

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2011

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 8-9:30

Attendees:

Al	Bozza	NEADC / BSC VP
John	Blackadar	SSN
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Matthew	Lawrence	SBNMS
Vin	Malkoski	MA DMF / Boston Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State University
Victor	Mastone	MA BUAR
Holly	Bourbon	MA DMF
Mike	Vaughan	MBD
Carl	Yngve	SSN

Clubs and organizations represented include:

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

Family Fun Event on George's Island

This event took place on July 10. Only a few SSNs attended; 4 adults and 4 children. They unloaded at the dock, then anchored and swam to shore. A lot of work has been done on the island, including the restaurant.

The Bay State Council Treasure Hunt Dive is scheduled for September 25, 2011

Vin Malkoski and Ted Maney will help John Blackadar with safety. John will find out who provided the inflatable boat last year to see if we can use it again.

Faith Ortins (of DUI) has offered to help out. NE Dive News is ready to jump in.

The plan is to do the prize distribution the same as last year. It saved a lot of time and worked out fine, picking a ticket for each prize.

We'll change the snorkel event so that the maximum team size will be 4.

We put together a list of dive shops and people who will contact them. John will contact commercial companies and DAN. Mary will send out the list to the people at the meeting. If you get a prize from a shop, let John know. Let him know if you don't have success reaching a shop so he can follow up.

We should see if Laura Medrano of Dive Kulture can come to the event again this year and bring some of her students. Vin will contact her.

Dive Flag Poster

After it was produced last year people had complaints about the dive flag poster. Maybe when we re-do it, we could make the club logos smaller, or put them in the corners, and then enlarge the lettering for the message. Angelo will try to have them ready before the next meeting.

Harbormasters have them posted all over the place and they have no problem; there are still a lot of them up in various places.

GAFC – Al Bozza

The Great Annual Fish Count will be on July 31 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. REEF has a presentation on fish counts that clubs can download. Go to NEADC website for information and flyer.

Clubs:

Condolences to the **North Shore Frogmen** for the loss of their member Paul Sauvageau in a diving accident June 21.

Mike Vaughan, **Mass Bay Divers**: The Club has scheduled a Dutch Springs weekend for Aug 5-7. (Mike should see if he can get some prized while he's there.) South Shore Divers has moved to a new location.

The **South Shore Neptunes** are having their outing at Duxbury Beach on August 7; rain date the following Sunday. \$12/person and a fee to park. All are invited to attend this great family event.

Steve Marshall had to step down as president of the Neptunes for work reasons. He is still planning to organize the **Thompson's Island clean-up** event again this year, with the Merrimack Valley Dive Club. Date is 9/17?

Charlie Matthews (Underwater Society of America) is looking for someone to sponsor a national spear fishing competition. Call him at 781-963-1373.

Next BSC meeting:

The next BSC meeting is scheduled to be held in Quincy at 7:30PM on **September 14, 2011.**