

# Soundings Newsletter



## Spring has Sprung

Are your boats ready?!

April was a quieter (saner) month as we enjoyed an early arrival of spring/summer. Three new members joined the Neptunes. PLEASE WELCOME Paul Murphy, Ted Wolfrum and Chuck Zarba.

Mark Stanton of Diver's Down entertained us for the Third Tuesday Talks with the evolution of his passion. His mission was to bring recreational diving to the general public without the persistent message of diving too deep – getting the bends – and perishing. His segments show the beauty of the aqua world (as well as the terrestrial world) showcasing various regions around the world and in our back yard (with the message of diving within your training and comfort levels).

Divers Down is 26 years old and Mark started when he was 26 (You can do the math!). Half of his life has been devoted to his passion and his wife Jill and son Seamus have been an integral part of that experience and success. His first underwater video camera weighed 75 lbs! His current one is a mere 35 lbs. His first foray was in filming the outflow pipes in Boston Harbor from the sewage system that was commissioned and used by PBS in their exploration of the Boston Harbor Pollution problem. His first official DIVER'S DOWN episode was filmed in the exotic location at Folly's Cove. Mark has forged many a strong friendship with the Neptunes members and we are very fortunate to have him in our legacy. In fact, Bill Walker was the famous Mr. Gadget and invented creative ways to use the everyday objects to make diving better. Bill did have some trouble with his lines and Jill made him a special lemonade (with gin) and suddenly he was the next Andy Rooney, nailing his lines with humor!

## DATES AT-A-GLANCE

April 22: Club Dive meeting at the clubhouse at 8am  
 April 25: Bay State Council meeting with guest speaker **Dive Heart**  
 May 1: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 May 5; Dinner Night Out 5pm  
 May 8: SSN Board Meeting 7pm  
 May 15: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm  
 May 15: Third Tuesday speaker **Alex Shure**  
**May 19: Clubhouse Clean-Up 8am**  
 May 2: Club Dive meeting at the clubhouse at 8am  
 June 17: Club Dive meeting TBD at 8am

DIVER'S DOWN is an independently owned program and runs weekly somewhere in the USA. Mark is working with several networks (such as TuffTV.com & LIVEWELL) and hopes to bring it back to New England soon. The team typically spends 1-2 weeks on location and comes back with enough material for several episodes. Mark showed us the British Columbia and Belize shows. Mark highly recommends Palau where visibility is 200'! Jill & he also recommend doing Chuuk (Truk) Lagoon from a live aboard. Mark was the second team to dive and the first team to film the USS Mississinewa in the Ulithi Atoll in Yap. They shared with us a warm & wonderful ghost story about Eddie (a seaman from the bombing of USS Mississinewa; [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS Mississinewa AO-59](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Mississinewa_AO-59)) as well as the intensely curious and almost invisible natives that visited Jill when she elected to stay behind in the van while the team went to film a famous lighthouse. Since no one else saw them, we're not sure they really existed. Perhaps it was just her jetlag hallucination (while being 5 months pregnant).

Check out their website: [www.diversdowntv.com](http://www.diversdowntv.com)

ACT OF VALOUR was the movie of choice for March's Movie Night. Carl joined Jeannine and Jon for this excellent depiction of the real Navy Seal teams that are dedicated to our life, liberty and country. Not your Hollywood shoot 'em up movie with lots of bullets and explosions. Actual footage was woven into the fictitious story that demonstrated the training, strategy and passion of these soldiers. I HIGHLY recommend seeing this film. Our next Movie Night is April 24. I am hoping that THE THREE STOOGES will be playing at the Hingham Patriot Cinemas! (plus May 22 & 29). Watch your email for the movie choice and time.

### **THIRD TUESDAY SPEAKERS**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**, Please join us for a presentation by Alex Shure. Alex has been working in the video industry in various capacities for the past 12 years. In the last few years, he's begun to take his profession underwater as well. Along with his co-producer, Chuck Marrone, Alex has set out to document the underwater world of New England in a professional and original manner. Alex will be showing some video, pictures and video equipment, as well as entertaining any questions from the audience.

**DINNER NIGHT OUT** is May 5, Saturday at 5pm at the Granite Links at Quarry Hills in Quincy. John has made reservations for 20. Spots are going fast! Be sure to call John to reserve your spot. 781-826-2505

### **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!

## **BAY STATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Weds, April 25, 7:30pm

Special Guest Speaker  
DIVE HEART

### **DIVEHEART MISSION STATEMENT:**

To build confidence and independence in children, adults, and veterans with disabilities using SCUBA diving as a tool

### **DIVEHEART INFORMATION**

The Diveheart Foundation was founded in Early 2001. The purpose of Diveheart is to provide and support educational SCUBA diving and snorkeling experience programs that are open to any child, adult, or veteran with a disability with the hope of providing both physical and psychological therapeutic value to that person.

It is the "CAN DO" spirit that Diveheart hopes to instill in all its participants by giving them the confidence and independence that allows them to face their own life challenges and overcome barriers that before might have seemed insurmountable.

Through SCUBA diving, the Diveheart Foundation supports and facilitates programs that teach children and adults with disabilities to fly. Thanks to the wonder of the water column, the oceans and lakes of the world become the forgiving weightless environment of outer space, giving perfect buoyancy to a child or adult who would otherwise struggle on land.

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

### **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 \$\$.

### **DUES ARE PAST DUE**

Hey! We're not running a charity here. Send Theresa your dues and do it now while you're thinking about it. And while you're at it, include your Bay State Council dues. I know that some of you are Life Members and you are out of the dues loop. BSC is appealing to you to send a 5 spot to keep the Council going. And while you're at it, come to the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting!

### **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)!

## 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

