

# Soundings Newsletter



## President's Message

## DATES AT-A-GLANCE

AUG 4: DUXBURY BEACH OUTING  
 Aug 6: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 Aug 13: SSN Board Meeting 7pm  
 Aug 18 & 25: Club Dives  
 Aug 20: NIGHT DIVE  
 Aug 27: Movie Night Out, Hingham Shipyard  
 Sept 28: FLEA MARKET (rain date Oct 5)

July is here and brings sunshine, warm temps and plenty of opportunity for diving. I am **so** glad that we have a group of avid and flexible divers. Since I work Saturday and Sunday mornings, I am not able to join the divers for their first dive. I have found that they are willing to wait for me so that I can join them in the second shore dive. I joined, Peter, Mike V, Ken, Teri, Erica, Lisa and Dave for their second dive at Bass Rocks Gloucester (the site of my first ever ocean dive) on July 7! I caught my first lobster of the season. My bottom time was over an hour. It felt **FANTASTIC** to be back in the water. It is possible to have a busy schedule and still get in the water. If you have a yearning to dive, check with the members and there is a way to make it work.

Tommy Lo is avidly working the Twitter angle for the club. Text " follow @SoShoreNeptunes " to 40404 on your cell phone. Now you'll be in the loop with our twitter messages. And you don't even have to have a Twitter account. It's that simple. You can also send messages by texting to 40404 (using the @SoShoreNeptunes in your message). Keep it short and it will be sent out to all the followers of South Shore Neptunes. I also send messages to @SoShoreNeptunes. It's an easy way to stay in the loop as to the club happenings and local diving.

## ARE YOU READY?

The Neptunes annual picnic is the first Sunday of August at Duxbury beach (August 4 with a rain date –heaven forbid- on August 11). We have acquired our permit, planned all the food and activities, and are waiting for the last magic ingredient: YOU. Prices are \$15, children under 5 are free. Please let Angelo or Theresa know how many from your family are coming so that we can have enough food.

The day will start off at 8:30am at the gate with lots of items to be carried down to the beach. We need many strong arms & backs to cart things down. Last year there was only a few hardy souls... And they were exhausted and more than a little miffed. Do your part and help out. It's not enough to say that you'll help at the end. There's always plenty of help at the end of the day. We need you in the morning, too. Please and thank you.

Paul Sebra did the audit. In general, he has good news. There are a number of activities that brought in a profit; scrapping made \$565, boosters and flea market. Paul also noted that 36 of 107 members pay dues. The rest are life members. It's important to remember that life members contribute and donate in other ways. The Club has to thank flea market and scrap metal for bringing in funds to finance the club. Boosters paid for newsletters, (there were only 6 newsletters last year). Theresa is doing a great job as our intrepid Treasurer. There was discussion about changing our constitution regarding life member dues. We also discussed the fact that life members pay full Bay State Council fees. It's very important that we support Bay State Council to maintain our ability to dive in Massachusetts.

### **HEAD'S UP**

For those that enjoyed the film that we showed previously about the strides in Ocean Stewardship: "For three weeks in June and July, the Green Fire *Ocean Frontiers* team traveled from Norfolk, VA to Lubec, ME, interviewing people about both the challenges we face on and in the ocean and the recent New England experiences that will help us meet these challenges head on.

This new *Ocean Frontiers* film will be released in the fall. In this new film, you'll meet people at the forefront of ocean planning: the Dept. of Defense, wind energy CEOs, tribal leaders, fishermen, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, state leaders and more.

You'll hear first-hand from the Navy about their needs to train in the ocean as well as protect the sea lanes for the ships that carry 75% of the goods we import and export. We look at maps of offshore wind energy areas and hear about plans to develop commercial scale renewable offshore energy along the East coast. The majority of our nation's electricity is used by coastal states. Increasingly, new development is going offshore.

Ocean planning is getting underway across the country to address these issues. The Northeast Regional Planning Body is focusing on: Ocean health; compatibility among diverse uses of the ocean; and making effective decisions on ocean management ([read about it here](#)). According to leading scientists, it's not a moment too soon if we are serious about replenishing and restoring our ocean resources.

We are fortunate that we can learn from New England's efforts. We focus on Rhode Island, and you'll hear from key people who helped develop Rhode Island's ocean plan, plus we get a close-up look at perhaps the first wind energy project to go in the ocean. We see how the developer is working with people who are affected by the project and gain keen insights as we embark on ocean planning.

It was an exhilarating filming trip, and we can't wait to share the experiences of these "ocean pioneers" with this fall.

Stay tuned!

Karen Anspacher-Meyer  
Executive Director, Green Fire"

### **WHO'S BEEN DIVING?**

Lots of members have been suiting up and enjoying the sunny days in July. Diving in 55-degree water is the perfect antidote to the Heat Waves!

As few members have their boats in the water, we are enjoying shore dives up in Gloucester and Rockport. If you want to know where we're diving, follow us on Twitter, email/call Doug and show up to the meetings to know where we'll be next.

Jon and Mike did a boat dive on 6/9 at 3 1/2 fathoms ledge. Jon got lobster, Mike got flounder.

Mike, Doug, Peter, Bob and Dave dove Long beach in Plymouth on Father's Day, June 16. Reached 18', everyone (except Peter, who had the spear gun) saw the tautog. Water temperature was 57 degrees.

Brant rock dive on 6/30, Mike, Doug, Lisa, Peter Maryellen, Bob, Dave L. (Dave drives a Motorcycle with all his gear!) One lobster caught.

A Huge THANK YOU to Doug for organizing the Boat charter on July 7 out of East Boston. The Scallop dive was awesome. First they did a Lobster dive on Outer Brewsters and then went to Hypocrite's channel for scallops. Maryellen crushed it! We seem to have a new Scallop Queen (I'm happy to relinquish my title to her). They averaged 8-9 lbs each. There were 6 divers and the boat captain put them right on the scallop bed.

Tommy gave a report on the Quincy Yacht club. The permits are ready. Construction was supposed to start on yacht club. Time will tell.

**RECENT EVENTS/ MEMBER NEWS**

John Blackadar has undergone surgery to repair his shoulder. He’s recovering well and appreciates all your healing vibes. Keep sending them!

Movie night out on June 25 was attended by Jeannine, Jon and Jean. The movie The Internship, and was enjoyed by all. A lighthearted funny movie, if you’re looking to laugh. Next Movie night is July 23 & 30.

Next Bay State Council meeting is Sept 4. Be there!!

**TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES; July 30 & August 27**

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.

ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
September 8 & 22 = Club Dives
Flea Market September 28 (rain date Oct 6)
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