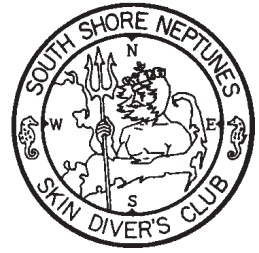


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South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

DECEMBER 2005



EVENTS CALENDAR

Listed below are scheduled club events for the remainder of the year and the month of January, 2006

Dec. 4th, Pt. dive

Dec. 20th, Election Night

Dec. 20th, Pizza Party

Jan. 1st, Non-pt. dive Pleasure Bay Lagoon

Jan. 15th, Pt. dive

Jan. 17th, Gst. Spkr. Aaron Faulls

Past Events

October 29, 2005 has come and gone. But it was the day of Roy's 21st annual Halloween party, the second biggest Halloween party to date. There were 112 guests in attendance, every one of whom had a great time. The costumes ran from the generic off the shelf to those which showed great imagination. Roy once again did a great job on his creative preparations. He and his staff, from the lumpers, to the cook, to the photographers had everything under control. Even the weather could not dampen the spirits of all present. This event continues to be one of the highlights of the club year. There are a few pictures elsewhere in the newsletter.

The point dive scheduled for Sunday, November 6th, was a washout. Four members, John Blackadar, Roy Chamberlain, Tom Lo and Todd Alger showed up for the buffet breakfast at the Gannett Grill. Following breakfast they headed for Strawberry Point. Upon arrival, they found conditions less to conducive for diving so the dive was scrubbed.

The non-point that was set for Sunday, November 20th, was at Marblehead Light. There were two club divers, Marshall Reynard and Tommy Lo participating. But there was a twist to the story here. Marshall in his eagerness to get in the water showed up at the site on the 13th. Needless to say, he had the location all to

himself. Marshall did his dive and his reward was 3/4 of a bag of scallops. Our second diver, Tommy, arrived on site on the designated date and time and waited for the rest of the divers. But shortly after 10:00 A.M. there were no other arrivals. The conditions were ideal and Tommy made the best of a great day. He ended up with a 1/4 of a bag of scallops, 2 lobster and a good feed of crabs.

Upcoming Events

The point dive for the month is Sunday, December 4th, and the site for the dive is Mound St Beach, Town River, Quincy. The club members will meet for breakfast at 8:00 A.M. at the IHOP in Quincy located in Quincy Center at Washington St. and McGrath Highway. It has been a few years since the club last dove here. There are a few lobster around and then there is the chance you come across a motor vehicle that may have been dumped there.

Election of Officers

Election Night, Tuesday, Dec. 20th

The question has come up on when the club will hold the Annual Election of Officers. The answer is that there is no change in the election process. The elections will be held on the 3rd Tuesday in December, the 20th. Nominations for the individual offices and for the board positions will be accepted on the 1st Tuesday and also on the 3rd Tuesday in December. Voting will occur at the close of nominations .

As noted above, it is election time. The general meeting is Tuesday, December 6th, and this is the first night nominations for office will be accepted. Remember, you must be present to be nominated and also have your dues paid up for 2006. We need members to run for office. Judging from the great turnout for the 50th Anniversary Banquet, we know there are certainly members interested in the club.

The Board of Directors needs a number of members to keep the club running on an even keel. Think about it, it's your organization. On the third tuesday, December 20th, nominations will close and the elections for office will be held. At the completion of elections the **Annual Pizza Party** will commence. We hope to see everyone there.

For several years now we have co-sponsored a children's Christmas along with the group of FEMA volunteers. It appears that this year due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no annual Christmas party.

New Years Day Dive.

January 1, 2006 is the Annual Sober Up Dive at Pleasure Bay Lagoon in South Boston. This annual event is usually a crowd pleaser. The lagoon does have its cache of lobster and usually parts with a few to those hardy divers who venture into the water. Remember, it is the new year and you must have a 2006 license. The Environmental Police are often on the scene. If you are unfamiliar with the Pleasure Bay Lagoon location, the easiest way to get there from the South or North is to take the Southeast Expressway and get off at the JFK/Columbia Circle exit. From the South, at the bottom of the exit ramp turn right. From the North, at the bottom of the exit ramp turn left. At the rotary take the second road, this will take you along the shore. Follow the road right to the lagoon.

Following the dive, Jay Theriault has opened his home and will host the after the dive party To get to Jay's house, backtrack to the expressway and get on the expressway heading South and follow it to the split and bear right onto Route 128. Take Route 128 to exit 5B in Milton. Get off at exit 5B. This puts you on N. Main St., Rte 28. Follow along Rte. 28 for about two miles. You will come to Ridgewood Road on your right. Turn onto Ridgewood Road and follow it to the top. Jay's house will be the last house on your left. It is # 204.

On Tuesday, January 17, 2006, there will be a guest speaker at the clubhouse. Aaron Faulls will present his just completed film on the wreck of the Chester Polling that is located just offshore in Gloucester harbor. Aaron has completed film courses At Boston University. He also has been an instructor in SCUBA for 5 years. He has been diving New

England waters for fifteen years. The title of his film is "Still On Her Keel: The Legacy Of The Chester Polling". Mark the calendar and plan to attend.

