



Neptunes Sounding Newsletter

Calendar 2018

- 10/27 Club NonCompetition Dive teams of 3@clubhouse 9 AM; contact Todd Alger for info
- 11/4 Club Dive @clubhouse 9 AM
- 11/6 General Meeting
- 11/11 Club Dive @clubhouse 9 AM
- 11/13 Board Meeting
- 11/20 Side Scan Sonar Bill Gallagher newsletter assembly
- 11/30
Deadline for artifact, lobster, photo of the year etc.
- 12/2 Club Dive @clubhouse 9 AM
- 12/4 General Meeting/Nominations
- 12/9 Club Dive,@clubhouse 9 AM
- 12/11 Board Meeting
- 12/18 Elections; newsletter assembly

2019 Calendar

- 1/1/2019 Club Sober Up Dive, Pleasure Bay
- 1/8 General Meeting
- 1/15 Board Meeting
- 1/22 Diving NC Wrecks by Rob Robison; newsletter assembly
- 1/26 Annual Banquet at Common Market, Quincy

ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & REMINDERS

- Special thanks to Ethan Gordon, Boston Sea Rovers president, for sharing



his marvelous underwater photography work.

•Quincy Quarry and Granite Workers Museum is seeking information on the Quincy Underwater Recovery Dive Team from the 50's through the present. The early dive team was headed by John Blackadar. He organized the dive team for underwater recovery of drowning and murder victims. Some of whom may have been in the quarries. The early dive teams also used the quarries for practice dives including ice diving. The museum is looking for pictures, slides, 8 and 16 mm movies and any written stories and material related to the dive team. The museum will digitize materials and return originals to individuals. If you have material to contribute, please email Neptune board member Jay Theriault at jtheriault@msn.com. The museum is also interested in the Neptunes giving a presentation on scuba diving in the Quarries in conjunction with the Quincy Historical Society. If you would like to participate in the presentation, please let Jay know as well.

•**DEADLINE** for submitting artifacts, largest lobster, photo of the year, etc. is **Nov. 30!**

In Memoriam

Williams, R. Dana of Londonderry, surrounded by the ones he loved most. (Solomon) Williams of Londonderry. husband John of Andover, Jennifer Zaslaw Matriona and her husband David of North Dexter Williams of Arizona. Cherished and Madi.

Dana was a proud veteran of the United owned Williams Business Products. Dana Neptunes Dive Club and selflessly missions. He will not only be remembered infectious sense of humor and joy for life. spending time with his family, of whom he was so very proud, the most.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Dana may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 29 Craft St. Newton, MA 02458.

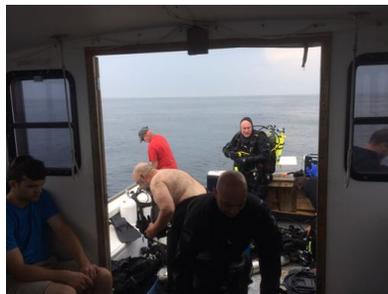


formerly of Scituate, died October 2, 2018, The beloved husband of 52 years to Miriam Devoted father of Cheryl Kalantzakos and her and her husband Eric of Weymouth, Melissa Reading and Jessica Williams of Quincy. Brother of Grampy of Caitlin, Tommy, Timmy, Jake, Sean, Eva

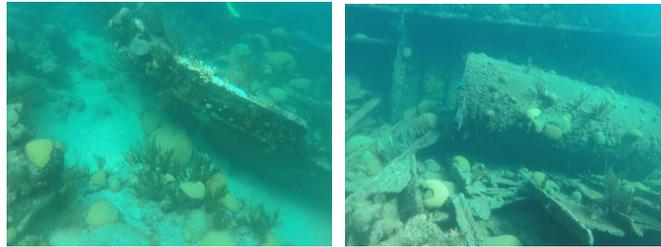
States Air Force. He was an entrepreneur and was a lifetime member of the South Shore volunteered in many underwater recovery for his intelligence and generosity, but also for his Out of all of his many passions in life, Dana enjoyed

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER DIVES

Sept. 3 2018. Shark Dive *Story by Ken Hayes, photos by Todd Alger.* About the Labor Day Shark Dive, which included Neptunes **Doug Eaton, Mary Rose Largess, Garrett Kane ,Teri & Ken Hayes, Rob Vice ,Billy Burchill's nephew David,Chuck Zarba, Paul Green, Mark Zipeto, Rob Christian, and John Pell**, it started a little slow, 1 small mako about 6 feet long. It only hung around for about a minute, looked around, and took off. Then about 40 minutes later, the blue sharks started coming in, first 1, then 2, then 3 or more the rest of the time. We had 5 to 7 good sized blue sharks by the end of the day. In total, 12 or more sharks appeared. Ahh, a perfect day on the water, with small seas, good weather ,and sharks dropping by to say Hi. Only Garrett got sick. The off shore boating crowd needs to be seaworthy, especially on a fishing or shark dive adventure where the boat is left to drift in the waves for hours. This is an awesome trip you should try ,and may the seas be calm. We'll do it again sometime soon. You just never know what's going to show up out there.



