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## *Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes*

### Calendar 2019

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4/2 General Meeting  
 4/9 Board Meeting  
 4/13 Metro West/North Shore  
 Frogmen's Beach Cleanup & Dive  
 8AM Service Center (Burger King  
 service stop)  
 4/14 Club Dive 9AM  
 4/16 Diving the Philippines by Rob  
 Robison; newsletter assembly  
 4/28 Club Dive 9AM  
 5/4 Clubhouse Cleanup  
 5/5 Club Dive 9AM  
 5/7 General Meeting  
 5/14 Board Meeting  
 5/18 Dinner Night Out, Bay Pointe  
 Restaurant, 5PM  
 5/19 Club Dive 9AM  
 5/21 Program: Jack Chapin, Mass  
 Environmental Police, Mass fishing  
 regulations update  
 6/1 Saturday Club Dive 9AM  
 6/4 General Meeting  
 6/8 U-Boat dive block Island/Pt  
 Judith, contact Todd A  
 6/11 Board Meeting  
 6/16 Club Dive 9AM  
 6/18 Program TBA; newsletter  
 assembly  
 7/2 Club Meeting  
 7/9 Board Meeting  
 7/16 Program TBA  
 7/27 President's Party @ Irish Cultural  
 Center. Details TBA

- ### ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & REMINDERS
- Dues are due! Please bring cash or send a \$35.00 check, payable to the South Shore Neptunes
  - **Tim Burke**, life member of the Neptunes, was **elected** by the Underwater Society of America, the governing body of underwater sports in the USA, to the position of **National Director of Underwater Rugby** for a two year term.
  - **Saturday, May 18, 5PM, Dinner Night Out, Bay Point Restaurant**, Bay Pointe Restaurant 64 Washington Court, Quincy MA. (617)-472-3200
  - **Saturday Sept 7 Shark Dive** on the **Snappa'**, ([SnappaCharters.com](http://SnappaCharters.com)) Boat Location Address: 33 State Street Narragansett, RI 02882. **\$100 deposit to Ken Hayes immediately** reserves spot and obligates your total financial participation. **DEADLINE April 30**. Cost \$200-\$225. Balance due BEFORE trip departs. Contact Ken for details :617-462-3920 or email <[kenhayesedl@gmail.com](mailto:kenhayesedl@gmail.com)>
  - **Spring 2020 Bonaire Club Dive Trip**: Blackie announced members should save their \$ because he's planning a club dive trip to Bonaire. Details will be spread upon the club at a later date.

### MARCH/APRIL CLUB ACTIVITIES & DIVES

**Saturday, March 30.** *Story by Doug Eaton, photo by Chuck Z.* Chuck Zarba and I went diving on the Back River Saturday at 7:30 a.m. The tide was perfect, high slack for 45 min. Water temp 48°, depth 25', vis 15'. The weather was perfect. We found my lights that I lost last December (*Ed.Note*: Minor miracle!) in the dock area and some bottles. Chuck came up with some bottles, also, from the middle of the river. We ended the day at Emma's Café



LR: Chuck Zarba & Doug Eaton

in Quincy, where we met Tommy Lo.

**Morton's Pond, Plymouth, 3/30.** *Story & photos by Rob.* I met up with Brian Smith, a local dive buddy in the Plymouth area, who has been recuperating from Lyme disease, frostbite, and a hernia operation since last August, and obviously has not gotten wet in that time frame. So you can imagine his joy to suit up once again, despite the tame dive location, in preparation for his return to the hydrosphere with yours truly or any other dive buddy, for that matter.



The pond had been stocked with trout, recently, and on either side of the small beach and swim area the banks were well-populated with expectant anglers. The weather was perfectly clear and sunshiny with air temps rising from the early morning 30s into the 60s over the course of the day. We took the path of least resistance and headed straight in. The water was clear in shallow, but as we dropped down to a max depth of 22,' it quickly deteriorated to about 10 murky feet and enveloped us in its 41°-42° embrace. Not a creature was stirring, not even a trout. If I understood fish logic, as explained by one of the fishermen in post-dive conversation, the trout had headed for the deeper dark recesses of the pond. Apparently, they



pond very much unless the skies are cloudy. Something about seeing their shadows or being seen more easily by predators or both.

After shucking our dive gear and our cars, Brian and I headed north to a new Blueberry Muffin Cafe, situated near Cranberry Crossing, for breakfast, being able to dive once again, revisited the dive, and BS'd about life and future dives to come.



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The water is warming and so is the weather. Let's get wet folks! Neither of us can wait to dive back into it, either.

