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Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, & REMINDERS

Calendar, 2020

3/21 Club Dive 9AM
 3/28 Club Dive 9AM
 4/2 General Meeting
 4/9 Board Meeting
 4/16 George Buckley,
 Harvard (pending)
 4/21 Club Dive from
 clubhouse, 9 AM
 4/25 Casino Trip to
 Foxwoods, 9:15 - 4:00
 4/28 Club Dive from
 clubhouse, 9 AM
 5/2 Clubhouse Cleanup 8 AM
 5/3/Club Dive from
 clubhouse,
 8 AM
 5/5 General Meeting
 5/10 Club Dive from
 clubhouse,
 8 AM
 5/12 Board Meeting
 5/16-5/23 Trip -Bonaire
 5/21 Program Newsletter
 6/2 General Meeting
 6/9 Board Meeting
 6/14 Club Dive from
 clubhouse,
 8 AM
 6/21 Newsletter/Program TBA
 6/28 Club Dive from
 clubhouse,
 8 AM
 7/5 Women's Dive Day
 7/7 General Meeting
 7/11 Club Dive from
 clubhouse,
 8 AM
 7/14 Board meeting

March 21 Newport, RI Overnight & Club Dive—UPDATE. In light of concerns over the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have decided to **CANCEL the Newport Pub Crawl, scheduled for March 20 & 21, and Tuesday's March 17 meeting.** We will continue to monitor the recommendations of public health officials and will provide further updates regarding April's club meeting.

Club Dives scheduled for March 21 and 28. We will meet at the Clubhouse at 9 AM to decide our dive destination for the day. We will *not* be counting points until the COVID-19 issue has been changed.

April 25, 2020. Club Foxwood Casino Trip. Bus departs Quincy bus terminal (Location TBD) at 9:15 AM for Foxwood Casino and returns Quincy at 4:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00 roundtrip, plus a \$2.00 cash tip to the bus driver at the end of the day. Check with John Blackadar for more details and watch for additional info via email.

May 16—23, 2020, Bonaire Club Dive Trip:DEADLINE! If you haven't done so already and intend to go, send a \$200 deposit payable to Wayland Travel, % Deb Isroff, 308 Commonwealth Rd., Wayland, MA 01778 ; tel: 508-653-4600! There may be a seat or two remaining!

FEBRUARY/MARCH CLUB ACTIVITIES & DIVES

Boston Sea Rovers, March 7 - 8. *Story by Tommy Lo: photos by Rob and Andrew Martinez.* On Saturday and Sunday, March 7 & 8, the Neptune's had their booth setup at the Boston Sea Rovers show. At least 14 Neptunes manned the booth on Saturday and around 10 Neptunes on Sunday. The door that we usually enter from was tie-wrapped closed, so we had to enter from another entrance. The booth went up quickly and was fully setup by 8:30. We did realize we had forgotten to bring raffle tickets for the free membership.

During the show, we met and spoke to divers from all over the country and a few long lost Neptunes (Anthony Page and Mike Imigini) as well.



While at the show, we were able to attend some great seminars complete with some awesome photos and videos. Apparently in Papua New Guinea they are still discovering WWII airplanes that crashed landed in the jungles and off the coast. The airplanes in the ocean make a great artificial reef abundant with sea life just waiting for divers to discover them. Moheli (Indian Ocean) looks to be a new great dive destination. (Ed. Note: From Wikipedia, "Moheli Marine Park in the Mozambique Channel is

the first protected area in the Comoros. It was established on 19 April 2001. Most notable feature of the park is the population of *coelecanths*, and the park is home to varieties of *sharks* and *humpback whales*.")

Although I did not stay for the film festival, I saw pictures of Rob Robison and Joe Hohman whom were inducted into the Boston Sea Rovers. Part of this ritual is for them to be dunked into a bowl of champagne.



Rob being dunked



In all it was a great show, we had a great time meeting new divers, talking to members of other dive clubs and checking out what else is out there.

Evening Program. March Speaker, Ted Maney, science instructor at Salem

State and a Boston Sea Rover, shared some of his research, Life on the Rocks, over the past 40 years on the New England underwater world and the effects of climate change on local flora and fauna. It

was a most enlightening evening, with some great photos and facts to keep us on our toes. Thanks, Ted, for a highly informative and captivating presentation.

Bay State Council of Divers and MASS Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources Partner with the National Registers of Historic Places and US Coast Guard Re Minot Ledge Light House Project. The original Minot Ledge Lighthouse, a structure built on iron stilts and first lit in 1850, was toppled by powerful waves from a March gale in 1851. Light Keepers Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine perished attempting to keep the lantern lit. A memorial plaque with its sinker block was installed on the seabed near the current lighthouse to commemorate the valiant men, but was subsequently lost in a storm. Two sport divers recently recovered it while lobstering in the area. The Bay State Council of Divers (BSCD), MASS Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources, various police departments, other organizations, and individuals are partnering with the National Register of Historic Places and US Coast Guard to create an underwater preserve surrounding Minot Ledge and Lighthouse, while restoring the



plaque to its place within the preserve. South Shore Neptunes **John Blackadar** and **Angelo Correnti** are deeply involved in this worthwhile project via the BSCD.

