



Soundings

July 2023

Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes

Upcoming Events

08/01/2023	General Meeting
08/06/2023	Duxbury Beach Outing
08/08/2023	Board Meeting
08/13/2023	Club dive
08/26/2023	Club dive
09/05/2023	General Meeting
09/10/2023	Club dive
09/12/2023	Board Meeting
	Bay State Council Treasurer
09/17/2023	Hunt
09/30/2023	Annual River Run
10/03/2023	General Meeting

Summary

The club has been very active on club boat dives and submitting dive reports. Only a couple reports are here, please see the Facebook Page for additional reports.

Annual Duxbury Beach Outing is August 6. Get your tickets and head count ASAP.

We had a few people sign-up on the membership portal. Reach out if you're having difficulties and we can get you squared away.

We're looking for YOU to Sponsor our new members. We have some sponsoring more than five and this is not fair to our candidates. Please let an Officer know if you are available to sponsor a candidate.

Please send your reports, gear for sale, stories from years ago or anything else that you would want to have in the newsletter to:

newsletter@SouthShoreNeptunes.org

Letter from the Editor

July is the month where diving really picks up in New England and the lobsters become abundant. This is holding true for 2023 with some catching their limits. Remember, the largest lobster is currently set at 4.06 lbs and can still be beat. Make sure you weigh your largest lobster on a calibrated scale.

August is nearly upon us and it's time for the Annual Beach Outing at Duxbury Beach. See the following page for details. The event can use help carrying supplies to and from the beach and it is looking like this year's turnout could beat last years. I'm going to throw a dart and guess we'll have 72 people there this year, is this ambitious or not enough? Find out at the outing!

Remember to stay within your limits while diving. Safe Diving!

Sincerely,
–Rob Vice, 2023 Secretary and Editor
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June General Meeting Summary

- **New Members**
 - Will Tinney - Moved back from Wyoming and rejoining
 - Cameron Wentworth - New to diving, just over 4 months and ~25 dives, certified with Calvin Stephenson. He is on his local fire dept dive team doing surface support and going to get diving with them. Located in the Plymouth/Carver area.
 - Beth Kelley Kane - Started diving 20 years ago certified with Al at South Shore Divers. She recently went back to Cayman with North Atlantic Scuba and just got diving again through Facebook.
 - Grigorii Kvashnin - New to diving, certified 3 weeks ago and ~10 dives looking to get into lobstering. He lives in Quincy. Heard about us by messaging on the Facebook group New England Divers for dive buddies and was told about the club there.
 - The following was voted unanimously to become members of the club:
 - Al Anzuoni (sponsor Ken Hayes)
- **Old Business**
 - Annual Beach Outing at Duxbury Beach - August 6 with rain date August 13
 - Permit taken out for August 6th. The club will have tables, tents and the cookout on the beach. Bring family, friends and kids. Parking is \$25, tickets are \$10/person with kids five and under free.
 - Plovers have settled thickly, please listen to the kids monitoring the area, listen and comply with their requests.
 - Supplies will be packed in the trucker/trailer on August 5th at 5:00 pm.
 - Contact the hotline if you wish to help out or need tickets
 - Group Order for Embroidered Shirts
 - Still waiting on artwork, nothing else new
 - Back River Outing
 - Need to coordinate with Ranger Scott to open the museum and set a date.
 - Audit - Jay Theriault
 - Jay presented the audit and recommendations to the club. The audit was accepted by the club.
- **New Business**
 - Club Storage - Chuck mentioned the clubs storage container has a lot of growth around it and it could use some rust attention with some fresh paint.
 - July 22 - New England Aquarium is hosting the Annual Fish Count at Stage Fort Park with food and prizes.
 - September 23 - Beach Cleanup by the Surfrider Foundation
 - Sea Rovers
 - Rob Robison informed the club the costs will be going up, possibly upwards of \$500 for booth space. Also, if you want a hotel room, make sure to book early.
 - Social Events
 - Axe and Knife Throwing - Blackie would like to run an event at Crazy Axes in Hanover on a Saturday night towards the end of the summer. Ages 9 and up are allowed to participate.
- **Bay State Council**
 - August 30 - General Meeting on the USS Salem
 - September 13 - General Meeting just prior to the Treasure Hunt
 - September 17 - Annual Treasure Hunt at Stage Fort Park with thousands of dollars of stuff to give away. This is also a family day with a \$10/person buffet lunch hosted by the North Shore Frogmen and MetroWest dive clubs.

