



Neptunes Sounding Newsletter

Calendar 2018

January 1/2018 New Year's Day Club Sober Up Dive, Pleasure Bay, 9AM Meet at dive site. 10AM splash in the bay

1/2 General Meting

1/9 Board Meeting

1/16 Program TBA

1/25 Newsletter assembly (tentative)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Mark Your Calendars: Annual Banquet at The Common Market, Jan 27, 2018. The cost is \$32.00 per person. See Page 4 for details.

Mike Glasso's dad passed away. Check with Tommy Lo (lodiver@yahoo.com) for details.

Dont forget to pay your \$35.00 club dues!

January Newsletter Delivery will be the last weekend of January 2018.

Sober Up Dive on January 1, Pleasure Bay.

November/December Activities and Dives

1/27 Annual Banquet, The Common Market See flyer for details Page 4

Club Officers, 2017

Todd Alger - President
Doug Eaton - Vice President
Rob Robison - Secretary/Newsletter
Theresa Czerepica - Treasurer

Board of Directors: John Blackadar, Tom Guild, Ken Hayes, Garrett Kane, Joe McAndrews, Jay Theriault, Rob Vice, Jeannine Willis, Chuck Zarba

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Boston Harbor PostThanksgiving Dive

Story by Chuck Zarba; photos by Chuck Z and Garrett Kane

Saturday November 25, 2017.



Doug Eaton, Garret Kane and I, Chuck Zarba(Pictured at left), made a twotank, 30-33' dive in 41° Boston Harbor near Lovell's Island, on a full boat, The Keepah (Boston Scuba). The weather was sunny with 10 mph. winds and the vis was @ 10'. We had a great time

collecting a few scallops and lots of bottles. The medicine bottle (Pictured right) was found 50-100 feet from shore, just like the ones Garrett finds at Moosehead Lake. Usually, bottles of this variety are clear or blue. Lettering is currently too encrusted with barnacles and mud to read. Obviously, it was a great day to be on the water!



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Nantasket Beach Revisited

Story & photos by Rob

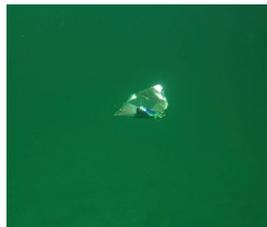
Saturday November 25, 2017. Brian Smith, my South Shore dive buddy, new Neptune Jon Willis (Pictured at left), and I met at Nantasket Beach bright and early, at 8 AM, to shake off the remains of Thanksgiving feasting and delight, in the exhilarating rush of 42° water across the exposed portions of our faces not protected by the cold-water extensions of our hoods, our face masks, or mouthpiece skirts.



We submerged near the low water tide mark on entry and despite a small surge enjoyed 20' of vis. throughout our 29-minute dive to a profound depth of 12'. Along the way we swam through some interesting channels created by parallel rock formations, saw hermit crabs and rock crabs hiding under ledges or walking gingerly about out in the open across the sand, and found tiny brine shrimp crawling through the Irish moss or swarming in small schools between the rock formations. A shiny piece of trash adrift in the water column reminded us of the need to do our part to ensure a pollution-free planet. The morning air warmed up not only as we dove, but thereafter as well.



*Top row: Rock crabs
Middle row: Hermit crab & orange sponge
Bottom row: Shiny piece of trash*



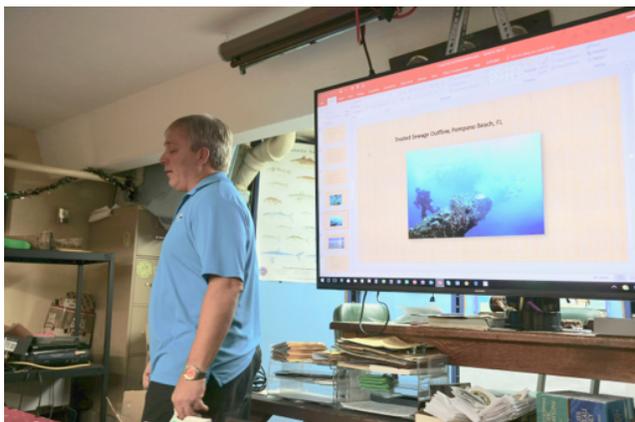
After we exited the water and removed and stowed our gear, Brian had an Ohio State-Michigan party to attend and was off. I am certain he was not happy with the outcome of that game. So, Jon and I headed out to his favorite breakfast bar in Weymouth and brunched in the glow of the morning sun, while

