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Heading into the Season of Gratitude

As we meet with our family and friends in the upcoming weeks, take a moment with them and share what you are grateful for. Our days/weeks/months are richer because of the people we have in our lives. Be sure to let them know how much they mean to you.

In 2015, The South Shore Neptunes will be celebrating our Diamond Jubilee, our 60th anniversary! The Neptunes have touched many lives in the last 60 years through our diving, our participation on the Quincy Underwater Recovery Team, our unwavering support of the Bay State Council of Divers and our commitment to each other. We're making plans to celebrate in style all year long. One idea is to celebrate milestones such as the first diver to catch 60 lobsters. If you have an idea or two, please share.

Roy & Jeanne's 30th Annual Halloween Party

This was the last hurrah for the Famous Halloween Party which brought in over 200 guests and lots of creative and original costumes. We presented Roy and Jeannie with an engraved plaque to which they were thoroughly surprised and delighted! Halloween just won't be the same.

Dinner Night Out

Blackie has arranged our next dinner night out which will be held on Saturday December 6 at 5pm at Maria's in Braintree. Please call him to reserve your spot at the table. 781-826-2505

Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday January 31 is the date for our banquet. Our banquet will be held at The Common Market in Quincy with the menu

Upcoming Events

- 11/23 Club Dive
- 11/25 Movie Night Out
- 12/2 General Membership mtg
- 12/6 Dinner Night Out
- 12/7 Club Dive at Marblehead
- 12/9 Board Meeting
- 12/16 ELECTION NIGHT
- 12/14 Club Dive at the Back River Ammunition depot, Hingham side
- Jan 28 BSC Meeting
- Jan 31 Annual Awards Banquet

Big THANK YOU to Ken Hayes who generously donated his time, truck, trailer for the Neptunes Flea Market.

Did You Know...

that Al Anzuoni's shop has no more long underwear (for dry suits? SAG (Screen Actor's Guild) bought them all. Seems they had dry suits but not the proper long underwear for the much cooler New England Waters. They are working on the movie about the rescue of the Pendleton survivors. The filmed is titled "The Finest Hours" and is about the daring 1952 Coast Guard rescue.

FYI. The Great Lakes contain 1/5 of the worlds fresh water. The Great Lakes spread out over the continental USA would cover our country in 9 1/2' of water.

Don't forget that you can stay on top of all the Neptunes happenings when you 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.

and price remaining the same as in previous years. \$30 per person with the cheese table, buffet and the roast beef au jus as donated by a few generous members.

Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society

Jeannine attended the Divers Day at the Northeast Chapters Annual Meeting that was held on Oct 24 at the Boston Marriott Quincy.

She attended Sealab lecture presented by Ben Hellwarth. And she also bought the book! SEALAB: America's Forgotten Quest to Live and Work on the Ocean Floor

At the time that Sealab was being kicked around as an idea, there were not many mentions in the National Geographic or in the newspapers. The nation's focus was on other things such as the space race. One person who was curious was Cousteau. Cousteau met with Captain/Dr George Bond (head of the navy) about more of this. Bond knows that where Cousteau goes, a lot of publicity will follow. Bond does convince the Navy to take this experiment out to sea in 1964. Not a lot of funds were set aside and Sealab was built with some recyclable parts. What they lacked in funds, they made up in camaraderie. It was a relaxed and not very formal project. This first lab was positioned off of Cuba in warm clear water.

In July, the first team went into the lab and the audiotapes show the effects of helium (helium replaced nitrogen in the air mix to mitigate the effects of nitrogen narcosis at the depths they were "diving.") Sometimes the effects of helium on the voice interfered with communications and they resorted to writing messages to each other.

(Here's the link to the Huffington post for more about the 50th anniversary
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ben-hellwarth/its-not-too-late-to-celeb_b_5813812.html)

In 1965, Sealab II was launched and was more refined, robust and was settled off the coast of Southern California in 40 degree water.

Before Sealab, the Navy started in the 1960's with experimenting with animals such as goats. Bob Barth was first first navy diver that volunteered to the tests. Bob also was part of all three Sealabs. He's still alive, well and kicking today.

Scott Carpenter was an astronaut that circled the earth. He turned aquanaut and was very interested in the work being done at Sealab. He was the team leader for the expeditions. He played the guitar in the lab, complete with serenading the other divers in his Mickey Mouse voice!

On of the dangers of their Aqua experiments was getting lost. They trained a dolphin to come at the call of a buzzer, the diver would hook on to a harness which was strapped onto the dolphin, and the dolphin would swim them back to Sealab.

Sealab III launched in 1969 off the coast of CA to a depth of 600' with five teams of ~8 divers. Bob Barth is the first man into the new lab. On the maiden dive, everything that could go wrong, did go wrong.

After Sealab III, the navy focused their underwater efforts on espionage.

She also attended Alex Post's presentation on the Prevention and Mitigation of the Dangers of Spearfishing.

Alex is part of MassFreeDivers.com and can be contacted at CharlesAPost@gmail.com.

Alex did a great job of explaining conditions such as Hypoxia (lack of oxygen to the brain),

Hypocapnia (a decrease in CO2 that delays the urge to breathe),

Samba (not a dance) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXopsexpiQA>,

Shallow Water Black Out and Deep Water Black out.

Alex shared some amazing photos of people who survived spearfishing accidents. Spearguns should be treated like regular guns: never point a loaded spear gun at anything other than intended prey.

[\[http://mriqd.com/?attachment_id=2826\]](http://mriqd.com/?attachment_id=2826)

The spear gun should be unloaded when you're getting in or out of the boat. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-18509408>

Don't tap your loaded spear gun on your tank to get your buddies attention; <http://fishwrecked.com/forum/dont-shoot-if-you-dont-know-sizebag-limit>.

FROM FRANCIS LINNEHAN

NAUI Instructor #4465

SOUTH SHORE DIVERS will be moving to a new location December 1st.

BSC and fellow divers. Please look at the following information about what is being considered by Fisheries Manager. As divers who enjoy our rich areas along our coast, we should be very concern about the fisheries habitat and any damage that might be done as a result of raping our fishing grounds.

PADI Instructor #15416

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I would ask that you read and understand what is being proposed by fisheries management (NOAA) and what the impact would be to future of our marine environment that we all enjoy.

Come Help us move it!

You can SUBMIT your support.

Francis Linnehan, President, Down Under Diving Ventures, Inc.

USCG Master Captain, 100 Gross Ton

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