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February 2016

What an Auction it was!!!

After a ton of planning, meeting, and gathering items, the Long Beach Auction went **OFF!!** It was a banner turn out and the items auctioned off was truly insane! Robert Strobach was awesome as the auctioneer once again!

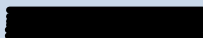
Hope you all scored some great new gear! Here is the April Newsletter. ENJOY!



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Neptune To Do's:

- ❑ Pay your dues for 2016
- ❑ Buy your 2016 fishing license

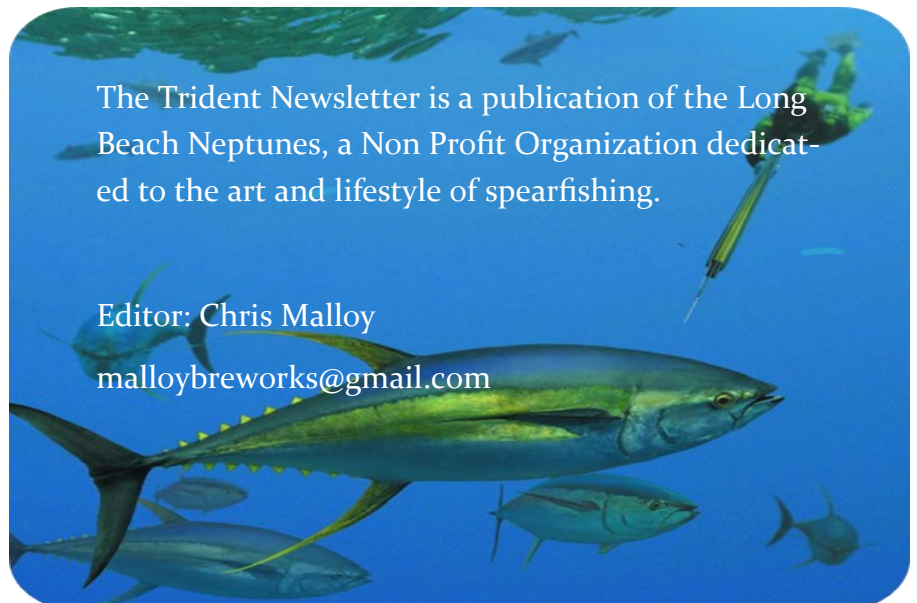
Attention all Fish Slayers!!!

It is imperative that if you get a quality fish that is worthy of a fish Application that you get your app turned in timely. If you have even a hint of a question or think that there may be something that could affect a successful entry call or E-mail Todd Norell. He will be there to help you sort it out. (562) 309-3308

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Be sure to see what is at our web site at:

LongBeachNeptunes.com



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Photo by Terry Maas

2016 Fish Standings

California

Barracuda:	Open
Bonito:	open
Calico Bass:	Robert Strobach 5.8 lbs
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Dorado:	open
Halibut:	Open
Lobster:	Dave Freeman 13 bs
Sheepshead:	open
Tuna:	open
White Sea Bass:	open

Yellowtail: open

Abalone: open

Kent McIntyre:

Out of Country

Reef Fish: Pelagic (non tuna):

Di Giosa - 42 lb Rooster, 38 lb cubera snapper



Photo by Terry Maas

March 2016 President's Message

LBN's,

What an incredible auction this year. I would like to personally thank every member of club, board, wives, and all of the tentative members that helped out this year. A special thanks to Robert Strobach for hanging in there for 3.5 hours, non-stop, with barely any room to navigate. There is an incredible synergy with that many items and people in that tight of a space, but the 2017 board should probably have a discussion on a venue change. This week we will be formally thanking all of the manufacturers and people that donated stuff for 2016. The good news is we still have some awesome items to raffle off at the upcoming meetings and dive meets.

With the passing of Taras Poznik, this week has also been a staunch reminder about the dangers spearfishing. This board continues to be committed to doing everything we can to help our members and the spearfishing community with the best practices and best preparations for some of the dangers of the sport. Next month I would encourage everyone to attend to check out how to use an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED), and see some of the latest technology that is available for purchase.

