

Calendar, 2017

11/7 General Meeting

11/14 Board Meeting

11/15 BSC Meeting

11/21 Program and Newsletter assembly

12/ 4 General Membership Mtg Nominations

Bill Zarillo, Coral Restoration

12/11 Board Meeting

12/18 Elections

January 1/2018 New Year's Day Club Sober Up Dive, Pleasure Bay

1/27 Annual Banquet-The Common Market

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Dues & elections: To vote for club officers on Elections Night, Dec. 18, you must be a paid up member for 2018. The cost is still only \$35.00.

Mark Your Calendars: Annual Banquet at The Common Market, Jan 27, 2018

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>.

September-October Activities and Dives

Oct. 5: Old Garden

Story & photos by Rob

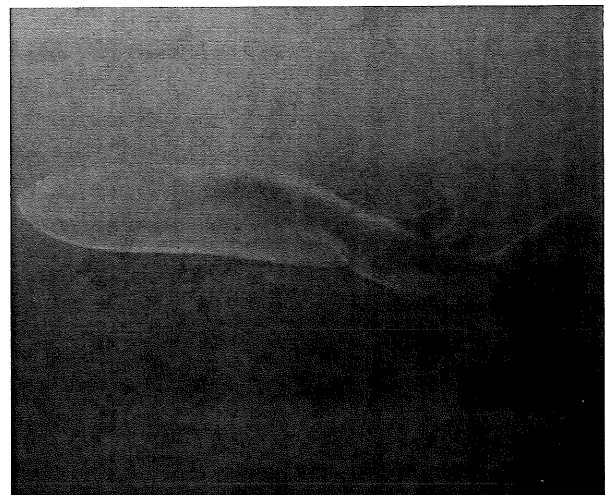
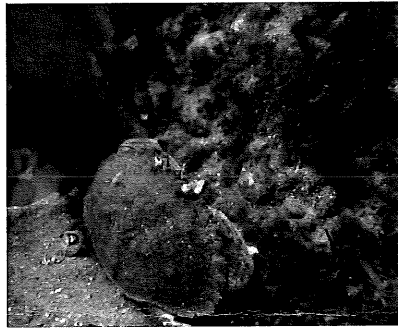
Mike Vaughan and I met in front of Macy's at South Shore Plaza and headed north to Rockport's Old Garden Beach for a late morning, early PM plunge in the briny North Atlantic. Pebble Beach was awash in seaweed with zero vis from the storm earlier in the week. Because it was a week day, we were able to park right in front of the park and suit up.



Mike Vaughan

Our 69-minute dive was relaxing. There were only a few other divers anywhere to be seen and not in our way at all. I was trying out my new Sea Life DC2000 without the flash and came

up with some interesting photos. This camera's resolution is far superior to the old 1400 and has a much much faster trigger. Mike found a few keepers and I a flounder. We saw some baby lobsters, a number of eggers, interesting crabs, breadcrumb sponges, a juvenile Sea Raven (Below),



and surprise of surprises, an electric torpedo ray (Above right), the likes of which I personally haven't seen since the late 70s. Vis ranged from 10 - 20 feet or more, depending on the depth and part of the cove we happened to be in. Our max depth was 41', H₂O was @ 62°. It was a great day to dive.

Oct 1: Sunday's Dive

Story by Tommy Lo

Now that the storms have passed, I decided to launch the boat and get a few more days of boat diving this season. Since Quincy Yacht Club has removed the floats from the water, I met Todd, Ken and Jon at the Quincy public ramp and launched the boat. We loaded up the boat and headed out.

The weather forecast called for 5 to 10 mph wind with 2 ft. waves. I figured we could get at least one dive in before the weather got too rough. Heading out the channel, I could see white caps in the West Gut, but I was still optimistic (the power of positive thinking). After Hull Gut, the waves picked up and as we passed Boston Light, I had to close the window to keep water from splashing into the boat. as we reached Shag Rocks, we started to encounter rollers coming in from the east and white caps coming from the west.

Then, I heard in unison from my mutinous crew, "Who's bright Idea was this!"

We thought about where we could tuck in to dive and decided to hide behind Great Brewster Island. We anchored in 30ft of water and only had to deal with the rollers coming from the east, which was not too bad.

Our first dive was not too bad, either. Vis was about 10 to 15 ft. at the bottom. I caught 4 keepers and saw many 2 lb. eggers. Todd got 1 and Ken grabbed 2.

