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The Blue Water Meet: Anchors Away



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Neptunes Calendar:

Saturday June 2nd

Neptunes BWM

Wednesday June 6th

Meeting

Wednesday July 4th

***** No Meeting *****

Wednesday August 1st

Meeting

Wednesday Sept 5th

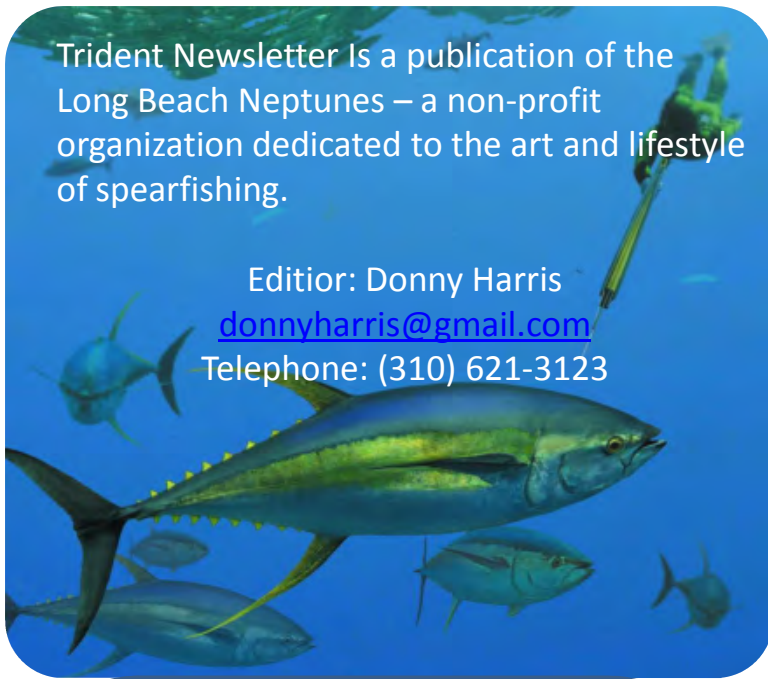
Meeting

The event we all look forward to is almost upon us. The Blue Water Meet. If you don't have your application in yet you can compete but you can still dive for the day and enjoy the BBQ. Here to a safe and fun competition and may the best diver win!



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2012 Calico Derby –
Ivan Sanchez(6.23#)
Calico Bass of the Year –
Ivan Sanchez(6.23#)
Halibut – **open!**
Sheephead –
Robert Strohbach (15.5#)
Yellowtail – **open!**
White Sea Bass –
Scott Defirmian (68.0#)
Bluefin Tuna – **open!**
Lobster – **Lyle Davis (**
Big Tuna Out of Country
(Yellowfin) – **open!**
Big Fish Out of Country
(Pelagic) **open!**
Big Fish Out of Country (Reef)
open!
Kent McIntyre Award - **open!**



Fellow Neptunes,

We are now near the half way point for the year and with that comes summer and all of the fun with it. This year the water seems to finally be rising to the levels that we were hoping for and the fish are in. I hope everyone is getting out as much as possible and landing nice fish. This weekend is our 49TH Annual BWM (June 2nd) and if you haven't signed up at a meeting or via mail, I suggest you get a hold of Jeff or myself and make arrangements to drop off the application in person before the end of Thursday (Jeff may need it earlier, but I'll take them until Thursday evening). The beer is lined up and there will be 23 Gallons of beer waiting for your thirsty bellies around weigh-in time. There will be some Bud Light, Sierra Nevada and Great White if I'm not mistaken. We will also have salad, rolls, beans, potatoes sodas & waters if you so choose to not just drink beer for dinner.

Your fish MUST be in the circle at 3PM (1500) so make sure you allow enough time to get onto the beach. Maybe Prola will grace us with another swim in fish at the buzzer like he did for the Fall Classic a few years back. Weather should be good and recent reports show WSB, YT & Halibut all waiting to be skewered. After the weigh-in, we will be hosting a small raffle while the BBQ is heating up. Make sure to bring a few extra hundreds to buy some tickets. Prizes are still coming in, but the two major prizes are a Mako 140cm enclosed track railgun and a 5 MM JBL wetsuit.

