



Neptunes Sounding Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Calendar, 2017

1/1/2017 Sober Up Dive

1/15 Club Dive. If interested, meet at the club house @9:00 AM or contact Doug Eaton.

1/28 Awards Banquet

2/7 General Membership Mtg

2/14 Board Meeting

2/21 Ocean Frontiers 2, film

3/11-12 Boston Sea Rovers Annual Show @ DoubleTree in Danvers

MAY 27-JUNE 3 Bonaire Trip

Club Officers, 2017

Todd Alger - President

Doug Eaton - VP

Rob Robison - Secretary/Newsletter

Theresa Czerepica - Treasurer.

Board of Directors: John Blackadar, Tom Guild, Ken Hayes, Garrett Kane, Joe McAndrews, Jay Theriault, Rob Vice, Jeannine Willis, Chuck Zarba

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Election Night on Dec 20, 2016 yielded a new lineup of Club Officers and Board of Directors. Officers for 2017: President - Todd Alger, Vice President - Doug Eaton, Secretary - Rob Robison, Treasurer - Theresa Czerepica. Board of Directors: Jay Theriault, John Blackadar, Tom Guild, Ken Hayes, Garrett Kane, Joe McAndrews, Jeannine Willis, Robert Vice, and Chuck Zarba. Congratulations, everyone!

SAVE the DATE: We booked the **Common Market** for our **Annual Awards Banquet** on **January 28, 7-11pm**. The price is \$32. (In case you were wondering; the last time we increased the price of the banquet was way back in 2009.)

2016 Neptunes Award Winners: *Most Interesting Artifact* - Chuck Zarba, *Photo* - Matt Meyer, *Largest Lobster* - Todd Alger (3.53 lbs.), *Diver of the Year* - Doug Eaton, *2nd* - Todd Alger, *Rookie Diver of the Year* - Rob Robison. This year's award winners have the choice of receiving a trophy or an air card. Additionally, lifetime memberships are being awarded to Ken and Teri Hayes, and Ed Reed. Congratulations to all!

MAY 27-JUNE 3 Bonaire Trip. The dates are carved in stone for the Bonaire Trip! Saturday May 27 through Saturday June 3. We will be staying at the all inclusive Plaza Beach Resort. A deposit of \$100+ per person is required to hold your spot and 16 Neptunes have already signed up! We have coordinated with a travel person for the flights. Contact <debi@waylandtravel.com>. **ACT NOW!**

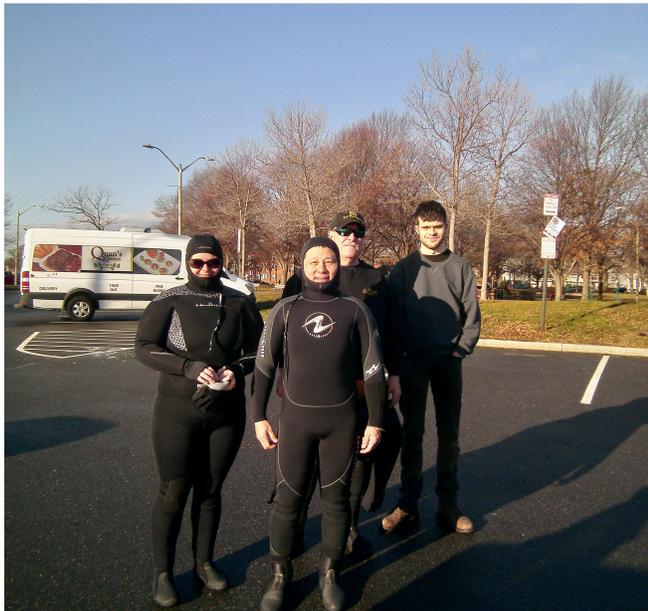
Rob Christian and his wife, **Kelley**, welcomed their first child, Catherine Natalie Christian, 8 lb 6 oz., at 11:04 am, on 12/10/16, into the world! All are doing swimmingly! May the New Year and new addition to the world bring great joy, hope, and happiness to all!

Paul Green is recovering from his quintuple bypass surgery and

clearly feeling much stronger. He showed up at the elections meeting, which was a wonderful surprise and a Christmas present for all. He was also at the New Year's Day Sober UP Dive lending moral support, despite having his car rear-ended and totaled in a high speed collision on I-95. What a trooper!

Joe McAndrews is back and hasn't changed a bit!

In Memoriam. Our deepest condolences to **Betsy Harling**, who's father, Dr. Otto Harling, director of MIT's Nuclear Reactor Laboratory from 1976-1996, passed away December 18. For more information go to <<http://www.cartmelldavis.com/obituary/Dr.-Otto-K.-Harling/Hingham-MA/1686099>>.



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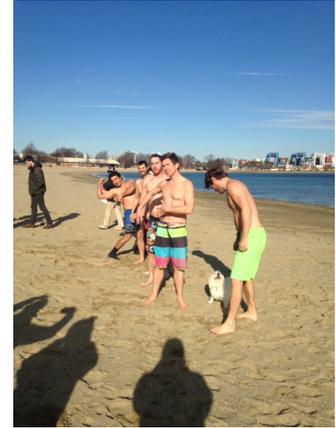
New Year's Day Sober Up Dive at Pleasure Bay
Story & photos by Rob Robison

Fourteen Neptunes and 1 guest showed for the Sober Up Dive on New Years Day at Pleasure Bay. Of those, 10 of us dove or tried to dive—Guest Bonnie Zeller, Peter Ninh, Doug Eaton, Garrett Kane, Mike Vaughan, Todd Alger, Chuck Zarba, Tim Burke Rob Vice, and yours truly. Providing moral and logistical support were Theresa Czerepica, Paul Green, Tommy Lo, Ken and Teri Hayes.

Notice I said “dove or tried to dive. I lost one of my fins trying to put it on in the murky bay water of Pleasure bay. My dive buddy, Mike Vaughan, tried in vain to help me locate it. It was an unfortunate way to begin the New Year's dive season. Oh well! Fortunately, there is always next week.



Thirty-nine minutes after entering the water, the first dive team of Peter Ninh and Bonnie Zeller returned skunked and cold. Others drifted in over the next hour or so. Doug bottomed out at 40', recording the deepest dive I am aware of, and Mike Vaughan lasted nearly an hour and brought back 2 bugs. I counted a lobster haul of around 6 among all the divers, none bringing back more than two. Tim Burke (Above) may have brought in the largest of all the lobsters caught. It was a beautiful sunny Sunday morning with air temps in the mid 40s, H2O at 37-38°, depending on depth, and LOW vis! A great way and day to begin the New Year's dive season.



I almost forgot: As we were finishing up and getting ready to head out to Jay Theriault's for his annual post-dive New Year's Day feast and football afternoon (THANKS, JAY!), a couple of groups of young people decided to emulate the L Street Brownies's New Year's Day plunge into the harbor. Talk about diving into it, now that is cold!!

Photo of the Year, 2016



Nudibranch by Matt Meyer



