

Bay State Council of Divers
Meeting May 19, 2015
Meeting called to order at 7:32

Attendees

Vin, Ted, Angelo, Blackie, Jim Dursoe (NSF), Paul Adler, Jim Brady (OCA), Jim Nannery (MWDC)

Ted mentioned that the Open Beaches law sets the precedent.

Manchester's website states that you can go to the police station to get a day pass for scuba (non resident) for a fee.

Blackie was saying that if we go for legislation, they'll put it in committee and it'll die there. Better way is to build a grassroots efforts with thousands in support. We need to target people who do not live on the coast but that want access to the beaches as is their right.

Angelo says we start with the general public, gathering names and addresses. Paul dittoes this. If we can get the word out at the Aquarium event, bring residents awareness to the fact that they may be turned away from beaches.

Deb Osborn drafted a letter that needs to be tweaked, shortened. She'll send it to Vin. If anyone has any comments on this letter, please direct it to him. We can also put this on a card that we can hand out over the summer.

This can be publicized this at the Boat Show as well as Worcester sports show. This happen before Sea Rovers. We can also contact the recreational fisherman. Identify user groups and invite them to our workshops. Paddle boarders, kayakers, fisherman, birders...

Who's going to staff the Council table? What time? 11-4 is the official time. Be there by 10. We'll be outside, bring a tent and some thing to make sure that stuff doesn't fly away. Bring 1000 copies.

Blackie has the laminated posters for Treasure Hunt. We should distribute them late July. Don't give them to the dive shops now, it's too early. We'll pass them out in late July at a BSC meeting. We can email them now with an ecopy of the flyer so that they can put it on their calendar of events. Jim will do this.

Ok. Change of plans, we'll drop the laminated ones off to the dive shops now

Froggies have 4: Cape Anne, Undersea Divers,
Adler has 1 East Coast Divers
MWDC 3 Mass Diving, Tom Huff, Mark Cresia in Milford.
United Divers 1

Frogmen have secured the permit for the park for the Treasure Hunt. MWDC will pay for the permit of \$50.

Blackie stressed that we need to publicize the Treasure Hunt at every club meeting. Drum up divers for this 30th anniversary event.

Next Meeting last Weds in July... The 29th
And Weds Sept 16

Meeting adjourned at 8:25