Thank you for your continued support and please dive safely.

Keith



The 2016 Neptune Calendar

- May: 5/4/16: CPR-Difibulator training.
- June: 6/1/16: Video training. Set up, use in the water, and editing.
- June 10-12 Blue Water Meet:
- July: 7/6/16: BWM results/trophies. Member videos and slideshow.
- July 21-24th: Neptune family Camping Trip.
- August: 8/3/16: Diver Safety meeting.
- September: 9/7/16: Manufacturer's night.
- October: 10/5/16: Tac Medical training.
- Fall Classic: 10/15/16

The 2015 Fall Classic Results

Big Fish Entries

1.	John Carpenter	31.30 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
2.	Steve Parkford	26.70 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
3.	Jim Dexter	25.65 lb Yellowtail	Guest
4.	Seamus Callaghan	24.25 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
5.	Dave Freeman	17.80 lb Dorado	Long Beach Neptunes
6.	Todd Norell	17.10 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
7.	Scott DeFirmian	16.05 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
8.	Juan Aquilar	8.65 lb Yellowtail	Guest

Big Calico Entries

1.	Alex Ray	6.50 lbs	Guest
2.	Rick Bae	5.85 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes
3.	Paul Zylstra	4.25 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes
4.	Dave Freeman	4.15 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes
5.	Eric Donohue	3.70 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes

Big Lobster

1.	Eric Donohue	4.30 lbs	Long Beach
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Belize!!! By John Carpenter

Diving Belize

Last month, my wife, Beth, "accidentally" booked a trip to Belize! She was texting an old girlfriend and thought she and her hubby had booked a trip to Ambergris Caye, Belize. Apparently there was some "miscommunication," and we learned that they were thinking about NEXT year! We always wanted to visit Belize, so we decided to go anyway. Besides, it was during the week of my birthday!

Our resort, Captain Morgans, was located on Ambergris Caye, which is 25 miles long and lies off the main coast of Belize. We flew into Belize City, then caught a "puddle hopper" to the Caye. Upon landing, we grabbed a taxi to our resort, which was located about 5 miles north of the small town of San Pedro. While visiting the many dive shops in San Pedro and surrounding area, I discovered that many of the dive shop workers were spearos, so we shared photos and discussed spearfishing on the island. Although I did not bring any spearfishing equipment on this trip, I learned that they allow it if you freedive, obtain a fishing license and stay out of the reserves. They mainly target grouper and snapper, but said Wahoo frequent the outer reef drop offs during the end of the year. Other than Blackfin, they do not get much Tuna. The main tourist fishery is catch & release for Bonefish, Tarpon, and Permit. All were very welcoming and encouraged me to come back with spearfishing equipment.

I scheduled a three tank dive trip to the Turneffe Atoll, Lighthouse Reef System area, which encompasses the world famous Blue Hole. The Blue Hole is a circular limestone sink hole about 1/4 mile across and about 500 feet deep. Jacques Cousteau made the Blue Hole famous when he explored it during an expedition in 1972.

After a 2.5 hour boat ride, we reached the Blue Hole and had our safety briefing. Our dive would be maxing out at a depth of 145', and our Divemaster said we would be making mandatory decompression stops and have an extra tank hanging off the boat at 20'. He also said to pass on this dive if anybody was not comfortable diving at this deep depth; several divers sat out the dive.

From a marine life perspective, this dive was not very impressive the deeper we descended, as we were warned. I saw a few sharks circling the top of the hole, but not much else. However, this dive was extremely impressive geologically. Beginning about 100', we continued descending through columns of giant stalactite formations and caves formed during the ice ages millions of years ago. Definitely a deep dive for the bucket list! Like many my age, the Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau series influenced my passion for the ocean at a very young age. I can now say that I dived a location where the famed ship, Calypso, anchored. The Calypso divers and I most likely explored the very same columns and caves - pretty cool thought!

