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## Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes

### Calendar 2021

- 5/4 General Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 5/8 (Sat) Club Dive 9AM at former Clubhouse
- 5/11 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 5/12 BSC Meeting 7PM
- 5/18 Evening Program: Diving the Maldives with Rob Robison
- 5/23 Club Dive 9AM at former Clubhouse
- 6/1 General Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 6/8 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 6/12 (Sat) Club Dive 8AM at former Clubhouse
- 6/15 Program TBA
- 6/19 (Sat) Club Dive 8AM at former Clubhouse
- 7/6 General Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 7/11 Club Dive 8AM at former Clubhouse
- 7/13 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 7/20 Program TBA
- 7/25 Club Dive 8AM at former Clubhouse
- 8/1 Duxbury Outing (tent)
- 8/3 General Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 8/8 Duxbury Outing (rain date)
- 8/10 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 8/14 Club Dive 8AM at former Clubhouse
- 8/17 Evening Program TBA
- 8/29 Club Dive 8AM at former Clubhouse

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, & REMINDERS

- **Divers' Market now offers Nitrox!** Call (508) 746-3483 for more information.
- **Underwater Rugby hours:** Tuesday nites 8-9:30 PM at Westwood HS pool.
- **Club General and Board Meetings** are now being held **on Zoom** until further notice. See **Club Facebook page** for pics and brief write ups. **Please note: All other Club activities and programs listed on the Calendar or not,** which are in conflict with the stay-in-place quarantine, **are also CANCELED until further notice.**
- **Bay State Council:** The Council's attorney is awaiting the response of the plaintiff's regarding the beach access suit.
- **Newsletter:** To help add interesting content to the newsletter during these unusual times, please send me ([robisonr25@yahoo.com](mailto:robisonr25@yahoo.com)) any first hand accounts, stories, photos, or both about your exploits as a Neptune for potential publication. Photos or clippings enhance stories, so please include them if you can. Don't forget to provide contact info in case I have questions.
- **ANNUAL DUES-\$35-ARE DUE ASAP,** if you have-not yet paid. **Make checks payable to South Shore Neptunes** , and mail to **South Shore Neptunes Dive Club, P.O. Box 690716, Quincy, MA 02169**
- **Don't forget** to visit the **club store** at <https://bit.ly/SSN-Store> for the latest in club swag.

### MARCH/APRIL CLUB ACTIVITIES AND DIVES

#### In Memoriam

Angelo, Karen, and David, would like to thank everyone that attended **Norma Rodberg's** (Mother of life member David Rodberg) funeral service in person and via Zoom. Anyone wishing can make donation to

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- 9/? BSC Treasure HuntTBA
- 9/7General Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 9/12 Club Dive 8AM at former Clubhouse
- 9/14 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 9/21 Evening Program TBA
- 9/ 25 Club Dive 8AM at former Clubhouse
- \*10/2 Neptunes Flea Market
- \*10/3 River Run
- 10/5 General Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 10/12 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 10/17 Flea Market Rain Date
- 10/19 Evening Program TBA
- 10/24 Club Dive 8AM at former Clubhouse
- 11/2 General Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 11/6 (Sat) Club Dive 9AM at former Clubhouse
- 11/9 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 11/16 Evening Program TBA
- 11/28 Club Dive 9AM at former Clubhouse
- 12/5Club Dive 9AM at former Clubhouse
- 12/7General Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 12/12 Club Dive 9AM at former Clubhouse
- 12/14 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 12/21 Elections
- 2022
- 1/1 Sober Up Dive Pleasure Bay
- 1/4 General Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 1/11 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
- 1/16Club Dive 9AM at former Clubhouse
- 1/18 Evening Program TBA
- \*Note: Tentative dates for the 2021 Boston Sea Rovers Annual Clinic

the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Norma.

Schlossberg and Solomon Memorial Chapel (schlossbergchapel.com)

**Neptunes Club House Update: The Big Move, Saturday, April 24th 2021.**

Story and photos by **Jay Theriault**

(Ed. Note: For those of you who are unaware, the City of Quincy has reclaimed its ownership of the dwelling we have used, since 1974, as our former Clubhouse, and we have had to vacate the building). The day began at 9 am with **Charlie Matthews**



bringing his big truck and Jeff Finnell bringing some loading ramps, which really made the moving job a lot easier. Other Neptunes began loading the truck and cleaning out remaining items from the clubhouse. All

items were out of the building by 11:00 a.m., and we trucked the club belongings to the container in Walpole. By noontime, we had the truck unloaded and all items transferred to the shipping container.