**Sunday, March 31 at the Summer Street bridge, South Boston.** Rob Vice and Todd Alger scouted the area around the Summer Street bridge, which is also near the North Channel in Boston Harbor, but did not return enthused about what they had seen or found underwater. Photos from their dive experience can be found on the club FaceBook Page and were taken by Todd Alger. Water temp was 39°F, with Rob reaching a depth of 15' and Todd a little over 20.'

As an added bonus, Todd Alger's more in depth article, complete with photos, just appeared in my Inbox:

This dive started a few months ago at one of our club meetings. I was talking to Billy Burchill and he gave us quite a few places for off-season diving. To me, one of the more intriguing sites was the B. bridge. In February, Doug Eaton, Rob Vice, and I decided to dive in Boston and scout some sites before deciding on where to go in. We did a quick scout on the Morrissey Ave bridge as we drove by. It looked like a two-car situation with one car parked on one side of the bridge and the other car parked on the other side of the bridge, because it did not look like crossing the road would be a good idea and the current probably would not allow a there and back dive. We also scouted the Summer St bridge. We found a good parking area at the Fed Ex building, and there was a little public park nearby on the water as well. We looked at diving the bridge and found a couple of difficult entry points; however, it looked like there was a strong outgoing current by the bridge, and we did not feel comfortable with being able to get back to our starting point if we dove the bridge. So on that day we dove the South Boston Yacht Club.

The second to last weekend in March, Chuck Zarba and I decided to give the Morrissey Ave bridge a try. We parked on the northern side of the bridge and discovered we could walk through the archway from one side to the other, so we could park on the northern side and be able to get back to our vehicle no matter what the tide was doing. We also thought it looked interesting and would give it a shot. However, as we started getting ready, I realized my BC was still in my garage at home. Chuck said, "How about you show me the Summer St bridge and then we go to breakfast instead of diving?" So off we went to scout Summer St and then breakfast. We did a thorough scout of the entire park area this time. We found that if we went to the very end of the park along the fence there seemed to be a good entry area, and away from the bridge there did not look to be much if any current that far from the bridge. We thought we could do this dive at this point without tide being an issue. Then, it was off to where we enjoyed a nice breakfast with very good pancakes.



The last Sunday of March, I was finally able to dive the Summer St bridge area. I would actually define it as the North Channel of Boston Harbor where we dove. My partner was Rob Vice. When we got there, we noticed a huge party had ensued, probably the night before, Saturday. There were many boxes of Bud Light and Twisted Tea with their empty cans and bottles all over the place. It was windy but warm and overcast with a forecast of rain later in the day. We first did the long carry of our rigs and weight harnesses to the entry

ramp we found on the beach and then went back to the parking lot to gear up in our dry suits. We were able to find a path to the water that was not too steep to climb down and the actual water entry was an easy walk in.

We began the dive and checked and found that there was little to no surface current and then we dropped down into about 10 feet of water that immediately sloped down to 15 feet. We swam straight out into the middle of the channel. However, we got separated from each other. Anytime one of us found an old can or bottle the bottom got very easily mucked up and everything behind us was a big cloud of dust, too. Rob got caught in the cloud and lost me, and he then surfaced to take his bearings. He decided

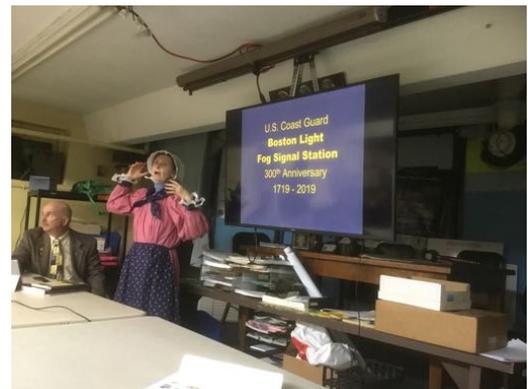


he'd have more luck under the floating boat docks, so he took a bearing on that and swam over there. Meanwhile, I just swam out to the middle and hunted around the mostly muddy bottom with a few rocks sprinkled around. After I got far enough away and cold enough, I turned around and swam back with nothing found worth putting in my bag. Rob had more luck under the docks. He found some tools and a fishing tackle box that contained lures and a fillet knife. All in all, I enjoyed our adventure into a new dive site where there is the potential of finding 400 year old artifacts. Bottom time: 30 min, Depth 20', Vis 5', Temp 39°F.

