

Soundings Newsletter



DATES AT-A-GLANCE

March 23: Dinner Night Out 4:30 at Alfredo's
 March 24: Club Dive, meet at the clubhouse at 8am.
 March 26: Movie Night Out Hingham Shipyard
 April 14 & 28: Club Dive, meet at the clubhouse at 8am.
 April 2: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 April 9: SSN Board Meeting 7pm
 April 16: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 April 23: Movie Night Out, Hingham Shipyard

President's Message

We are the Neptunes- mighty, mighty Neptunes. Everywhere we go, people want to know... who we are, so we tell them. We are the Neptunes – mighty, mighty Neptunes!

OK. My cheerleader roots are showing. This cheer popped into my head as I thought of our club. We have done so much in our 50+ years. And we continue to forge on, with nothing stopping us. We are a club whose sum is greater than its parts. And people may not always recognize us, but we'll tell who we are anyway. Listening to Jack Chapin's presentation this past Tuesday, I thought about all the rules we follow when we dive. We self regulate and we teach our members what to do – we do right by the rules & regulations. Hearing all the stories of other divers' misadventures, I count myself lucky & proud to be a Neptune. And you should too because you have taught me well.

Please welcome our newest members, Matt Bell, John Schutz and MaryEllen McPhee. Matt has more than 965 dives under his belt wowzer! Please give them a warm Neptunes Hello when you see them.

ITS VACATION TIME

The BonAire dive vacation group is looking for one more traveler. Please contact John Blackadar at 781-910-4643. This trip is for divers as well as non-divers, for members of the Neptunes as well as friends of the Neptunes. If you're overdue for a vacation, give John a call.

HEAD'S UP

Al Anzuoni is working on an ongoing project that will allow divers to dive with the handicapped. More details to come.

The members have voted on the proposal to go back to the old system of awarding points for Diver of the Year. The motion passed. Points will be awarded for meeting attendance, club dives, competition dives and other club diving activities (eg, clean up dive).

TANKS, the reality TV show based in Las Vegas, has a connection with John Blackadar. If you happen to be going to Las Vegas, contact Blackie and he will be able to get passes for you to see their production facility.... Only in Vegas!

USED SCUBA GEAR FOR SALE: Dina Solimini Rufo: wetsuit, weights, bc, 2 regulators (1 new), 1 tank, accessories. Years range from 1998-2007. Contact her at DSRufo@comcast.net

John Blackadar has arranged for our next Dinner Night Out on March 23 which will be at Alfredo's in Quincy. Please be sure to get there between 4:30 and 5 so that they can accommodate our large group.

In Honor of John Baldi

His lovely wife Sherry has been very touched and grateful for the outpouring of support from the Neptunes as well as the dive community (including the vendors). She will be arranging a memorial service when she returns to the area (which is in the very near future).

Jack Chapin, Environmental Public Officer

Jack stopped by the clubhouse at our third meeting March 19 to give us a refresher on the rules of the ocean. His presentation was packed with great information. I will be getting his slide presentation that I can boil down for the next newsletter. Jack did a great job educating us on boat safety, seafood catch rules & regs, how to have a satisfying interaction with the EPO!

WHO'S BEEN DIVING?

Mike V And Pete N has visited Pleasure Bay twice thus far. Mike was able to catch a large lobster, throwing down the gauntlet for Largest Lobster of the Year – 3.5 lbs. Who can beat that!?!?!?

On their second trip to the sugarbowl, they noticed lots of growth as well as sea urchins. No lobsters this time...

RECENT EVENTS

The 62nd edition of the *Boston Scuba Show* was well attended on February 23. The films presented were very informative and had the attendees riveted to their seats. John Blackadar was very pleased with the turn out from the Neptunes. A Big Thank You to all the members whose support makes this show possible & rewarding.

Many intrepid divers made it to the *Annual Boston Sea Rovers Show* on March 9 & 10. The colossal snowstorm may have made it challenging for the presenters to get to Boston, but it did not stop the divers. The showroom was filled with many vendors showing off the latest in gear and dive vacation spots. Rich Bowers was absolutely delighted at the photography exhibit of the Nudibranchs. And I must say, the photography was exquisite.



MEMBER NEWS

Carl Yngve had his knee replaced and is recuperating nicely. Jay's dad Cliff is hanging in there. Paul Green was cold in FL and is now heading back to MA, greeted by snow!
Sue McNeeley Demby celebrated her birthday with the birth of her first child, son Cooper.



Yes, this really is Cooper!

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES; March 26

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

LOSING LOTTERY TICKETS?

Joe McAndrews is requesting anyone to help collect non-winning Mass Lottery scratch tickets. The categories are: all sports tickets, Price is Right, and Wheel of Fortune. He generously donates these second chance prizes back to the club for our raffles.

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.

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.

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!!

ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 5 & 26 = Club Dives
June 16 & 30 = Club dives
June 9 = Competition Dive
July 14 & 28 = Club Dives
August 4 = Annual Club Picnic at Duxbury Beach
August 18 & 25 = Club Dives
September 8 & 22 = Club Dives
Flea Market TBD
October 13 = River Run
October 20 = Club Dive
October 26 = Chamberlain Halloween Party
November 10 & 17 = Club Dives
November 31 = Children's Christmas party (wink, wink)

December 8 & 22 = Club Dives