Our meeting will be held the following Wednesday June 6TH and there we will be honoring the 5 competitors who landed the biggest fish at the BWM. Let's try and make sure that these 5 are LB Neptune's if we can. Eric S from the Fathomiers will be at our meeting and trying to promote their auction which is coming up. He has seen how successful ours is and decided it was time to do something similar.

Speaking of auctions, ours was another event that will go down in the history books. Thanks to a great team effort from everyone, we brought in approximately \$12,000 (Including 50/50 raffle & T-Shirt sales). I want to thank the tentatives who did a great job running items, collecting money and bringing stuff in as well. Other thanks go to our members that really stepped up with donated items, Mori, Jay, Seamus, Tom, Rick, Paul, George and all the other who donated a lot of new and used gear.

In closing, I'd like to congratulate our newest full members Rick Hadley and Nolan Yates. These guys put in the time, work and were present throughout there time as tentatives. Make us proud by dropping a nice slug in the weigh in circle this Saturday. Hope to see everyone at the West Bandstand Two Harbors.

Oh yeah, 6 more months until we name a President for next year. Still looking for volunteers, don't be the guy that gets surprised at the December meeting. If you haven't taken a board position yet, your free game.
MUUUAAAHHHHAAHHHHAAA!!!!

Mark Hultgren

Long Beach Neptunes President 2012

Announcements



2012 Neptunes Blue Water Meet

The 2012 BWM is June 2, see application next page for details and to sign up.

Watermens Alliance blocks Slot limits for Calico and Sand Bass

The Fish and Game Commission voted today to reject a proposal to place maximum size limits on Calico and Sand bass. The watermen's alliance has been arguing that slot limits should not be applied to spear fishermen because large fish rarely offer more than a few seconds to identify asses and take a clean shot. Big fish do not offer enough time to determine if the fish is over a certain size. Blocking slot limits has been a collaborative effort by SCAN, Santa Barbara Freedivers, Neptune's, Fathomers, Tritons, OC Spearos, and the San Diego Freedivers. There is a very good chance the minimum sizes will be increased and bag limits will decreased. More to follow are we learn more.

DFG Calendar of events:

June 1 - First day of recreational and commercial grunion season. Everything you ever wanted to know (and more) about grunion is on the DFG website at www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/grunion.asp.

June 16 - Recreational white seabass daily bag limit increases to three fish, south of Point Conception (through March 2013). More information is at www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/sfmp/whiteseabass.asp.

June 30 - Last day of recreational red abalone season (closed for the month of July). Details are at www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/invertebrate/abalone.asp.

Neptunes Fish Pictures



Jeff Benedict's page, some nice fish here!



Neptunes Fish Pictures

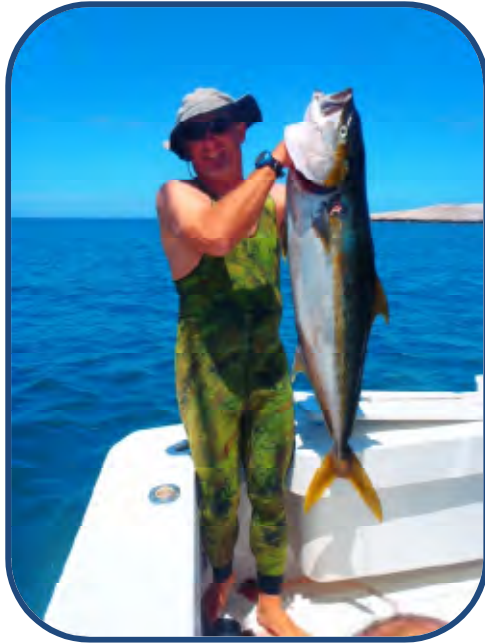


Robert with a nice fish to the left

Lyle with 67.4#, so close but Scott is still king. Nice fish Lyle!



Neptunes Fish Pictures



Some rare Ethan Smith footage in La Paz courtesy of Eric Schlobohm



May Tentative, Paul Hugoboom

Hello Neptune Brothers,

First off let me begin by reintroducing myself. My name is Paul Hugoboom. I have been present at a few monthly meetings and participated in the fall classic. I am super stoked to have become a tentative member. It has been good to meet a lot of you guys who share the love for spearfishing. It feels like we have been friends for many years.

