

Soundings Newsletter



DATES AT-A-GLANCE

May 27: Memorial Day
 May 28: Movie Night Out Hingham Shipyard
 May 26: Club Dive, meet at the clubhouse at 8am.
 June 4: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 June 9: COMPETITION DIVE 10am
 June 11: SSN Board Meeting 7pm
 June 16: Father's Day
 June 16 & 30: Club Dives
 June 18: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 June 23: Marshfield Yacht Club Blessing of the Fleet Noon
 June 25: Election day and Movie Night Out

President's Message

Wow! It's been a busy month with lots of activities going on.

John Baldi's service was very well attended and very touching. Jay found old slides from his father that showcased the Neptunes from the 70's. Cheri put together a slideshow that showed the many sides of John. His daughter shared her three favorite attributes of her father. And we all shared our favorite John stories. John leaves behind a rich legacy as a father, friend, husband and pioneer of scuba. Special thanks to Montillios for providing the pastries.

Our intrepid group of travelers returned from their wild safari in Bonaire. Doug and Paul dove very chance they could get. You could wade into the water up to your knees and have lots of fish teeming around you. John entertained the non-divers with land excursions. Joe drank the island dry of strawberry and raspberry daiquiris. All agreed that they would definitely return, although the all-you-can-eat inclusive resort might be a mistake. Several confessed to gaining anywhere from 4-8 pounds!

Alex Shure returned to delight us with his 30 minute film of the various dives around New England. He shared a few secrets of his film making and editing (and his secrets are safe with those of us who attended). His film highlighted the dives he made in the 2012 diving season. Seven months of filming and countless more of editing produced 30 minutes of entertainment. Alex did profess a desire to upgrade his video equipment so as to prepare himself for the likes of Sea Rovers or even National Geographic! (Here's a two minute clip <http://vimeo.com/54366008>)

HEAD'S UP

June 1 Club house clean up. We will start at 9 a.m. Bring tools for outside work, loppers, garden tools. We will organize and clean the inside (including the two side closets). We will also trim back the trees, pick up trash and plant some fresh flowers. Joe has reported that our *lawn mower* is no longer functional. We are wondering if there is anyone out there who'd like to donate a working machine to the club. Anyone???

June 9 is our first **competition** dive. Ken Hayes will be leading this event. Location to be announced (though we are leaning either to Pleasure Bay or Gun rock). An email will go out with details. Ken plans on running a compass course.

John Blackadar will be arranging for our next Dinner Night Out in June. Keep your eyes peeled for details.

WHO'S BEEN DIVING?

DUI had their dry suit day at Stage Fort park. DUI had a bigger turn out this year than ever. Water temp 45-50'. Visibility was 5'. Mike tried new suit, Flex Fit. He likes his White suit better. Doug and Peter tried the TL350. Everyone got a hat, free lunch. There was also a new heated suit that was wired off a battery pack attached to tank. Some found it a bit cumbersome. As for the dive, there was lots of sand, moon snails, sand. No lobsters. Marybeth shared with us that moon snails taste surprisingly sweet.

May 5's club dive was at Peggoty beach and the ocean was brown. Next they tried Egypt beach and found the same condition. They wound up diving Minot. FYI Peggoty beach parking and road is all sand.

Tommy gave a report on the Quincy Yacht club. The floats are going in on May 19th. Construction was supposed to start on yacht club. Time will tell.

Paul Green didn't get much diving in Florida, blown out most of the time. Imagine that!

RECENT EVENTS/ MEMBER NEWS

Movie night out was the movie 42, about the inroads that Jackie Robinson made into professional baseball with his champion Dodgers owner Mr. Dickey. Excellent movie if you're looking for a great flick. Kudos to the cast and director.

Peter Nin is back from Hong Kong and Taiwan. He visited family and did not have time for diving. We were hoping for exotic dive stories. Maybe next time...

Bay State Council meeting notes. We went over legislation on lobsters. If you take lobsters on the cape you have to prove it. You will still run into people that will give

you a hard time. This is your council, be sure to have your voice heard. We would love for more people to show up for the council dive. Talked about 4 parking spots in Scituate. Keep an eye on these spaces for divers, not lifeguards. Next Bay State Council meeting is June 12. Be there!!

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES; May 28 & June 25

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

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