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## *Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes*

### Calendar 2019

6/1 Saturday Club Dive 9AM  
 6/4 General Meeting  
 6/8 U-Boat dive Block Island/Pt Judith, contact Todd A  
 6/11 Board Meeting  
 6/16 Club Dive 9AM  
 6/18 Program TBA; newsletter assembly  
 7/2 Club Meeting  
 7/9 Board Meeting  
 7/16 Program TBA  
 7/27 President's Party @ Irish Cultural Center. Details on flier, p.XXX

### ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & REMINDERS

- Dues are due! Please bring cash or send a \$35.00 check, payable to the South Shore Neptunes
- **Tim Burke**, life member of the Neptunes, was **elected** by the Underwater Society of America, the governing body of underwater sports in the USA, to the position of **National Director of Underwater Rugby** for a two year term.
- **Saturday, May 18, 5PM, Dinner Night Out, Bay Point Restaurant**, Bay Pointe Restaurant 64 Washington Court, Quincy MA. (617)-472-3200
- **Saturday Sept 7 Shark Dive on the Snappa'**, ([SnappaCharters.com](http://SnappaCharters.com)) Boat Location Address: 33 State Street Narragansett, RI 02882. **\$100 deposit to Ken Hayes immediately** reserves spot and obligates your total financial participation. **DEADLINE April 30**. Cost \$200-\$225. Balance due BEFORE trip departs. Contact Ken for details :617-462-3920 or email <[kenhayesedl@gmail.com](mailto:kenhayesedl@gmail.com)>
- **Spring 2020 Bonaire Club Dive Trip**: Blackie announced members should save their money because he's planning a club dive trip to Bonaire. Details will be spread upon the club at a later date.
- **Todd Alger**, who is heading up a committee to generate new types of club memorabilia and swag, needs your help. He writes: **Calling all digital Artists!** We are looking for digital artists to help us create new South Shore Neptunes branded merchandise. We would like to get digital artwork to put on our shirts, hats, coats, bags , etc. We need digital artwork in a few different categories. 1) Small digital artwork that can be used for embroidery and that would go on hats and heavy materials like coats and sweatshirts and bags. 2) Small digital artwork that would go on the front pocket of t-shirts. And 3) larger digital artwork that would go on the full back of t-shirts or on the full front of t-shirts. For anyone who can help us, please email us at [southshoreneptunes@gmail.com](mailto:southshoreneptunes@gmail.com) and we will supply more of the details we are looking for as well as the digital formats and specs for each of the categories.

What prompted Todd on this quest was a recent Sea Rovers Clinic, where members from a couple of clubs wore same colored T-shirts with the logo, "Just hanging." I'm sure you can visualize the artwork that accompanied this pithy phrase. I thought of a few of my own to prime our pumps, as it were: "Let's roll!"

Imagine several divers back rolling off a Zodiac. Or, how about , "The pool is open?" Imagine the view from the water of several geared up Neptunes dropping off the fantail of a boat into the ocean. What kind Neptunes artwork could be created to commemorate a Iron Divers Award for those who have made at least one dive in Mass/RI waters each of the 12 months in a calendar year? I'm sure you can think of and illustrate better ones than these examples.

### Evening Program: Diving the Philippines

Photo by Tommy Lo

Rob Robison, club newsletter editor, gave a well-received slideshow presentation on his recent dive trip to the Philippines, which was written up in the February 2019 newsletter and posted on the club FaceBook Page at that time. In case you were unable to attend and would like to watch it, Tommy Lo has posted the slide show on the club FaceBook Page. Thanks Rob and Tommy!



### APRIL/MAY CLUB ACTIVITIES & DIVES

**Back River, Saturday, April 20.** Story by Doug Eaton & Chuck Zarba; photo by Chuck

Photo caption: Doug found a mechanical fuse to a 5" diameter anti-aircraft shell!  
Chuck and Doug went diving on Saturday 730 am in the Back River. The tide was perfect—high slack. Our dive time was 45 min. Water temp 48-49°; Depth 25-28ft.; Vis 4-15ft Weather perfect with 68°air temp. I found my lights that I lost last December and some bottles bullets, and projectiles. Chuck came up with some bottles. We missed the rain but not the wind. So, Chuck made his month dive, and we ended the day at Emma's Café where we met up with Tommy Lo.



