

# **Bay State Council of Divers**

Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2015

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:40-8:37 PM

## **Attendees:**

Paul	Adler	Independent
John	Blackadar	SSN
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Teresa	Czerepica	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Vin	Malkoski	DMF / Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State University
Jim	Nannery	MWDC
Mike	Vaughan	SSN
Lisa	Smith	MWDC
Jeannine	Willis	SSN

## **Organizations represented include:**

MA Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF)  
MetroWest Dive Club (MWDC)  
North Shore Frogmen's Club (NSF)  
Old Colony Amphibians (OCA)  
Salem State University  
Sea Rovers  
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

## **Bay State Council Treasure Hunt**

Update from John Blackadar – We have received a lot of prizes from shops, and more came in tonight, and promises of a few more, so we are in good shape prize-wise for the Treasure Hunt on Sunday.

Vin Malkoski and Ted Maney will set up the inner tubes/flags for the perimeter of scuba and snorkel area. Mary will be in a kayak supporting Vin, Ted and Neil who will be safety divers.

We have tables and the tent. We only know of one person, Oceanic, wants to have a table there.

No one has heard from the Aqualung rep yet.

Park Use Permit, tables, grill, food acquired by NSF and MetroWest. Food will be available for \$5/person for people who are not members of those clubs.

East Coast is supposed to be bringing a couple of dive teams. Undersea Divers says people are coming from there.

## **Beach Access**

“They” are having a lot of trouble in Marshfield. A gate has been put up at Brandt Rock to limit parking access..

The BSC could have a table with info set up at the treasure hunt. John Blackadar would like to give a spiel before the prizes are handed out.

If we are going to do something at the Sea Rovers Show in March, we need to get organized. If it's organized, we shouldn't have any trouble getting a room at the Show. It would be good to have shops involved in finding out what the issues are. We will start work on this at the next meeting in October. Mary will send out an email to shops and clubs to ask representatives of those to come to the next meeting to start gather info on problem locations and initial process. From there we can put together a committee to work on the strategy for the BSC to take.

## **Initiative for Marine National Monuments.**

Lisa Smith and Jim Nannery went to the NOAA Town Hall meeting in RI on the new initiative to ask President Obama to permanently protect the **New England Coral Canyons and sea Mounts and Cashes Ledge** by making them Marine National Monuments.

Cashes Ledge did receive temporary protection, current status maintained temporarily. It will be another 5 years before they have another discussion to decide whether to open up

New initiative is to create a marine national monument. National monuments have permanent protection. New initiative is to ask the president to set up a marine monument in the Atlantic for the New England Coral Canyons and Sea Mounts, SE of Cape Cod. This would restrict commercial use of these areas.

People concerned about Cashes Ledge are asking for that to be included also.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 14th. NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

- **Agenda items for October meeting:**
  - **Follow up on Treasure Hunt**
  - **Please bring any info on dive site access issues to this meeting**