

Soundings Newsletter



DATES AT-A-GLANCE

Oct 26: CHAMBERLAIN Halloween Party 7pm
NOV 3: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. Be sure to change your clocks!
 Nov 5: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 Nov 12: SSN Board Meeting 7pm
Nov 19: Special Slideshow 7pm
 Nov 10 & 24: Club Dives, meet at the clubhouse at 9am
 Nov 26: Movie Night Out, Hingham Shipyard
 Dec 8 & 22: Club Dives, meet at the clubhouse at 9am
 Dec 3: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 Dec 10: SSN Board Meeting 7pm
Dec 17: ELECTION NIGHT 7pm

President's Message

Though the days are shorter and the air temperatures are a bit cooler, we are still active and diving. The water temperatures will begin to cool down now that the sun's rays cannot warm the water faster than the air can cool it off. Bring out the dry suit and check it for dryness.

Welcome Yuriy Kalita who made it through his first Board vote. Yuriy has dove with us many times and is a great addition for the club. His days off are Tuesday and Wednesday and he is looking for dive buddies!

I am looking to host a screening of the next chapter in the Ocean Frontier Series. We saw the first DVD (twice!) and were very moved by the stewardship of the ocean.

"Ocean Frontiers II: A New England Story for Sustaining the Sea

Off the shores of New England, in a region steeped in old maritime tradition, comes a modern wave of big ships, energy industries, and a changing climate, now testing the limits of an already crowded sea. But in a pioneering trial of far-sighted planning—pushed by blueprints for offshore wind energy—old residents and new are coming together to keep their ocean and livelihoods alive.

New England's experiences serve as an important milestone for all of us who care about the ocean."

<http://ocean-frontiers.org/the-films/ocean-frontiers-2/> click on this link to see the trailer.

Thank You, Thank you, Thank you!

The Neptunes annual fundraiser (aka The Flea Market) was a HUMUNGOUS success; many thanks to everyone who helped starting on Friday afternoon and ending Saturday early evening. Many hands made the work seem not much like work. We had 134 spaces rented which represented 75 vendors. Last year, we had 92 spaces rented. Angelo and crew managed to squeeze everyone in. We had over 1200 people through the gate.

Thank you to Ken Hayes and his trailer, which made the transporting of our gear possible. Heads up for next year: we will need more snow fencing and wood (for saw horses).

HEAD'S UP

If by some strange twist of fate, you had somehow forgotten that the Chamberlain **Halloween Party** is shortly upon us, then may I remind you that October 26 is the night of fright and horror and things unspeakable?!?! Festivities begin at 7pm. Costume is required. The tie breaker for the games (if necessary) is determined by how many buttons you are wearing from prior year's party's. So dig those buttons up and proudly wear them. Remember that this is the second to last year that such party will take place. Roy has added 23 more props, including a demonic deer that was donated from his neighbor! OK. So perhaps the deer was not demonic when the neighbor handed it over to Roy. But rumor has it that it has been transformed as only Roy can do...

We will be hosting a ***Before You Were Born*** slide show on November 19 starting at 7pm. Jay has arranged his father's old slides when the Neptune's first began diving in the 60's, before there was certifications and manufactured dive gear. Cheri attended Jay's birthday party and had requested a night of "way back in the day." Join us for a trip to when John Baldi and crew were bravely exploring the waters of New England, in home made wet suits and facemasks.

December 17 marks our **Annual Election Night**. So be sure to clear your calendar and head over to the clubhouse to support those volunteering their time and effort to continue the greatness of the club. It's our unofficial reunion (or as some fondly call it: Old Home Week).

If you're looking for some light reading, we have plenty of dive magazines that are delivered monthly to the clubhouse. Come on down and take a copy home! And our library also has books that you may borrow. It's that time of the year when you cozy up next to your fire with a good book!

WHO'S BEEN DIVING?

Sept 1 Doug & Mike went to Lane's cove.

Sept 3 Mike and Yuriy did Folly's Cove. Sand dollars, juvenile lobsters, window pane flounder & torpedo rays!!

Todd A went out with Joe Kilcommons to Boston harbor, Graves. Visibility was very low.

Bob and Maryellen dove Flag Rock. They also did another scallop dive out of North Atlantic scuba. It was a Tragedy of errors. She needs to “get back on the horse.” Doug has scheduled another charter for October 20.

