



# Neptunes Sounding Newsletter

## Calendar, 2017

5/2 General Membership Mtg

5/7 Club Dive

5/9 Board Meeting

5/21 Club Dive

MAY 27-JUNE 3 Bonaire Trip

6/6 General Membership Mtg

6/13 Board Meeting

6/18 Club Dive

6/20 Program TBA/newsletter  
assembly

6/25 Club Dive

### 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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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello fellow Neptunes,

The summer dive season is just around the corner and I am really excited to hit the local waters with a vengeance and have a blast like every other year!! I expect to see many of you out there and hopefully, we will *attract* some new divers *who* share our passion.

As usual, we began the year with the *New Year's Day Sober Up Dive*. We believe the first year of the annual dive was 1970, meaning we have been diving *on New Year's Day for nearly 50 consecutive years*. Pretty impressive for our club!! We followed that with our annual banquet at the Common Market, where over 50 of our members met and yearly awards were handed out. We have our regular Tuesday meetings and often continue at what we jokingly consider our second club location, Darcy's. Our winter diving has been typical, with some dives washed out due to weather, but we have had a pretty good group still managing to get out and do a lot of artifact diving at the Back River, finding loads of bottles and ammo casings, or in the local ponds and Rhode Island. A group of Neptunes is attempting to dive New England waters all 12 months of 2017, and it is looking probable.

Some of the exciting upcoming events for the year include:

**May 24 - After work Wednesday diving.** *Depending on interest, we may do this throughout the season*

**May 27 - Bonaire trip** – *a group of lucky Neptunes, led by Blackie, will be spending the last part of May and first part of June in Bonaire. As in past trips, I expect they will have a blast. This year we may be able to follow along vicariously through Facebook posts of pictures and videos.*

**July 22 - Second Annual Pig Roast** *at the Irish Cultural Center in Canton. If you did not go last year, make sure to buy tickets early and don't miss out on the fun. We will be adding some fun games and contests to be announced soon.*

**August 6 - Summer Beach outing at Duxbury Beach.** Nice family gathering.

**September 24 - The Bay State Council Treasure Hunt.** This year, we expect to bring the trophy back to the Neptunes clubhouse where it belongs. The winning trophy may make an appearance at our "branch" clubhouse for celebrating first, though.

**October TBA – Flea Market.** This is our big fund raiser for the year. Volunteers needed. Our club counts on the money it earns.

**October 15 – River Run.** What happens on the river run stays on the river run. Only those at the event know for sure. Suffice it to say, bring a cooler of your favorite beverage and join us as we float down the North River. We will ride the outgoing tide for around two hours and end up at Rohr Marine, where there is a nice patio with food and drink. A great time is had by all. You do not want to miss it.

We have been focusing on our online presence. We are encouraging members to visit our website and our Facebook page. We are adding pictures and videos on a weekly basis and expect to continue and have many more pictures and videos during the summer season. We encourage members to post their dive related pictures and videos on the Facebook page. If you need help you can send your pictures and videos to our club's email address or text them to our club's phone number. Tommy will put the pictures online. He has been doing a great job posting any that are sent

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**Buy your Pig Roast Tickets EARLY.** Once the early bird special ends, the price will increase.

We are going to have a great rest of the year!! Join us, won't you?

Sincerely,

Todd Alger, President South Shore Neptunes

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

**DUES Reminder:** If you haven't already, **please pay your \$35 dues**, checks payable to *South Shore Neptunes*, as soon as possible.

**Newsletter Delivery:** Our printing costs doubled this past year; as a result, we need your help to cut costs. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please inform the newsletter editor, Rob Robison, at [<robisonr25@yahoo.com>](mailto:robisonr25@yahoo.com).

**May 6 Clubhouse Cleanup** Special thanks to Todd Alger, Theresa Czerepica, Rob Robison, Jay Theriault, and Chuck Zarba who mop out the meeting room, repaired and replaced shelves in the store room, cleaned out and replanted the shrubs and flowers outside, and generally spruced up the place. Board members gave initial approval May 9 to replace the worn out lawnmower, not to exceed \$200.

