

Soundings Newsletter



DATES AT-A-GLANCE

Feb 23: Boston Scuba Show, 10-3, Marlboro
 Feb 26: Movie Night Out, Hingham Shipyard
 Feb 27; Bay State Council of Divers meeting 7:30pm
 March 3: Club Dive
 March 5: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 March 9 & 10; Boston Sea Rovers Show
 March 12: SSN Board Meeting 7pm
 March 19: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm GUEST SPEAKER
March 23: Dinner Night Out 4:30 at Alfredo's
 March 24: Club Dive
 March 26: Movie Night Out Hingham Shipyard

President's Message

Since our last email, many things have transpired... We passed our 2013 budget, planned out all our events for the year ahead, we survived the Nemo Blizzard of 2013, we welcomed two new members to the club & we said our good byes to a pioneer in the scuba world. (John Baldi). This next month will be packed with more things to do. It's never a dull moment with the Neptunes.

I learned something new after the latest storm. Any individual cannot pick up any loot (clams, quahogs, scallops, lobsters) that may be washed up on the beaches after a storm, **unless** you have the proper license.

Please welcome our newest members, Peter Nin and Maria Yacino. And a thank you to Mike for recruiting these two fine divers. Peter has more than 250 dives under his belt while Maria has ~45. Please give them a warm Neptunes Hello when you see them.

ITS VACATION TIME

By the time that you read this, The BonAire dive planning meeting (on Wednesday Feb 20) will have passed. If you did not have a chance to attend and still want information on the trip, 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. You'd be surprised how affordable a tropical vacation can be!

HEAD'S UP

We are examining the way we award points for Diver of the Year. We will determine if we stay with the current system or go back to the original system. Please voice your preference at an upcoming meeting.

On March 19, Doug has arranged for Jack Chapman from the Environmental Police to come to our club for a presentation. Be there or be square!

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

The Passing of John Baldi

John Baldi passed into the eternal ocean on January 31. At this time, we are not aware of any service.

THANK YOU Al Anzuoni

Al has very, very generously contributed to our club for our annual awards banquet. With the price of filling our scuba tanks going up & up & up, Al provided air cards to the award winners for 2012, free of charge! Thank you Al for your generosity!

WHO'S BEEN DIVING?

As you can imagine, the Blizzard Nemo put the kibosh on our planned dive of Sunday out at Marblehead Light.

RECENT EVENTS

Our Annual Awards Banquet 2012 was enjoyed by all in spite of the flu & cold bugs that were going around. Those that were well enough to sick up and take in nourishment were in attendance. For those that were unable to make it, your presence was sorely missed.

Our newest Life Member is Paula Donahue. Congrats to Paula who has been able to withstand the pressures of life to keep on diving, no matter what!

Farewell to our outgoing president (John Pell) who served the club well in his almost 2 years of service. He still graces us with his presence and keeps us updated on his family. Many thanks to John Blackadar for his gracious acceptance of the Joke Trophy. For anyone who looks to lead with grace and diplomacy, look no further than John. He's the Man!

We look forward to a 2013 filled with much that we can then celebrate at our next awards banquet. Stay Tuned! In fact, be sure to add yourself to the memories!

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.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES; February 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

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!!

The 62nd Edition of **THE BOSTON SCUBA SHOW** Directed by Alan Budreau
with [Kerry and Linda Hurd](#) Saturday, February 23, 2013 (10 AM to 3 PM)
[Marlboro Holiday Inn](#) (Junction of routes 20 & 495)

[The Films of LeRoy French](#) , Tech Diving with [Alex Shure](#) , Rebreathers with [Matt Marcoux](#) ,
Searching for *The Hesperus* with [Fred Calhoun](#) , Memories of You with [Janet MacCausland](#)
, [Deb Greenhalgh's](#) Hawaii, and Jamestown, RI, Understanding De-Computers, All You
Need To Know About Buoyancy, In-Water Movie Making for Beginners and Others (*This is not
the order of presentations*)

ALWAYS FREE PARKING
Tickets at \$20 available at the door

Boston Sea Rovers Annual Scuba Show

They are one of the oldest (Began in 1954) and most distinguished underwater clubs in America. The Sea Rovers always stay true to their original goal of "Raising the Level of Knowledge of the Underwater World." All of the volunteers have a diverse and varied background, who share a common bond of a love for diving and for the ocean. The Sea Rovers hold an annual weekend clinic which is comprised of seminars, workshops, exhibits, films and hands-on activities.

This year the clinic will be held on March 9th & 10th, 2013 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore (Formerly – CoCo Key Hotel & Water Resort) in Danvers Massachusetts.