



Soundings

July 2024

Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes

Upcoming Events

8/6/2024	General Meeting Zoom
8/13/2024	Board Meeting Zoom
7/21/2024	Club Dive
7/30/2024	Club Night Dive
8/3/2024	Meet at Roxie's
8/4/2024	Duxbury Beach Outing
8/11/2024	Outing (Rain Date)
8/18/2024	Club Dive
8/21/2024	Bay State Council meeting
8/25/2024	Club Dive
9/3/2024	General Meeting Zoom
9/8/2024	Club Dive
9/10/2024	Board Meeting Zoom
9/15/2024	Club Dive

The water is FREEZING, says quite a few of us. We're seeing temperatures of 45-48 °F at most of the popular dive sites like Cape Ann and Graves Light.

Reach out to secretary@SouthShoreNeptunes.org to get on the club's GroupMe Text/SMS group.

Are your dues paid!? Don't risk having to reapply for membership! Contact treasurer@SouthShoreNeptunes.org to catch up.

Register your Membership Profile or login at:

<https://members.SouthShoreNeptunes.org>

Or scan the QR Code below:



Please send your reports, gear for sale, stories from years ago or anything else that you would want to have in the newsletter to: newsletter@SouthShoreNeptunes.org

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The Annual Beach Outing at Duxbury Beach is coming up. Additionally, some fun ideas for future parties to consider and lots of dive stories this month.

Rob Vice
Secretary

July General Meeting Summary

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- **Old Business**

1. Audit is prepared for the July Board meeting for final approval before the next General Meeting in August.
2. Magazines for Sales and Auction. Skin Divers Magazine ok to hold auction until the end of the year. Chuck is the current high bidder at \$200. Wreck Divers Magazine was tabled to the board meeting to decide if they are raffled off or auctioned as well.
3. Ragnar funds to be sent directly to the exchange managers. The total should be \$3150 from all the sites and additional funds from Ken's site with a total of around \$3600-3700. Fall Ragnar is Thursday, September 12th through Saturday the 14th. Overnight stay may be possible or even and up and back in the same day
4. U-853 Videos are in, see Blackie if you purchased a copy.
5. Dinner Night out had 26 people at the Inn at Bay Point

- **New Members**

- Mary Ann Dakkak sponsor Adrienne Murphy
- Jason Tauches sponsor Adrienne Murphy
- Brendan Kilcommons sponsor Joe Kilcommons
- Barry Hansen sponsor Rob Foley

- **Prospective new members**

- Tom Gagnon, Lisa Hollis, Joe Canavan and Felicia Belostecinic

- **New Business**

- Duxbury Beach Outing - Sunday, August 4th (rain date August 11). Parking is ~\$20 and tickets are \$10 and free for kids under 5. Tickets available online, sending a check to the PO Box or cash/check at a meeting.
- Night Dive scheduled Thursday, July 11th at 6pm or go later for an actual night dive.
- Discussion of holding a lobster boil party at the Quincy Yacht Club as a diving party, which is different from the beach outing by having a dive component.. Motion to allocate \$1000 to the event passed (one board and one general vote still needed)
- Bay State Council will meet at the USS Salem. The Treasure Hunt is scheduled for September 15th in Gloucester. There was an incident where a woman got kicked off a beach from a lifeguard. She did not have the flier with the law and it was not worth arguing about. Reach out to the Bay State Council with these issues and they can work with the lifeguard association.
- Storage Container - Found an old roster from 1959 that included the foundation date of the club, July 5, 1955. The 8th anniversary is coming up next year. Incorporation of the club was July 5, 1962.
- Blackie will be taking names for club jackets. The cost is ~\$100 and will take advance order/payment.
- There are a few scuba tanks available, contact Tommy Lo
- Club dive this Sunday at Plymouth Beach. High tide is 12:20, parking is \$20. 8am meet at the former clubhouse.

