



Soundings

August-September 2024

Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes

Upcoming Events

10/1/2024	General Meeting Zoom
10/8/2024	Board Meeting Zoom
10/6/2024	Club Dive
	Pumpkin Carving /Comp Dive
10/20/2024	Dive
11/5/2024	General Meeting Zoom
11/10/2024	Club Dive
11/12/2024	Board Meeting Zoom
11/24/2024	Club Dive
12/1/2024	Club Dive
12/3/2024	General Meeting Zoom
12/10/2024	Board Meeting Zoom
12/15/2024	Club Dive

Did you all miss the Easter Egg in the past couple months' newsletters? Go back and read past issues on the website to figure out what it was. Hint, it was on this page in the last issue and also in the Advertisements at the end.

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

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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

Lots of diving these past couple months and some fun events including the river run, pumpkin carving and some members organizing scallop charters in November and December. Call or Text the hotline to get information or let others know if you're going diving and looking for buddies.

Tropical fish are at Ft. Wetherill and our new member MaryAnn Dakkak snapped a couple photos. She has just started her journey into photographing the underwater world and seeing some cool stuff!

Rob Vice
Secretary

August General Meeting Summary

August 6

- **Old Business**

1. Duxbury Beach Outing - August 11 Rain Date
 - a. Chuck - Thanked Blackie to extend the permit for the rain date of Aug 11.
 - b. Blackie: We lucked out, normally there's 100-125 cars. There were only 30 there, it was really hot, the greenhead flies were biting.
 - c. Need help Sunday morning 9am and at the end of the day at 4pm.
 - d. Tickets are still available online or via cash/check.
 - e. Angelo looking for help Saturday at 10am at Roxies in Quincy
2. Audit - Alex
 - a. Rob Vice: Provided print copies for all those wishing to receive it and handed out to many of the members present prior to the start of the meeting.
 - b. Angelo, suggested going over the bullet points
 - c. Alex: Touching point on the accounting, everything is accounted for. Overall, it's our 3rd year of profit. If frugal, the dues can cover our expenses if we were to drop our fundraisers.
 - d. Motion to accept Audit with the amendment of asset list by Jay, seconded by Rob Robison. Motion Passed.

- **New Members**

- Sarah Goodman - Sponsor Adrienne Murphy
- Dan Clifford - Sponsor Chuck Zarba
- Felicia Belostecinic - Sponsor Adrienne Murphy

- **New Business**

- Night Dives in August
 - Aug 30, location not yet set.
- Club Dives Aug 18 and Aug 25
- Annual River Run - September 29 Started in 1974, high tide is 10:18 am
 - Make your own float with an award. Bring your own beverage to take down the river, ~2-3 hours. Wetsuit and fins are really all that's needed.
 - Billy will host Chowder again this year
- Bay State Council
 - 37th Annual Treasure Hunt Sept 15. 9am to 3pm at Stage Fort Park. \$10 to participate, \$10 for optional cookout

- **Motions**

- a. Motion to accept Audit with the amendment of asset list. PASSED
- b. The Secretary to mail a dues notice including late payment information, as agreed with the Treasurer, to members in arrears and drop Applicants to Prospects who have not applied within 2024. PASSED

September General Meeting Summary

September 3

- Moment of silence for the passing of life members Karen Correnti and Mike Trzinsky.
- **Old Business**
 3. Duxbury Beach Outing
 - a. \$7 profit from the outing.
 - b. Mary Ann Dakkak's son said this was the best event ever.
 - c. Amount of food was perfect and thanks to all the chefs.
 4. Bay State Council
 - a. 37th Annual Treasure Hunt on Sept 15: 9am to 3pm at Stage Fort Park.
 - b. Event is open for divers of all skills. Everyone has a chance to win prizes.
 - c. There will be a special meeting at the outing too, to elect officers and board members.
 5. Annual River Run - September 29, high tide is 10:18 am
 - a. Chowder at Bill Burchills, he'd like to get a count.
 6. Ragnar - Rob Foley
 - a. Regarding the check, they will not split it, but will send it out soon.
- **New Members**
 - Derek Manning - Sponsor Paul Greene
 - Kieren Manning - Corresponding Member - Sponsor Paul Greene
 - Jackie Rose - Sponsor Ken Hayes
 - Joshua Rose - Sponsor Ken Hayes
- **New Business**
 - John Blackadar is donating a first-aid kit to the club. Some items need to be updated, please bring it to club events.
 - Speaker Night
 - Paul Adler talking about Decompressions on Tuesday, September 17th. Most likely Zoom Only.
 - Fundraising: Rob Foley
 - Mass Chamber of Commerce and Boston Chamber of Commerce for other fundraising possibilities. Also looking in Indeed for events. If anyone has ideas, please reach out to Rob Foley.
 - Ken Hayes: Ragnar Reach the Beach transitions available this Saturday in Wyndham, New Hampshire. Contact Jeanine if you're going to volunteer. Rob Robison will be with her. A minimum of four is needed for the other site. This is a bigger event.
 - Club Dives
 - September 8th meet at the clubhouse.
 - September 15th at the Annual Treasure Hunt
 - Club Jackets
 - Blackie is going to bring a list to see who wants them. They are about \$100. Good to look the same and professional.
 - Bonaire 2025: If you're interested in going, put your name down.
 - Wayne Sullivan - Has a 110 ft yacht and gives Blackie and Paul Adler an invite up to 10 people to go down. Had a good time on Saturday.

