

# Soundings Newsletter

## Massachusetts' Oldest Dive Club



### Outgoing President's Message July 2011

### DATES AT-A-GLANCE

June 26<sup>th</sup>: SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am  
 July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Weymouth Fireworks party at PAUL GREENE'S  
 July 5<sup>th</sup>: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 July 9<sup>th</sup>: Dive Lady of the Lakes, Lake Winnepesaukee  
 July 10<sup>th</sup>: BSC multi-club family picnic on Georges Island  
 July 13<sup>th</sup> BSC Meeting  
 July 12<sup>th</sup>: SSN Board Meeting 7pm  
 July 17<sup>th</sup>: SSN Club dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am  
 July 19<sup>st</sup>: Open guest speaker night/extra business night/newsletter  
 July 21<sup>st</sup>: August Newsletter Assembly  
 July 31<sup>st</sup>: SSN Club Dive, Boat, Meet Quincy Yacht club 9am  
 August 7<sup>th</sup> Duxbury Beach Picnic  
 August 15<sup>th</sup> Night Dive Location TBD  
 September 25 Bay State Council Treasure Hunt

As some of you may have heard I have stepped down as the President of South Shore Neptunes. John Pell, formerly the Vice President has assumed the duties of President.

I have decided to do this with a heavy heart but feel it is best for the club that there are a full time President and Vice President. My work commitments over the course of this year have me traveling overseas virtually 100% of the time and I have been unable to adequately fulfill the duties of the office.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the club members, and especially the Board for all the support you have shown over the last year and a half. We have done quite a lot to move the club forward: establishing a new mission which builds on the longstanding history of the club; establishing the club as an environmentally friendly club and working to clean up the areas where we and others dive. We have also expanded membership, which is always good.

I look forward to continued participation in club activities as my work schedule permits. Two events that I will continue to coordinate are the dive on The Lady of the Lakes on July 9th and the Thompson Island clean up dive on September 17th - there will be more information on this forthcoming in the near future.

So in closing I would like to thank all of you again and encourage you to continue supporting the club and our new President, John Pell.

Best Regards,  
Steve Marshall

**Incoming Presidents Message**  
**July 2011**

I would like to thank outgoing President Steve Marshall for an excellent one and a half years of service to the club. In his tenure, Steve has set the foundation for several new items for the club. He has set up the Thompson Island joint cleanup with Dive Kulture. He has created a new yearbook, which was debut at this past year's club banquet, and recently an outing to the Lady of the Lakes in NH. Although Steve has been doing a lot of travel for work, he still has been in frequent contact with me to advise on club activities. Steve, on a personal note, it has been great serving with you as vice president.

As we move forward this year we have already begun plans for the annual Duxbury beach outing, the October Flea Market, and of course diving. I would like to invite anyone who has any suggestions to come down to a membership, board, or guest speaker meeting night. I have been trying to have a guest speaker every third Tuesday night. All are welcome to any of these nights, so bring a family member, child, dive buddy or friend. Some of the topics presented are very interesting and present a good piece of history.

"Many hands make light the work" so come down and help out. We will need help for all activities in order for them to be successful.

Thank you,  
John Pell

**ELECTIONS**

Thank you goes out to Steve Marshall for the work he has done to date as president. Steve unfortunately has had to resign from the club presidency due to his heavy travel schedule for work. The current Vice President, John Pell will fill in for the remainder of the year. There is an opening for the vice president position. We currently have one candidate, Jeannine Willis (Fabian). A general election will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. If there is any candidate who would like to run for the position must come to this meeting to be nominated and voted upon. We are also seeking any member who would like to become an alternate board member. Please come down to any membership or board meeting and let us know if you can help.

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

On May 22nd, 10 club members went down to Lake Massapoag in Sharon to do an underwater (and above) water cleanup.

The divers were: John Pell, John Blackadar, Ted Hotz, Paul Greene, Viktor Benson, Jay (Agusto) Rodriguez. On Shore: Roy Chamberlain, Steve Marshall, Joe McAndrew and Carol Benson. Items recovered: a shopping cart, microwave oven, a cell phone, various golf balls, cans, bottles, and misc. trash. It was decided that the competition dive would be canceled due to lack of participation. It will be rescheduled for another time should there be interest in doing another cleanup at the lake (possibly at the end of the summer?) Pictures are on the website. Check them out.

### **UPCOMING CLUB DIVES**

July 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Angelo Correnti or come down to a SSN club meeting or BSC meeting for more details. Bring your own food, you can picnic or buy there at the island's food stand. Meeting spot will be to the left into the park area. Take the ferry out to the island unless you have a boat.

### **WEYMOUTH FIREWORKS**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> party @ Paul Greene's. 18 Hill Top Road, Weymouth. Bring your favorite dish to share & BYOB. Party starts at 5pm, fireworks are at 9:30ish. Get there early and plan on staying till traffic subsides. Please RSVP to Paul @ 781-337-5304.

### **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!!

Tanks for cash update. Another \$72.60 worth of tanks and miscellaneous metals have been recycled. Keep that scrap coming!

## **DUXBURY OUTING**

Sunday August 7 with a rain date of August 14

\$12 per person children 5 and under is free. Meet at 8:30am at Duxbury beach.

### **TUESDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> GUEST SPEAKER**

Moe DiPinto from metaldetector.com came, and gave an excellent talk on mainly underwater metal detectors (but some land), their uses, tips on searches and places to look. If you missed this talk you missed an excellent evening. Moe brought some of his latest finds from just two weekends of searches: it was a bag full of all silver items. There were rings, bracelets, and all sorts of coins, some coins dating back to 1926! Questions and answers flowed throughout the talk.

Pizza was served and Angelo brought down an eggplant calzone and Carl brought dessert.

Thank you goes out to Angelo and Carl for picking up these items.

Pictures were taken of this lecture and have been posted on the website and Facebook. Thank you to Theresa for taking the pictures and Rich Bowers for posting so quickly.

### **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 President Pell.

### **SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER**

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 July 21st, @ 6pm we will be having a meeting to assemble the August Issue of the newsletter. If you can help come on down. Please note this may get moved up to July 19<sup>th</sup> should we not have a guest speaker. Please check your email, the website and Facebook if a date change has occurred.

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

### **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 Pell or Vice President Jeannine.

### **YEAR LONG DIVE COMPETITIONS**

Reminder: the Neptune's run three separate year-long competitions they are:

1. Underwater photography
2. Largest lobster
3. Artifact of the year

To date we have no entries.

### **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 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. Please keep in mind while you are cleaning around the house, we will need donations for the club table. Anything that you can donate would 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 was found that most of the wood supporting the overhang as well as the fascia boards were rotten and needed replacing.

### **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.

### **POINTS CHARTS**

The points chart has been posted in the back of the clubhouse and is updated every quarter. To date John Pell has been keeping track, but Jeannine Willis will be keeping track from now on. If you want to know where you stand in points, come down to the clubhouse and check out the chart.