**SAVE the DATES: May 16 Diving Cocos Island Video/slideshow presentation, by Rob Robison**

**May 17 Bay State Council Meeting, Neptunes clubhouse, 7:30 PM**

**May 24 (Weds.) After Work Club Dive, Sandy Beach (Cohasset)**

**July 22 Second Annual Club Pig Roast**, Irish Cultural Ctr. (Canton). Early bird special price \$25/pp until July 4; afterwards, \$30/pp. Register/purchase tickets online at [<http://southshoreneptunes.org/>](http://southshoreneptunes.org)



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## Gear For Sale!

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**Mary Ellen Huff**, wife of recently deceased Neptune, **Bob Huff**, is selling his gear on Craig's List. If interested, contact her at **781-635-4337**. Here are the offerings:

**#1** Recently professionally serviced Scuba Gear Package:

Entire Package = \$995 or purchase individually per below:

- Two 80 HP DIN Steel Scuba Tanks with Current Visual & Hydro inspections \$300
- Aqua Lung Legend regulator with swivel connection (DIN) HP \$350
- Suunto Cobra air-integrated console-mounted dive computer & compass with HP quick disconnect. \$300
- BC: Sea Quest Pro QD with air source, integrated sure lock/quick release weight pockets, with chest mounted Wenoka Deep Sea titanium knife with sheath. Men's Medium \$150

**#2:** To the best of my knowledge was professionally serviced but not sure what year. Recommend servicing before use! \$450 for entire package or purchase individually:

- Apeks ATX200 Regulator with swivel connection (DIN - needs the yoke) \$150.00
- Suunto Cobra air-integrated console mounted dive computer & compass with HP quick disconnect \$200
- BC: Sea Quest Pro Unlimited w/air source, Mens small, with chest mounted Wenoka stainless steel knife with sheath. integrated velcro weight pockets \$125

**Misc. gear**, used but most in good condition

- Boots: Deep See hard sole Size 7 - \$10
- Gloves: Aqua Lung 5mm Thermal Flex Large - \$15
- Aqualung 5mm - \$5 (good for spare)
- Mitts: 3 Finger, Deep Sea 6mm Kevlar Large - \$10
- 3 Finger, Deep Sea 6mm Kevlar Large \$25 (NEW)
- Mask: Sea Dive Tempered, Anti-fog - \$20
- Snorkel: Aqua Lung Impulse 2 Blue - \$15
- Fins: Aqua Lung Sling Shots Men's S - \$25
- Wet suits: Men's Henderson 7 mm Men's S - \$100
- Men's Henderson 7 mm Men' XS - \$50

Hooded Vests: 2 Men's Hendersen 7mm Titanium Hyperstretch Size S - \$30 each

Will also be listing a large Sony Dive camera, dry suit, tank racks and other misc. items.

**Terms of sale:** Cash Only. Selling "as is" with servicing recommended and no guarantees implied or intended.

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## April / May Dives

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**Sunday May 7.** Neptunes Rob Robison, former Neptunes Peter Ninh and Mike Vaughan, plus dive buddy Bonnie Zeller dove for scallops on Boston Scuba's Keepah in Boston Harbor on a clear but windy Sunday morning. Air temps were in the 60s while the bottom temp at 52' and 56' was a steady 46°F. The vis ranged from 5' to 10' or so. We made a two-tank dive and Mike was clearly the winner scavenging in excess of 4lbs. of scallops on a day when we hit both sides of slack tide perfectly, so divers experienced virtually no current! Peter was diving again, finally, after a long recovery from having his eardrum surgically repaired. In addition to the scallops, Mike and Peter each found a keeper lobster, though Peter's escaped out of his bag while trying to stuff it with another scallop. Mike and I saw flounder and skate, and Mike also saw two ocean pouts. We all had a good day, though Peter fears he may have injured his other ear in the process. We will keep our fingers crossed for him on that one!

