

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2010

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA
7:40 PM to 8:45 PM

Attendees:

John	Blackadar	SSN / BSC Board Member
Al	Bozza	NEADC / BSC VP
Shawn	Cormier	NEADC
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Chris	Hugo	MWDC
Vin	Malkoski	MA DMF / Boston Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State College
Steve	Marshall	SSN
Victor	Mastone	MBUAR
Michael	Prange	NEADC / BSC Webmaster
Michael	Vaughan	MBD
Paul	Greene	SSN
Carl	Yngve	SSN
Ted	Hotz	SSN
Joseph	McAndrew	SSN

Clubs and organizations represented include:

Boston Sea Rovers
Mass Bay Divers (MBD)
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fishers (MA DMF)
New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEADC)
North Shore Frogmen (NSF)
Salem State University
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

The **Coast Guard Plaque** has supposedly been found. Someone says he knows where it is, but the Neptunes w/ 2 boats and Quincy Police boat searched and didn't find it; they will try again. Plaque is epoxied to a cement "sinker".

The **Great Annual FISH COUNT** was held on July 24 at Stage Fort Park. The event was very successful; there were 114 registered divers. Al is not sure exactly how many surveys were received, but numbers were good. The surveys are now computerized and Holly was entering the information during the event. A REEF Fish ID program for the Northeast is now being worked on, to be an ID online program.

The **Tropical Fish Rescue** was on Sunday, August 29 at Fort Wetherill, RI. It was crowded, lots of people. Someone at the meeting tonight didn't catch any fish, but did see 5. A couple of dozen tropical fish were captured, including a southern stingray, a kind of remora, a coronet fish, puffer, pipe fish, butterfly fish, look-downs. The numbers of fish "rescued" not as good as last year. It seems that the fish came early and then they seemed to be gone. It was lots of fun.

Website

Use announce@baystatecouncil.org for any announcements for the diving community.

Braintree Historical Society / BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC, U-BOAT WARFARE ON THE NEW ENGLAND COAST AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GERMAN SUBMARINE U-853 OFF BLOCK ISLAND, RHODE ISLAND

Talk coming up on Oct 2 in Braintree, story of U853 and the people involved in its sinking, gentlemen from WWII, will have tons of equipment. You don't want to miss this presentation!

Wrecks – MetroWest Dive Club's 'Wrecks' show will be held on November 6, 2010 at Keefe Technical School as in previous years. Steve Marshall will send out the information he has.

Thompson's Island Cleanup – Saturday, September 18

36 participants are signed up right now, 15 are divers, 10 from Dive Kulture; a good turnout is expected. Some of the people from Dive Kulture do not have equipment. Needs 4 more sets of equipment. If the weather is lousy, they will do just beach cleanup, no dive. Northeast Dive News has an article about the cleanup on pg 8. The article is also available online www.northeastdivenews.com (?). Be at the EIC dock off Summer Street, 8AM, directions to dock are on Thompson's Island website, return 4PM. Pay \$15 for lunch. Ferry is free. They will have two chase boats and rubber boat in case of problems.

The **Bay State Council Treasure Hunt** – Will be held on Sunday September 26th
Rain or shine!

Registration begins at 8AM; \$10 registration fee.

Raffle prizes so far:

A \$700 regulator

DAN delivered their package

DUI – Faith Ortins promised to send something

\$100 worth of gift certificates from Mark Potter (will request 2 \$50 certificates)

Trip to Key Largo, FL (Dave Stillman said he would arrange this)

John says others are slow and he will follow up with some shops. He has a call in to ScubaPro.

We have a rubber boat to use that day in case of emergency, a chase boat. John will organize safety with help from Vin and Ted. He has flags to mark off the area of the Treasure Hunt. Chris will seed area with whatever the items are to be found. We will need people to count the booty.

Table, chairs, BSC banner, tents, forms all accounted for.

Rumor is that Sea Rovers might not win the team event this year! They will have competition from other teams.

Ticket distribution: We will pick prize first and pull at ticket for that prize. There will be 2 grand prizes that will have a different ticket color.

Bureau of Underwater Archeological Resources

Next Tuesday Vic Mastone will give talk at MetroWest Dive Club about his work in Lake Quinsigamond next Tuesday, 9/14, 8PM.

BUAR is in discussion with Ocean Management Program who may approach divers to find out where they really dive. They are trying to find out what different user groups (fishermen, divers, etc) do, where they go.

BUAR Board has their public meeting on 9/30.

SS Neptunes

Guest Speaker – October 19 (3rd Tuesday)

Amateur historian, **Art Milmore** will be the guest speaker at South Shore Neptunes meeting on October 19. 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.

SSN Flea Market will be on October 9 (rain date 10/10) at Bldg 19 on Rte 53 in Hanover. Charge \$15 for table space; over 100 tables, selling all kinds of stuff. If your club wants to make money, it's a great thing to do.

Sea Rovers

The Sea Rovers Show will be held the first weekend in March 2011 (3/5-6) at the Danvers Ferncroft on Rte 1. They will have access to the pool for Discover Scuba. Dave Caldwell is working on Club booths, and he should be contacting clubs. Dave can be reached at

The application period for **Scalli Internship** is now open.

The next BSC meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM on November 10, 2010 in Quincy. Angelo will cook.