



Soundings

April-June 2024

Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes

Upcoming Events

6/23/2024	Club Dive
6/26/2024	Bay State Council Meeting
7/2/2024	General Meeting
7/7/2024	Club Dive
7/9/2024	Board Meeting
7/21/2024	Club Dive
8/4/2024	Duxbury Beach Outing
8/6/2024	General Meeting
8/11/2024	Duxbury Beach Outing Rain Date
8/13/2024	Board Meeting
8/18/2024	Club Dive
8/21/2024	Bay State Council meeting

Summer is upon us and the lobsters should be coming in. Looks like we've got some interesting artifacts coming in as well if you're on the club GroupMe. Reach out to secretary@SouthShoreNeptunes.org if you're not on it.

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

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Rob Vice
Secretary

April General Meeting Summary

April 2

- **Old Business**

1. Sea Rovers had 25 sign-ups with 22 new.
 - a. Skin Diver Magazines, oldest 1961 through the 1990s brought to Sea Rovers to get a rough estimate on offering. Chuck suggests having an auction within the club for the newsletters starting at \$200.
 - i. John Blackadar Motion: Put a bid in by the June 4th regular meeting, highest bid wins. Seconded by Jay. Motion Passed
2. TRP Winging It Competition
 - a. Rob Sheridan and Chuck went. Chuck didn't see the event, but did get a beer and donation. Rob Foley and Rick Hovey were unwell and unable to make it. Two guys from TRP and Rob Robison
3. CPR Training
 - a. Sunday, April 21 at Quincy Yacht Club, 6 per class. Two hour class \$25/person. Contact Calvin Stephenson 2-4pm and 4-6pm
4. Club Merchandise - Chuck
 - a. Shirts and hats, \$40 for shirts and hats \$22
 - b. Jay: We also need to inventory everything
 - c. We have Patches: \$5 each
 - d. Should have a copy of the receipt for instance for the shirts and hats, should be in the audit material
5. Speaker
 - a. Monty Fitzpatrick - Scuba Shack in CT. Talking about the Great Lake Wrecks, info is in the newsletter. Tech diver and tech instructor. Looking into holding it at the Quincy Yacht Club if possible and will be online as well
 - b. U-853 - Bill Palmer - we ran out of chairs at the Quincy Yacht Club. DVD's are \$20 with the shipping. Bill Palmer is on the history channel, he is pricey to have him come down for a future date
6. Audit
 - a. Matt Meyer, Jeanine and Alex. Alex has some of the material, but everything is printed without any digital copies

- **New Business**

- 15-20 Wreck Diver Magazines by Jeff Porter given to the club by his wife Heidi at Sea Rovers. Tabled to the Board Meeting
- 5 cabins left on the Sea of Cortez liveaboard. See information from last month's minutes. See Rob Robison

- **Motions**

- Motion by John Blackadar to have bids for the clubs Magazines by the June 4th meeting, with the bidding starting at \$200. Seconded by Jay Theriault. Motion Passed
- Motion by Bruce Lane for the club to do a blood drive. Second by Ken. Motion Passed

May General Meeting Summary

March 5

- **New Members - Unanimous to Accept All as Members**
 - Rob Sheridan sponsor Todd Alger
 - Donna Pursel sponsor Adrienne Murphy
 - Brendan Pursel sponsor Adrienne Murphy
 - Joel Gray sponsor Chuck Zarba
 - Jeff Smith sponsor Matt Meyer
- **Old Business**
 - Ragnar - Rob Foley
 - We are pretty much all set with the volunteers with one person 75/25 on the fence.
 - Rob F. has a spreadsheet with times and volunteers for the spots
 - Rob Foley: Given the club generates a lot of revenue from Ragnar, he moves to have the budget at the beginning of the year including a subsidy for the beach outing utilizing the previous years Ragnar funds. Seconded by Ken Hayes. Motion Passed (2 no's)
 - Blood Drive - Bill Burchill
 - September or October
 - CPR Training
 - Went well 13 participants
 - Thank you to Calvin and Joseph Lords
 - Clubs magazines (two)
 - \$200 auction ending at the June meeting for clubs
 - \$5 raffle tickets for Wreck Diver's Magazine
 - Club Merchandise
 - Jay still working with the new company
 - We still have older inventory to sell
 - Speaker
 - Quincy Police speaking on the 3rd Tuesday May 21st. Location to be confirmed on Quincy Yacht Club
 - Audit
 - Alex with Matt Meyer, Alex will do P&L, Matt will handle Inventory including shirts etc and social media. Audit should be ready by the July board meeting
 - Sea of Cortez - Reach out to Rob Robison to find out if there is still space.
- **New Business**
 - Ladies luncheon on Sunday with 6 people
 - Some are starting to get gear together.
 - Setting up some easy refresher dives before the season gets going
 - Dinner night out
 - Pub G in Plymouth as a possible option.
 - Jay: Off the hook, on a Sunday night.