Many thanks to everyone who showed up to help; it made the move go very smoothly. Also, special thanks to former club president, **Chuck Zarba**, for allowing us to store the shipping container with all of our club belongings on his business property.

We now say goodbye to our beloved clubhouse for its 47 years of service. And although we can no longer call the structure our clubhouse, the incredible memories it generated will not be forgotten.

Going forward, we are looking for a suitable replacement or alternative and will keep you updated on our progress.

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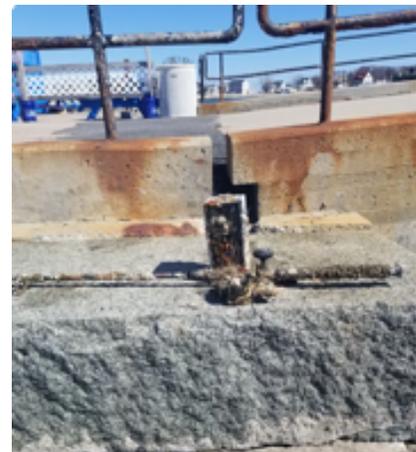
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### Recent Diving

**Pemberton Pier.** Sunday, March 28, 2021. *Story & photos by Doug Eaton.* I met Rob Vice at the clubhouse at 9 am to go diving at Hull’s Pemberton Pier. While we were loading all of our gear into one vehicle, Tommy Lo showed up to see if anyone else was diving with us. We told him Todd Alger was meeting us at the dive site.



Reaching the site, we set up an area to gear up. When I grabbed my reg, I noticed I had brought the wrong one. Rob noticed he had forgotten his BC ,while going through his gear. All the while Todd was laughing. He did tell Rob he could use his BC. I borrowed Rob’s dry suit hose, screwed it into my regulator, and followed Todd into the water.



Clockwise: fishing rod,;bottles in tub;  
Pemberton Pier

When I returned from the dive, Rob and Todd where packing up their gear because Rob had decided not to dive after all. I stowed my own gear and headed to Todd’s house for pizza, beer, and grilled kielbasa. On the way over, Todd called Paul Green and invited him to join the three of us. The day went from a good day to a great day of diving and hanging out with a great group of Neptunes.

**Pemberton Pier - Club Dive.** Sunday, March 21, 2021. *Story & photos by Doug Eaton.*

After packing my gear, I headed to club house to see who was diving today. While waiting, Tommy showed up and so did Rob Vice. We decided to go to Hull for the dive. We loaded Rob’s gear into my truck and left Tommy because he chose Plan B - breakfast!

When we reached Pemberton Pier, the water was laid down flat and the tide going out. We geared up and waded in. The air temp was 55°, the water temp 40° and the vis 8 to 10 ft.

While diving, I found 3 old bottles, a hand line, and a crab trap. After 30 min. of playing in the mud, I headed in and dumped my tank. Then, I saw Rob returning, so I went down to help him, but he went back down. Then, I saw why. He forgot his lift bag and had to drag his game bag in the sand. I got his bag and couldn’t believe it. He had collected 37 bottles full of mud. We ended the dive and packed up,



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while watching him clean the mud out of the bottles. When Rob finished, we were able to go and get burgers and beer at Darcy's to end the day!

**A few photos from diving the Maldives on the Maldives Aggressor II.** *Story and photos by Rob Robison*



Clockwise: Oriental Sweetlips, Clark's Anemone fish; Guilfoyle Puffer

I have just returned from a splendid live aboard dive trip the Maldives (April 9 - 23) on Aggressor Fleet's Maldives Aggressor II, where the food was excellent and the diving to die for. Fish schools, I mean fish clouds, and size were more than impressive, not to mention the manta rays, eagle rays, stings rays, and whale shark we sighted among others. Attached are a few of the nearly 2,000 photos and video clips I shot while there on a 10-day live aboard experience. I am saving the best for a followup article and slide show, which will

appear in the May edition of Sounding. Please note the

video clips are raw; that is, they have not been edited yet. Enjoy!



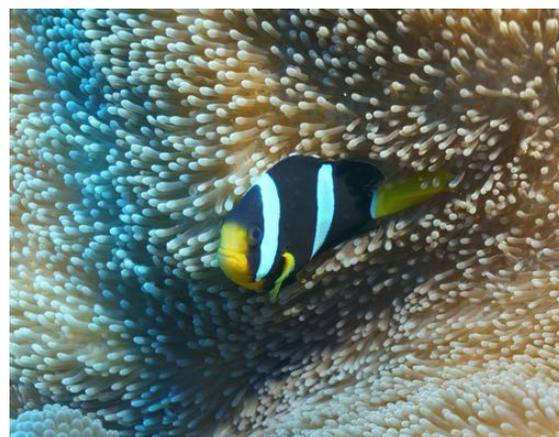
**In Search of Easter Eggs at Pebble Beach.**

Sunday April 4, 2021.