Sept. 5. Bermuda Diving *Story & photos by Eric Cantor. (Ed. Note: Eric was traveling on a Norwegian Cruise Line excursion that made a stop in Bermuda.)* Planning and planning for seven months to check out the beauty of Bermuda, and it's over in the blink of an eye. The beaches, the landscape, the people of Bermuda are amazing, and especially the diving. The water is crystal clear and the visibility on both my dives was probably 60-70+ feet. There were 10 divers (*if I remember correctly*) split up into groups of five. Each dive was about 50 minutes in length; I started with 3000psi and ended with 1000psi on both dives (no wetsuit). The air temp. was about 82-86 degrees and the water temp. 84 degrees. I saw quite a bit, even a scuba diving couple making out underwater about 40 feet deep; that was interesting. Haha! Of course, I saw many tropical fish (too many to name), even moon jellies.



The first dive was the Lartington (https://www.bermuda-attractions.com/bermuda_000051.htm), which was an early vintage freighter that crashed into the Bermuda reefs on December 14, 1879. The ship departed from Savannah Georgia for Russia with a cargo of cotton, yet sank five miles northwest of the Royal Naval Dockyard.



The other dive included the shipwrecks of The Montana and the Constellation. The Montana (https://www.bermuda-attractions.com/bermuda_00004b.htm) sank in Bermuda waters in December 1863. This Civil War blockade runner was caught in a brutal winter storm; it's final destination 40 feet below the waters of Bermuda. The Constellation (https://www.bermuda-attractions.com/bermuda_000047.htm) sank on July 30, 1943. The Constellation was a massive wooden vessel (all the wood has mainly decayed away), and carried 700 cases of Scotch whiskey, drugs, and building materials (ton of sandbags). Unfortunately, we were not aloud to take the whiskey bottles that were left behind; they remain in place for other scuba enthusiasts to enjoy and gaze upon. I did get to swim through one of the ships and through a little cave, which was pretty cool.

Sept. 9. Competition Dive Pemberton Pier. *Story by Ken Hayes, photos by Garrett Kane.* It was a fine day for a competition dive, as it was blown out most everywhere else. We set up a good skills course that would have challenged everyone's navigation ability, number of divers to competition. Although seven of us showed up, we would have liked a lot more on hand. Regardless, I believe



LR: *Tori & Ken, Rob Vice, Mary Rose, Todd Alger*

Mary Rose learned from the dive. We also had a snorkel challenge that would have tested their skills. New member Tori Steffy tried out her snorkel skills, which may have helped us win this year's Bay State Council snorkel event .

Saturday Sept. 16 BSC Treasure Hunt and Coastal Cleanup A good crowd showed up from across the state for the Bay State Council Treasure Hunt, cookout , and raffle and Coastal Cleanup. In particular, Neptune club members Todd Alger, Tori Steffy, Mary Rose Largess, Garrett Kane, Rob Vice, and Mark Zipeto (pictured LR below) comprised the snorkel team who won first place for the second year in a row, waxing the 2nd place East Coast Divers team by over 150 points. As you can surmise from the photo, it was a glorious sunny day for the event. For more photos, see the Club Facebook page.



Flea Market Oct. 6. After a week of rain and inclement weather, the heavens parted and the annual club flea market, our biggest money maker of the year, was held on a perfectly fine Saturday in Hanover on Rt 53. Helping

Back: Chris, Joe McAndrews, Bill Walker, Rob Vice, Jay Theriault, Paul Green, Front: Brian Golden, Chuck Zarba, Ken Hayes, Jeannine Willis, Rob Robison, John Blackadar, Billy Burchill. Missing: Jon Willis who ran the grill, Tom Guild-entry fees, Tommy Lo (club table with Joe McAndrews), and Angelo (vendors tables)



with the set up was the motley crew pictured above (*Photo by Theresa C.*). Fortunately, there was no need to make use of the rain date. Thank goodness! Apparently, it was such a fine day the club raised approximately \$2,500 towards the annual budget, a princely sum if there ever was one. See the club FB page for more of Theresa C's and my photos of the flea market.

North River Run Oct. 7 North River Run Sunday, October 7, 12 Neptunes participated in the annual North River Run (float): Billy and David Burchill, Doug Eaton, Paul Greene, Ken Hayes, Garrett Kane, Mary Rose Largess, Doug & Mat Meyers, Rob Robison, Rob Vice, and Chuck Zarba floated the river together.

We met at the pull off just before the 3A bridge spanning the North River, suited up, and carpooled to the Bridge Street Canoe Launch in Norwell. I'll let the photos(See club Facebook Page) tell the tale of the float, but must take a minute to thank Billy Burchill and his wife, Netta, who warmed us up afterwards with vats of clam and corn chowder, plus mini chicken salad and egg salad sandwiches, and their personal warmth and hospitality. Theresa Czerepica helped us shuttle and recorded our river progress from the banks with her camera. See the club Facebook page for her photos. Afterwards, Jeannine dropped in at Billy's to ensure the chowder was well taken care of. Thanks for sharing and helping us, you guys!

Parting Shot

One of many photos Ethan Gordon took of the two-three blue sharks we saw on the shark dive two summers ago. Thanks, Ethan!