- **Motions**

- a. Motion for a lobster boil party on July 20th at 4pm at the Quincy Yacht Club for a member and a guest to attend free. Motion Passed its first vote with 20 yes, 2 no and 1 abstention. [First vote, two more are required for this to become a reality]
 - b. Table Wreck Divers Magazine to the board meeting
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Annual Beach Outing

Duxbury Beach Sunday August 4 (rain date August 11)

9 am - 2 pm (or later)



Join the club in the annual beach outing where we BBQ on the beach with everything from hamburgers, chicken to salad and watermelon.

Bring family and friends. There will be activities from the famous tug-of-war, the adults still haven't won! Three legged race and more. Bring your chair, tent/umbrella, bathing suit, sunblock and your APPETITE!

Cost is \$10 for adults. Children 5 and under are free. Parking is ~\$20

Scan the code above to buy online (a convenience fee of \$1 is already added).

<https://bit.ly/2024-Outing>

June's Dinner Night Out

South Shore Neptunes had a great dinner night out at the Bay Point Inn in Quincy Saturday 6/29. 26 people came out to socialize and have some good food. If you left too early you missed Billy Burchill crowning. Thank you everyone that came and do this again at a later date. – Adrienne Murphy, President



Dive Reports

From the general meeting:

1. Doug Eaton - Sunday, June 30. Rick Hovey and Doug did a 1 hour dive at Nantasket beach ending the dive with lightning flashes. Finished up at Darcy's. Saw some young lobsters, but no keepers. Doug got 15' at the rock cropping where the old aquarium was.
2. June 23 , Doug said 8 people were diving. Doug had to snorkel because his tank wouldn't stop leaking. Jason Tauches first cold water dive at Scituate
3. Rob Robison two dives at Plymouth Beach, one "shrimp day" saw a lot of them there. Ran into camera problems on the second dive. Had a great time.
4. Lisa Hollis just got back from diving in Jupiter and West Palm Beach and did a shark dive. Saw a lemon shark, hammerhead shark, silkies and a sandbar shark. Also did the blue heron bridge. Was a nice adventure.

June 16, 2024 Mooring Hunt - Gunrock Beach, Hull

80 minutes, 8 ft vis, 62 °F, 22 ft max depth

Story and Photos by Evan Bodell



Calvin and I followed up our Friday morning dive Sunday June 16. We were tasked with finding and marking lost moorings for the Gunrock Beach neighborhood as well as a side challenge to recover an unexpected find on Friday. Water temp was a comfortable 62 degrees and we had about 8 ft of blurry but bright visibility. The total dive time was 3 hours, with 1 hour and 20 minutes bottom time. We strategically surfaced to take compass headings and then dropped down to survey the bottom. Together we managed to identify 4 lost moorings but only had enough rope and winter sticks to mark three of them. In the process of finding moorings a knife was lost but later recovered. We managed to recover some treasure as well. The gold ring we discovered turned out to be costume jewelry but that didn't take away from the excitement of finding it.

On our final heading we located a wrought iron fisherman's Kedge anchor that looks to be at least 100 years old. We spotted it lying on the bottom with flukes exposed and went to work recovering it. We didn't have any lift bags so we recovered it through means of dragging, bobbing, and finally carrying it into shore. Luckily it was only in 22 ft of water, and not a great distance from shore. We had a great fun dive and learned a lot working our way through tasks and challenges we have not undertaken before.

July 11, 2024 Evening Dive in Hull

42 minutes, 15 ft vis, 45 °F, 15 ft max depth

Story by Adrienne Murphy

Jeff Finnell, Rob Robison, Doug Eaton, Paul Greene and Adrienne Murphy ventured into the 45 degree cold receding waters at the beginning of Nantasket beach. We were in the water for about 42 minutes with the max depth of 15ft for some and visibility about 15 ft. A few things people saw were a tautog, small lobsters, shrimp, and all kinds of crabs from spiders to hermits. Jeff lost his prescription mask after the dive and some awesome little kid found it near the water's edge. Hope his dad bought him ice-cream with the reward money. Then off to Schooners for a lovely dinner.



