

Neptunes Sounding Newsletter

Spring has sprung, sort of...

Upcoming Events

3/29 Movie Night Out

4/5 7pm General Membership
Mtg

4/10 Club Dive, meet at 9am

4/12 7pm Board Meeting

4/19 General Membership
Meeting GUEST SPEAKER

4/24 Club Dive, meet at 9am

4/26 Movie Night Out

Doug Eaton as President

Mike Vaughan as VP

Jeannine Willis as Secretary

Theresa Czerepica as Treasurer.

Board: Todd Alger, John
Blackadar, Ken & Teri Hayes, Jay
Therault, Rob Vice, Deb Osborn,
Joe McAndrew, Tom Guild

Alternates: Tommy Lo, Rob
Robison, Rob Christianson, Carl
Yngve.

It seems to happen every year. And I know that I should get used to it. It's the month of March. It comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. And we have all those springlike days scattered around. I launder my winter jacket, enjoy the crocuses, budding tulips and daffodils and the cheerful song of the birds. I resist the urge to take the ice scraper out of my car and I'm still wearing my boots. Then, BOOM, we get more snow and cold temperatures. It's March. This is what happens in March. I should be used to it...

At least our knives are sharpened as we ready for a full diving season. Thank you to Roy Chamberlain who came down to the clubhouse as our guest speaker to remind us how to sharpen our knives and tools. Peter N had some great questions. Deb O brought a nifty sharpening device that impressed many of us and made the rounds for those determined souls to get an edge back on their blades. Lots of metal filings were left behind as they sharpened, whittled and polished their blades. I was brave enough this year to ask Roy to watch my technique as I was never quite sure if I had it right. He did give me a pointer and I feel more confident to sharpen all the knives in my drawer, and then some. And it was not lost on some of us that we were sharpening our knives on the Ides of March!

Our next guest speaker, Peter S from Cashes Ledge, will be speaking to us on Tuesday April 19. As you may remember from prior emails, Cashes Ledge has been off limits to commercial fishing for some time now to help it bounce back from its woeful state. The flora and fauna have come back with amazing results and some would like to see it remain protected. It now has a kelp forest to rival that of the west coast. Commercial dragging would wipe all that away. They have created a Facebook page: Protect New England's Ocean Treasures. This has loads more information.

Our President has requested that members share their best dive stories with the club. Please send us a narrative of your best dive story and our crack editors will help craft it into an award winning story!

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CLUB DIVES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Here's a list of all the events we have planned for 2016

May Club dives: 8th, 22nd with the possibility of a charter dive on the 29th

Clubhouse clean up on the 14th

Right Whale Festival May 1

Fish Count Class 5/17 & 6/14

June club dives: 5th, 17th night dive & 19th

World Ocean Day June 5

July dives: 3rd, 29-night, 31st

Fish Count is July 23rd

DUXBURY BEACH OUTING 8/7

August dives: 12-night, 14th, 18th

Sept dives: 4th, 9th-night, 18th

Oct dives: 16th, 23rd river run

WELCOME! Charles Perretti and Garrett Kane are the newest members of our club. They have done a few dives with us in the past and we're looking forward to their contributions to the club. Garrett hails from East Bridgewater with 4+ years of diving experience, most are in fresh water. He likes to collect bottles from Moose head lake in Maine. Garrett and divers like Chris Hugo have created a group; Moose Head Lake Divers.

Doug and Amanda went to Gunrock several weeks ago for some easy diving. Amanda must have pissed off a diving God or goddess because her mask leaked the entire time, ruining her dive. Doug did manage to make a dive of it and the conditions were good, even for New England.

Doug and Matt Meyers are coordinating with North Atlantic dive charter for a trip to Stellwagen bank. They'd like for us to talk it up and generate interest. We also need to determine how many divers does the boat hold. Date TBD. They are targeting August.