For our second dive Ken and I decided to swim to the rock outcropping behind the boat and look there for lobsters. So off we went. After only finding only 1 lobster and a huge ball of tangled lobster traps, I decided to check to see where the boat was. Well, I guess I was riding the outgoing tide and discovered I was almost at the end of Great Brewster Island, well beyond the rock outcropping. I took a heading for the boat and started a long swim against the outgoing tide back to the boat. On our way back in, to our surprise the seas had flattened out. In all we caught 10 lobsters. Since my thermometer has been reading 106 degrees for the past few years, I don't know what the exact water temp was, I just knew it was warmer in the water than on the boat. On the way back in, we passed a very large grey seal at Hull Gut. I turned around to take some pictures, but he disappeared underwater. We waited for about 5 to 10 minutes for him to resurface but he never did. When We returned to the Quincy Yacht Club, we sat down and watched some of the football game (Ed.: and probably enjoyed a pop or two or three).

New England Aquarium Dive Club Tropical Fish Rescue and BBQ, 2017

Story & photo by Rob

Saturday Sept. 23, 2017. Despite the ugly weather forecast, hardy souls attended and participated in the New England Aquarium Dive Club's Tropical Fish Rescue and BB Q. Although I didn't dive, Mike Vaughan, Emerson Clauss (newcomer), Bonnie Zeller, Peter Ninh, and Stacey Schnee (newcomer). Visibility was the best of the summer at Ft. Wetherill, @ 20', and the temp was in the mid to high 60s. Few tropicals were spotted, and none of the group was able to capture any of the elusive finned critters.



Bay State Council of Divers 2017 Treasure Hunt

By Theresa Czerepica ; photos by Rob

Sunday Sept.17, 2017. On Sunday, September 17, 2017, the Bay State Council of Divers had their 32nd annual treasure hunt at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA. Working tandem with us was the Boston Sea Rovers' - sponsored Coastal Cleanup effort, manned by BSR Ted Maney and **Rob Robison**, Neptune and friend of the BSR.



*Ted M, Rob R, Theresa C (Above) ;
Todd A & Vince M (below right)*



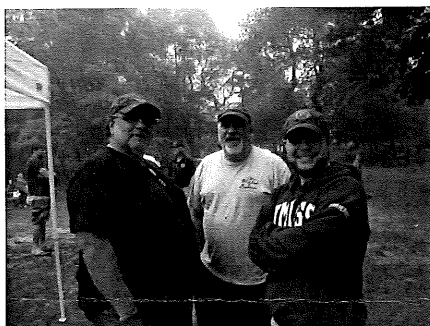
The temperature was mild and the fog was very thick at the start of the scuba dive, but by the time the team snorkel event was held, it had cleared up.



We had 45 divers enter the water for the scuba competition. It was also gratifying to have several newly

certified divers join us for the competition and we hope they will come back next year.

Our first prize winner was Jake Stout, who has been recently certified to dive and attended the event with his parents. Second prize was awarded to Jack Valleli and third to Jack Mumo. Congratulations to



*Angelo, Doug & Matt Meyer (Above)
JeannineL, MaryroseL, & Angelo
(Center); Rob V, Mark Z, Chuck Z &
Friends(Right)*



all three of our scuba treasure hunt winners!

As usual, the Metro West Dive Club and North Shore Frogmen provided a great cookout. Along with the traditional BBQ fare of hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages, we were all treated to a variety of homemade salads. The cookout included the 25th anniversary Metro West Dive Club cake. Congratulations to Metro West Dive Club on their silver anniversary.

There were five teams competing in the snorkel event this year. The South Shore Neptunes snorkel team, consisting of **Todd Alger, Mary Rose Largess, Rob Vice, Mark Zipeto**, plus two unnamed friends, won the event handily. Congratulations, everyone!

The treasure hunt would not be complete without the awarding of prizes. Once again, a big thank you to all our generous sponsors. Because of them, one of our treasure hunt participants went home empty handed. The list of our sponsors will be available on line. The BAY STATE COUNCIL OF DIVERS hopes that all treasure hunt participants will express their appreciation to our prize sponsors.

From the Log Book

Ghostly graveyard of 60 perfectly preserved ancient shipwrecks is found by climate scientists at the bottom of the Black Sea

By Harry Pettit For Mailonline

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For an incredible array of photos and short stories about the finds go to: <<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-4898204/amp/Experts-graveyard-60-preserved-ancient-shipwrecks.html>>



