



Soundings

January 2024

Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes

Upcoming Events

1/28/2024	Club dive
2/6/2024	General Meeting
2/13/2024	Board Meeting
2/11/2024	Club dive
2/25/2024	Club dive
3/5/2024	General Meeting
3/10/2024	Club Dive
3/12/2024	Board Meeting
3/16/2024	Boston sea rovers
3/24/2024	Club Dive

Are your dues paid!? If not, you're late, reach out to treasurer@SouthShoreNeptunes.org to catch up.

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Summary

Wow, take a look at all our award winners and additional awards. It was a busy 2023 and 2024 is going to be full of even more fun events and diving activities. The club's committees are formed and work has begun. More will get published in the newsletters as committee projects come together.

The Annual Sober Up Dive or January 1st Dive was another success with great turnout from other clubs and Channel 5 showing up to record the event as well. Bill Burchill made the annual swim as well in the frigid waters.

February 20th we will have the Quincy Police presenting on their underwater equipment at the Quincy Yacht Club.

Please email your stories with pictures to newsletter@SouthShoreNeptunes.org.

Let's go 2024!

Rob Vice - South Shore Neptunes - Secretary and Editor

January General Meeting Summary

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- **President's Address - Adrienne Murphy**
 1. Happy for the 25 new members who joined the club in 2023
 - Jay credited Adrienne for the MeetUps she ran and hard work she put in to get new members.
- **Vice President's Address - Chuck Zarba**
 1. Thanks to the Common Market allowing us to meet there. Next meeting were running into a bit of a hiccup as the room may not be available
- **Old Business**
 - Banquet
 - Just need a headcount by the date on the calendar
 - Call list to be prepared at the board meeting
 - Ragnar - Not sure if all the checks are in. Will the deposits go for the 2023 deposits or 2024?
 - Guest Speakers - Anyone have anyone bring them up to the club
 - Ladies Lunch January 7 @ 2pm - Not your Average Joes in Norwell right off the highway. Has about 12 people going so far. No host event. Women only please this month.
- **New Business**
 - Speaker Night: Quincy Police at the Quincy Yacht Club, February 20
 - Committees/Appointments - Meetup regularly ideally so we can keep moving forward
 - Parliamentarian - Individual to keep our meetings following proper order via Roberts Rules and by-laws. Tom Guild did it in the past.
 - Tom Guild accepts
 - Sergeant of Arms - If the club gets unruly, we want only one person speaking at a time. This person would speak up and get control.
 - Jay Theriault accepts
 - Audit
 - Alex Wieck (absent)
 - Marketing & Social Media
 - Bill Gallagher, Bruce Lane, Evan Bodell
 - IT (Inventory of systems, who has access and how to use them)
 - John Sullivan, Jay Theriault, Rob Vice, Todd Alger, Tommy Lo
 - Activities/Event Planning
 - Adrienne Murphy
 - Ragnar - Rob Foley, Jeannine Willis, Ken Hayes, Rob Robison, Matt Ramos
 - Banquet - Jay Theriault
 - Sea Rovers, Beach Outing, Presidents Party, Ax Throwing, Dinners, Escape Room, Trips
 - Membership - (Book, Sticker and Patch, etc.)
 - Calvin Stephenson, Rob Robison, Tommy Lo, Ken Hayes, Rob Vice
 - Dive Coordinator/Committee
 - Chuck Zarba, others??
 - Hull LifeSaving Museum on Women Divers
 - Matt Ramos had an old membership card saying ^no women allowed^, the club would like to see a copy.
 - January Board Meeting

- Possibly at the Yacht Club, if not The Common Market
- Theresa - special meeting on the by-laws requested on the third meeting
 - Tabled to Board Meeting
- Polar Plunge for Special Olympics in February
- Bay State Council - No updates
- Underwater Rugby - Monday Nights in Dedham
- Sokol - Thank you for everything in the past year. Please contribute more pictures and videos, because it is what we have to post and show we are an active club.

2023 Award Winners



Adrienne receiving her Presidents Plaque for 2023

- DIVER OF THE YEAR



1. Ken Hayes
2. Sokol Prifti
3. Tie: Todd Alger and Doug Eaton

- ARTIFACT OF THE YEAR



1. Evan Bodell - 10.5" porthole inspection hatch - brass or copper - Weymouth, Back River

- LARGEST LOBSTER
 1. Sokol Prifti - 4.06 lbs Labor Day Weekend at Graves Light
- PHOTO OF THE YEAR



1. Rob Robison - Sand Dab or Windowpane Flounder at Plymouth's Long Beach
- VIDEO OF THE YEAR
 1. Sokol Prifti - New Years Dive, Large Lobster at Pleasure Bay
 - ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
 1. Alex Wieck
 - MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD



1. Chuck Zarba - For supporting the club with hosting the storage container, ensuring it stays in good condition and all the times he's lent his time and van to moving things around for the club.

Life Members (20 years of membership)

2. Todd Alger

Other Awards

- SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



1. Theresa Czerepica for 24 years of service as the Treasurer, time given and efforts to support the club. She's stepped up many times and the club thanks her for all her efforts.

- UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING



1. Sokol Prifti
2. Rick Hovey
3. Carol Hamilton

- GOLDEN WETSUIT



1. Evan Bodell - For his August Dive at Pleasure bay in everything except a wetsuit, instead a bathing suit and hoodie and lasted 45 minutes!

Club Dives for the Year

January through May 11 meet at 9 am. May 26 through October meet at 8 am

January	1 and 21	July	7 and 21
February	11 and 25	August	Beach Outing (no diving), 18 and 25
March	10 and 24	September	8 and 15, BSC 29th, River Run
April	14 and 28	October	6 and 20 (pumpkin carving)
May	11 (9 am) and 26 (8 am)	November	10 and 24
June	2 and 23	December	1 and 15

January 2025, 1 and 19

Annual New Year's Dive - Monday, January 1 - Pleasure Bay

33 ft viz, 42°F

Photos from Facebook, Story from the January General Meeting



It was an outstanding morning. The water was calm at 42 degrees and max depth of 33 feet. Was warmer than it has been in the past 9 years, previous years 38 degrees. Air temp about 37. 19 divers, TRP was there as well. Channel 5 was there as well. Post party at Jeannines was fantastic. Thanks to Paul Greene as the beach master, recording all the divers and Tommy as well. Bill Burchill and Jimmy Walker showing the rest of us how it's done without SCUBA.

Saturday, November 11 - Hingham, Back River

42 minutes, 4 ft viz, 45°F, 23 ft max depth

Story and Photos by Cavin Stephenson.



Had an absolute blast on a one-tank dive with the incredible South Shore Neptunes Calvin Stephenson, Paul Morgan, Evan Bodel, and Chuck Zarba as the beach master at Back River/Bare Cove, Hingham, MA, on 11 November 2023. Entering the water and wapping 45 degrees with about 4 feet of visibility at 23 ft.

The underwater magic unfolded as we descended into the depths of the Back River, discovering the hidden wonders that this dive spot has to offer. From curious marine life to the unique underwater terrain, every moment was a reminder of the beauty that lies beneath the surface. We did get some visitors while we were under the surface. Tommy and Mary Lo paid a visit while out running errands. The VP of SSN, Ken Hayes was out on the shore as we surfaced from the dive to give us all some words of wisdom and advice. As we sat around talking about what we could have pulled out of the water, the one and only President Adrienne Murphy graced us with her presence. Always a great day when members of the club can get together.

 **Want to see your story here Email it to newsletter@SouthShoreNeptunes.org**



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