

# Soundings Newsletter



## DATES AT-A-GLANCE

March 25: Roy Chamberlain's all inclusive March Birthdays party 1-6  
 April 3: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 April 10: SSN Board Meeting 7pm  
 April 17: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 April 17: Third Tuesday speaker **Mark Stanton** of DIVERS DOWN  
 April 22: Club Dive meeting at the clubhouse at 8am  
 April 25: Bay State Council meeting with guest speaker Dive Heart

## More is Better

2012 is very entertaining!

We've had another great month. We started off the month with a **bang** at Maria's for our Dinner Night Out. 22 hungry members showed up and 22 members left happy and sated. And no evening would be completed without some sneaky seat swapping, favoritism and heroic life saving efforts. Table 2 was able to steal away the favored couple (Ted & Rosemary) from Table 1. And we are very lucky that they did since Joe "Fingers" McAndrew (sitting at Table 2) was telling a tall tale while trying to eat his prime rib. A hunk of the deliciousness got caught in his throat and it was Rosemary pounding vigorously on his back that got Joe's airway clear again! Angelo was playing the two tables, starting trouble along the way (and we would expect nothing less). One of our most crotchety members actually enjoyed himself. He said that this is what the club has been missing. After dinner, 6 members went out to catch a late night movie (Hugo). Make sure you show up at our next event because while past events cannot predict future results, with the Neptunes, hilarity will ensue.

Matt Lawrence of NOAA's Stellwagen Bank educated us for the Third Tuesday Talks with the ins & outs of Diving in the Marine Sanctuary. We learned that Stellwagen is celebrating its 20 anniversary this year. Did you know that there are 842 square miles (~the size of RI) with depths ranging from 65'-600' in the Sanctuary? Or that there is 126 square miles of diving less than 130' (at low tide)? The best time to dive is at slack tide and during the months when the tidal exchange is small. There are tough currents out there and a lot of the area is where international vessels travel and we need to fly **both** the diver's down flag as well as the **alpha** flag. BTW: the tide at the Sanctuary is 30 minutes before that of Boston Light. A lesser known fact was brought to light... Shipwrecks in the Great Lakes (discovered/undiscovered, known/unknown) are the

property of the states. No, we cannot recover items from these wrecks just because they are not charted... Be sure to LIKE Stellwagen Bank on Facebook as you will get current updates on their activities. <http://www.facebook.com/SBNMS>

We have the next month's guest speaker ready to go. Be sure to mark your calendars and set your alarms. Mark Stanton of Divers Down is going to fill us in on what he's been up to. It has been at least 7+ years since he's visited the club. I am looking forward to hear him!

HUGE THANK YOU to all the members that helped out at the ANNUAL SEA ROVERS SHOW. It was a very well attended show. We spoke with many divers who are interested in checking out our club. There were even more divers that stopped by the Bay State Council's booth and perhaps we will see them at the BSC Treasure Hunt.

THE IRON LADY was the movie of choice for February's Move Night. A lot of history was woven into the story with actual footage of major events such as the Falkland Conflict, Hunger Strikes, Bombings. It is a movie worth seeing and yes Meryl Streep deserved Best Actress for her performance. Our next Movie Night is March 27. Watch your email for the movie choice and time.

### **THIRD TUESDAY SPEAKERS**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**, Mark Stanton will be updating us on his adventures in the world of diving for TV and how his show, "Divers Down", is progressing/evolving. [www.diverdowntv.com](http://www.diverdowntv.com)

### **BAY STATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Weds, April 25, 7:30pm

Special Guest Speaker  
DIVE HEART

#### **DIVEHEART MISSION STATEMENT:**

To build confidence and independence in children, adults, and veterans with disabilities using SCUBA diving as a tool

#### **DIVEHEART INFORMATION**

The Diveheart Foundation was founded in Early 2001. The purpose of Diveheart is to provide and support educational SCUBA diving and snorkeling experience programs that are open to any child, adult, or veteran with a disability with the hope of providing both physical and psychological therapeutic value to that person.

