

Soundings Newsletter

Massachusetts' Oldest Dive Club



DATES AT-A-GLANCE

- August 25 : Night Dive at Gun Rock **CANCELLED**
- August 28th SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am
- September 6: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
- September 13th : SSN Board Meeting 7pm
- September 17; Thompson Island Clean Up
- September 18: SSN Club dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am
- September 20: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
Guest Speaker Victoria Stevens Hull Lifesaving Museum
- September 25 Bay State Council Treasure Hunt

WHO'S BEEN DIVING???

September 2011

BODY OF DIVER FOUND AFTER 17 YEARS

Authorities in Los Angeles have located the body of a diver who was missing for 17 years.

Donald Christopher Windecker went missing in July 1994 following a diving accident - he was 44 years old at the time. His remains were discovered in 265 feet of water by a diver.

Released lobsters retaken, group says

Caught at site of Buddhist ritual

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Talk about bad karma.

On Thursday, a group of Buddhists traveled to Gloucester and purchased 534 lobsters, about 600 pounds worth, from a wholesaler and dumped them back into the sea in a prayer ceremony in which the crustaceans' bands were cut and blessed water was sprayed on them.

Freedom. But it may have been short-lived.

Yesterday, lobstermen from the fishing vessel Degelyse said they had traveled to the site of the ceremony, laid their traps, and hauled up exactly 534 lobsters, according to a local blog, Goodmorninggloucester.org.

And then they brought their haul right back to market.

“It’s really not meant as a slight toward Buddhism at all,” said Joe Ciaramitaro, who runs the blog that broke the story and co-owns Captain Joe and Sons Dock, where the boat and several others offload their catch. He also runs Captain Joe and Sons Wholesale Lobster Co. in Gloucester. “We’re just having fun.”

The Reuters news agency reported on the Buddhists’ release of the lobsters, which featured a group of 30 who boarded a whale-watching ship and conducted their ceremony.

The actions included prayers, mantras, and walking boxes of lobsters in a circle around blessed objects, which is designed to “develop a karmic connection for the animals’ future lifetimes.”

“Even if they get captured again, they’ve had a longer life,” Wendy Cook, who helped lead the ceremony, told Reuters.

Cook did not return calls seeking comment yesterday.

In a video on Ciaramitaro’s blog, the lobstermen joke that the Buddhists are welcome to re-purchase the lobsters and release them again.

The captain of the Degelyse could not be reached for comment.

Ciaramitaro did not know how the crew ascertained the location of the Buddhist drop zone, but he admitted that the whole episode may have been a joke designed to break up the long days and hard work of fishing the Atlantic.

“The job is so tough, lobstering and being down the dock at 5 a.m. seven days a week, and it’s a lot of monotonous physical labor,” he said.

“Anything to break up the day and have some fun is what we’re all about. We’re not trying to antagonize them or anything like that.”

http://articles.boston.com/2011-08-09/news/29868519_1_lobsters-buddhists-fishing-vessel

CLUB DIVES

Lenny Picot took 16 veterans out on his boat from the Old Colony Yacht Club as part of a larger activity to honor our vets. MANY THANKS LENNY!

UPCOMING CLUB DIVES

August 25: SSN Club dive, Night Dive, Meet Gun Rock
August 28; SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht Club 9am
September 17, Thompspon Island Clean Up
September 18; SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht Club 9am
September 25; Bay State Council Treasure Hunt, Gloucester’s Stage Fort Park

BAY STATE COUNCIL

We will be having a meeting on Wednesday September 14 in preparation for the Thompson Island Clean Up.

BSC TREASURE HUNT: (from the BSC meeting notes of July 2011) Vin Malkoski and Ted Maney will help John Blackadar with safety. John will find out who provided the inflatable boat last year to see if we can use it again.

Faith Ortins (of DUI) has offered to help out. NE Dive News is ready to jump in.

The plan is to do the prize distribution the same as last year. It saved a lot of time and worked out fine, picking a ticket for each prize.

We'll change the snorkel event so that the maximum team size will be 4.

We should see if Laura Medrano of Dive Kulture can come to the event again this year and bring some of her students. Vin will contact her.

Dive Flag Poster

After it was produced last year people had complaints about the dive flag poster. Maybe when we re-do it, we could make the club logos smaller, or put them in the corners, and then enlarge the lettering for the message. Angelo will try to have them ready before the next meeting.

Harbormasters have them posted all over the place and they have no problem; there are still a lot of them up in various places.

SSN Duxbury Beach Picnic

In a Neptunes First, the weather did not cooperate on two successive weekends. We did not have our annual picnic!!! What are we going to do?!

GUEST SPEAKERS

Victoria Stevens: Hull Lifesaving Museum
September 20th

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, 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.

NEWSLETTER

It has come to the attention of the Board and Officers that some members prefer the email version of the newsletter rather than the printed version.

We will include similar articles pertaining to the distribution of our newsletter in future newsletters. Plus, we will conduct surveys at the upcoming Club events, other major club meetings. Please email President Pell at pmcipp@verizon.net and let him know your if you prefer your newsletter printed and sent via First Class Mail, or sent electronically to your email address. Other ideas and suggestions to send out our newsletter are encouraged. Thank you.

On Thursday September 22nd, @ 6pm we will be having a meeting to assemble the October 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 President Pell.

FLEA MARKET

Flea Market date has been set. It will be Saturday October 1st with a rain date of Sunday October 2nd. We will need help setting up on Friday September 30th 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.

Minot Light's Plaque Found

2 Divers (who happen to be firefighters) found the plaque (off the boulder). They asked a Coast Guard boat (who just happened to be in the area) about it. They told to "keep it." John Blackadar reports that this snafu is currently being straightened out!!

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!

NEPTUNES GEAR FOR SALE

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

WARNING TO CLUB MEMBERS

It has been brought to the clubs attention that there might be hollow spots near the side of the clubhouse 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.