Motions

1. Bill Burchill motioned to set the price of the annual beach outing at \$10, with children five and under free. Seconded by Tommy Lo. Motion Passed.
2. Todd Alger motioned to approve the Annual Audit presented and prepared by Jay Theriault. Seconded by Rob Vice. Motion Passed

Annual Beach Outing - Duxbury Beach

When: August 6, 9am to ~4pm with rain date August 13

Where: Duxbury Beach, Gurnet Road

It's that time of year again where we get together with family and friends at the beach. We'll have a BBQ cookout (charcoal grilled food!) on the beach and games for the kids.



Tickets: \$10/person, children 5 and under Free.
Purchase tickets via the link or the QR code below
<https://bit.ly/2023-SSN-Outing>



Or Call/Text the hotline for other ticket options
617-804-5637



Buffet includes:

Hamburgers, hotdogs, sausages, chicken, corn, salad, chips and watermelon. Iced tea and lemonade are also provided.

Make sure to take part in the kids vs. adults Tug of War, sack race and other fun activities for the kids (both young and young at heart)

Dive Reports

July 22 - Graves Light - Club Boat Dive

Story and Photos by Doug Eaton, Adrienne Murphy and Sokol Prifti.

There were 3 boats and 11 divers and we did have room for more. Both dives were at Graves Light and there were lots of lobsters to be caught. The day started out hazy in the morning but it turned out to be gorgeous by the end of the day. Alex's boat had five divers: Alex Wieck, Adrienne Murphy, Shane Kennedy, Will Tinney and Sokol Prifti. Adrienne, Will and Sokol decided to dive together. Alex and Shane went a different way. We dove twice and had a great time regardless of the fact that the current was ripping!



Bill Gallagher, Chuck Zarba, Rob Foley and Doug Eaton got a late start from the Milton Yacht Club waiting for the tide to come up the Neponset River. Once the tide came in, Bill Gallagher headed out to meet the other boats at Graves Light. As they reached Graves Light, they saw Tommy's boat being towed away by Alex due to a mechanical issue.



The guys on Bill Gallagher's boat did their two dives and headed back in. Doug Eaton cooked up some of his catch and made lobster rolls for dinner. Everyone had a good day and got their two dives in. I hope more divers join us next time.

Additional boat [story by Rob Vice]: Bruce Lane, Matt Meyer and Rob Vice went out on Bruce's boat and left before Bill Gallagher showed up. Bruce had to pick up Matt on the second dive as the current picked up. Bruce originally anchored in ~47 feet of water, but his anchor dragged about 15-20 feet ending up in 57 feet of water. The dragging anchor lure out two nice sized lobsters that Rob Vice grabbed. Rob Vice also saw a large oversized female lobster at 45 feet. Visibility was great in the 30-40 ft range with water temps getting down to 50 °F. Matt caught his limit and Bruce and Rob caught 8-10 each. Todd also had a mechanical failure with the BCD tank holder shattering where the tank strap goes. He was able to get dives in by sharing Tommy's BCD.

July 26 - Gun Rock - Club Night Dive

vis 20 ft, 49°F, 40 ft max depth

Story by Adrienne Murphy and Mark Zipeto. Photos by Alessandro Solda



We had a great night dive last night with 7 of us getting in the water: Ken Hayes, Mark Zipeto, Paul Greene, Rick Hovey, John Sullivan, Alessandro and Adrienne Murphy with beach support from Jack Doyle and John's son. We timed it just right! It was feeding time at the zoo for crabs and lobstah. We also saw several rays, a feeding squid, a tiny eel, and a lot of fin fish, big and small.



July 28 - City of Salisbury

vis 20 ft, 49°F, 40 ft max depth

Story by Doug Eaton

I got a text from Tim Burke asking me if I wanted to dive Friday. "Of course," I said, "what time." I met Tim at his boat at 9 am. As we headed out, Tim suggested we dive the City of Salisbury. Bob Bell, and Chris Durhan were also diving and we all said yes. Bob Bell was first to hit the water, I followed and then Christian jumped in. As I was working I saw Chris turned around and went the other way. The vis was a good 20 ft, water temp 49 degrees at 40 ft. It was a great day of diving with fellow Neptunes and Chris Durhan.

See more Dive Reports from July on the Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthShoreNeptunes>

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