

Bay State Council of Divers
Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2010

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA

Attendees:

Paul	Adler	East Coast Divers
John	Blackadar	SSN / BSC Board Member
Al	Bozza	NEADC / BSC VP
Jim	Brady	OCA
Roy	Chamberlain	SSN
Shawn	Cormier	NEADC
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Andrew	Jay	Mass Oyster
Matthew	Lawrence	SBNMS
Kim	Malkoski	Boston Sea Rovers
Vin	Malkoski	MA DMF / Boston Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State College
Victor	Mastone	MBUAR
Peter	Ninh	MBD
Michael	Prange	NEADC / BSC webmaster
Paul	Sauvageau	NSF
Michael	Vaughan	MBD

Clubs and organizations represented include:

Boston Sea Rovers
East Coast Divers
Mass Bay Divers (MBD)
Mass Oyster
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fishers (MA DMF)
New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEADC)
North Shore Frogmen (NSF)
Old Colony Amphibians (OCA)
Salem State College
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS)

Mass Oyster – nonprofit 901.3C

Andrew Jay came for Mat Brevard (mathew.brevard@gmail.com) to speak to the Bay State Council members about their project, Mass Oyster (www.massoyster.org). Their purpose is to restore oyster reefs to their previous habitat now that the Boston Harbor and surrounding water is cleaner and may be able to sustain oyster beds. This would not be for harvest as the conditions are still much too polluted. But if the oyster beds can be restored, it would help with cleanup of the harbor areas, as oysters filter 30 gallons of water a day. Studies suggest that this could result in triple the number of fish currently living in the areas of interest. They have seeded oysters in an area near the Constitution wharf, considered a good area since there is a lot of policing there (to keep people from harvesting), and a lot of people pass through and ask what they are doing. They have been seeding now for a couple of years.

Rich Bradshaw is their chief scientist. The group is now beginning to gather some temperature and salinity data.

The group is interested in receiving input, and suggestions for areas that would be appropriate to try introducing the oysters.

Bay State Council Treasure Hunt

The Bay State Council dive event is coming up on September 26th.

***Mary**, check on Steve Marshall's email. He says he isn't getting my emails. (confirmed 6/4)

Treasure Hunt flyers: email a copy to the clubs, and ask them to distribute to the dive shops.

***Mary**, email Al Bozza the list of everyone here tonight. (done 5/20)

Advertising: ***The following will contact the listed shops** and ask to have the BSC Treasure Hunt poster posted

Jim Brady – Giant Stride, Calypso

Shawn Cormier – South Shore Divers

Ted Maney – Undersea Divers, Central Mass

Roy Chamberlain – North Atlantic Scuba (Marshfield)

Vin Malkoski – Divers Market, Buzzard's Bay

Paul Adler – United Divers and EC divers

Al Bozza - Mass Diving, Northeast Scuba, Brownstone Quarry

Ask Jodie from the Cape Dive Club to contact the two shops on the Cape

Andy's Sport Shop, Fitchburg

Inland Divers

Dive shop in Pittsfield

Prizes

Want to get to the dive gear manufacturers

***John** will contact Scuba-Pro & DAN

***Mary** – contact Faith of DUI (initial email sent to Faith Ortins on 6/4/10)

***Paul Adler** – Aqualung

Dive Flag POSTERS

AI has brought laminated posters which were handed out tonight for distribution. Please let AI know the locations where you have been able to put up posters.

Membership

We are asking dive clubs to find out which of their members have paid BSC membership dues, and then forward their lists to Vin Malkoski for compilation into a master BSC membership list.

Mary, get a list of North Shore Frogmen who have paid BSC dues for this list

Great Annual FISH COUNT – Saturday, July 24

***AI** will email pdf of GAFC poster to people at the meeting tonight.

The picnic will be at Stage Fort Park, 11:30 - 2

Dives are usually done in the morning.

Raffles prizes are distributed at 2PM.

Clubs should put this information into their newsletters

Tropical Fish Rescue – Sunday, August 29

***AI** will email pdf of Tropical Fish Rescue and Barbeque poster.

Clubs should put this information into their newsletters

Artificial Reef Project: Surveys at the Pinthas

We are hoping to be able to do some camera surveys of the area around the Pinthas this summer.

Rich Bowers has information on diving for the 80th anniversary of the sinking of the Pinthas.

Other

Ted Maney noted that next Monday and Tuesday, the Smithsonian would be having a meeting titled: Revolution of Science through Scuba, and he was invited to attend. It will be webcasted.

Salem Sound Coastwatch has an Adopt a Beach program. The purpose is for monitoring a beach, including cleanup and monitoring water quality, invasive species, storm events, beach erosion, etc.

If clubs are interested, they can pick a beach. Ted Maney is willing to visit clubs to do training.

Barbara Warren is Director, Victor Mastone is Treasurer.

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary is currently recruiting for diving seats on their board. The application for the position is on their website, deadline is in the beginning of June. There is a link to BSC website. Current holders of these seats are Heather Knowles and Robert (Bob) Foster; their terms are over for now. They meet 3 or 4 times a year.

They are putting a dive mooring in the Sanctuary, on a wreck at the Bank at approximately 100 feet. It will be installed by the beginning of June.

The next BSC meetings are scheduled to be held in Quincy at 7:30PM on:

July 14

September 8