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Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes

Calendar 2022

1/1 Sober Up Dive Pleasure Bay
 1/4 General Meeting 7PM Zoom
 1/11 Board Meeting 7PM Zoom
 1/16 Club Dive 9AM from former clubhouse
 1/18 Program: The Nantucket Lightship, by Robert Mannino, Jr.
 1/29 Annual Banquet@Common Market; Cost: \$35.00/pp; Alt date: Feb 5. See P.6 for details

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, & REMINDERS

- The Club welcomes **new members Jason Brown & Wayne Ross!**
- **Underwater Rugby hours:** *Wednesday* nites 8:00-9:30 PM at Westwood HS pool. **Joe Gomes** is working on a history of underwater rugby and needs photo credits and any sorts of media that could help him illustrate the sport across time. He can be reached at: <jsgomes@gmail.com>
- **Club General and Board Meetings are now in-person at The Common Market in Quincy at 7PM**, but will **also be available via Zoom**. Club members are encouraged to attend the meetings in-person and order food or drinks before or after the meeting to support The Common Market for providing us free meeting space. **Program Night**, usually, but not always, the 3rd Tuesday of the month, is **ZOOM only!** **Please note: All Club activities and programs listed on the Calendar are live now**
- **Bay State Council:** *Dues have increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00.* Neptunes members pay \$8.00 to join BSC and the Club covers the remaining @2.00 per person balance. For an update on the **Back Beach Lawsuit**, please check out this link: <https://www.gloucestertimes.com/news/broken-phone-leads-back-beach-neighbor-committee-to-drop-deadlines/article_e300d7a2-2dea-11ec-bbdd-b399db5595cd.html?fbclid=IwAR00zQ18Of33-TKmL1_Vo5MmPcpN8d0oup5GrOKIRIIQIK-FZHP8Jz5ndPc>
- **Newsletter:** To help add interesting content to the newsletter, please send me (robisonr25@yahoo.com; or newsletter@southshoreneptunes.org) any first-hand accounts, stories, photos, or both about your exploits as a Neptune for potential publication. Photos or clippings enhance stories, so please include them if you can. Don't forget

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ELECTION RESULTS!!

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Treasurer - **Theresa Czerepica**
Secretary - **Rob Robison**

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Todd Alger	Jay Theriault
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Bill Burchill	Chuck Zarba
Doug Eaton	Tom Guild, 1st Alternate
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Tommy Lo	Matt Meyer, 3rd Alternate

Photos from Election Night ,the Garrett Kane & Mary Rose Largess Wedding Reception, and extras from recent dives may be found on *PP. 8 - 10.*

In Memoriam

Carl Yngve (in red jacket) passed away December 17, 2021. Carl was a life member of the South Shore Neptunes, a member of the Quincy Underwater Recovery Dive Team, and a founding member of the Quincy Underwater Rugby club, an offshoot of SSN members playing underwater rugby at the time. Quincy was the first club to play the sport of underwater rugby in the United States in November 1978. The team was renamed, The Boston Narwhals, to give it more international recognition of its place of origin when competing in world competitions. He was 86 years old. Memorial Visitation will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Avenue, Quincy, on Wednesday, December 29, from 4 – 6 p.m. A Prayer Service will be conducted at 6 p.m. It goes



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without saying such a vibrant and dynamic longstanding member of the SS Neptunes will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

For more information go to <<https://thesweeneybrothers.com/obituary/carl-d-yngve-age-86/>>



The SSNeptunes also offer their deepest sympathies to the family of Neptune **Andy Dolan**, who passed away recently. Andy was a fairly new member and loved finding unique seashells while diving. A memorial service for Andy Dolan was held on Monday, December 27, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., at the Onset Foursquare Church, 301 Onset Ave., East Wareham, MA. 02538. There was no burial or gathering after the church service. Rest in peace, Andy!

RECENT DIVING & ACTIVITIES

Christmas Eve Day Dive, Little Pond at Morton Park, Plymouth, Or How I kept my Six-Year Dive Streak Going.

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021. *Story & underwater photos by Rob Robison; surface photos by Rob Foley*

December kicked off with 10 days worth of isolation from having been exposed to COVID 19 over Thanksgiving weekend. Once out of isolation, bad weather canceled dives the weekends of the 11th and 18, and it looked like my dive streak of 6 years running was in jeopardy. So I called up fellow Neptune, Rob Foley, who was recovering from nasal surgery, to see if he was free Wednesday or Friday of Christmas week. He indicated he had Friday off and would be willing to divemaster for me.



