

Bay State Council of Divers
Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2010

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA
7:59 PM to 9:00 PM

Attendees:

Paul	Adler	East Coast Divers
John	Blackadar	SSN / BSC Board Member
Al	Bozza	NEADC / BSC VP
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Jeannine	Fabian	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Chris	Hugo	MWDC
Matthew	Lawrence	SBNMS
Rachel	Lawton	Friend of Chris Hugo
Vin	Malkoski	MA DMF / Boston Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State College
Victor	Mastone	MBUAR
Dave	Stillman	Cape Ann Divers
Mary	Stillman	Cape Ann Divers
Michael	Vaughan	MBD

Clubs and organizations represented include:

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

Bay State Council Treasure Hunt – Sunday September 26th

We have a rubber boat. We may need more safety divers (Ted Maney and Vin Malkoski have volunteered).

Al will bring a PA system for use during the raffle process.

One raffle ticket will be given out per participant. People will be told to hold on to their tickets until the end for the Grand Prize drawing. Prize will be picked out, then a ticket picked for that specific prize. Folks can swap afterwards if they want.

Great Annual FISH COUNT – Saturday, July 24

People will start diving about 8AM. The raffle will begin at 2PM. There are lots of prizes.

Al is looking to have more divers come participate in the Fish Count. H is asking clubs to send out email blast to club members to promote the event.

\$5 for food

\$10 for parking. You will need to tell the parking attendant that you are there for the Fish Count.

People are expected to register before the date, but will be allowed to register the day of.

Tropical Fish Rescue – Sunday, August 29 – start between 9-10AM

Al emailed the pdf of Tropical Fish Rescue flyer out to attendees of the last BSC meeting. He is requesting that the Clubs please promote this event also by putting this information into their club newsletters. It is a family event so bring your kids and spouses and friends.

Thompson's Island Cleanup – Saturday, September 18

Steve Marshall, president of the South Shore Neptunes, is organizing an island clean-up event and they are looking for divers to participate in this. Anyone interested should contact Steve: sdmarshall960@gmail.com or 617-833-1178. Note that this will require that you can get to Thompson's Island. There is a ferry that can get you there.

They are also looking for gear for the Dive Kulture kids who will be participating in the event, so let Steve know if you have any gear to give them.

Please put this information in your club's newsletters, with Steve's contact/phone

Division of Marine Fisheries

The question of changing the regulations regarding taking lobster outside of Cape Cod will be a long time in committee as it is a multi-state issue.

Gloucester Flag Ordinance

The City of Gloucester decided to leave their dive flag ordinance on the books and not to enforce it. Therefore, at this time, it is now on record that they will not enforce that ordinance.

It was noted that actually both Gloucester and Rockport are more friendly to divers than either Nahant or Marblehead. At Good Harbor Beach (to dive at Salt Island), everyone has to pay to park, not just divers.

Pegotty Beach access in Scituate

The question was asked if there is any news about parking at Pegotty Beach. There is nothing new at this time. There should be 4 parking spaces for non-residents. A parking ticket was taken back. John Blackadar asked Vin Malkoski to pursue the issue to be sure the spaces are really available. Federal funds require some open parking.

Bureau of Underwater Archeological Resources

They have found three **Nipmuck dugout canoes** in the Worcester area, in Lake Quinsigamond. Vic Mastone says they are hoping to bring one up, but they will need to do some serious conservation to keep in intact. They are heavy and delicate at this point, and still have the rocks in them from when they were sunk. They will need to use a cradle mechanism to remove them from the water. The canoes are made from 14 feet of hardwood and are totally saturated. One of them has been carbon dated to 1640-1660. They will bring up the one that is most intact.

A cannon was found in 40ft of water off the ocean side of Marblehead Neck. There is no record of any vessel going down there, so they are not sure why it would be there. It may take 2 years to restore and put on display.

Chris Hugo recently found Babe Ruth's piano, which is to say he found some veneer which has been determined to be from a piano. They were looking in the wrong side of the pond last year when they didn't find it. It turns out that in the wooden parts were previously found in the 60's or 70's and were left on the shore to rot. They are still looking for the metal frame of the piano.

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Heather Knowles has been elected to be to advisory council for the SBNMS.

The final Management Plan has been released and can be downloaded from the website. There are some changes from the draft management plan so it is worth it to take a look at it. Matthew Lawrence encourages everyone to check it out. There are some newer wrecks included on the plan.

One mooring was put in as part of the project awareness. Matt is looking to get the information about the mooring onto the website along with information on how to use it.

The “unidentified trawler” is at about 100 ft. There are a lot of fish on the wreck. It is best to dive it at slack tide.

Applications for seats on the board are being processed now.

Cape Ann Divers

Dave Stillman says they are doing okay. He is teaching at UMass.

SS Neptunes Guest Speaker – October date TBD

Amateur historian, **Art Milmore** will be the guest speaker at one of the Neptunes’ meetings in October. He will give a presentation on islands and caves. Apparently he is a disciple of Edward Rowe Snow, and a great story teller. Angelo will be cooking dinner for this meeting.

The next BSC meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM on September 8, 2010 in Quincy