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Upcoming Events

- 9/28 BSC Treasure Hunt
- 10/7 General Membership mtg
- 10/11 Flea Market (rain date 10/18)
- 10/12 Brunch at Marshfield Yacht Club
- 10/14 Board Meeting
- 10/19 RIVER RUN!!
- 10/21 General membership mtg
- 10/28 Movie Night Out
- 11/9 & 23 Club Dives
- 12/7 Club Dive at Marblehead
- 12/14 Club Dive at the Back River Ammunition depot, Hingham side

As the Seasons Change

As the days grow shorter and cooler, the ocean is still warm with plenty of diving left in it. And our members have been diving every chance they can get. Aug 31 there was a charter dive with Boston Scuba with the Neptunes filling the boat. The six divers did 2 scallop dives where the conditions were dark (maybe 3') when the sun wasn't shining. They still managed to find enough scallops to feed friends and family. Mike V also found several bottles which Billy B immediately identified one as US Navy medicine bottle. Another group went to Peggotty beach that same day and had good visibility on the way in. One big lobster was taken and they reported many eggers.

Blackie, Jeannine and Todd went on a Aug 21 night dive at Cohasset Sandy Beach. The water was 60 degrees, warm! Conditions were calm and visibility was ~20'. Unbeknownst to him, Blackie's BC kept inflating making him very buoyant. He stuck every imaginable rock in any place that would hold it. It was as he was breaking down his gear that he discovered the leak. It makes for a very frustrating dive.

In the Weeks Ahead...

The 29th Annual Bay State **Treasure Hunt** is Sunday Sept 28 at [Plum Cove](#) in Gloucester. Registration begins at 9. The dive event begins at 10 and the snorkel event follows at noon-ish. The fee for this event is \$10 and this is the fundraiser for the BSC. We have many prizes that were generously donated from the area dive shops. Almost every diver is a winner!

There will also be grilled food for the low price of \$5 that is being provided by the North Shore Frogmen as well as the Metrowest Dive Club. You may also pack your own picnic lunch, if you'd prefer.

Jeannine is looking for members to be on her snorkel team!

Did You Know...

that Disney is making a movie about the rescue of the Pendleton survivors? It is currently being filmed at the Quincy Shipyard. In fact, there are quite a few movies being filmed here in the Boston area and that the Quincy Shipyard has been the sight of other such movies.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR'S RIVER RUN!! It's October 12th and we are predicting blue skies and warm temperatures for our float down the river. We meet at the Landing on Route 3A (across the river from Mary's Landing), carpool to the drop on Bridge St (off of Main St Rte 123). Best of all, Netta will be making her famous clam chowder!!!

Don't forget that you can stay on top of all the Neptunes happenings when you 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.

Everyone seems to balk at the idea of snorkeling. The snorkel event is where the real competition is for the day. This is where your underwater skills really shine. Come be a part of the Neptunes Team!

http://baystatecouncil.org/BSC/Annual_Treasure_Hunt.html

Next up on our busy calendar is the **Annual Flea Market**. The date is Saturday, October 11 with a rain date of October 18. It will be held again in Hanover at the Building 19 parking lot. With Building 19 closed, we will have so much more room to accommodate the vendors and their treasures as well as more parking for the shoppers.

As usual, we need help on Friday gathering the gear from the clubhouse and partially setting it up in Hanover. For those that can help on Friday, we will be meeting at the clubhouse at 11:30am. Ken will provide the trailer for all the fencing equipment. Having a few Other trucks would be great to make sure that everything gets to Hanover. Be sure to bring your (charged) cordless drills for assembling and disassembling the horses.

For those that will be contributing items to the club table, you may certainly drop it off at the clubhouse between now and Oct 10. If you have rather a large amount of items, or large items, we ask that you bring them directly to Hanover on Saturday of the Flea Market.

Roy & Jeanne's 30th Annual Halloween Party

This is the last hurrah for the Famous Halloween Party which is being held on Saturday October 25 starting at 8pm. BYOB and, yes, costumes are required. There are over 6,500 props and decorations with many animated props. Many guests bring a dish to share. There will be of course the games which include "Bobbing for Bones in a Bucket of Blood," "Eye Ball Toss," "Impaling the Victim," and "The Brain Toss." You may bring guests and know that you are responsible for your guests behavior. Please RSVP to Roy at racjmc@verizon.net

For those wishing to help with the set up, work will begin Monday Sept 22 9am-8pm and continue through October 25. If you'll be helping the day of the party, breakfast is at 7am at The Omelette Factory in Pembroke (if you're an early riser).

Stellwagen Bank Updates

Drifters leave Stellwagen Bank sanctuary on several tracks

Eight student built surface current buoys, deployed from the Morgan during her sails into the sanctuary, are taking a variety of paths away from Stellwagen Bank. As of August 26, all but two of the buoys continue to relay data. One buoy made its way south into the Great South Channel, several circle Georges Bank and others continue to drift in the southern portion of the Gulf of Maine. To find out more about 38th Voyager and University of Connecticut professor Michael Whitney's drifter project, go to:

<http://cprime.uconn.edu/research-projects/charles-w-morgan-voyages/>

LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE MARINE WORLD? The Sanctuary is Recruiting for Seats on the Advisory Council

SBNMS is seeking Sanctuary Advisory Council applicants for the following seats:

At Large (Alternate); Conservation (two Alternates); Maritime Heritage (Primary Member); Maritime Heritage (Alternate); and Mobile Gear Commercial Fishing (Alternate).

An application form can be downloaded from the sanctuary's website at <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov/> . Applications are due by September 30, 2014.

Jean-Michel Cousteau speaks at historic Faneuil Hall in Boston

Famed ocean conservationist and filmmaker Jean-Michel Cousteau addressed a full house at Boston's historic Faneuil Hall on July 16. After sailing on the whale ship Charles W. Morgan, from Provincetown to Boston, Cousteau lauded the ship and its new role as an ambassador for ocean conservation.

He also offered the first public announcement of the creation of a National Marine Sanctuaries Center of Excellence for Marine Mammal Acoustic and Conservation Research at Stellwagen Bank sanctuary. The program, labeled "An Evening with Jean-Michel Cousteau: Our Shared Responsibility for the Ocean," also included Stephen White, president of Mystic Seaport, Dr. David Wiley, research coordinator at Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and Master of Ceremonies James P. Delgado, maritime heritage program director at NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

Dive mooring placed on Heroic shipwreck

The sanctuary, in partnership with Northern Atlantic Dive Expeditions, has placed a subsurface dive mooring on the Heroic shipwreck. The wreck lies on top of Stellwagen Bank, north of the Port of Boston shipping lanes, in 100 feet of water. The Heroic is an historic shipwreck that began as the USS Heroic (AMc-84) an Accentor-class coastal mine sweeper launched in 1941.

After World War II, the Heroic was sold into the New England fishing fleet; it caught fire and sank in August 1969. The Heroic's mooring is the third dive mooring placed in the sanctuary to facilitate diver access and prevent anchoring damage to sanctuary shipwrecks. The project, initiated as a result of the management plan review process, is partially funded by grants from Project Aware and the PADI Foundation received by the dive charter company

http://stellwagen.noaa.gov/library/pdfs/enotes_august2014.pdf