rehashing the early bird morning dive. Great fun and a great day to dive into it with friends once again! I hope you'll join us if you can. ↩

Evening Program: Coral Restoration

Story & photos by Rob

Members in attendance at the SS Neptunes' Dec. 5 General Meeting were treated to a wonderful slide show and discussion of Dr. Bill Zarillo's (Below left) Crew 3000 Coral Restoration Program in the Caribbean. A science-based club of avid scuba divers young and old, the group has established coral restoration farms in Punta Cana (DR), Riviera Maya (MX), St. Lucia, Grand Cayman, and Roatan (HN). The program promotes learning about ocean ecosystems and helping to conserve, restore, and explore them as well. In addition, they offer PADI certification for those who wish to participate but have not yet become scuba divers. This type of program is important because coral in general has diminished mightily from storm activity, pollution, and habitat destruction. In particular, the amount of stag horn coral has decreased 80% over the past 30 years. Moreover, coral reefs are responsible for the creation of sand. Crew 3000 Club works with local shops and resorts who go to responsible lengths to help sustain the restoration projects when Crew club members are not available because it is in their self-interest to do so. They are looking for ways to continue to attract dive tourists and have discovered that divers want to pitch in to help preserve and restore the reefs that we all enjoy. The Crew 3000 club will work with any group interested in their project by either inviting the group to join them on a current restoration farm site or by arranging trips to their sites or ones yet to be established. Participants only work two days on the site as part of their dive vacation. For more information, visit Crew 3000's website at <www.Crrew3000.org>. (Crew members Sean and Michelle below right)



Looking Back and Forward: Parting Thoughts

New 2017 Members: (Below L-R) Eric Cantor, Gerardo Bacchus, Amelia Truco, Mary Rose Largess, Jeannine Largess. Not pictured: Mark Zippeto, Reagan Li, Philip LoCicero, Adam Blackwell, Tarun Parmar

What a year we have had. We have picked up 12 new members on 2017 with six paid so far, bringing our total membership to 113: 30 Regulars, 78 lifetime, 4 Corresponding, and 1 student. New Life members for 2017 are **Ken and Terri Hayes** and **Edward Read**. In 2018, **Todd Heino** will join the ranks of



Life members, too.

I expect by now most of your holiday shopping has been completed and you are beginning to wind down in preparation for the ensuing festivities. Now is the time to look back and be thankful for a great year in, around, and under the ocean and what it has given us: an opportunity to marvel at the wonders of the natural world and experience it's soothing and healing effect on us and our spirits. With this in mind, The South Shore Neptunes wish each and every one of you a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year! See you at the Pleasure Bay Sober Up Dive, at 9 AM, Monday, January 1, 2018, when we undertake yet another dive year together! R

South Shore Neptunes
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

WHEN: *Saturday January 27*

WHERE: *The Common Market*
 97 Williard Street, Quincy, MA

Cocktails: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

COST: \$32.00 per person

Please RSVP to a Club Officer or Board Member by
Tuesday, January 23, 2018



South Shore Neptunes

Sober Up Dive

WHEN: *Monday January 1, 2018*

WHERE: *Pleasure Bay*

M Street Beach & Carson Beach
2010 Day Blvd., Boston, MA 02127

Meet Time: 9 AM at PB

Splash Time: 10 AM

AFTER PARTY

Where: *Jay Theriault's house*

Address: *204 Ridgewood Rd. Milton, MA02186*

Time: *12 Noon - ??*

Bring an appetite. There will be LOTS of food!