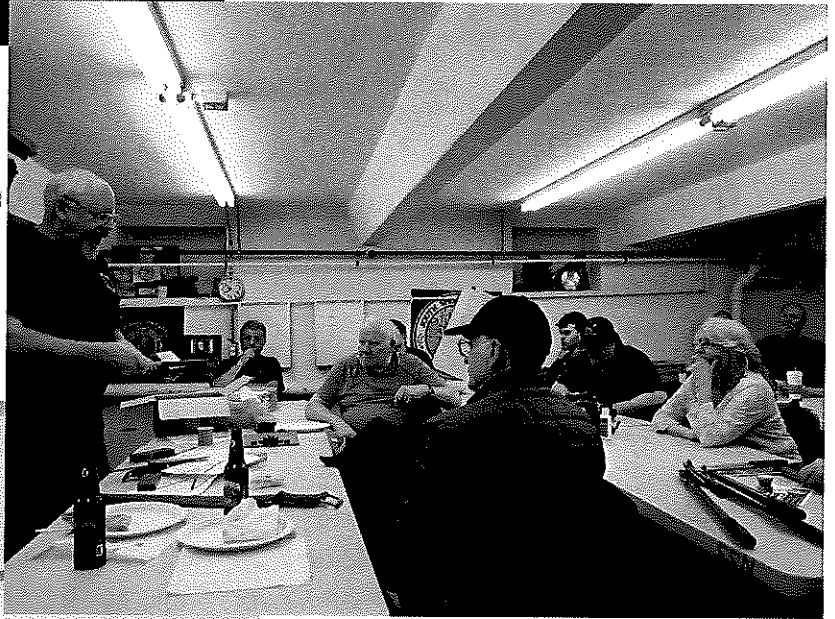
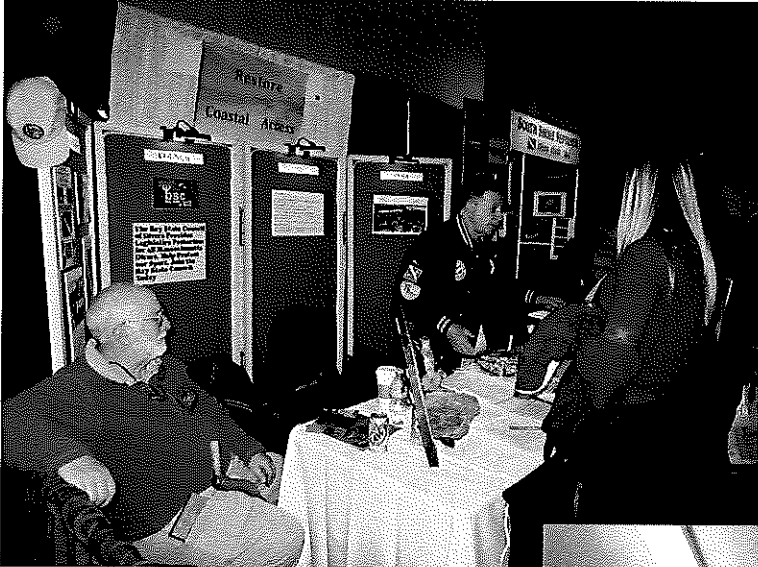
We will be doing a Scallop charter dive the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. Mike and Jeannine have committed so far. We Need four more members.

South Florida held their first underwater Rugby tournament in February. A whopping 10 teams showed up! Quincy placed third. NJ took the top two spots. They were all male teams and Quincy was coed. Quincy did well against the stronger teams. Some of the Quincy players stayed longer and made a vacation of it. Weather was in the fifties and the wind was blowing. The pool was outdoors and heated but getting in and out was brutal! All agreed that a tournament in February is better in Florida than in Quincy or Toronto/Brandtford.

The Great Barrier Reef is Dying

The Huffington Post reported the WWF of Australia is raising the alarm about wide swaths of coral bleaching because of warming ocean temperatures. Some temperatures have been recorded at 90+ degrees in February and the coral cannot withstand that temperature for long periods of time. The hot water stays on top of the reef, cooking the coral. Here's the link to the full story: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/great-barrier-reef-coral-bleaching_us_56efab0ce4b084c67220b6d2

The Huffington Post is a great resource for many undersea stories. Recently treasures were discovered within the wreckage of a 500 year old ship from the fleet of Vasco da Gama was discovered off of the coast of Oman. National geographic said it was the oldest shipwreck found from the European Golden Age of Exploration. This ship was originally discovered in 1998 and the treasures are now being uncovered. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/vasco-da-gama-shipwreck-off-coast-of-oman_us_56e8479be4b0b25c91837175





Rob Robison added a new photo to **South Shore Neptunes's** timeline — at [Beavertail State Park](#).

February 21 at 8:25pm · Jamestown, RI · 🌍

Today, Sunday 2/21/2016, we intended a club dive at Beavertail State Park but were forced to relocate to neighboring Ft. Weatherill State Park due to unsuitable water conditions: BIG rollers! Participants were: (Back row L - R) Doug Eateon, Mike Vaughan, Doug Meyer; Middle Row: Rob Vince, Amanda Eaton, Garrett ??; Front row: Peter Ninh, Ken Hayes, Matt Meyer; photo by Rob Robison. All dove at Ft Wetherill save for Mike Vaughan, recovering from an eye injury, and Rob Robison whose brand new drysuit zipper separated from the suit fabric causing an instant flood as he was donning his fins. Bummer! All was not lost. Rob brought a portable grill and some 'dogs and roasted them for all in attendance. It was wonderful day despite the few anomalies. Vis.: 2' - 3'; water temp: 39°; skies partly sunny, partly light gray overcast. Joy to the world! Dive into it, guys and gals!