**Sunday April 30.** Neptunes Chuck Zarba and Doug Eaton dove the Back River. Todd Alger dropped by to provide land-side support. Vis was reported to be less than 1ft. and the water was cold, according to informal reports. It was unclear what was found in the murk.

**Sunday April 23:** Neptunes Rob Vice, Chuck Zarba and Doug Eaton made a two-tank dive for scallops in Boston Harbor on Boston Scuba's Keepah. Doug says, "We caught about 3lbs each. We also found some old bottles. Water temp 45; depth 50 -60 ft.; vis. 5-15 ft. depending on current. The dive was at Peddocks Island. We all had a good day."

**Also on the 23rd,** Neptune Rob Robison and Bonnie Zeller returned to Hathaway Pond for a second pond dive. This time in addition to all the normal sites, Rob and Bonnie found the sunken cabin cruiser as well in the 42° water. Max depth was 41' ,vis around 10 - 15ft. Toward the end of our 30 minute dive we found a 2lb. Largemouth Bass staring at us, as we slowly ascended along the elongated rock pile leading up to the beach.

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## From the Log Book

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### Making a splash! False killer whale puts on a spectacular show for group of stunned scuba divers

- A group of divers were treated to a rare sight while on a diving holiday in Tonga
- A false killer whale circled Australian divers and leaped in and out of the water
- Footage was captured by Scott Portelli who was looking for humpback whales

By [April Glover For Daily Mail Australia](#)

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A group of lucky scuba divers were treated to a spectacular show after a false killer whale circled them and dived in and out of the water in an extraordinary display. The stunning underwater footage was taken by Australian diver Scott Portelli while on a trip to the Polynesian island of Tonga.

Portelli captured the video - which is believed to be a false killer whale, a type of dolphin - as the creature leaped around him and showed off its diving talent.



The stunned scuba diver posted the footage to Facebook after he travelled to Tonga on a diving expedition to look for humpback whales.

'Sometimes when you are looking for humpbacks, you find false killer whales instead,' Mr Portelli said. 'We had an unexpected encounter with a large pod of false killer whales. This one interactive one came back and literally jumped over one of my guests. Never know what you are going to see in Tonga.'

He added: 'This mother and calf False killer whale rolled around under us whistling and checking us out. Some beautiful encounters with some rarely seen cetaceans in Tonga.' False killer whales can grow to 17 feet, are black or dark grey in colour and generally do not resemble killer whales.

The dolphins were named as such because the marine animals sometimes attack small whales and dolphins.

For the rest of the photos, go to: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4438628/Stunning-footage-false-killer-whale-leaping-divers.html>.

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## Parting Shots

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From: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/iceberg-canada-visit\\_us\\_58f9963ae4b06b9cb9157092?ncid=inbInkushpmsg00000009&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=The%20Morning%20Email%20042117&utm\\_content=The%20Morning%20Email%20042117+CID\\_4792076623ddf591fba12006eb07d47f&utm\\_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm\\_term=HuffPost&ncid=newsltushpmsgnewsThe%20Morning%20Email%20042117&slideshow=true#gallery/568ff184e4b0c8beacf6c5c0/0](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/iceberg-canada-visit_us_58f9963ae4b06b9cb9157092?ncid=inbInkushpmsg00000009&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The%20Morning%20Email%20042117&utm_content=The%20Morning%20Email%20042117+CID_4792076623ddf591fba12006eb07d47f&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=HuffPost&ncid=newsltushpmsgnewsThe%20Morning%20Email%20042117&slideshow=true#gallery/568ff184e4b0c8beacf6c5c0/0)



*Title: "Feeling Exposed," Kailua-Kona, Hawaii*

Larval cusk eel

***Ed. Note:*** I highly recommend visiting the source URL above for some absolutely spectacular underwater photos by the photographer, Jeff Milisen, and 14 others participating in the Ocean Art Contest.