*Todd*

### Program: Boston Light

At the March 19 program meeting of the South Shore Neptunes, the Club enjoyed hosting the only female lighthouse keeper in the United States, Sally Snowman and her husband, Jay Thompson, both retired former college professors and history buffs, who keep Boston Light. Dressed in traditional garb for the turn of the



19th to the 20th Century, Sally regaled us for more than an hour stories about the fabled lighthouse out as a fog station, and reminded 300th anniversary of Boston Light. Sally and Jay! Also, a shout out to presence of mind to invite the team to share the story of such an



with nonstop photos and and its history, that it started us that this year marks the Thanks for a great evening, Tommy Lo who has the dynamic husband and wife important coastal light.

**IN MEMEORIAM**

We have just learned of the passing of former South Shore Neptune and boiler maker with Local 29, Boilermakers Union of Boston, **Kenneth L. McCarron, Sr.**, 79, of Derry, NH, after a brief illness , on January 30, 2019. For more information, go to: <<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/unionleader/obituary.aspx?n=kenneth-l-mccarron&pid=191438742&fhid=4704>>

*from DAVEY JONES LOCKER (a.k.a. the ARCHIVES)*

**December 4, 1962 Newsletter (of the South Shore Neptunes)**

December 4, 1962

The first meeting of the South Shore Neptunes in December was called to order by President Carter at 8:40P.M. at the Boston Harbor Marina.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.  
The Treasury balance was \$660.02

President carter gave a rundown on the club dive of Dec 2 at Little Pond, the points were based on bullet shells of different sizes and the point system according to each shell, the results  
1st place .....Al Trusas...Prize ...A Turkey....  
2nd place.....Woody Harris.....A Ham.....  
3rd place.....Jerry Kellog.....A Fruitcake....  
Art Mashey recieved a box of Tea as a consolation prize.....

A short review of the happenings of the annual Northeast Council Banquet were given, two of our members Al Trusas and Bob Trainor took ten place in the overall standings recieving Placks, also four other members recieved awards of achievement for participation in the council. ~~Mention by Bob Trainor that the pool at the present is showing a \$12 profit. Ed Hall suggested having a group of 25 members of the National Guard for training for good will on the pool nights, consideration is being given to this suggestion, it was also mentioned the John Baldi donated 2 sets of flippers and masks for the pool.~~

Motion by Ed Hall seconded by Nix Elgin that an honorary membership be extended to Dana Williams in the event he returns to Mass. The results of the annual spearfishing tournament were announced Al Trusas, first place, Dick Carter, second place, Dana Williams 3rd place. Motion by Trusas seconded by Elgin that next years contest run from Jan 1st to November 31st with one trphy be given for the largest lobster and one trophy for the largest fish with one entry fee for both. Same rules as applied in 1962 motion carried.....

Diver of the year standings were announced, 1st place Al Trusas, 2nd place Bob Trainor, 3rd place Dana Williams.

Nomination for 1963 officers were held also Board of Directors  
Pres...Robert Trainor (Trusas seconded by Elgin)  
Vice Pres...Bob Serene (Trusas seconded by Mashey)  
Treasury..Charles Gilliatt (unanimous)  
Secretary Steve Burg (Trainor seconded Ken Wall)  
all nominations be held opened until election night

Board of Directors

Richard Carter	Jerry Kellogg	Ken Walsh
Ed Hall	Bob Mack	Al Trusas
Art Mashey	Woody Harris	Nix Elgin

Nominated to the board of Directors  
Jerry Kellogg.....(Trainor seconded Ken Wall)  
Bob Mack.....(Trusas Bob Trainor)

Motion by Trusas seconded by elgin after discussion that the club join the Northeast Council and pay for all paid up members their fee into the council...Motion Passed.....

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.  
Coffee and doughnuts were served



## ***South Shore Neptunes Skin Divers Club***

**Cordially invites you to attend our**

# ***2019 President's Annual Summer Party***

***Date: Saturday, July 27, 2019***

***Time: 5:00 PM until closing***

*Cocktail hour 5 – 6 PM (Cash Bar); Buffet 6 – 7 PM, times approximate;  
Menu: steak tips, sausages, burgers, 'dogs, salad, water, and more!*

***Location: Irish Cultural Center***

*200 New Boston Drive, Canton, MA*

***Cost: \$18.00 per person*** *Includes cookout, games, prizes, and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased at club meetings or online by following our website link at:*

*<<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-south-shore-neptunes-annual-presidents-party-tickets-60228555230?aff=SSNWebsite>>*

***Who: South Shore Neptunes Dive Club and all members of the dive community, including family and friends.*** *We encourage you to invite anyone you feel would enjoy the party, whether part of the dive community or not. Check out our website for all the details using the QR code:*