AUGUST 4 - Annual Beach Outing - COMING UP!!!



Buy your tickets by scanning the QR code above or going to <https://bit.ly/2024-Outing> Sunday August 4th (rain date of Sunday August 11th). Pictures above are from the 2023 outing.

July 7, 2024 Club Dive - Plymouth Long Beach

8-10 ft vis, 46 °F, 15 ft max depth

Story by Rob Foley



Members of the South Shore Neptune's gathered at Plymouth Long Beach for a shore dive into Plymouth Bay. Members Chuck Zarba, Doug Eaton, Adrienne Murphy, Paul Green and Paul Morgan made their way down to Plymouth after meeting at the old clubhouse parking lot at 8am and arrived at the beach around 9am. Members Rob Robison, Evan Bodell, Rob Foley and Mike O'Brian met at Plymouth Long Beach a little before 9am in order to save the drive along Route 3 since all the members live in the surrounding area of the beach. Once fully assembled the group surveyed the calm waters and near empty beach to start to plan the dive. After some catching up Rob Robison was kind enough to walk everyone through a dive plan as he is a regular diver of the beach. His recommendation was to take a heading of 60 degrees away from the shore and make a wide turn to return to the shore at a heading of 240 degrees and account for a slight current. After further discussion everyone returned to their cars and started to assemble their equipment and gear up. In three groups based on quickness to gear up and the necessity to get in the water to escape the heat in wetsuits, club members began their dives with Rob Robison acting as beach master for the day. Evan, Paul Morgan and Rob Foley were the first to hit the water and began their dive with a long surface swim. Chuck and Mike were second into the water and started their dive after a short surface swim. Adrienne, Paul Green and Doug were the last into the water and began their dive right away. Water temp was 46 degrees Fahrenheit at 15 feet and the visibility was 8 to 10 feet. The composition of the bottom is a variable layering of sand then rocky and kelpy areas as you make your way away from the beach. Snails and shellfish were plenty full in both the rocky and sandy areas of the beach. Large moon snails were assembling in open sandy areas likely to reproduce. Large rock and large green crabs were abundant in rocky areas with some small lobsters mixed in. Although most of the lobsters were small, Evan was able to snatch a pair of lobsters that were large enough to throw in his bag and bring home for dinner. After the dive some of the members stuck around for some food and beer at Sandy's restaurant right on the beach.

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SCUBA Diving and Snorkeling Treasure Hunt



Event Page!



Prizes from shops, clubs, manufacturers and more!

September 15th | 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Stage Fort Park- Half Moon Beach Gloucester, MA

\$10 for Treasure Hunt Participation
\$10 for Cookout (optional)

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All Divers and Diving Organizations Welcome!

www.baystatecouncil.org | Questions? Email info@baystatecouncil.org



Rules for the 2024 Treasure Hunt, 9/15/2024

Entrance fee is \$10 for one or both parts of the event, diving and/or snorkeling.

Diving Event:

Purpose: Individual SCUBA divers will dive in a controlled, supervised environment for submerged items. Raffle tickets given out in exchange for those items will afford participants a chance at some great raffle prizes.

The start time for the diving event is 9:15 AM; divers are expected to be at the edge of the water ready to be counted at that time. If a diver is not ready to get in the water at 9:30, he/she will be at a disadvantage.

There will be a limited number of special tokens in the water for specific top prizes. If you find one of the special tokens, you will want to come out of the water immediately to claim your prize.

Snorkel Event:

Purpose: Teams of snorkelers will dive for specific items. The team that retrieves the largest number of those items wins the event.

The start time for this event is 10:45 AM. This is a one hour event. Snorkel teams are expected to be ready to enter the water at that time. If a team is not ready at 11:00, that team will be at a disadvantage.

Maximum team size is 6 snorkelers.

The number of teams is not limited.

A Certificate will be awarded to the winning team.

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