Our remaining two dives included beautiful 50-60' wall dives in the Lighthouse Reef system. The coral, giant fans & sponges, and other marine life were breathtaking. Large Caribbean Reef sharks accompanied us during our dives as did spotted eagle rays, large snappers, and groupers. I actually reached out and stroked the back of the one shark close to me in the picture. He quickly flicked my hand away - not equally impressed with me!

Beth and I snorkeled Shark-Ray Reef later that week. She did really well swimming with the giant nurse sharks and stingrays!

The people of Belize were extremely welcoming as were the patriots vacationing from various parts of America. We made some great friends and plan on returning soon to Ambergris Caye, Belize (speargun included this time!).

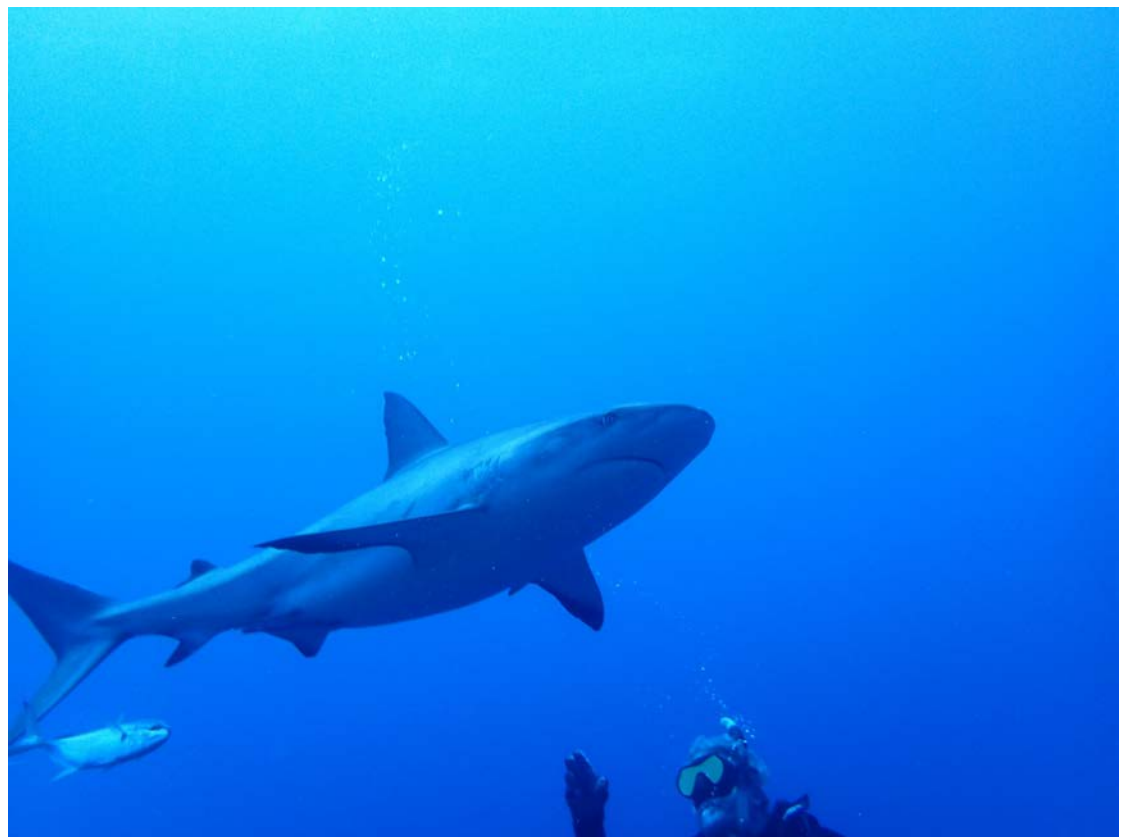
Dive Safe!

John Carpenter

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Puerto Vallarta By Michael DeGiosa

Mori, Doug Ulmer and I set out for a four day fishing/ diving adventure to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on “Tatou” mid January. The plan was to dive/fish El Banco then one of the small Islands further north. I brought my new 150cm roller gun Mori built for me. It was the guns maiden voyage. This was a test as Mori and I didn’t know of any roller guns that size. It performed well, and was light and easy to travel with and shoot.