The date for the Annual Banquet and Awards night has been set for Saturday, January 28, 2006. The location has as yet to be selected. Several alternatives are being looked at and more definitive information will be in the next newsletter.

In Sympathy

It is a sad duty to report the passing of two members of the dive community this past month.

Steve Johnson, 46 years, a long time member of the South Shore Neptunes passed away after a long illness.

Cliff Simoneau, 46 years, a friend to the South Shore Neptunes and co-owner of Silent Dive Systems, passed away after losing a battle with cancer.

In General

LOST

This past year an old member of the club, Jim Walker, brought a packet of information on recorded obstructions in Mass. Bay to the club. This information was left in the club's care in the event anyone might want to check out a site. Well, it seems that the packet is now missing and Jim needs it for some ongoing research. If anyone has borrowed the data and forgotten to return it, please do so now. If you are aware of someone who may have the packet let them know the club is looking for it and have them return it.

Last month I reported that Tommy Lo was working on a DVD made up of pictures that were taken at the 50th Anniversary Banquet. Tommy has completed the disc and given John Blackadar a number of copies to send to those who were at the banquet. John has mailed out the initial batch of DVDs and as Tom completes the rest of the copies John will complete the mailing. John has viewed the DVD and likes it. Tommy transferred the pictures to the DVD in an unedited format. What you get is the pictures as they were taken.

Dues & Waiver- Dues & Waiver -Dues & Waiver

Dues are due and also the waiver form must be submitted. You can mail both your dues and the waiver to the club. But why not stop by for elections on December 20th followed by pizza and a beer or soda.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HT 10:26	2 HT 11:10 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 700 to 8:00 p.m.	3 HT 11:57
4 HT 12:41 Point Dive. Site to be selected at Nov- ember Meeting.	5 HT 1:33 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	6 HT 2:26 Regular Meeting Nominations of Officers & Board Members	7 HT 3:22 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	8 HT 4:22	9 HT 5:22 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 700 to 8:00 p.m.	10 HT 6:21
11 HT 7:18	12 HT 8:12 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	13 HT 9:03 Board Meeting	14 HT 9:51 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	15 HT 10:36	16 HT 11:20 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 700 to 8:00 p.m.	17 HT 12:01
18 HT 12:43	19 HT 1:24 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	20 HT 2:06 Nominations & Election of Offi- cers & Board Members. Pizza Party !!	21 HT 2:50 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	22 HT 3:34	23 HT 4:21 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 700 to 8:00 p.m.	24 HT 5:08
25 HT 5:57  Merry Christmas	26 HT 6:45	27 HT 7:34	28 HT 8:23	29 HT 9:12	30 HT 10:01 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 700 to 8:00 p.m.	31 HT 10:51

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HT 11:42 Annual Sober Up Dive, Pleasure Bay. After Party at Jay Theriault's home.	2 HT 12:25 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	3 HT 1:15 Regular Meeting	4 HT 2:07 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	5 HT 3:09	6 HT 3:56	7 HT 4:51
8 HT 5:50	9 HT 6:49 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	10 HT 7:47 Board Meeting	11 HT 8:42 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	12 HT 9:33	13 HT 10:19	14 HT 11:02
15 HT 11:42 Point Dive. Loca- tion to be announced	16 HT 12:18 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	17 HT 12:55 Guest Spkr., Aaron Fauls. Film on the Chester Polling	18 HT 1:32 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	19 HT 2:10	20 HT 2:49	21 HT 3:31
22 HT 4:36	23 HT 5:04 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	24 HT 5:57	25 HT 6:53 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	26 HT 7:50	27 HT 8:46	28 HT 9:41
29 HT 10:34	30 HT 11:27 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	31 HT 12:04				

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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING First Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P

DIRECTIONS Applicants for membership and other interested parties are invited to attend all Membership and Board of Directors meetings. All meetings are held at the field house at the corner of Joyce Road and Quarry Street in Quincy. To get to the building take the Furnace Brook Parkway exit off of the Southeast Expressway and follow Furnace Brook Parkway to Quarry Street. This is exit #8. If you are coming from Boston you must follow the road to the left under the x-way and bear right onto the Parkway. If you are coming from the South at the bottom of the exit turn right onto the Parkway. Go to 2nd set of lights, Quarry St. Turn left. Building is about 25 yards on the right.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION Membership is open to all sport divers and other interested persons. Applications for membership are to be presented at a Board of Directors meeting for review and then to a general membership meeting. The applicant is required to attend both meetings. Membership fees are:

Initiation Fee	\$25.00 one-time fee
Annual dues	\$35.00 per year
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION To learn more about the club's activities and membership go to www.southshoreneptunes.org or feel free to call one of the club officer's listed to the left, or call John Blackadar at (781) 826-4696.

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**Election Night and Annual Pizza Party
Tuesday, December 20, 2005**

**New Year's Day Dive, Pleasure Bay Lagoon,
South Boston, Sunday, January 1, 2006**

**Guest Speaker, Tuesday, January 17, 2006
Aaron Fauls, Presentation on Chester Polling
See Inside Newsletter**

**Annual Banquet & Awards Night
Saturday, January 28, 2006**

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