I have been very fortunate to have grown up in a ocean loving family. My Dad started my two older brothers and I diving in the 1960's. Personally I have reaped many years of enjoyment from an ocean loving life. Be it surfing or diving, I just love it! I want to say thanks to my sponsor Ron Warren for inviting me and thanks to all the members who put so much time and effort into this club. Mark, Scott Jeff, Lou, John, Mori, Eric, Donny, Kip, Mike, Harry and all the rest.

Well OK then, a story and pic for the newsletter? This is a somewhat troubling year with the new MLPA's in effect. My favorite target, the awesome WSB is a very special fish indeed. I have been hunting them hard core for two decades now. I feel like I understand them fairly well. I know what they will do most of the time and realize just how smart and badass they are.

Before I share my story and photo, let me just tell you guys a little story about one fish that I passed on last year. One beautiful day, I was flying through the kelp Forrest. The water was really clear. I was in mid column and looking up to my right saw a big fish just chilling. This guy was BIG. I would put her in the high 60's or low 70's. I had my camera on me and was filming. Having already shot a handful of fish in the 60's for the season I was content just to film. For several seconds I just floated there looking at this mighty ocean warrior. Its skin a rather dark color for a WSB indicating a relaxed or sleeping mode, looking like steel that had been pounded with the ball side of a ball peen hammer. It somehow began to sense me and slowly turned to the right and looked at me. I stayed motionless. The great fish just meandered off. Having caught this on film and letting this one go, I was happy, content. On my next dive a few minutes later, I looked up to my right and saw the same fish. With its fins erect, colors and bars ablaze, she looked at me with a vicious eye, enraged. In one second it bolted off with a loud percussion coming from its broom like tail. It was pissed off at itself because she knew I had owned her. Perhaps we shall meet again.

May Tentative, Paul Hugoboom



This year has been a bit slow. But, as luck would have it, after 31 dives under my belt, I had a big WSB swim right in front of me. It was several weeks ago now, I was on my newly acquired sport fisher with my partner Phil who owns the other half interest in the boat. The boat's name is Go Lucky. The name truly fits as this was our first trip on it. So as you know, I was putting a lot of time in and all of a sudden, here's this big WSB in front of me. I mean just 3 or 4 feet off the end of my spear tip. With a slight adjusting move of my gun I pull the trigger and let the arrow fly. A perfect shot right through the brain. The fish just sank. Here is a pic of the fish. My partner Phil pulling it up onto the Go Lucky. She went 69 pounds. Keep in mind, Phil is about 6 foot three.

Paul Hugoboom

LB Neptune Tentative

For Sale by Rick Hadley

Steve Alexander tuna gun that is one of his early guns:

The gun has custom made (and very cool) wings made of teak.

Also for sale are (4) Alexander 3/8" X 72" shafts and (2) 3/8" tri-cut slip tips.

The price is as follows:

Tuna gun (with bands) - \$750.00

Shafts - \$50.00/ea. (I believe these were \$85.00/ea. when I bought them from Steve 7-8 years ago)

Slip tips - \$60.00/ea. (\$90.00 when brand new)

I have no interest in selling just the shafts or tips without the gun

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Summer: I can't wait

Summer is almost here, sure some people think Memorial Day is the official start of summer but I think summer is when the Yellowtail start showing up in numbers out at the islands and when I stop noticing every little hole in my wetsuit every time I slip into the water. I know it is soon and I can't wait. I am reaching out to all of you for some good summer time spearfishing stories or just good moments out on the water. Write them down, email them to me. It doesn't need to be anything special, just 5 sentences and a picture of you and you buddies during a day of diving is something I would love to see and I am sure the rest of the members will to.

Besides Summer I can't wait for the Blue Water Meet. It is always a fun time and if it is a fraction for the success it was last year it will be super. I am leaving for the meet Saturday real early from King Harbor with a crew of 3 including my Uncle Joe Spit, a long lost Neptune of decades ago, make sure to say hi at the BBQ. Three is a good crew for the boat but I'm an accommodating guy so if your boat's propeller falls off or some other malady strikes last minute give a call, maybe I can help you out since more is always merrier! See you guys over there, first beer is on me.

Donny Harris

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