**Plum Cove, Sunday April 14.** Story & photos by Rob.

It was a beautiful calm Sunday morning when my friends and I reached Plum Cove. The water was absolutely gorgeous. We quickly donned our gear, and waded into the receding high tide of the cove, stepped into our fins, took a photo, and dropped down. Twenty to 25' of vis greeted us as did swarms of brine shrimp, teeny tiny baby lobsters, and more.



Almost immediately we ran into nudibranchs, a sea worm writhing on the bottom, a smiling clam, a pair of mating

L. Horseshoe crabs mating R. Mysid shrimp

horseshoes crabs, and a shark-eye moon snail. Just as we arrived at the turnaround point, a nice Mysid shrimp came into view. I took several photos.

On the return, we ran into more of everything, including a greenish feather duster item (at right) as if it were frayed nylon or some sort living thing we haven't ever seen before. You be the judge.

Bottom time: 37 minutes, vis 20-25', depth 16', temp 39°F. Let's go, folks, the water is exiting! Dive into it! You just never know what you will find or see. P.S. More photos on Club FB page.



**Old Garden Beach. Sunday, April 28, 2019.** *Story and photos by Rob Robison*

My dive buddy and I rolled into Old Garden Beach this morning around 9:30AM. It was empty save for a small class of students finishing their last open water certification dive. The water was clearing from the previous day's storm, so there was some surge and small rollers to contend with.



We suited up quickly, hit the water, dropping down in the sand to a depth of about 10-12 feet, and headed out to the rocks and slope that descends toward the 40-45' mark. Along the way, the vis was slightly obfuscated by a considerable amount of stirred up seaweed, kelp, and sand, plus the surge and outgoing tide rocked us back and forth quite a bit. Vis was about 10.'

Most of the critters that had any sense were hunkered down in their holes in the glacial till, rocks, and sand, the 43° temp still not warm enough to draw them out in the open.

The rocks and boulders were covered with Irish moss, a variety of seaweeds, and kelps. Flabellina nudibranchs traveled about the boulders seemingly unmolested by anything except the flashes of my twin strobes. Many tiny baby critters seemed to be floating about in the water column. I attempted to capture them with my camera but was unable to do so for the most part because of the surge and aforementioned tidal current, which kept turning us around in circles. Still, we enjoyed a delightful 40-minute dive, maxing out at 26' in depth. It felt so good to be out in the ocean soaking up the sights, such as they were, and just diving into it! Maybe you will join us next time, huh? More photos from the dive can be found on the club FB page

**RAGNAR Cape Cod Provincetown Relay Race Fund Raiser.** *Photos by Theresa Czerepica* Special thanks to Jeannine Willis, club organizer, and Neptunes and friends Billy Burchill, Paul Sebra, Paul Greene, John Blackadar, Ken and Teri Hayes, Teri Hayes' dad, Paul Gillis, Chuck and Mike Galasso, Theresa Czerepica, Chuck Zarba, Leo and Joy Kennen, and Billy Walker for volunteering to support this charity relay road race, held Friday, May 10, and raise money for club coffers at the same time. Last year, the club earned \$750 from its RAGNAR participation for the club treasury. *R. Photo: Chuck & Mike Galasso & Jeannine directing traffic.*



**Dinner Night Out: (The Inn at) Bay Pointe Waterfront Restaurant:** Saturday evening, May 18, 34 Neptunes, significant others, and friends dined together on their choice of Chicken Parmesan, Grilled Beef Tips or Broiled Scrod. Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to John Blackadar for organizing the event. Go to the club FaceBook page for photos of the event and participants, click on Posts, and scroll down to find them.



## ***South Shore Neptunes Skin Divers Club***

*Cordially invites you to attend our*

# ***2019 President's Annual Summer Party***

***Date: Saturday, July 27, 2019***

***Time: 5:00 PM until closing***

*Cocktail hour 5 – 6 PM (Cash Bar); Buffet 6 – 7 PM, times approximate;  
Menu: steak tips, sausages, burgers, hotdogs, salad, water, and more!*

***Location: Irish Cultural Center***

*200 New Boston Drive, Canton, MA*

***Cost: \$18.00 per person*** *Includes cookout, games, prizes, and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased at club meetings or online by following our website link at:*

***<<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-south-shore-neptunes-annual-presidents-party-tickets-60228555230?aff=SSNWebsite>>***

***Who: South Shore Neptunes Dive Club and all members of the dive community, including family and friends.***

*We encourage you to invite anyone you feel would enjoy the party, whether part of the dive community or not. Check out our website for all the details using the QR code:*