*Story and photos by Rob Robison*

A beautiful clear, cerulean sky, bright sunshine, and an outgoing tide greeted Peter Ninh, Mike Vaughan (at left), and me at Pebble Beach Easter Sunday. The waters were flat and clear and the tranquility was disturbed only by the usual Sunday morning walkers who frequent the beachfront road and the light casual sound of the surf breaking ever so slightly on the beach.

Mike hadn't been diving all winter because of leg cramps and circulation issues, so we decided on a short easy dive straight out from the beach. I was trying out a pair of two-



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pound ankle weights for the first time to determine if they would keep my legs from floating. Peter insisted on ferrying us out using his TUSA scooter, which turned out to be a very good thing, especially at the end of the dive.

We reached the drop point and submerged. Mike and I hunted nudibranchs and their (Easter) egg cases, while Peter navigated and scouted lobster opportunities. Large ribbon strands of Sugar Kelp and clumps of cranberry colored Dulse coated the bottom and covered the boulders we encountered, along with large quantities of white-tipped coral weed. Despite the 20-25' vis and water temps in the 42°--44° range, depending on which one of the four dive computers we carried among the three of us you believe the most, nudis were difficult to spot and we

were unable to detect any nudibranch egg cases. So much for our Easter egg hunt. Our 10'--17' depth probably had as much to do with that as the warming water.

About half way through the dive, we found a 9'--10' deep spot, which was too shallow for me in my drysuit, despite wearing 32 lbs. of lead, and I floated uncontrollably to the surface at the 25-minute mark. Mike and Peter

surfaced shortly afterwards. I was glad because the outgoing tide and current were moving me slowly but inexorably westward away from our entry point. Peter's scooter powered us back to the beach safe and sound.

Although each of us had different obligations post dive, we enjoyed a wonderful morning on the water together taking in the beauty and seeming tranquility of the hydrosphere.

**Little Pond at Morton Park, Plymouth, MA.** Saturday, April 3, 2021. Story and photos by Rob Robison.

Fresh from a three-month sojourn to Vail with his wife for skiing and instructing other skiers, my dive buddy, Brian Smith, and I agreed to meet at Nantasket Beach this morning for an easy reentry into the hydrosphere. He wanted to ease the transition from the snow packed Rockies to the underwater universe, worthy goal to be sure. Unfortunately, the vis looked like a brown out after at least three days of continuous gale force winds.

Brian and I headed to a local coffee shop for a cup 'o Joe and a scone to decide what to do next, and



Clockwise: *Flabellina verrucosa*; Sugar Kelp frond; Golden Star Tunicate



then skeddaddled down to Plymouth's Morton Park to sneak in a dive before the morning got away from us.

By the time we reached the pond, the banks were full of fishermen on this sunny clear-skied Saturday morning. We suited up anyway and lumbered into the water. As we donned our fins, it was evident the vis was not going to be crystal; in fact, it was barely 5' and very murky.

Some of the fishermen were on break from their preferred sport and inquired what we were looking for. I guess curiosity got the best of them. We assured them molesting their fish was not on our agenda. We just wanted to see what was going on underwater and take a few photos. Truth be told, although Brian and I have spotted a few trout, indeed, on rare occasions when diving the pond, today was not one of those lucky days. We were just fortunate to see anything during our 14-15 minutes underwater in 44-45° water, and what we did see was not moving nor could it be characterized as fauna. Regardless, it was a great short dive with a great dive buddy. We will do it again soon, that's for sure. Included are a few of the underwater pond sights that hopefully will enhance your weekend reverie and viewing pleasure.

By the way, it is time to dust off your equipment and join us diving into it. Time's a wasting. Summer will be here before you know it. Until next month,

Safe living and safe diving everyone!

*Rob*

## PARTING SHOTS



L - R: Emperor Angelfish; Lionfish in cacophony of color,

Blue Striped Blenny

**More from the Maldives**



Clockwise from left: MantaRay flying solo with diver; Titan Triggerfish closeup; 3 Mantas & Juvenile Eagle Ray circle the cleaning station & sun; Juvenile Moray Eel

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