

Neptunes Sounding Newsletter



Upcoming Events

4/22 Earth Day

4/26 9am Club Dive

4/29 BSC Meeting 7:30

5/5 General Membership mtg

5/12 Board Meeting

5/19 General Membership meeting

5/17 8am club dive

5/26 Movie Night Out

5/31 8am club dive

Ken Hayes as President

Mike Vaughan as VP

Teri Hayes as Secretary

Theresa Czerepica as Treasurer.

Board: Doug Eaton, John Blackadar, Jeannine, Jay Theriault, Rich Bowers, Deb Osborn, Carl Yngve, Joe McAndrew, Tom Guild

Alternates: Tommy Lo, Rob Vice.

Another Marathon Is Over.

Yes, you were thinking of the Boston Marathon. I was referring to the marathon of the winter of 2014-2015.

almost all of the snow has finally melted and divers have been able to get back into the water and do what we do best, dive. In fact a group went up to Marblehead light and raked in the scallops hand over fist. Okay, maybe it was just one person who got 2 1/2 bags of scallops all by himself. The other divers did spend the next several hours helping to shuck all those scallops.

~Announcement~

You are invited to participate in an upcoming study to help identify where, when, and how people recreate along the coast and in the ocean from Maine to New York as part of the Northeast ocean planning effort. One key component of this study is characterizing the spatial footprint of recreational SCUBA diving in the Northeast. This study is specifically targeting members of the SCUBA diving community who can identify areas in the ocean that are important to SCUBA divers, using an online survey.

The survey can be accessed via the registration page located here: <http://vp.point97.io/register/seaplan/scuba-survey/>

The survey will be live through early May.

This survey uses a custom mapping application developed with input from SCUBA diving industry leaders and asks participants to map and ask questions about dive areas they are familiar with. In order to protect sensitive locations, we will use a data processing methodology that will generalize locations so as not to disclose exact spatial information.

Did You Know...

Goldfish courtship can create quite a splash in your aquarium! Once the female reaches sexual maturation, she begins to release pheromones. This triggers the male to begin his pursuit by chasing the female around and poking at her stomach. This behavior is often confused with fighting and can become quite aggressive. The male is trying to get the female to release her eggs which are held in the abdomen. It is best to have a planted area in the tank for her to lay her eggs. The female lays up to 500 eggs at a time. Once the eggs are released, the male fertilizes them. Goldfish will eat their own eggs, so it is best to remove them and place them in a different tank. (Courtesy of Nat Geo Wild)

Future dates

6/14 club dive

6/28 club dive

7/18 great American Fish Count

7/19 club dive

7/26 club dive

8/2 Duxbury Beach outing

8/16 club dive

8/30 club dive

9/20 BSC Treasure Hunt

9/26 Fish Rescue, RI

For more information on the project, please visit <http://www.seaplan.org/wp-content/uploads/SCUBA-Invitation-Letter.pdf> . I encourage you to distribute this survey link and information to other contacts, or to call or email me with any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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The Division of Marine Fisheries has adopted a 1-fish recreational bag limit for Atlantic striped bass in 2015; the recreational minimum size limit remains the same at 28". This bag limit reduction (from 2 fish) was undertaken to reduce recreational harvest in Massachusetts by at least 25%, as required by the interstate management plan. Massachusetts' commercial quota has also been reduced by 25%.

For more information, refer to www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.

NEPTUNES DIAMOND JUBILEE

As previously mentioned, 2015 is our diamond anniversary for the club. We have been in existence for 60 years. And we are looking to celebrate our milestone throughout all of 2015. We started at the banquet with a beautiful cake and beautiful rhinestones decorating our table. We also have a committee who put together an updated logo which we will have embroidered on the shirts. If anyone is interested in having a shirt, please contact Ken Hayes and we will let you know when the shirts will be embroidered. Any style of shirt will work as long as the shirt is black. You can Order your tshirts Through ShirtMax.com or CheapestTs.com

Social Media

In Facebook, A page is the outward appearance to the public. A group is for the members and is internal and can be hidden by making it private. A profile is for a person.

Our crack team is working to have only our *page* available for those divers who are looking for a dive club.

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.

THANK YOU

Jay Theriault has completed the club's annual audit for 2014 and found the club to be in good order. His assessment is that the club is in good financial shape. Areas to give further attention are the Duxbury Outing as the permit has increased the costs of the event. This winter has been colder and our heating costs have increased. There's not much we can do about that. Unless we get solar panels!

UNDERWATER RUGBY

The USA National Women's UWRugby Team is presently seeking players for the 2015 World Championships to be held this May in Colombia.

Interested players should contact Adrian Breitenbach at ab.puitribe@gmail.com, ASAP.

Additionally a website up for the team has been set up at <http://www.womensteamusaunderwaterrugby.com/>