For an informative brief history of Minot Ledge Lighthouse, go to: <<https://historicaldigression.com/2015/10/30/the-tragic-story-of-minots-ledge-lighthouse/>>.

Pebble Beach, Sunday, March 15. *Story & photos by Rob Robison.* Neptunes President Rob Vice, my Divers of

Mass Bay buddy, and I met at the Beverly Service Center at 8:45 AM on our way to Rockport's Pebble Beach on a glorious Sunday morning full of sunshine and cool, but not cold air. We proceeded single file to the beach, which welcomed us with low tide, flat seas, and 30+feet of visibility. The water temp on 3 of our 4 computers registered 41°, and 38°F on the 4th, at a depth of 20-21 feet.



Bryozoan colony

After a surface swim of about 7 minutes to the rock/sand line, we dropped down into 13' of water in flounder, and critters of all in short supply—in fact we occupying advantageous and sea lettuce clumps salt peppered the glacial till as eye could see. Chitons were rocks and boulders, and a Shorthorn Sculpin itself in a slight depression



search of lobsters, shapes and sizes. Although nudibranchs were saw none—there were colonies of bryozoans positions on the golden fronds of Sugar Kelp a n d far as the glued to l o n e positioned between a s o m e



Star Fish or Michelin



couple of rocks underneath seaweed waving in the slight surge. We found a few stalked anemone hanging upside down beneath a ledge, and a couple of clusters of them could be seen with tentacles f u l l y extended high up boulder. while my hiding too



Shorthorn Sculpin (above) & Siphonophores in next 3 picts.

in an orgiastic feeding frenzy on the face of a large Rob spied a few Jonah crabs, buddy located a lone lobster deep into a hole to extract

and measure.

One novelty in the underwater picture invasion of an ugly invasive sponge that gobbles up everything in its path. Our recent speaker, Ted Maney, calls it "Rock vomit," which is highly descriptive of this sponge's visage. It has plagued Plymouth Beach for the past few years, but seemed to have all but disappeared last summer after a winter and spring full of violent storms. Alas, it has reared its ugly head at Pebble Beach (no photos of it today). It

we came away with was the





devours all of the local tunicates and more. Very aggressive. Another was the sighting of three Siphonophores floating in the water column. They are hydrozoan colonies with an air sack at one end and a host of stinging tentacles along the length of their long

tubular, cellophane like bodies, which are used to gather food. Different individuals within the colony perform unique functions, such as reproduction, locomotion, flotation, or feeding of the colony.

Despite that one near ubiquitous sponge to mar our dive, we had a great time together on an underwater adventure that lasted 65 minutes. What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday morning, diving into it with a couple of good buddies, leaving thoughts of the coronavirus far behind the forefront of our minds.

Back River (Hingham), Sunday, Feb 9. *Story & photos by Chuck Zarba.* **Doug Eaton, David Burchill,** and I dove the Back River. We enjoyed great topside weather and high tide. It was David's first time to dive there. He brought along his grandfather's trident for probing the bottom. I was excited for him because Billy had told us about this spot in the first place. Dave found a 40 mm artillery shell casing and some 50 caliber



shell 'casings, as well. Doug came up with a whiskey bottle, a coke bottle, a NeHi grape drink bottle and 5" casing. My dive

Above: Chuck Zarba & Doug Eaton.

Left: Doug & Dave Burchill

computer read 33 degrees, 25', for 21 mins. The vis required no explanation at all.

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CLUB INFO

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If you need more information, contact any of our Club Officers or Board Members, or send us

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MEETING SCHEDULE:

Regular Member Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The meeting begins at 7:00pm.

Board of Directors Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The meeting begins at 7:00pm.

3rd Tuesday Member Meetings are informal gatherings for members, family and friends. The meeting begins at 7:00pm.

HOW TO JOIN THE CLUB: Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the South Shore Neptunes Skin Divers Club, Inc., is invited to attend any of the Regular Member or Board of Directors Meetings.

Membership is open to all sport divers and other interested persons. Applications for membership are available at the Clubhouse. Completed applications must be submitted with the initiation fee to the club at a Board of Directors Meeting. The Board of Directors reviews and votes on the applications. Applicants accepted by the Board are then presented to the regular membership for a Club Vote at the next Regular Member Meeting. Applicants are required to attend both of these meetings.

Membership Fees

\$25.00 Initiation Fee: This is a one time fee collected at the time of application for membership.

\$25.00 Annual Dues: Regular Membership Dues are to be paid by the 1st Regular Member Meeting of the year.

\$10.00 Corresponding Membership Dues. Junior and Student Memberships are also available.

DIRECTIONS: To get to the South Shore Neptunes Clubhouse from Route 33 / Southeast Express, Take Exit 8 Turnpike Brook Parkway. This exit will lead you to Furnace Brook Parkway. Pooled to the second set of lights. At the lights at the intersection of Furnace Brook Parkway & Quarry Street, take a left onto Quarry Street. The Neptunes Skin Divers' Clubhouse is the first stone building on your right.

DIVER'S HOTLINE: Looking for a Dive Buddy? Call or text the Hot Line at 617.894.9637 jayth@scnc.org find out who is diving, directions to-dive sites, or to find out other current club information.

CLUB WEBSITE: To learn more about the South Shore Neptunes activities, membership, etc., visit our website: www.southshoreneptunes.org