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Upcoming Events

- 8/24 Club Dive. Meet at 8am
- 8/26 Movie Night Out
- 8/31 Charter Boat Dive. Boat is Full!
- 9/2 General Membership mtg
- 9/7 Club Dive. Meet at 8am
- 9/9 Board Meeting
- 9/16 General membership mtg
- 9/20 Tropical Fish Rescue
- 9/28 BSC Treasure Hunt, Gloucester
- 9/30 Movie Night out
- 10/11 Flea Market (rain date of 10/18)
- 10/19 River Run

Duxbury Beach Outing

While we may have gotten rained out of our first date, Sunday August 10 was perfect! The tides were perfect, the water was warm (enough), the humidity was low, the sun was out and the winds were favourable. Our cooking staff were on their A game all day. There was plenty of delicious food to enjoy and they timed it perfectly. Once you were done eating/digesting one course, they had the next course ready.

We noticed far fewer children this year though that did not keep the games from being exciting and fun filled. And, yes, the children managed to beat the adults at tug of war, again. I wish I knew their secret. They're so small and innocent looking and at the same time they can really pull their weight and more!

Thank you to all those that helped in the morning to move all the gear to the beach and in the evening for those that helped at the beach and then back at the clubhouse.

We ended our perfect day at the Dairy Freeze on Adams St. Nothing says Summer like ice cream with great friends!

James Nestor talking about free diving...

"Something amazing happens the second we put our faces into water. Our heart rates lower about 25 percent. Blood begins rushing from our extremities into the core. The mind enters a meditative state. At around 250 to 300 feet the heart rate of some of these free divers has been recorded to be about 14 beats per minute. That's about a third of a coma patient's. It shouldn't support consciousness, according to physiologists. And yet deep in the ocean it does. But no one knows exactly how."

"So I try to stick with the more mystical side of it. And I was

lucky enough to meet a number of more philosophical free divers, who didn't just do this stuff for bragging rights but to explore human potential. And explore the ocean."

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/08/140810-free-diving-sperm-whales-jules-verne-reunion-booktalk/>

Getting Ready for the Bay State Council Treasure Hunt

The gang has been busy getting everything ready for the Treasure Hunt. The date is set for September 28 at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. Register at 9am, scuba event at 10, and the highly competitive snorkel event will start around noon. There will be food to enjoy for a mere \$5 (or you can bring your own). There will be lots of raffle prizes for all who participate.

Looking Ahead to October

Our Flea Market has been set for Saturday October 11 (with a rain date of Oct 18). Please contact Angelo if you'd like to rent a space (and/or a table). Also, starting in September you can drop off your donations for the club table. It'd be helpful if you also priced your items.

Who's been diving?

Mike Vaughan participated in the Great American Fish count with the aid of Ken Hayes. They counted 5 lobsters and 1 flounder (in their catch bags!) and also counted invertebrates. Mike won a free pass to the Sunday show of Sea Rovers. Ken also won Sea Rovers tickets.

Yuriy, Peter and Mike went out on the early dive of the night dive hoping to score some lobsters. The visibility was so poor that they saw not much of anything. The official night dive was cancelled and the group went to Hull for \$5 pizza night with Jeannine and Paul Green.

Mike, Peter, Ken and Dave dove Long Beach.

Mike and Oleg dove Peggotty Beach on August 3 and found lobsters everywhere in the rocks.

Doug went out on August 9 with Tim Burke and found flat calm waters north of Graves Light.

Chuck dove Folly Cove with great visibility and saw many anemones. Check also dove The Chimneys. He found no lobsters and figured that Mike must have been through and taken them already!

Doug & John Pell went out on the charter boat of Boston Scuba. Scalloping was great. Not so with the lobsters. Doug said he never saw so many eggers. He did not have one lobster in his catch bag.

Movie Night Out had a bonus day for the month of July. The first one was "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" and the following was "Lucy." Tommy felt that the original Apes movies were better than the current release. Jeannine did not enjoy "Lucy" much, though Jon like the car chases, explosions and gun fire...

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.

Welcome to Nils Anderson, our newest member of the club. Nils was a diver with the Mass Bay Divers.

South Shore Divers may be moving since the building is currently up for sale. We have offered to help move AI if & when the sale occurs. Rumor has it that AI will be moving just down the street.

Brant Rock Update: The Bay State Council will handle the confusion on whether the signs (prohibiting parking) will indeed be removed or not.

We feel the need to set a precedent so that other towns will not try to restrict divers access to the beaches.

Thank you to Mike for installing another light on the outside of the clubhouse. This one is not he side where we have our storage closets. And thanks also to Jay for donating the light fixture.

The Ocean Explorium in New Bedford will be merging with the Buttonwood Park Zoo. They will need to raise private funds for the move. The Ocean Explorium has an avid following of children, who love it.

Here's an excerpt from their website, :

"On August 8 we announced that the Ocean Explorium will

move to the Buttonwood Park Zoo. While public hours at the downtown facility will cease on August 31, special programs – field trips, group visits, birthday parties and outreach experiences – will continue through the Fall. Also, the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society will honor Ocean Explorium memberships from September 1 until the membership expires.

Programs and assets, including the Science on a Sphere®, on permanent loan from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, will move to the zoo to continue as integral components of the OE's educational programs. A three-phase fundraising campaign, led by the OE, will be needed to support the move: first phase funds will move Science on a Sphere®; second phase funds will renovate the Zoo's Aquatic Center, required for the OE's marine exhibits; third phase funds will be used to build a new pavilion at the Zoo to house the Ray and Shark Touch Tank.

We hope you will help us meet this new challenge – establishing a permanent home and sustainable future for the programs and exhibits that New Bedford and the SouthCoast have come to love."

- See more at: <http://oceanexplorium.org/>

Bay State Council meeting was held and parking issues were discussed. Brandt Rock has restricted beach sticker parking from 9-5. Vinnie is going to check with the state.

Ed Redfield is helping to restore the **Minot Light plaque**. John Blackadar has a buoy from the buoy depot so that we can mark the location of the plaque once is it installed. This is being coordinated with Vin Malkoski and the Feds.

Next Council meeting is Aug 20.

Mike read about a woman diver diving off of a boat in Maine that did not surface after a shallow dive. They did recover her body. Not sure what happened...

The Patriot Ledger reported a 68 year old man was taken to Mass General after he lost consciousness while resurfacing from a 100 foot dive. The man was and alert when the boat arrived in Green Harbor. He was flown to Mass General because "any injury involving diving is considered serious." August 13 as reported by Jessica Trufant