Paul Adler went to dive the Salvages. No lobsters but saw some seals.

Sept 8; Long Beach – Mike, Ken, Teri, Erica, Lauren and her brother. Visibility was 10-15 ft. water temperatures were 56-58. Peter and Lisa went to Kings Beach where it was much rougher and they only did one dive.

Sept 15 7 people dove Old Garden.

Sept 28/29, Mike V, Peter, Mary Ellen, Bob, Lisa went to Ft Wetherill for the Tropical Fish Rescue. Mike saved two butterfly fish and a GoLite camera from the watery depths.

Oct 6, Maryellen and Bob went on a zero visibility dive in Pleasure Bay. The visibility was so bad that even the stripers were using the divers as navigational aids. One was so close that Maryellen was able to grab its tail. It must have been a good luck charm because Maryellen came out with a (legal) 4.1 lb male lobster that was packed with 1 lb 2oz of cooked meat! Maryellen also reported that they were harassed by a boat who pulled alongside them and tried to tell them that they were not allowed to be diving in pleasure Bay. Maryellen and Bob ignored then and went along with their planned dive.

September 22 was the Bay State Council of Divers **TREASURE HUNT** at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. We had an EXCELLENT turn out and great weather! There were 61 people in the water and over \$2000 in prizes. John Blackadar and team worked hard to secure great raffle items for all the divers. We cannot say thank you enough to the vendors that donate to our annual event. The Froggies fed everyone with their cook out. The Neptune’s even fielded a snorkel team (Ken, Jeannine, Yuriy, and Rich’s friend) that took 3rd place.

October 13 was our Annual River Run and again Mother Nature smiled upon us. Rich, Doug, Amanda and Chad took the plunge at 10:15am. They were ferried by Paul Green from the Landing to the drop off point on Bridge St. They leisurely floated down the river and were met by Jeannine and Paul at 12 noon. The group then refueled themselves at the Mill Wharf Grill in Scituate.

Several divers were not allowed to dive at Magnolia Rocks with an owner blocking their access to the ocean. The Bay State Council with Paul Adler is working with divers to get evidence (photos) of the infraction and will work with the proper channels to get this access opened to divers. They will start with the town and only escalate if they cannot resolve it.

RECENT EVENTS/ MEMBER NEWS

Jay’s Surprise 50th Birthday party was held on Sept 20 at the Quincy Elks and was masterfully orchestrated by Marty and Jay’s mom, both of whom were a nervous wreck. Jay’s mom had to ixnay his last minute Red Sox game invitation. And she delivered him to the hall right at 7:30. We know where Jay gets his punctuality from!

Marty and Mike Galasso kept the party guests well fed with their culinary feats.

Marie and Teri baked cakes to add to the festivities. Marie's cake was so artfully done. Teri's cake had a special spring to it!

Jay shared to news that a crew from NYC had come up to film the Underwater Rugby team practicing in Quincy and again in Dorchester. The first attempt came out a bit blurry. Jay's not sure that the lighting will be sufficient for the second attempt. We will keep our eyes peeled for any clips that may show up on YouTube.

Thank you to Mike Vaughn and Joe McAndrew for coordinating the scrap metal delivery. Their efforts brought \$100 into our funds. Remember, we still accept tanks that failed hydro for our Tank\$ for Ca\$h program.

Tommy Lo is continuing to work the Twitter angle. Text " follow @SoShoreNeptunes " to 40404 on your cell phone. Now you'll be in the loop with our twitter messages. And you don't even have to have a Twitter account. It's that simple.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES; Oct 22 & 29 & Nov 26

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

Recent movie selections included: The Way, Way Back; The Family; Mortal Instruments-City of Bones; Prisoner.

LOSING LOTTERY TICKETS?

Joe McAndrews is requesting anyone to help collect non-winning Mass Lottery scratch tickets. The categories are: all sports tickets, Price is Right, and Wheel of Fortune. He generously donates these second chance prizes back to the club for our raffles.

Joe McAndrew has a friend who is making wind chimes from steel tanks.

If you have one that didn't pass inspection, let Joe know. The friend is paying \$5 per tank, which is more than we could get for scrap metal.

<p>ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</p> <p>January 1: Sober Up Dive at Pleasure Bay January 25: Awards Banquet at the Common Market</p> <p>Yikes! 2014 is right around the corner. Watch this space for our next hot event.</p>
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