Dive Reports

From the August general meeting:

1. Rob Robison has a crew of divers that dive at 5pm on Fridays.
2. Chuck dove with Doug today to do a job in Squantum to measure Zinc with visibility of 4 inches. Water was warm. Jay Theriault was helping by providing a camera and slate.
3. Rick Hovey - Sunday Aug 4 and linked up with some free divers at Foley Cove and acted as a lobster spotter. Then met Ken at Lanes Cove, but didn't jump in and acted as shore support. Jessie was snorkeling too.
4. Rob Robison - Plymouth Beach and Alisa Daniels, Mike Whiteside. Saw interesting fish. A Grubby and anemones that haven't been around. Also dove at Pebble Beach and brought in 8 lobsters, four were between 2-4 lbs.
5. Bruce Lane - Last Thursday and Yesterday at Satans Ledge and another spot up in Marblehead. Limited both times at 15 each and got a half bag of lobsters another time. Salem is still cold 45ft is 45 F.
6. Club Dive - Loblolly Chuck caught 2 lobsters. Ken, Adrienne, Evan Bodell, Paul Greene.
7. Alex - Paul Greene, Todd and Rob Vice were diving off his boat. Saw a lobster in a large cave and jammed his hand in and the lobster clamped the tip of his finger and got it at 3.91 lb.

From the September general meeting:

1. Will Tinney, Rachel, Paul got their 3rd dive in. 20ft for over an hour. Lots of egger lobsters. Easy dive.
 2. Chuck - Doug, Sokol and Chuck did an underwater cleanup at Pleasure Bay
 3. Rob Robison - Sunday off Plymouth Beach with 10-15 ft of viz down for an hour. Saw a flat clawed hermit crab and a pipefish. See more on his Facebook.
 4. Bruce Lane - Dove last Tuesday and Thursday on Satans again. They went for scallops and got two gallons between three divers. Today dove Egg Rock, his brother got 8 lobsters and Bruce got 9 lobsters.
 5. Sokol Prifti - Dove last week Tuesday at 40 steps with two dives. Foggy in the morning, but the water was calm. Visibility was pretty good and others murky by white algae. 1 hour dive, saw horseshoe crabs, lobsters, starfish and a lot of fish. Huge tautog. Visibility was up to 10-15 ft. Saw a huge female lobster with rubber bands around the claws. Caught 4 lobsters, one was close to 4lb. Recorded a video and posted on YouTube
 6. Rick Hovey dove with Calvin Stephenson and Evan Bodell at Canoe Beach, Nahant
 7. Matt Ramos and Terry went to Las Rocas in Roatan, Honduras. Stayed at Cocoa View. Second largest reef in the world. Took a photo class with Micky and has a book which is the bible for diving there. 95% of what is in the book you will see there. Ken wants Matt to organize a trip there. Two tanks. Happy hour 3-6.
 8. Bill Gallagher, Chuck Zarba went with Dave Robinson up to Cornel Point to see the remnants of a shipwreck. Took over 72 hours for the photogrammetry. It generated 44 million points out of 800 photos and showed part of the wreck that is there. Showed up the next day, and took additional photos and is being processed now. Met at the Essex Shipbuilding museum, which was established in the 1600s.
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July 20, 2024 PADI Women's Dive Day - Gunrock Beach, Hull

Story and Photos by MaryAnn Dakkak



Adrienne Murphy and MaryAnn Dakkak joined the PADI women's dive day hosted by Divers Market at Plymouth Beach! It was MaryAnn's first cold water dive and she loved it! Many snails, starfish, crabs, and a giant lobster were seen. MaryAnn promises to bring her camera underwater next time!

August 25, 2024 Evening Dive in Hull

65 minutes, 6-10 ft vis

Story by MaryAnn Dakkak



Doug Eaton, Chuck Zarba, Rick Hovey, Ken Hayes, Jason Tauches & MaryAnn Dakkak met up at the old club house lot and decided to head north for an easy shore entry. Perfect conditions with calm waters, sunny day, with a decent 2-3 m visibility. First dive was about 65 min with Doug, Chuck, Rick and Ken going for a second dive. There will be plenty of lobster dinners this week with Doug, Chuck, Rick and Ken getting 2-4 each! Even Jason grabbed his first lobster! (Too bad she had to go back, but with plenty of eggs for lobstering in a few years!) MaryAnn figured out how to use her camera better and got some great shots of life under the sea! She doesn't want to touch any lobsters but is happy to be the group photographer.

September 13, 2024 Club Dive - Halfway Rock

51 °F, 75 ft max depth

Story by Matt Meyer



I met up with fellow Neptune, Jeff Smith, in Norwell at a mutual friend's house to load up his boat. With a boat full of gear and four divers, we launched out of Scituate and motored to halfway rock in Marblehead. After two successful dives with depths of 75' and 51F, we left with 56 lobsters between 4 divers. Great day out on the water.

September 14, 2024 - Fort Wetherill

Story and Photos by MaryAnn Dakkak



Sarah Goodman, MaryAnn Dakkak and Jason Tauches swam two dives, both coves, at Fort Wetherill. They started with the eastern cove where they found flounder, starfish and two lost tropicals brought by the Gulf Stream: a butterfly fish and an indigo hamlet fish



The visibility was fairly poor, just 3-6 ft, worse the deeper they got. They walked over to the western cove for their next dive and found some echinoderms (urchins) and more indigo hamlet fish. All in all a great dive day!



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Friday, November 8, 2024
7-9 PM

Tickets on sale after September 15
All proceeds to benefit the Cedar Hill Retreat Center

Tickets: \$25



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Book sale & signing by speaker
to follow program

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