We met at Little Pond Beach in Morton Park at 9:00 AM this morning. Overcast skies were beginning to shed snow flurries in the 25°F winter air. An octogenarian passing by walking her toy dog asked me if I was going in. I replied in the affirmative, and she declared, "Go for it. It's a beautiful day!" I couldn't have agreed more. The water was like a mirror, it was so flat, calm, and clear. With some help from Rob F, I donned all my drysuit gear, lumbered down to the beach, and waded into the water. Beautiful! The flurries increased in ferocity, which added to the surreal



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I put on my fins, turned on the Sea Life DX2000 camera with dual 4500 Lumens video cam lights, and submerged into the pond. Quickly locating the guideline, I followed it down to the circular and square concrete lids; then, angled over to the icons. Chilly Willy and the orange parking/traffic cone came into view 10'-15' away at the 20' depth mark.

Suddenly, I felt the 37°F pond water seeping in through the seal on the left wrist of my suit, all the way to my elbow. Drat and double drat! I had forgotten to ensure it was lying flat all the way around my wrist. Still, I snapped off a few photos of those iconic figurines, moved over to photograph the Alien, and finally found the photogenic US flag.



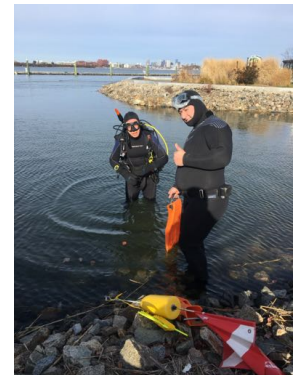
Feeling how soggy and cold my left forearm was becoming, it seemed like a good idea to head back to the surface before becoming totally soaked and chilled to the bone. Besides, the thought of steaming mugs of coffee and a great breakfast awaiting us at the 3A Café in North Plymouth was all the extra incentive required to call the dive and find my way up and out of the pond. Rob F. met me at the beach edge and helped remove all of the gear and stow it away in my car in record time. (It was still 25°F on dry land!)

I have now made at least one dive in New England waters (pond, quarry, ocean, or river) every single month of the year for six straight years, making me the oldest active year 'round diver in the South Shore Neptunes Dive Club. As with any streak, one has to have had a lot of luck and help along the way. Special thanks to Rob Foley, a great dive buddy and breakfast companion, for helping keep the streak alive

and making this Christmas just a little bit merrier.

Club Dive at the Venezia Restaurant (Boston). Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021. *Story by Todd Alger, photos by Chuck Zarba & Rob Foley*

At the meetup for the club dive in the former clubhouse parking lot were **Todd Alger, Rob Foley, Doug Eaton, Chuck Zarba, Paul Greene** and potential new member, **Jason Brown**. Also at the meetup for a short time was **Ken Hayes**, who stopped by for a minute before meeting his daughter, Erika, for breakfast. The weather was average for this time of year: Sunny with temps in the high 30s – low 40s. We decided on doing a treasure hunt dive at Venezia in Boston. We all took our separate vehicles and made the 15 minute drive to the dive site.



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The Moon high tide was two hours from when we arrived and the water was already very high. We slowly geared up and got in the water. First in were Jason and Rob, who were both diving wet. Next in was Doug, the only dry suit diver of the day. Unfortunately for Doug, he was under weighted for this very shallow dive and abandoned the dive very quickly. I was last in the water as Jason was making his way out.



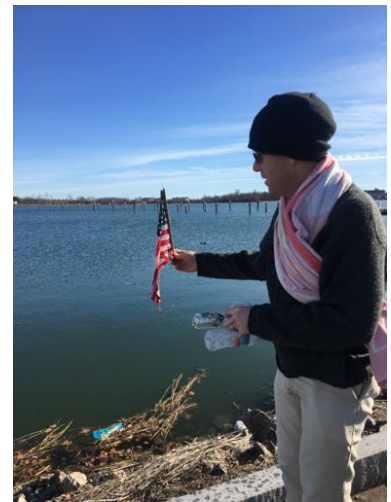
The entry is a loose rocky slope but very close to where our cars were parked. I entered the water, submerged, and immediately realized it was officially winter time diving. I would estimate the water temp was high 30s or low 40s like the air. It's a lot colder in water than in air, though (*Ed. Note: especially when diving wet!*). When I sank, I did not take a compass reading but thought I was heading out. I was not. I quickly

found myself in about 3' of water, so I popped up, took a compass reading, and swam back out.

The vis was between six inches and one foot. I saw rocks, pilings, a couple pieces of trash. That was it. I am sure there were some crabs and other life, but the vis made it very difficult to see anything.



It was not my favorite dive. I swam around for about 10-15 minutes and called the dive. Rob Foley had the longest dive of about 30 minutes. Paul and Chuck ended up being dive support and did not dive.



After the dive, we decided to go to Darcy's for food and drink. We were rewarded by having our first drink on the house, which, I found out, is a Sunday tradition. All in all, it was a good day of diving and camaraderie.

