

# **Bay State Council of Divers**

Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2011

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA  
7:40 PM to 8:52 PM

## **Attendees:**

Paul	Adler	East Coast Divers
John	Blackadar	SSN / BSC Board Member
Al	Bozza	NEADC / BSC VP
Jim	Carrozza	NEADC
Roy	Chamberlain	SSN & BSC Board
Shawn	Cormier	NEADC
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Chris	Hugo	MWDC
Matthew	Lawrence	Stellwagen Bank NMS
Vin	Malkoski	MA DMF / Boston Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State University
Holly	Martell Bourbon	MA DMF / Boston Sea Rovers
Victor	Mastone	MA BUAR
Michael	Prange	NEADC / BSC Webmaster
Paul	Sauvageau	NSF

## **Clubs and organizations represented include:**

Boston Sea Rovers  
Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archeological Resources  
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fishers (MA DMF)  
New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEADC)  
North Shore Frogmen (NSF)  
Salem State University  
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

## **Sea Rovers Show (March 5-6)**

The main focus of tonight's meeting is the BSC presence at Sea Rovers and Boston Scuba Show.

Angelo did hear from Steve Coren tonight, and he will pay for BSC booth at Sea Rovers. The BSC will get him tickets to Saturday's shows. Al Bozza will be the contact for Steve, will have his tickets.

Vin Malkoski said that things get rolling at 9AM on Saturday, so the BSC and clubs should have their booths set up before that time. The space will be open as early as at previous

shows on Saturday morning for setting up, and will also be available for set up on Friday. Vin will let us know more specifically the times after Sea Rovers meeting tomorrow, Thursday, 2/10/11.

John Blackadar has been working on the BSC booth. He wants to get lights that can clip onto the board. What's on the booth already:

- Flag Law
- Pictures of BSC dive
- Notice about Pegotty Beach being made available for diving/out of town residents.

Other things suggested to have for the booth:

- We should have a list of organizations that support the BSC.
  - Clubs
  - DMF – Sea Rovers – BUAR – Salem State
  - Shops? – Maybe just a “Thanks to all the dive shops that support the BSC”
  - Angelo would like to have a list of shops that supported last year's BSC Treasure Hunt in a plastic stand on the table.
- Flag law flyers to hand out
- Tank raffle to supplement cost of tickets for S. Coren and dinner?
- Angelo would like a list of speakers and their topics at the last couple of years' BSC meetings, to make people aware of what the Council has been doing.

Please note that BSC Board Members should be available to sit at the booth, as well as anyone else who attends these meetings.

List of Guest speakers – Mary will send a list of speakers from previous years BSC meetings to Angelo, as well as the minutes from last several years. Angelo will flesh out the list with a little more info on the topics, for the booth. (Done)

#### **Update from Vin in email on 2/12/11:**

Tickets - the name badges that come with the booths will allow entry into the daytime programs on both days, but actual tickets will be required for the evening film festival. Let Vinnie know if you need some.

Set-up times: Friday: 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and Saturday: 8:00 AM.

The plan is to get all of the big booths set up on Friday so the clubs will pretty much be the only ones that will be allowed to set up on Saturday morning.

If a SSN member would send him a copy of the Neptunes' logo (jpeg or similar), he can have it posted on the web site with the other exhibitors. We have the Froggies and the Aquarium.

#### **Boston SCUBA Show (February 26)**

The BSC will split a table with the Aquarium Dive Club. Al will be in charge of that.

#### **Northeast Dive News:**

Speaking of getting the news out about the Bay State Council, John noted that we have not done well getting our information to the Northeast Dive News editor for publication. Al Bozza has taken on the job of giving them info for Aquarium, so he will also do it for the

Council. Getting Pegotty Beach opened up is a big thing and should be aired so divers know what the Council is doing. That information can also be put on the website.

**The Bay State Council Treasure Hunt Dive is scheduled for September 25, 2011** along with Multi-Club picnic. Roy Chamberlain needs this information to make up the flyers.

We should start advertising the event by the beginning of May, send out a blurb to shops, ask them to include it in the course info for new divers.

Clubs are missing a golden opportunity here to reach out to divers who are not members of any club. Tables are welcome, clubs are welcome to put advertising info on a table.

**DUI Demo Days Weekend – May 14-15** – DMF will have a table there. It is suggested that clubs set up a table to advertise themselves there too.