- Please let Adrienne know on dates or places you might be interested in going
- Paul asked about getting some evening dives
 - 6pm at the Police Station on May 22 for Gunrock
- Next Club dive is 5/11, this Saturday meeting at 9am at the former clubhouse
- Tommy needs divers for the floats at the yacht club. Tommy sends the dates when he gets them.
- Duxbury Beach
 - Jeanine sent in an article on work going on to increase the height of the dune
 - Doug heard the work was not going to start until the fall
 - Todd suggested having a committee for organizing the Duxbury Outing (Event Committee)
- Jay: Motion to buy a table cover for the club for the sea rovers booth for up to \$100. Seconded by Doug. Motion Passed with two No's [first vote]
 - Looking for this for the Bay State Council dive
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Club's Largest Fundraiser - Comes to an End

Ragnar Road New England Race - May 17-18

Writeup by Rob Vice

After 2024's event the club was notified that Ragnar will not be continuing this specific route going forward. It is not set in stone, but at this time, we are not sure if Ragnar will be coming back to the area and seeking groups to help man the exchanges.

As many of you know, this is the clubs largest fundraiser since the Flea Market pre COVID-19. The view of your editor and secretary (and not necessarily that of the club) is that we'll need to identify other sources of funds in the coming years to support the various outreach activities of the Marketing and Membership Committees in addition to supporting our memberships various activities from the Beach Outing to the Banquet. While we have our annual events, the club also encourages ideas for the Events Committee to consider to hold throughout the year, which include dinner nights out and other social events.

Rob Foley did an excellent job interfacing with Ragnar and setting up volunteers at the various exchanges and ensuring we had the coverage required for the event to go off without a hitch. The amount of effort to herd the cats (I mean myself and the South Shore Neptunes) is significant. From phone calls, emails, text messages to ensure we had enough people to maximize the return to the club.

We just heard the news after the event, so the motion made by Rob at the May meeting to earmark funds to subsidize the beach outing or another event to benefit our members will be short lived, if at all. Hopefully, the 2025 budget committee will take this into consideration for all the volunteer efforts.

As we've all heard, it was good while it lasted. Let's hope it comes back soon though! Thanks again to all the members (and their families/friends) that came to volunteer at the exchanges and Rob Foley for his coordination.

Note, the New Hampshire Ragnar Road Reach The Beach is still currently running in September. Updates will come as to whether we're volunteering for that one.

May 26, 2024 Club Dive

60 minutes, 15-20 ft vis, 57 °F, 40 ft max depth

Story by Rob Vice

Adrienne Murphy, Chuck Zarba, Doug Eaton, Sokol Prifti, Jesse Hayes, Stephanie Beels and I showed up at the former clubhouse on the corner of Joyce Road and Quarry Street in Quincy discussing the dive options for the day. Stephanie and Jesse both only had partial kits and Adrienne was also out. Alex Wieck was onboard to dive as well and was waiting to see if he would host the club dive on his boat or meet up for a shore dive. Chuck and Doug decided to dive Pleasure bay and suggested Sokol and I head to meet up with Alex for a boat dive.

This is where our story departs, as I did not catch the full story from Doug or Chuck, but I do know they found some bottles and made it to the trench.

Sokol and I headed to the Quincy public boat launch next to Quincy Yacht Club and waited for Alex to show up. We watched some folks launching jet skis and a boat and got the call from Alex on a boat problem in the river ending in calling the boat off. Sokol and I decided to dive somewhere on the south shore, either Egypt Beach or Peggotty Beach. On the drive south, Alex was able to make his way back into the South Shore Yacht Club and we were able to carpool south making for the three of us not missing out on diving, albeit a bit late.