Day one was slow and the bank was holding some bonito but no other life. We landed a 65 lb YFT about 3 miles off the bank fishing near one of the purse seiners. We saw a few fish boiling but never any big concentrations of game. We were on vacation and kinda lazy, “Tatou”, Doug’s boat, will do that to you. We did have an estimated 600 lb black marlin roll one half his body up and out of the water no more than 75 feet behind the boat.

Day two and three were spent diving the reefs around a small volcanic island. We speared amberjack(10 lb), cubera snapper(38 lb), rooster fish(42 lb), sierra, leopard grouper(25 lb), yellowtail snappers(4 lb) and saw African pompano, great barracuda(30 lb), milk fish(30 lb), and many other pretty little things. The whales were singing to us all day long and each afternoon breaching for a magnificent show.

Day four was spent back on the bank with a few tuna spotted. Trolled back to the marina for a few dorado. Overall a fantastic trip with great food, fish and friends.

Michael De Giosa
2003 LBN President



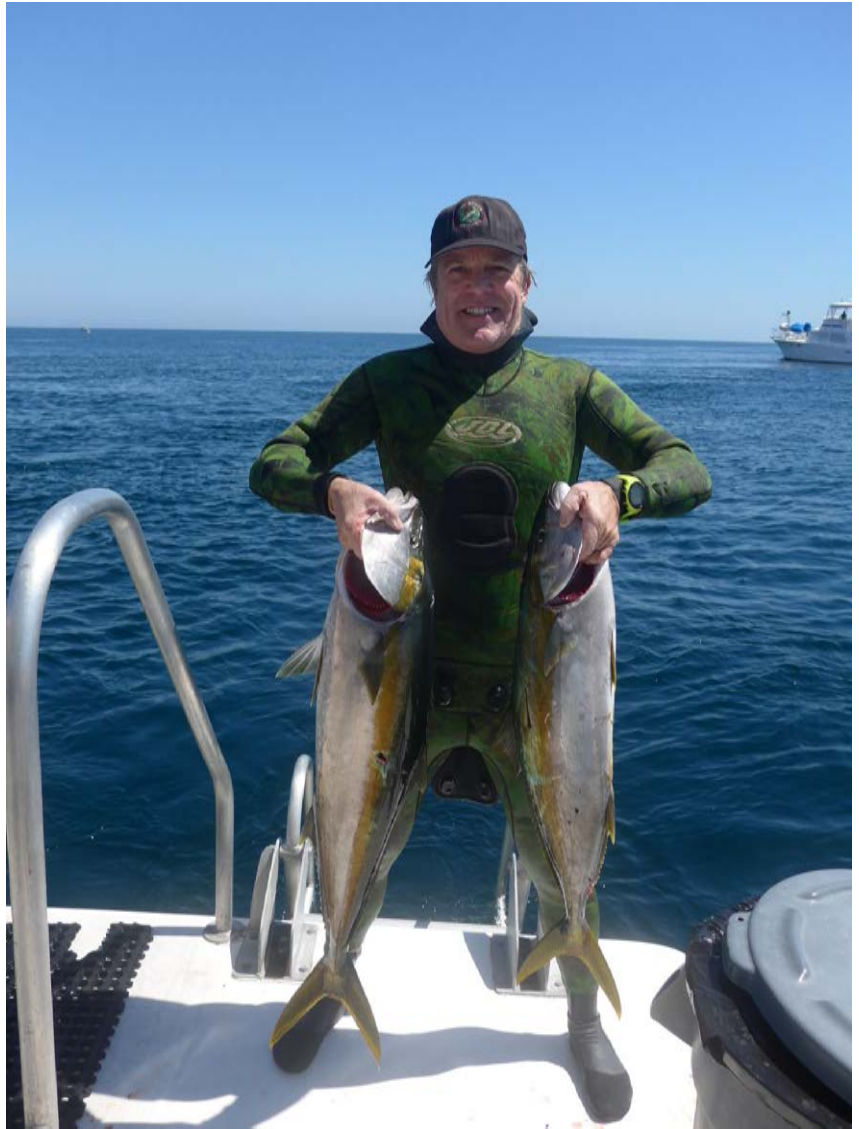
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Club Photos!



