

# Soundings Newsletter



## DATES AT-A-GLANCE

May 29: Tuesday Night at the Movies  
 June 3: Club Dive meet at the clubhouse at 8am  
 June 5: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 June 12: SSN Board Meeting 7pm  
 June 17: Club Dive meet at the clubhouse at 7am  
 June 19: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 June 24: Blessing of the Fleet, Marshfield Yacht Club  
 July 10: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 July 17: SSN Board Meeting 7pm  
 July 24: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 July 8 & 22: Club Dive meeting time and place TBD pending QYC outcome.

## May Memorial

Steve's boat is in the Water!

May was a busier (& productive) month and its not even over!

Steve Marshall's boat is in the water (at Marina Bay) and is looking for divers. Call him at 617-833-1178. John Molis also mentioned that he is looking for dive buddies. Though I'm not sure what the water temperature is, I do know that it is the right temperature for divers. Get your out of mothballs and get ready to dive!

UPDATE on the Quincy Yacht Club: The club is not anticipating opening since it has been condemned and there are no walls. Docks may go in by the end of May though there will be no gas dock (boaters should plan accordingly).

Alex Shure of GREEN DIVER (sounds like a superhero!) enlightened us for the Third Tuesday Talks with his photography of his passion, New England Diving. His presentation was top notch although there were not many members there to appreciate it. He says that he will definitely be back in the spring with more photos.

Alex shared how he produced the video of The Trench in Gloucester where he was able to get maybe 1 minute of video with each trip down. With his safety diver and the currents/conditions, he had very little time to shoot before he had to go back up. DID you know that there was a trench in Gloucester that was 140'? I didn't. From all appearances, it was a huge rock formation that seems to have split open. Hmmm, seems worth checking out. Come to think of it, I have never been to Saturday Night Ledge either. I think a trip up to Gloucester is in order.

Alex also mentioned that he practices his macro photography on insects around the house, yard and beach. He has some amazing photos of these tiny yet beautiful creatures.

THREE STOOGES (April) and THE DICTATOR (May 22) was the movie of choices for Movie Nights. Paul Green (yes he is back from FL) joined Jeannine and Jon for the very funny Sacha Cohen movie. As Jon puts it, Sacha is absolutely brilliantly crazy. And he produces some great satire. Worth every penny! Jeannine went solo for the Three Stooges. For those that are thinking of seeing it, DON'T MISS IT. There is a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May. Join us for another \$5 Movie!

### **BAY STATE COUNCIL MEETING**

DIVEHEART Has been around since 2001. They go on 8-10 tropical dives a year. There are Programs in over 70 cities, with 300 instructors, & 1000+ of people who have received this experience. They are looking for more dive buddies.

June Stahl presented at the April Bay State Council meeting. She started as a recreational diver (which saved her mental health) and is looking to give back. She is looking to establish DiveHeart Northeast. And she needs enough Buddies to dive year round. She can run a training program up here. It would be 30 hours. 5 days and then a weekend. Ideally there would be 9-12 people. Training would be ~ \$350. We would start with building Buddy Teams. Then do a Discover Scuba Day for handicapped.

Check out BYUTV.org: There is an excellent Greg Keefer video. Search for Diveheart video. It's a 30 minute show.

Did you know that less than 1% of people scuba dive? It's sexy! It differentiates the disabled, gives them positive status, it boosts their ego. It gives them grace and ability that they do not have on land. People with Spina Bifida, MS, Cerebral Palsy, paralysis, it doesn't matter because they are all equal underwater. Scuba is an equalizer. We **all** share what we see on these dives.

Dive Buddy Training:

- SAFETY
- PEOPLE FIRST
- Disability basics & core info
- Role play scenarios & sensitivity training (dressing each other, using a wheel chair, amputee, buddy breathing, blind guidance, set up and break down gear – BLIND!)
- Compassionate and respectful communication.

[www.diveheart.org](http://www.diveheart.org)

**DINNER NIGHT OUT** was May 5 at the Granite Links at Quarry Hills in Quincy. 19 Intrepid souls showed up for a glorious late afternoon feast. To accommodate our group, the Granite Links permitted the use of one of their private dining areas. Generally, this private dining area costs \$125.00 to reserve. In exchange, John offered to give a framed black and white photograph of a Dive Team / Club Dive at the Quarries for the manager to display in the restaurant.

An impromptu after party was held at the Elks Lodge, courtesy of Marty Blake.

