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Upcoming Events

- 11/4 General Membership mtg
- 10/11 Flea Market (rain date 10/18)
- 11/11 Board Meeting
- 11/18 General membership mtg
- 10/28 Movie Night Out
- 11/9 & 23 Club Dives
- 11/25 Movie Night Out
- 12/7 Club Dive at Marblehead
- 12/9 ELECTION NIGHT
- 12/14 Club Dive at the Back River Ammunition depot, Hingham side
- Jan 31; Annual Awards Banquet

Unheralded Successes!!

The 29th Annual Bay State **Treasure Hunt** was held on Sunday Sept 28 at [Plum Cove](#) in Gloucester. Mother Nature smiled very warmly on us as the temperatures were an astonishing 80+ degrees! The water conditions were darn near perfect, too. Visibility was fantastic for both the scuba and snorkel events. We had no issues with parking and the locals seemed to enjoy having us there. Several of them came up and inquired as to what our event was. We had many prizes that were generously donated from the area dive shops. Every diver was a winner! We loved the location and wondered if perhaps future Treasure Hunts could also be there...

Our Snorkel team came in second thanks to the efforts of Robert Vice and Jeannine. Mike V caught a Northern Trigger fish. And Peter saw a female lobster with orange eggs.

Next up on our busy calendar was the **Annual Flea Market**. With over a hundred vendors and good weather, we had another smashing Flea Market. Many members helped out starting on Friday with the set up and on Saturday with the days operations. Thank you for helping with our biggest fundraiser for the year. This event helps to ensure that we can simply enjoy the club, the members and the diving for the rest of the year.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE.

On October 19 at ~ 10 a.m. 11 intrepid pseudo divers jumped into the North River and lazily made their way down the river in a record 3 hours. That record by the way is probably the longest it ever took a group of Neptunes to get down the river. For those of us anxiously waiting at the end at the former Mary's Landing, we were afraid they were getting too cold, too tired and that they might even need to be rescued. What were we thinking? When they rounded the final bend at 12:25, they were the most relaxed and inebriated bunch of river runners as

On November 9, the Marshfield Yacht Club will be pulling its floats and is looking for a few divers to inspect the metal pilings. (Rich B did this last year for the yacht club). They are promising lunch and beer for the divers. Billy Burchiill will keep us informed of the exact details as the yacht club has a one item to iron out. If you're interested, please let Rich know as he is coordinating this as Billy heads downy o FL.

Did You Know...

that Disney is making a movie about the rescue of the Pendleton survivors? The filmed is titled "The Finest Hours" and is about the daring 1952 Coast Guard rescue. It is currently being filmed at Duxbury Beach.

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was seen in the last decade! There was no shortage of beer, shots and moonshine that was shared among them as if they were the lost survivors of some shipwreck. They had so much fun that they're all vowing to do it again next year! And a huge Thank You to Netta Burchhill who did not disappoint with plenty of homemade clam chowder, sandwiches and (regular) brownies. Thank you also to Tommy Lo for the Chinese dumplings that a few of us inhaled long after we were satiated.

Roy & Jeanne's 30th Annual Halloween Party

This is the last hurrah for the Famous Halloween Party which is being held on Saturday October 25 starting at 8pm. BYOB and, yes, costumes are required. There are over 6,500 props and decorations with many animated props. Many guests bring a dish to share. There wis of course the games which include "Bobbing for Bones in a Bucket of Blood," "Eye Ball Toss," "Impaling the Victim," and "The Brain Toss." You may bring guests and know that you are responsible for your guests behavior. Please RSVP to Roy at racjmc@verizon.net

If you'll be helping the day of the party, breakfast is at 7am at The Omelette Factory in Pembroke (if you're an early riser). Many of the props will be for sale after the party so be sure to tell Roy which item you would like reserved for yourself.

Who's been diving?

Peter, Mike and Erica went looking for tropical fish. Mike & Erica saw some though they did not capture them. Peter went off on his own to hunt for edible fish though he did not come back with any dinner. MaryEllen also joined to tropical fish hunters and found that the water was a pleasant 67 degrees.

Jeannine went to Jamaica and was able to get two dives in a day, diving on nitrox (for the same price as air!). Lots of life on the coral and the water was a pleasant 85 degrees at 90+ feet and 86 degrees at 30'. In fact, a the surface, she found the water a little too warm and when snorkeling, enjoyed the cooler temperatures at 10'. Several lion fish were spotted on each dive and the locals there do remove them when they get a chance (they make tasty eating). One dive master was telling us that there were two times in his life when he cried; once when his mother died, and the other was when he get pricked by a lionfish. He said the pain was so intense. None of us bothered with the lion fish though there were some rather large ones that would have made for some delicious dining.

Doug and Matt Meyers went to Dutch Springs. Though it was a rainy day they said that there was over 100 divers lined up by 8am ready to dive. The second day at the Springs was sunny and beautiful. They scootered past helicopters and wrecks.

Survey Says!

This survey is part of an international collaborative research study entitled "Attitudes and Perceptions of Coastal and Marine Governance - Massachusetts Bay Region". We are very interested in hearing your opinions and perceptions of coastal and marine issues in the Massachusetts Bay area. We would be extremely grateful if you had time to take our online survey.

Here is a link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SSUMarinePlan>

The aim of this study is to collect coastal and marine users' attitudes and perceptions of marine governance issues. Your participation is voluntary. All answers are anonymous and confidential. The questionnaire should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. If it was possible for you to take the survey before July 9th we would be incredibly grateful! We realize your time is valuable and surveys are often not that much fun! So we appreciate your patience.

Project leaders are Dr. Wesley Flannery (Queen's University Belfast) Dr. Noel Healy (Salem State) and Dr. Marcos Luna (Salem State) and Salem Sound Coastwatch. This project aims to work with local communities, businesses and interest groups in identifying how best to sustain coastal and marine resources now and in the future. We also aim to identify attitudes and perceptions of climate change impacts in the Massachusetts Bay region.



