. We can choose the other site when we get there. The cost is \$50 per person and 12 people can go. Email or call Steve Marshall to sign up or for more information.

Lady of the Lake - "The Lady" was built in 1848-1849 by the Winnepesaukee Steamship Co. She was a side wheel paddle wheeler, 125 feet long, and went on to dominate commercial lake traffic until 1872, when the steamship "Mt. Washington" was launched. In 1893, she was docked in Glendale Cove (now named Smith Cove), stripped of machinery, and used for temporary housing for the workmen building Kimball's Castle. In 1895, her keel was filled with rocks and she was going to be sunk in deep water north off Rattlesnake Island. While being towed, she sank unexpectedly in the middle of the cove. She rests upright in 30 feet of water in front of Marine Patrol Headquarters. She is one of the easiest and most popular dive sites in the lake. The water temperature ranges between 65-78 degrees in the summer, requiring full wetsuits. The average visibility is 20-25 feet. The double layered oak hull and decking remain intact allowing for diving through the deck holes and peeking out the portholes. There is a tremendous fish population living on and around the wreck including; small mouth bass, yellow perch, sunfish, hornpout, and an occasional carp or eel.

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BAY STATE COUNCIL

The Bay State Council will be holding a multi-club family picnic day on Georges Island Sunday July 10th. Contact Angelo Correnti or come down to a SSN club meeting or BSC meeting for more details.

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!!!

GUEST SPEAKERS

JUNE 21st: Underwater Metal Detecting

Moe DiPinto is an accomplished treasure hunter and fellow diver. He is currently a product specialist at 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. He can be reached by phone at 508-460-6244 or 800-446-0244.

JULY AND AUGUST GUEST SPEAKERS

July and August are 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 vice President Pell or President Marshall.

SEPTEMBER

Victoria Stevens from the Hull Lifesaving Museum will present on September 20th. Details to come in the following months.

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 June 23rd, @ 6pm we will be having a meeting to assemble the July Issue of the newsletter. If you can help come on down.

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

President's Pool Party

Was to be held on June 5th, has been CANCELLED due to work schedule.

ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Thanks to Tommy Lo and Bill Burchill for volunteering for board alternates. We could use one more! 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.

COPY MACHINE

Thank you to Rich Bowers for fixing up the flooded photo copier. Although the top feeder tray was shorted out, the copier works just fine.

Thank you to Jay Theriault for donating two copier toner cartridges and a box of paper.

SOUTH SHORE DIVERS

One of our Boosters, South Shore Divers, has moved from their old location at 147 Bridge Street North Weymouth, to their new location at 126 Bridge Street (across from Allied Auto Parts)

If you are coming from Quincy go over the Fore River Bridge, South Shore Divers will be on the left hand side about 100 yards before the old location. (if you've gone past the old location you have gone too far)

WARNING TO CLUB MEMBERS

It has been brought to the clubs attention that there might be hollow spots near the side of the club house building where the stairs lead to the club storage. Don't park near the side of the building and be careful when walking around these areas.

CLUBHOUSE CLEANUP

Thank you to those members who came to the clubhouse cleanup on Saturday May 7th. 6 members and 2 non-members helped. A general outside and inside cleanup was done. The roof was patched, leaves were cleaned up, bushes and trees were trimmed. The city of Quincy hauled all the debris away. Pizza or subs were served for lunch.

MAY 17th: Philippines slide show presentation

Thank you to Ralph Fuller for his photo presentation on the Philippines. If you missed this you missed a great presentation. The talk and photos were excellent! 15 members came down to hear and see photos of the different fish, coral and shelled creatures under the sea. Pizza and dessert was served. Thank you to Carl Yngve for picking up dessert.