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Come and find me.....



I hear tales of yellowtail at the islands! Even a few kelp paddies already holding! Go get them!

Thank you to those of you who sent in content for this edition of the Trident!!

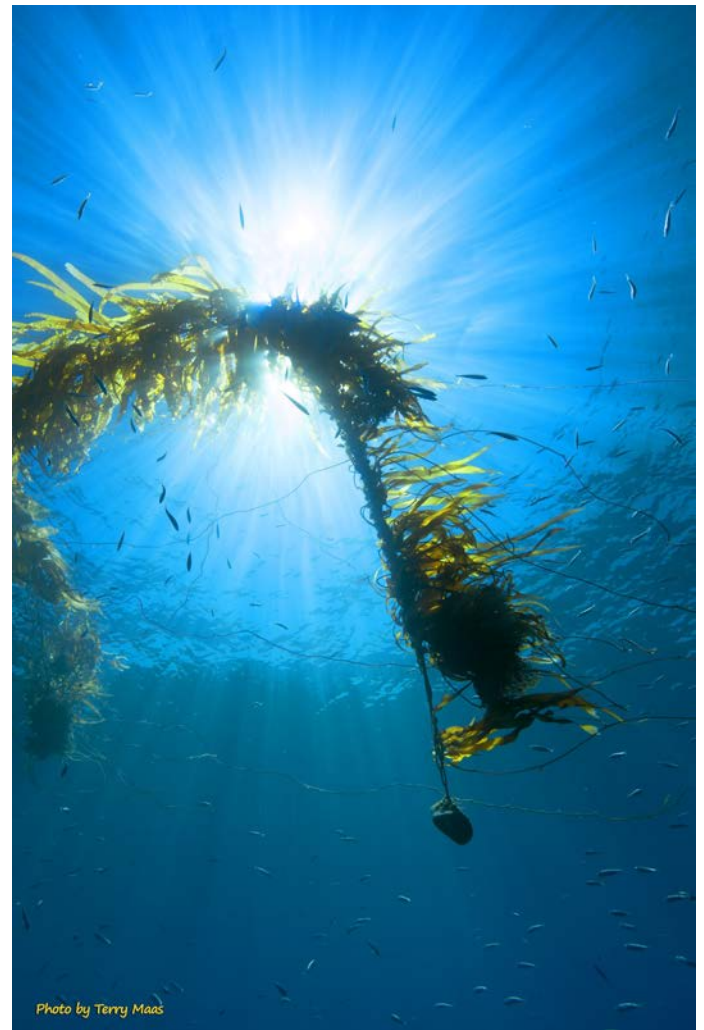
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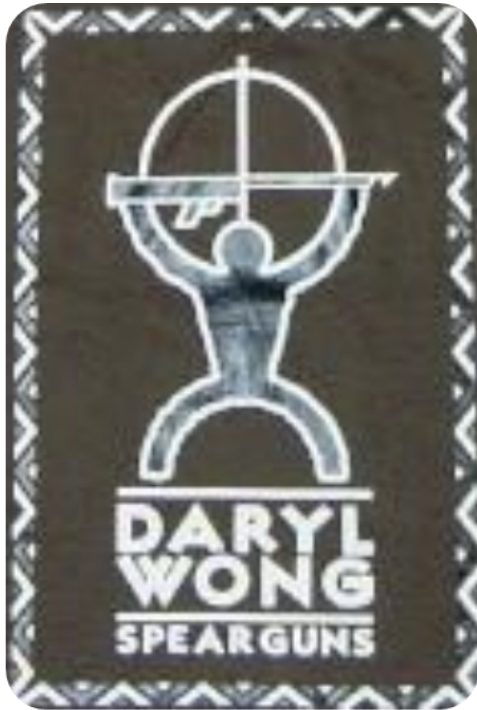
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