**Stellwagen Alive!** received some grant money to clean up marine debris, old fishing gear, etc. Matt Lawrence suggested that you contact them to find out if and where and how they would like help, what kinds of divers will they be using, commercial or recreational. Matt says where they are planning to do the cleanup requires connection with different government agencies.

They are a non-profit organization, not directly connected to SBNMS

**Catch the Wave** renewal? Some would like to revive the spirit of the Catch the Wave events of the past, to have a multi-club event for any and all area divers whether they are affiliated with a club or not.

- Angelo suggests a party night, off-season, at an inexpensive location, spaghetti dinner. If there is a club that has a major accomplishment, maybe give them an award at this event.
- Paul Adler's store had a divers' social night attended by 45 people at a restaurant. They are planning to have a diving trivia night.
- Paul Sauvageau noted that the NSF has beach meetings in June and July. Something like that would be a fun event to share.
- Al was suggesting using the event for a fundraiser, maybe for a buoy on Stellwagenn Bank.
- **Family Fun Event on George's Island, on July 10:** Angelo suggested we might have a Family Fun Event on George's Island, on July 10.

Take your own boat; there are some moorings, and there is a dock. There is also ferry service from Boston. There are picnic areas on either side of the dock with small charcoal grills. If you want to come without any stuff, Jasper White's is building a restaurant on the island.

There is NO DIVING OFF THE ISLAND, but you can dive off boats. The currents are too strong and lots of boat traffic right off the island.

Tours of Fort Warren are free, at scheduled times. Bring flashlights for touring the fort.

### **MA BUAR – Victor Mastone**

**Question for Victor** about the article about a ship that was found in RI. The guys diving on it claim to have found a vessel from pre-War of 1812, supposedly Admiral Perry's. It is a naval possession, and so it is illegal to remove anything from a navy vessel. RI claims anything over 10 years old.

An early anchor was found in Boston Harbor during the dredging. It is a British admiralty anchor from 18<sup>th</sup> century. Also previously found, during dredging, a shipwreck in New Bedford harbor that was not expected to be there, an 18<sup>th</sup> century vessel with a hickory keel, which is unusual. It had to be destroyed because it was full of PCBs.

### **SBNMS – Matthew Lawrence**

**Matt** will be giving a presentation at Sea Rovers about the mooring program with Heather Knowles.

### **DMF – Vin Malkoski**

- The new Lobster Licenses have 5-digit numbers; that is the number that now needs to be on your tank and flag. The fee for this is still \$40. Use of SS # had to go for confidentiality reasons. There are no changes to catch or size limits at this time.
- If you will be fishing in any way, you also have to get a recreational fishing license. Cost is \$10. It is an individual license; each fisherman needs his own license!
- The money raised from license fees is going to a dedicated fund, not to the general kitty.
- Commercial fishermen need a recreational fishing license if they are fishing for their own table.
- Spearfishing stripers law: apparently did not get out of committee
- Go to DMF website to find out more about these licenses:  
[http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/recreationalfishing/rec\\_permits.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/recreationalfishing/rec_permits.htm)

### **GAFC – Al Bozza**

The Great Annual Fish Count will be on July 23 at Stage Fort Park. They would like to get more participation from some of the Dive Clubs that have not participated much in the past.

**John Blackadar:**

- Everyone has digital cameras these days, but no one sees the pictures. SSN president Steve took a lot of peoples' pictures from last year and made professional books of the year. It is a great idea that other clubs might like to try out. He did mean to have a copy at the meeting.
- Next Tuesday - 2/15 – the Neptunes will have a guest speaker who is a dive instructor working at Paul Adler's shop. He will be giving a presentation on free diving. He will also give a workshop at Sea Rovers where participants will be able to try out new breathing skills in the pool.
- Joe Donahue, an area commercial diver, went blind in one eye. John suggested he contact DAN to see if hyperbaric treatment might help.
- This spring will go out again this coming year to look for the Minot's Light plaque.
- Two big dredging companies were fined heavily for dumping in the wrong areas.

Check the BSC booth upstairs before you leave tonight! Give John Blackadar any suggestions.

**The next BSC meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM on May 11, 2011 in Quincy.**

Agenda: set up schedule for summer events:

- Dates for BSC
  - DUI Demo Days
  - Dates to go out with Police
  - Dates to look for Minot's Light plaque
- Dates for various Club events to share
- More about Family Fun Event on George's Island on (proposed date) July 10.  
Advertise it!