John Blackadar is considering another Foxwoods Trip for a future Club Night Out (even though it would be a day trip). The last Foxwoods Trip was a success, and was very affordable. It will be important to have an accurate head-count, because our group will travel to Foxwoods on a bus. If you are seriously interested, let John know as soon as possible.

### **New England Ocean Odyssey**

Although it is one of the most extraordinary and biologically productive ecosystems in the world, New England's ocean – deep, dark and cold – remains unknown to most. Now, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and renowned photojournalist Brian Skerry will reveal its mysteries in the [New England Ocean Odyssey](#), a first-of-its-kind journey beneath New England's waves.

Extending from Cape Cod to Nova Scotia, the Gulf of Maine and its surrounding waters have been the economic bedrock of New England's coastal communities, supporting a wide variety of commercial and recreational activities. Unfortunately, many factors currently threaten the vitality of the Gulf of Maine ecosystem. Decades of pollution of our marine waterways, coastal habitat destruction, overfishing and bottom trawling have wrought havoc in the form of extensive habitat loss and diminished biodiversity. Growing worldwide demand for seafood, coupled with reduced ecosystem productivity, has depleted fish populations, threatening the economic vitality of our coastal communities. New uses of our ocean for renewable energy, gas pipelines, desalinization and sand and gravel mining are further taxing the ocean ecosystem, and global warming is affecting the productivity of our oceans in profound ways that we are only now beginning to understand. Restoring health to these important resources as rapidly as possible is a national imperative.

After three decades of exploring the world's oceans, Uxbridge, Massachusetts resident Brian Skerry will return to his native New England to conduct a series of dives for CLF, exploring both coastal areas and deep sea habitats far offshore. Through Skerry's exclusive photographs and first-hand accounts of his diving expeditions, the New England Ocean Odyssey will provide a never-before-seen view of the amazing riches of New England's ocean and bring attention to the very real issues facing it. Over the next five years, the New England Ocean Odyssey will explore a half-dozen special places in the Gulf of Maine, including Cashes Ledge, Jeffreys Ledge, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Jordan Basin, Deep Sea Canyons and Seamounts.

With Skerry as your guide, you will come to know and appreciate your ocean in ways you never imagined.

### **IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN A DIVE VACATION**

John Blackadar is planning our 2013 Bonaire Dive Vacation, perfect for the divers, snorkelers & land lovers. Save Your \$\$.

### **CALLING ALL PHOTOS**

In the age of digital, there are memories that are on your memory chip. Guess what, we can't see what's on your chip. Share the love. Print out your favourite club photos (compromising or not) and bring them to the club. The printed medium won't go away or be obsolete in 2-3 years time.

### **TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

Join Jeannine and Jon for the Fourth Tuesday Night at the Movies. Each free Tuesday (fourth or fifth), Jeannine picks a movie to see at the Hingham Shipyard Patriot Cinemas. Movies are only \$5 all day on Tuesday! If you'd like to receive email notification of the movie night, email Jeannine at [jeannine@gianninamia.com](mailto:jeannine@gianninamia.com)

### **MeetUp.com**

Paul has started an event at MeetUp.com. Check it out (and sign up)  
Get started with [South Shore Neptunes Skindiver's Club](#) (when you receive this electronically, you can click on the line above and it is a link that will take you directly there)!

### **COASTAL SWEEP COORDINATOR**

We are **still** looking for someone to coordinate the coastal clean up for 2012. How can you give back to the dive community and to the environment at the same time? Chair the Coastal Sweep!

### **TANKS FOR CASH**

Keep bringing in that metal! Let's keep up the good work. Bring down to the clubhouse your old tanks, weights or anything that contains metal. We can make some good \$\$ for the club, but only with your help!!

### **NEPTUNES GEAR FOR SALE**

BASEBALL HATS: \$15	COFFEE MUGS: \$5	
POLO SHIRT: \$22	PATCH: \$2	
STICKER: \$2	TANK TOP: \$9	T-SHIRT: \$16

### **CLUBHOUSE CLEANUP**

This past Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, several members cleaned up the inside and spruced up the outside of the clubhouse. Thank you to Deb Osborn, John Pell, John Blackadar, Ted Wolfrum, Chuck Zarba, and Theresa Czerepica.

### **NEWSLETTER**

For the summer months the hardcopy newsletter will be going bi-monthly, with email updates.

Please email President Pell at [PMCJPP@VERIZON.NET](mailto:PMCJPP@VERIZON.NET) if you have not been receiving emails to date. Additional information will also be posted on the club website and on meetup.com.