



Neptunes Sounding Newsletter

May or “May”be Not!

Upcoming Events

- 5/31 Movie Night Out
- 5/3 7pm General Membership Mtg
- 5/10 7pm Board Meeting
- 5/14 Clubhouse Clean Up 8am
- 5/17 General Membership Meeting FISH COUNT TRAINING
- 5/22 Club Dive, meet at 8am
- 5/25 7:30pm BSC Meeting
- 5/29 Charter Boat Dive
- Doug Eaton as President
TBD as VP
- Jeannine Willis as Secretary
- Theresa Czerepica as Treasurer.
- Board: Todd Alger, John Blackadar, Ken & Teri Hayes, Jay Theriault, Rob Vice, Deb Osborn, Joe McAndrew, Tom Guild
- Alternates: Tommy Lo, Rob Robison, Rob Christianson, Carl Yngve.

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We started May colder than we started last December... We also started May with our average rainfall 1" below normal. I am happy to report that we are all caught up on our rainfall and that the temperatures are on the rise. We are looking at a couple of weeks of beautiful May weather. Mother Nature continues to surprise us and keep us guessing as to whether or not the weather will be normal for this time of the year. She's not predictable and we shouldn't worry our pretty little heads about rain, cold, fog, snow, wind... Let's stay focused on things that really matter to us and that we actually have some control over! What matters to you? What are you focused on? Where do you find joy?

I know that I've mentioned it before... I am grateful to have this club full of members so passionate about many things; diving, access to beaches, members well being. Let's focus our attention on these things and we may just become unstoppable!

Our Vice President Mike Vaughan has stepped down from this position. We will be replacing him in accordance with the club rules. Nominations will be held the first Tuesday June 7th and elections will be June 21st..

Our April guest speaker, Peter Shelly from Cashes Ledge, had a family emergency and was not able to make it to the club. Peter has been rescheduled for June 21st.

We would like to thank all those life members who responded to John Blackadar's recent letter. We truly appreciate your generosity! We realize that Life Members have given 20 years of service to the club before reaching that status of Life Member and we acknowledge that they are going above and beyond.

Todd Alger is organizing a pig roast on July 16 at the Irish Cultural Center in Canton. The pig roast is a fund raiser for the club. All are invited. We will be reaching out to the others dive clubs to come join us.

<http://www.southshoreneptunes.org/roast.html>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CLUB DIVES

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

Fish Count Class 5/17 & 6/14

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

World Ocean Day June 5

July 16 PIG ROAST

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

Fish Count is July 23rd

DUXBURY Beach Outing 8/7

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

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

Oct dives: 16, 23rd river run

Nov dives: 13th, 27th

Dec dives: 4th, 11th

ELECTION NIGHT 12/20

Doug M reported that a 61 year old male diver using a rebreather went down on the Chester Poling. He was found unresponsive on the deck. The diver was brought back up to the boat. The diver was pronounced dead. The diver was very experienced with his rebreather unit and with diving.

Doug and Matt Meyers are taking an advanced nitrogen oxygen course as well decompression procedures with Cape Ann divers. They were the only two divers on the boat. Their course included two classroom sessions and 6 open water dives.

Teri went snorkeling in St Thomas. Stayed at Point Pleasant. She went out around 6:30am and was In the water for two+ hours. Her snorkeling was filled with spotted eagle rays, puffer fish, lots of juvenile fish and fan coral. She also went over to St. John to check out the national park. She got in for free.

Rob Robison did a quarry dive in Columbus OH. The temperature difference between the two sides was enormous. He didn't spot the two large catfish that usually hide out in the winter. He did see the smaller changes that happen in the seasons. Like the grass is a bright green as its coming out of dormancy.

John Dimasi was diving up in the Fells at the reservoir. He was glad for hot water suits and making friends with the Canada geese.

Garrett and friends went out on his dad's boat for a scallop dive. The first dive was good. The second dive, the weather turned and Garrett was getting sea sick. Mike and Peter did manage make the second dive.

April 17, Todd, Doug, Garrett, Rob V, Amanda made the pilgrimage to Magnolia rocks. There 25' visibility. The rollers made the entry and exit a bit tricky.. Someone had shucked scallops on the beach previously. Not sure where they came from. [George Finn suggested sending a letter to the owner whose property divers are crossing over to get to the rocks. The path to the ocean is much easier than using the public access Todd suggested that we work to make the public access easier.]