We wound up diving off North Scituate Beach and Bar Rock. On the way out, we saw eel grass and Alex spotted a good sized sculpin that was lazing about. We rounded Bar Rock and then Alex took off towards Smith Rocks. I started to go in that direction as well, losing Sokol (he had his own flag). Seeing the current running offshore at that point, while it was an incoming tide perplexed me and I did not want to have to swim against it and decided to round Bar Rock instead.

I found Sokol after heading back towards shore where we rounded the rocks. Eventually, Alex found us and came down the flag line. When I hit about 1000 lbs, I headed straight in with Sokol and Alex coming in a few minutes later. We packed our gear and headed home.

June General Meeting Summary

June 4

- Potential new members (apologize for misspellings)
 - Sarah Goodman: She was certified last year and a member of TRP and lives in Boston. She heard about us from Rick Hovey and was at the New Year's Dive
 - Jason Tanches and Marianne: Just certified in Roatan and did 10 dives. Either heard about the club via a Google search or heard from East Coast Divers. They live in Milton
 - Felicia Belostecinic: Felecia lives in Cambridge. She heard about us from East Coast Divers.
- Old Business
 - 8 members outstanding with unpaid dues. Treasurer to follow-up with email
 - Magazines on auction at General Meetings. Skin Diver Magazine and Undercurrent magazine. Waiting for the highest bid. Currently \$200 by Chuck Zarba.
 - Audit progressing by Matt Meyer and Alex Wiek. Forecast that it should be ready for next month
 - Dinner Night out: Considering Bay Point on June 29 at 4 pm, suggested by Alisa Daniels
 - Container: Need to do inventory. Painting on Friday, June 28 at 2pm. Chuck will supply beverages. Feel free to join even later
 - Duxbury outing: Blackie is still looking into getting a permit for August 4
 - Blood Drive: Billy Burchil would like to do a blood drive tentatively on September 21
 - Ragnar: Ragnar's race ending in Quincy has come to an end. Ragnar NH is still a possibility. Waiting to hear on the fundraising amounts.
 - Local online store is progressing.
 - Quincy Police Presentation, Blackie mentioned the 100k piece of equipment and that it was a very interesting presentation
- New Business
 - Saturday, June 8 Ladies dive, Scituate at Peggotty Beach. Meeting at Scituate harbor by the coffee shop at 930am Contact Adrienne Murphy. Good checkout dive or beach hang or snorkel.
 - Doug Eaton is organizing a Scallop charter on Boston Scuba for June 30. 3 Seats open.
 - Club dive on Sunday June 2. Divers were Doug, Adrienne, Chuck, Alicia Daniels, and John Wang. They dove at Scituate light looking for the wreck of Kenwood but did not find it. It was very seaweedy and somewhat rough. Max depth 20' but most got max of 12'.
 - Rob R. dove Plymouth Beach on Friday. Depth 11-12' with max at 18. RR invited any members to join him and his crew on Friday nights at Plymouth beach for diving
 - Donna and Brendan on Sunday, went to 3 ½ fathom ledge. They caught a few lobsters. It was rough and the water was very cold. Did one tank
 - June 18 slide show by Rob Robison
 - Chuck and Rick Hovey dove the Quincy Yacht Club boat floats on Memorial Day. The yacht club had a minister bless the late members and shot off a cannon.
 - Night dive scheduled June 12 at 6pm at Nantasket beach left side facing ocean.
 - U-boat trip that is happening June 8
- Dive Reports
 - George Finn. Talked about snorkeling at Anna Maria beach. He liked it

Dive Reports

June 8, 2024. SSN Ladies Dive - Peggotty Beach, Scituate

Story and Photos by Adrienne Murphy.



South Shore Neptune lady divers: Alisa Daniels, Paula Donahue, Sarah Goodman, Felicia Belostecinic, Donna Pursel and Adrienne made it to Peggotty Beach, Scituate on Saturday for a dive.

This was a check out dive so we checked our gear, figured things out and we were all able to get in the water and enjoy ourselves.

It was a very shallow dive with only about 15 ft of visibility and about 10 to 15 feet in depth. Coming back in was a workout with a little surge and winds getting stronger.

We are looking forward to another ladies dive in a few weeks and maybe double the attendance.

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