

Soundings Newsletter



DATES AT-A-GLANCE

Dec 4: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 Dec 11: SSN Board Meeting 7pm
 Dec 18: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm **ELECTION NIGHT**
 Dec 2 & 16: Club Dives, meet at the clubhouse at 8 am
Jan 1: Sober Up Dive 10am, Pleasure Bay in South Boston
 Jan 8: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 Jan 15: SSN Board Meeting 7pm
 Jan 22: SSN Regular Membership & Planning meeting 7pm
 Jan 26: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, Common Market

President's Message

Another year is coming to a close. And the one thing our President has to show for it...

Is a brand new **BABY BOY**. Harrison was born October 25 at 12:49am. Harrison was 8 lbs 12 oz and 22 inches long. [Many Congratulations to our President John, Korey and Harrison]

ITS BANQUET TIME

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual awards banquet at the Common Market in Quincy on January 26. Ticket prices are holding firm at \$30 pp. Mark this date on your calendar and plan now to attend. We will be holding a special raffle with prizes from Joe's lottery collection [Celtics plaque, Red Sox jacket, Celtics, hooded sweatshirt, Celtics basketball, among others.] Tickets are \$2 a piece or 3 for \$5. These raffle tickets can be bought between now and the Banquet.

Don DiTullio and his gracious wife graced us with his presence at Maria's restaurant on October 18 (as arranged by our Social Director, John Blackadar). Many of us enjoyed a great meal and wonderful memories with Don. For all of our out of state members, when you do come back to the Boston area, please let us know because we really love reconnecting with you.

Who's Been Diving?

Blackie, Paul Green, Amanda, Doug, Todd Alger (and his friend) dove Sandy Beach in Cohasset on the night of Oct 26. Conditions were perfect! It was beautiful, flat, calm, warm and great. In Todd's excitement of getting a lobster, he forgot his weight belt, which Doug found. In a panic, he called Doug and was relieved that it was recovered.

Theory is that it is actually Tommy Lo's belt and Todd was sweating having almost lost it!!!

OUR ANNUAL FLEA MARKET had a great response from the vendors and the public. The gross net proceeds were over \$2000. As our biggest fundraiser, we were especially grateful for the turn out of vendors, buyers and volunteers. Thank you for those that rearranged their schedules (since the Flea Market was delayed a week due to rain). Your efforts made this success possible.

Joe McAndrew has a friend who is making wind chimes from steel tanks.

If you have one that didn't pass inspection, let Joe know. The friend is paying \$5 per tank which is more than we could get for scrap metal.

Canadian Underwater Rugby Tournament

Thank you to Club Liberation in Montresl that hosted this event. Quincy sent a team up and came quickly back when another [unnamed] team showed unsportsman-like conduct. These events are usually filled with fun and friendly competition. Not so this time.

Stellwagen Bank Sanctuary Movie

We had great attendance to view this fine movie which dealt with the stewardship of the ocean (while others were trembling in fear from the earthquake...) Stellwagen had a spot in the movie and it shows how governing bodies and businesses can work together to come up with solutions that protect the environment without stifling commerce. Check out the website at ocean-frontiers.org

River Run Fiasco

When new divers show up for a Neptunes famous River Run, only excitement will abound. Right? Well, most of the time. The newbies trusted the elders. That was their first mistake. Then they asked someone at Mary's Landing for the low tide time. Second mistake. Combine this with elders who really didn't want to do the run and somehow bamboozled the newbies into believing that the tide times were wrong and that they should all just go to Lenny's mother's cottage at Humarock where they enjoyed sunrise and breakfast. They did show up at Bill Burchill's to enjoy Netta's delicious chowder and dessert. Those who stayed long enough were then entertained by Wally Westfal. Perhaps next time, Amanda will trust herself enough to pull up the official tide chart on her smart phone and put the elders to shame!

Bay State Council of Divers 2012 Treasure Hunt, 9/23/12

Was another rousing success (except for the overwhelming seaweed that reduced visibility to 0). Many marbles were lost & found, prizes collected and shared. We didn't lose any divers and the snorkelers were great sports.

MOVIE NIGHT at the Hingham Shipyard; We had a bonus month of movies. We saw TAKEN 2, Argo, among others.

The next Movie Night is November 27. Be sure to stay tuned for the details. I'm hoping that **SKYFALL** will still be playing.

DON'T MISS

ELECTION NIGHT – Angelo is cooking.

SOBER UP DIVE New Years Day 10 am at Pleasure Bay with the after-party at the home of Jay Theriault

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 \$\$.

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 favourite club photos (compromising or not) and bring them to the club. The printed medium won't go away or be obsolete in 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

TANKS FOR CASH

\$35 more dollars!! 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!!