We will be doing a Scallop charter dive the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. Mike, Rob, Doug, Matt and Jeannine have committed so far. We Need one more member.

New Jersey Hammerhead underwater rugby team hosted a tournament and Quincy placed second. Next tournament is May 21 in Montreal.

Diving Ft. Wetherill Sunday, April 17, 2016

Story by Rob Robison, Photos by Rob, Peter Ninh, & Garrett Kane

Since my last sojourn to Ft. Wetherill, when my new dry suit zipper delaminated, I've been to the Yucatan and Cozumel to dive the warm 79-82°F waters of the Caribbean (article and photos

forthcoming). My last dip in the hydrosphere was March 5, so it was with eager anticipation I met up with Neptunes Peter Ninh and Garrett Kane to try out my newly repaired zipper with a plunge into the sound fronting Ft Wetherill. It was a clear, warm sunny day with little to no apparent wind after 2 to 3 days of solid 20-35 knot pounding north/northeasterlies. Peter was psyched and had brought his spear gun, Garrett his GoPro, and I my iPhone and new portable Coleman Trim Line two-burner gas grill for some post-dive grill dogs! 😊 Other divers were nearly suited up by the time we got going a little after 1, including a Japanese diver who had come in search of spearfishing trophies for the eventual consumption of his delightful two children and wife.



Rob grilling 'dogs.



Garrett Kane (L) and Peter Ninh suiting up.

We suited up, walked down the ramp, and walked into the water to don fins and swim out. My zipper held, gloves didn't leak, and all was fine with the world save for a small drip from my neck seal where I hadn't flattened out the latex seal properly. Not to worry. The water was a balmy 44 - 45°, which sounds terribly cold until you juxtapose it to the 38-39° temps we suffered through in January and February! Vis was a cloudy 5 - 7' and there was a very mild current, as the tide flowed out in search of its nadir. Peter headed us straight for the rock outcropping just beyond the cove entrance where we dropped down and immediately found ourselves churning in the surge surrounding the the rock. With Peter in the lead we finned around the rock base to the ocean side seeing nothing but a few feisty spider crabs and lots of surging seaweed and kelp.

On the way back, Peter and I miscommunicated and became separated. In such an event we planned to surface and regroup, which we and Garrett executed to perfection. Garrett took advantage of the incoming tide and swam back on the surface while Peter and I headed back down and kicked in under water, where we encountered two large horseshoe crabs moving slowly across the sandy bottom in about 15-20' of water.

Back on dry land, we stowed our gear and I fired up my portable gas stove to grill some hot dogs, which we shared with the kids of the Japanese family parked next to us. What a great way to end the dive day! Dive time: 48 - 49', max depth 40', 44-45° (Peter found a warm spot at 46°), 5' - 7' vis. Folks, the time is ripe for getting wet before the crowds and traffic return to the water. Dive into it, everyone. The water is definitely wet and wild!

PIG ROAST

The South Shore Neptunes Dive Club Cordially invites you to attend our 2016 Pig Roast

When, Where and Cost;

Saturday July 16, 2016

Cocktail hour 5 – 6 (Cash Bar) Dinner 6 – 7 times are approximate

Irish Cultural Center in Canton MA

cost is \$25 per ticket

Who is invited

The party is for all members of the dive community including their family and friends. Feel free to invite people who you feel would enjoy the party.

Theme

The party will have a Caribbean / Dive / Beach theme. Plan on hearing music you would expect to hear on a Dive vacation. Wear your best post dive apparel.

Why

To have FUN!! The Neptunes are hosting the party as an opportunity for the Dive community to get together and party and have fun, right smack in the middle of our dive season.

Menu

Cheese board, Roasted Pig, Grilled Lemon Pesto Chicken, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, hot dogs, Fire Roasted Vegetables over Mixed Green Salad, Rice Pilaf, Pasta Salad and Dessert

Cost and Payment

Now that you have decided to attend our party, you can securely purchase a ticket online following this link. The cost of the party is \$25 per ticket.

Cash Bar

All food is included in ticket purchase

NOTE that there are a limited number of tickets to be purchased due to the limitations of the venue. Please purchase your tickets as early as possible. Once we reach our limit, the ticketing will be shut off and no more tickets will be available.