It is the "CAN DO" spirit that Diveheart hopes to instill in all its participants by giving them the confidence and independence that allows them to face their own life challenges and overcome barriers that before might have seemed insurmountable.

Through SCUBA diving, the Diveheart Foundation supports and facilitates programs that teach children and adults with disabilities to fly. Thanks to the wonder of the water column, the oceans and lakes of the world become the forgiving weightless environment of outer space, giving perfect buoyancy to a child or adult who would otherwise struggle on land.

[www.diveheart.org](http://www.diveheart.org)

## **Our Heartfelt Condolences to Bill & Marlene Walker**

### **Bill's mother passed away. Annie (Reames) Walker**

WALKER, Annie Alma (Reames) 96, entered life eternal at South Shore Hospital, Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012. She was born at Georgetown, S.C., and had been a longtime resident of East Weymouth before moving to South Weymouth. In 1938, she graduated from Coker College in Hartsville, S.C. In earlier years, she had taught at Hemingway, S.C., and at Myrtle Beach, S.C., in elementary schools. She was the oldest member of the Congregational Church of East Weymouth, where she had been active in the thrift shop until recently and where she had been a Sunday school teacher and a member of the choir. She joined the church in 1954 and was currently the treasurer of the Senior Club at the church. She was a former member of the Weymouth Senior Citizens. Alma belonged to Images, a group for the blind that met monthly and was sponsored by Elder Services of Weymouth. In earlier years, she had been an assembler for the Pyrotech Fire Alarm Company and had also been a bookkeeper for Bridsons Garage and Taber Motors in Weymouth. Alma was the beloved wife of the late William S. Walker, who died in 1959. She was the devoted mother of William M. Walker and his wife Marlene A. Walker of South Weymouth, Robert H. Walker, husband of the late Linda Walker, of South Weymouth, and the late Richard Walker, who is survived by his wife, Lynn Walker of East Weymouth.

## **IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN A DIVE VACATION**

John Blackadar is planning our 2013 BonAire Dive Vacation, perfect for the divers, snorkelers & land lovers. Save Your \$\$.

## **DUES ARE PAST DUE**

Hey! We're not running a charity here. Send Theresa your dues and do it now while you're thinking about it. And while you're at it, include your Bay State Council dues. I know that some of you are Life Members and you are out of the dues loop. BSC is appealing to you to send a 5 spot to keep the Council going. And while your at it, come to the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting!

## **CALLING ALL PHOTOS**

In the age of digital, there are memories that are on your memory chip. Guess what, we can't see what's on your chip. Share the love. Print out your favorite club photos (compromising or not) and bring them to the club. The printed medium won't go away or be obsolete is 2-3 years time.

## **TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

Join Jeannine and Jon for the Fourth Tuesday Night at the Movies. Each free Tuesday (fourth or fifth), Jeannine picks a movie to see at the Hingham Shipyard Patriot Cinemas. Movies are only \$5 all day on Tuesday! If you'd like to receive email notification of the movie night, email Jeannine at [jeannine@gianninamia.com](mailto:jeannine@gianninamia.com)

## **MeetUp.com**

Paul has started an event at [MeetUp.com](http://MeetUp.com). Check it out (and sign up) Get started with [South Shore Neptunes Skindiver's Club](#) (when you receive this electronically, you can click on the line above and it is a link that will take you directly there)!

## **COASTAL SWEEP COORDINATOR**

We are **still** looking for someone to coordinate the coastal clean up for 2012. How can you give back to the dive community and to the environment at the same time? Chair the Coastal Sweep!

## **NEWSLETTER**

We are looking for your historical/hysterical moments in your life and times with the South Shore Neptunes. We are going to include a History Corner in the newsletter and we need your stories. We are looking for those moments that might be forgotten if we don't take the time to write them down and share them. Names can be redacted to protect the guilty...

## **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!!

## **NEPTUNES GEAR FOR SALE**

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

