

# Soundings Newsletter



## DATES AT-A-GLANCE

Jan 8: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm

Jan 15: SSN Board Meeting 7pm

Jan 22: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm **ANNUAL PLANNING MTG**

Dec 2 & 16: Club Dives, meet at the clubhouse at 8 am

Jan 26: **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**, Common Market

Feb 27; Bay State Council of Divers meeting 7:30pm

## President's Message

Another year is upon us. With a new leadership team, we are looking forward to a dive-filled year with lots of memorable experiences for the history books. I am excited and nervous to again be the president of the club. It has been 10 years since my last term and while some things have changed, many remain the same. We have our core values and principles that have survived our 50+ years as a club. We also have new technology and the Millennium generation coming up through the ranks. I plan to lead from our strengths and broaden our understanding of what it means to be a club in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Many clubs are experiencing what we are. Other clubs are going through shrinking pains (whether it be diving, astronomy, chess...). What we do know is that there are plenty of new divers being certified. What we don't know is what they are looking for from a club like ours. That's my mission, to discover their motivation. And with your help, I can.

Join us at the meetings to plan for 2013 and to keep your finger on the pulse of what makes scuba divers tick.

## ITS BANQUET TIME

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual awards banquet at the Common Market in Quincy on January 26. Ticket prices are holding firm at \$30 pp. Mark this date on your calendar and plan now to attend. We will be holding a special raffle with prizes from Joe's lottery collection [Celtics plaque, Red Sox jacket, Celtics, hooded sweatshirt, Celtics basketball, among others.] Tickets are \$2 a piece or 3 for \$5. These raffle tickets can be bought between now and the Banquet.

## **ELECTION NIGHT SUMMARY**

The Neptunes turned out in full force for the election night tradition. Angelo cooked a fine spread, which was enjoyed by all before we got down to business.

Mass Bay Divers President Mike spoke of the current state & future of his club.

Joe McAndrews reminds us to save your losing lottery tickets (or pick them up off the street as I do) so that he can turn them in for second chance prizes. He generously donates these back to the club for our raffles.

Dick Gullickson mentioned that a leatherback turtle had gotten tangled in his line. The environmental police visited him to return his two pots (the turtle was not harmed). They also reminded him that there can be no knots in the line (only clean splices, and no knots in the buoy line to the pots).

The spear fishing legislation is under advisement. The line-fishermen have a strong lobby and are not supportive of spear fishing for striped bass. For those spear-fishing divers out there, you will need to rally the troops if it is to pass. The Council of Free Divers is the one most likely to spear head this cause.

And the moment you have been waiting for...

Election results

President Jeannine Willis

Vice President Doug Eaton

Secretary Theresa Hayes

Treasurer Theresa Czerepica

Board Members: John Blackadar, Jim Burgess, Tom Guild, Ken Hayes, Joe McAndrew, Deb Osborn, John Pell, Jay Theriault, Carl Yngve. [alternates are Tommy Lo, Rich Bowers, Paul Sebra]

## **Who's Been Diving?**

Doug reported that the last club dive was blown out due to weather. They did go there with the expectation of diving. They got there and realized that if they expected to live another day (in order to dive), they might want to call it a day and be safe.

## **Joe McAndrew has a friend who is making wind chimes from steel tanks.**

If you have one that didn't pass inspection, let Joe know. The friend is paying \$5 per tank, which is more than we could get for scrap metal.

## **MOVIE NIGHT at the Hingham Shipyard:**

The next Movie Night is January 29. Be sure to stay tuned for the details.

I've did sneak out with Jon on December 11 to see **SKYFALL**. Seems that the current actor for James Bond is already looking forward to the end of his contract with the brand.

**DON'T MISS**

Annual Planning meeting on January 22.  
Awards Banquet on January 26.  
BSC meeting February 27

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN A DIVE VACATION**

John Blackadar is planning our 2013 Bonaire Dive Vacation, perfect for the divers, snorkelers & land lovers. Save Your \$\$.

**CALLING ALL PHOTOS**

In the age of digital, there are memories that are on your memory chip. Guess what, we can't see what's on your chip. Share the love. Print out your favourite club photos (compromising or not) and bring them to the club. The printed medium won't go away or be obsolete in 2-3 years time.

**TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

Join Jeannine and Jon for the Fourth Tuesday Night at the Movies. Each free Tuesday (fourth or fifth), Jeannine picks a movie to see at the Hingham Shipyard Patriot Cinemas. Movies are only \$5 all day on Tuesday! If you'd like to receive email notification of the movie night, email Jeannine at [jeannine@gianninamia.com](mailto:jeannine@gianninamia.com)

**TANKS FOR CASH**

*When you're taking down those Christmas lights, be sure to bring the broken strands to us for scrap.* Keep bringing in that metal! Let's keep up the good work. Bring down to the clubhouse your old tanks, weights or anything that contains metal. We can make some good \$\$ for the club, but only with your help!!