Port Norfolk, Mouth of the Neponset River, Boston. Saturday Nov. 20, 2021. *Story by Doug Eaton, photos by Chuck Zarba*

The mud divers were at it again. We found another spot for artifacts, Port Norfolk. Chuck Zarba and I dove at the mouth of the Neponset River by the restaurant Venezia. Diving in and around the old pilings, Chuck came across some old road traffic cones and left them. I found an old bottle from

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After packing up our gear, we headed for Darcy's Village Pub. On the way out, we found another site so we checked it out for an entry. While there, we found that this location was a lumber yard back in the 1800s. So we will be going back there for the next mud dive.

We finally made it to Darcy's and met up with Rob Robison for beers and burgers.



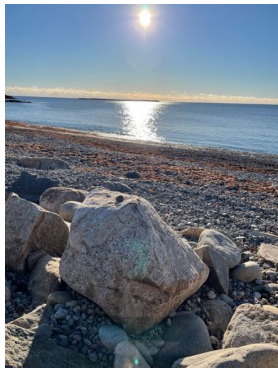
Pebble Beach & Plymouth (Long) Beach, Saturday Nov. 20 & Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021. *Stories & photos by Rob Robison*

Peter Ninh and I made a sojourn to Pebble Beach this sparkling morning for a delightful dive. We thought we were all alone and would have the beach to ourselves, but shortly after arrival on site, the parking spaces quickly filled up with drysuit divers ready to use their arctic gear.

Water conditions were superb: flat seas, 35+ feet of vis., and water temps ranging from 48° - 50°, depending on whose dive computer you believe, at a depth of @30'.

During our hour long dive, we witnessed crabs piling on each other either in search of warmth, lust, or hunger. A large red Sea Raven perched like a sentinel on the edge of a large boulder overlooking a small canyon, and a Grubby sculpin blended in among the shards of clam and mussel shells and glacial till. Peter even found a nice keeper bug. Anything else that looked like a bug was either short or an egger.

Special thanks to Peter for motoring us out to the submerged rock pile/island at high tide with his scooter on my first drysuit



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dive of the fall season. It made for a relaxing morning underwater experience with a wonderful dive buddy.



Afterwards, Peter and I split and went our separate ways. I wound up at Darcy's for grub. Doug E and Chuck Z showed up a short while later. So we kitized on burgers and brewskis.

The following morning, Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021, Neptune **Jon Willis** and I met at **Plymouth (Long) Beach** around 8:30: AM to get in a morning beach dive before the weather decided to fulfill its negative forecast for the remainder of day. Though overcast and looking a bit ominous, the low tide water was flat on the surface and calm underneath. So we suited up and hopped in. It was only the second dive Jon had made this season so he was

glad to make a relatively non-stress dive that is characteristic of Plymouth Beach diving.

The water temp had declined to 48°F, at a max depth of 16', and the vis ranged from a murky 7'—10'. We observed the usual Rock crabs, Forbes starfish, tunicates and seaweeds of various ilks. What stupefied Jon and me was the Sea Raven, well-camouflaged on a large boulder, positioned vertically head down. I jostled it gently and it moved only slightly but in a downward fashion. I experienced tremendous difficulty taking clear photos of it despite having powered down my video cam lights because of its grayish color. Post dive, inspection of the photos seemed to suggest it was sickly and dying for some reason. It was one of the saddest moments I have ever experienced underwater. It was so sad. I haven't been able to write about it until now, two weeks later.

**Safe Living, Safe Diving Into It, Happy Holidays, and
Enjoy a Prosperous and Joyous New Year!**

Rob

P.S. In case you missed **the slide show on Neptunes Diving 12-20 to 11-21** or want to watch it again, it is available by clicking on this site or pasting it in your browser:

<http://www.divecommando.net/posts/2021-11-18/>



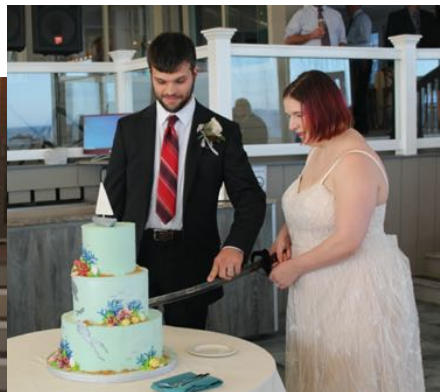
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Garrett & Mary Rose Kane Wedding Reception Photos
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A FEW DISPARATE PARTING SHOTS



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South Shore Neptunes
**ANNUAL AWARDS
BANQUET**

WHEN: *Saturday, January 29, 2021*

WHERE: *The Common Market*
97 Willard Street, Quincy, MA

Cocktails (*cash bar*): *6:30 PM*

Dinner: *7:00 PM*

Chicken Fish Beef

COST: \$35.00 per person

*Please RSVP to a Club Officer or Board Member by
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 , at 7PM*



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