

# Soundings Newsletter



## DATES AT-A-GLANCE

Sept 3: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 Sept 4: BSC Meeting 7:30pm  
 Sept 10: SSN Board Meeting 7pm  
 Sept 8 & 22: Club Dives  
 Sept 17: NIGHT DIVE  
 Sept 20: Dinner Night Out (please call Blackie for details)  
 Sept 22: BAY STATE COUNCIL TREASURE HUNT  
 Sept 24: Movie Night Out, Hingham Shipyard  
 Oct 5: FLEA MARKET (rain date Oct 12)

## President's Message

Lots of great weather has brought lots of members out diving every chance they got. We had guests from France (Olaf and Jacque) who joined the gang at Old Garden Beach on Aug 18. The visibility was amazing for New England. Olaf was sharing his experience with diving on the south of France. Now 25' of visibility seems to pale in comparison...

We snuck in a night dive on Aug 20 instead of a third meeting. Mike snuck off to Dutch Springs to enjoy 103' of diving. And there's more where that came from! Remember that the ocean keeps warming up through September and doesn't start cooling down until November.

Tommy Lo is still working the Twitter angle. 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.

## Thank You, Thank you, Thank you!

The Neptunes annual picnic at Duxbury beach on August 4 was a wonderful success. We had plenty of help at the start of the day. The weather was charming (not too hot and not too cold). The water temperature was a vast improvement over last year. Some even likened it to BonAire (I think not!). I believe I heard of only one green head fly bite. Not too shabby. Food was excellent, many thanks to Angelo and Tommy Lo. Blackie is grooming Tommy Lo to become the Kidmaster, taking over the running of the games and the piñata. Tommy was an absolute natural at it! The kids beat the tar out of the piñata in record time. They were riding high off of their win at the tug-of-war. Small wonder!

Many thanks to South Shore Divers and Divers Market for their generous donation of the air cards for the adults who competed in the events. Also thanks to Jay for procuring the new tents. They held up very well and are sturdy enough to last for many years to come.

### **HEAD'S UP**

Time to clear your calendar for the **BAY STATE COUNCIL TREASURE HUNT** on September 22. Doug E would like to see several teams from the Neptunes enter the water and give some stiff competition to the other teams. Jay and Doug are trying to recruit some underwater rugby players. Doug even offered to buy them lunch!

Blackie has been working with Paul Adler to collect prizes from the various dive shops.

Scuba event begins at 10am so be sure to get there by 9 to register, get geared up and be ready to splash down at 10. Snorkel event will begin at 11:30. This will give time to get the divers out of the water at 11 and be ready to find your marbles!

### **ALSO ON THE CALENDAR** Is our Annual **FLEA MARKET**.

Please note the date change to OCTOBER 5 (with a rain date of the 12<sup>th</sup>)

John Pell and Roy are working hard to get the publicity out. Deb and Fingers will be distributing the flyers in Marshfield.

And we need folks to come and volunteer for our biggest fundraiser of the year! There is the Friday evening set up, Saturday early morning set up (6:30am) and then folks need all day anytime from 8am to 4pm.

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

Mike Vaughan went to Dutch springs... Did the hole, 103 ft. He found Easter eggs from last year, chased koi for a while. The front end of helicopter fell off this year. All in all, there was about 100 divers in the area. Some stay in hotels or camp. Some even did a night dive. 28 - 30 people were part of the South Shore Divers entourage.

The Great Annual Fish count went well, but some divers didn't find many fish. Mike V. won two tickets to Dutch Springs (which he will use next year), South Shore Divers gave away free regulator.

Doug did a dive at Peggotty Beach, caught a few lobsters.

There was a group that dove Nahant (40 steps, the Chimney) on July 13. They got there early to secure their permit from the police station. The permit is good until 10am, which allowed for only one dive, and it was a great dive!

Mike & Peter dove Pebble Beach on July 28. The original plan was Old Garden, which was too rough. Plenty of lobsters were there and not too many eggers.

Ken, Erica, Lisa, Peter and Yuriy dove Gunrock on Aug 20 for the night dive.

Doug and Matt Meyers do a night dive at Long beach in Plymouth whenever the tide is high, usually every two weeks.

Tommy gave a report on the Quincy Yacht club. The yacht club found a way around the stiff FEMA requirement to raise the height of the building. It has been declared an historical place. And rightly so, it's been around since the Quincy Adams legacy.

### **RECENT EVENTS/ MEMBER NEWS**

Lenny Picot has undergone surgery to repair his knee. He's recovering well and appreciates all your healing vibes. Keep sending them!

Dave Clancy is recovering from walking pneumonia. He tells us that the illness caused him to lose weight so much so that he is now at the same weight as he was in college. We're happy for his return to health and do not advocate this method for those that may want to shed a few pounds.

Movie night out on July 30 was attended by Jeannine, Jon, Ken, Teri and Jean. The movie of choice was The Heat, and after a delay caused by the special publicity event for Mark Walburgh's movie, was enjoyed by all. A laugh until you snort soda through your nose local movie that captures the essence of Southie, Dorchester and Boston. A Must See for locals!

Several members joined Bill & Netta Burchill at the Marshfield Yacht Club's annual clambake on August 18. Sue's clam chowder was worth waiting for. And there is sooooo much food that I took my lobster home to be enjoyed the next day for lunch. Such a bargain at \$15, y'all should join us next year. I already marked my calendar.

BILL SCHWABE has opened up his home on the Vineyard for those that would like to visit and explore the island with him. There is plenty to do, dive, hike, bike. He also extends the same invitation for when he is in FL. And of course there is diving in FL!

I know that they summer is not yet over, however, we are beginning the planning for our Annual Awards Banquet in January/February of next year. We are reaching out to find out if there are other venues we should be considering for our event. If you have suggestions or comments, please let me know. Email or phone. [jeannine@gianninamia.com](mailto:jeannine@gianninamia.com) 617-365-5588

### **TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES; August 27 & Sept 24**

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](mailto:jeannine@gianninamia.com)

### **LOSING LOTTERY TICKETS?**

Joe McAndrews is requesting anyone to help collect non-wining 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

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