



Important Club Announcements

- To improve communications between the general membership and Executive Board, we will be using LBNEPTUNES@yahoo.com from now on, for ALL COMMUNICATION, including: Fish Applications, Tournament Applications, Questions, Compliments, Complaints, Newsletter Articles, Annual Dues thru Paypal, and any other PayPal payments. This will make it convenient and easy to remember rather than having to use separate email for each board member or separate event.
- If you have a lobster report card, please be sure to turn in your Lobster Report Cards by April 30th. If you fail to do so, you'll have to pay a fine of \$21.60 when you buy a Lobster Report Card for the following season.
- Donations please!! Our Auction is Wed April 3rd, 7pm @ Me-n-Ed's. If anybody has new or used gear they could donate, please contact Jeff Bilhorn @ 949-230-5698 or email us at lbneptunes@yahoo.com with a short description of items. We really appreciate any help you could offer. Thank You.
- The Blue Water Meet date has been changed by popular demand to Saturday, June 1st, so it does not interfere with Father's Day. Please mark this on your Calendar.
- April meeting is "AUCTION NIGHT" Wednesday April 3rd. Auction will start 7:00 pm at Me and Ed's
- Family Campout date will be July 12-16th . For more information, contact Lou Rosales @ (310) 469-1639 or Mahtzo1@frontier.com
- The 11th Annual San Carlos Yellowtail Open is Saturday April 6th. For more information, contact Seamus Callaghan at (714) 742-6326 or email at <u>Acwaman@aol.com</u>
- Starting 2019, the Lingcod Limit has been reduced to only one in possession in waters south of Cape Mendocino, this includes all of Southern California. Minimum Length remains unchanged at 22".



A Message from the President



Fellow Neptunes,

The Auction is this coming Wednesday, April 3rd. We have had many generous donations from dive shops, manufacturers, members and friends. There are more than a dozen boat trips to bid on as well. Please bring any last-minute new and used donations with you on Wednesday along with plenty of cash! It looks like it will be a busy night so we will try to start right on time at 7:00.

Spring is finally here, and with dryer weather hopefully WSB will follow. I've heard some rumors already, but can confirm nothing. I'm hoping to have a fish story to tell soon. Don't forget to send your stories to Chase so he can continue to produce great issues of the Trident.

See you all on Wednesday.

Dive Safe!

Jeff Bilhorn #50

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2019 Neptune's Calendar

04/03/19 Wed Annual Auction !!!!!!!

04/06/19 Sat 11th Annual San Carlos Yellowtail Shootout

05/01/19 Wed Meeting

06/01/19 Sat 56th Annual Blue Water Meet

06/05/19 Wed Meeting

07/03/19 Wed Meeting

07/12 – 07/16 Neptunes Catalina Family Campout

08/07/19 Wed Meeting

09/04/19 Wed Meeting

10/02/19 Wed Meeting

10/12/19 Sat Fall Classic

11/06/19 Wed Meeting

11/30/19 Sat Xmas Dinner @ The Phoenix Klub

12/04/19 Wed Meeting

Fish Competition 2019

California Awards

Calico Derby Kyle Brannon 7.5 lbs
Calico Bass Open

White Seabass Open Yellowtail Open Halibut Open

Sheephead Robert Strohbach 16.25 lbs

Bonito Open
Barracuda Open
Dorado Open
Wahoo Open
Tuna Open
Marlin Open
Lobster Open

Out of State/Country Awards

Tuna Open Reef Fish Open Pelagic Open

Kent McIntyre Award

Open

Big Fish Perpetual Award

Open

The April Meeting is our Annual Auction. Please participate by donating any old or new dive gear and bidding as much as you can. The Auction is the largest source of income for financing all the events for the club, and its success is determined by **YOU**.

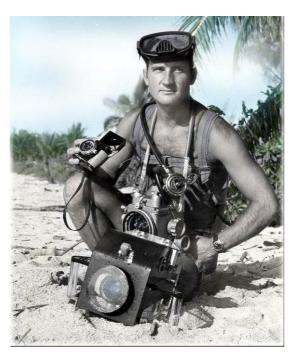
This year is looking to become a great auction. We have lots of quality donations from amazing sponsors. We have Spearguns, Wetsuits, Floatlines, Floats and lots of amazing new and used gear.

We look forward to seeing you this Wednesday!!





Member submitted content is what makes our newsletter GREAT!



We Need Newsletter Articles!!

We Need Pictures !!

Got a Camera ??
Then, send in your Pictures !!!

Otolith Bling!

Like many of you, I take pride in collecting White Seabass earbones, or otoliths. As we collect these prize items, we often wonder what to do with them- aside from build a collection of stones in our desk drawers. I do have a nice little cufflink collection, and have always wanted to add a pair of otoliths to the fold. After seeing some recent posts from my sponsor Cody Lightfoot's wife, Amber Lightfoot, of her jewelry craftsmanship, I thought I'd reach out.

Cody and Amber moved away to Colorado several years ago, but we've kept in touch, and Amber was too happy to work on the project. After sending 2 pair of otoliths to Amber, she came back with these amazing cufflinks for me! So stoked! Something to go with my Neptune's lapel pin.









We look forward to seeing some of Amber's work generously donated to the Neptunes' Auction!!



Gents, if you're looking for something to do with you White Seabass Otoliths, or earbones, reach out to Amber at 714-272-5617, or follow her work on instagram @amberlightfoot.

Thanks for the new cufflinks, Amber!

Byron Quinonez

Due to lack of article submission this month, we are reprinting an article written by Jim Christiansen back in 1968.

WHAT IS SPEARFISHING?

By Jim Christiansen

Spearfishing is dropping into a school of very large, timid, migratory fish with a skill and undersea technique so natural that you are completely accepted. It's knowing the species you hunt on an intimate level that you both think as one. It's the development of an instinct so strong that you can actually sense the presence and location of unseen fish. It's the little voice from within that says "that cave over there," When there are a hundred other choices outwardly as good. It's the predator's instinct that warns you the instant before your prey would take flight. It's the satisfaction of an approach so perfect and a shot so accurate that death has no violence. Its dropping down into turbid water and seeing a large, blue-bronze back and tail slowly materializing as if by magic. It's returning in a small, fast boat across a calm sea with good companions, good wine, and a boatload of satisfaction. It's bragging to your buddies afterward and pounding your chest. It's the gradual acquisition of the movements and the cunning of the underwater predator, along with the alertness and the instinct for self-preservation gained only by becoming the prey.

It's joining the great undersea cycle both as the hunted and as the hunter.

Spearfishing is many things to many men. Since spearfishing are only men, they naturally mirror all of man's common feelings and faults; and some, of course, bring discredit to the sport. We should all keep in mind that the individual is overshadowed by the aggregate; and the true American spearfisherman is among the best in the world, not because of his lust to kill but rather because of his knowledge, respect and understanding for the creatures under the surface.

To those who might criticize our sport, I can only say that spearfishing gives the average participant more satisfaction and enjoyment per ounce of fish taken than any other method of fishing yet invented by men.

Jim Christiansen 1968

Tentative Intro.JEFF PARMER

Sponsor: Mori

Hello Neptunes: My name is Jeff Parmer. I am a full time professional magician. I have entertained in 14 countries with my magic. I perform for corporate groups, private parties, schools, trade shows, sales meetings, banquets, Disney parks, and the like. It is a lot of fun, and it affords me a great schedule for diving. My immediate family consists of my girlfriend Shari and my dog Rusty.

Brief History in the Water: I grew up in So Cal starting surfing Hermosa and Redondo in 1974. I got SCUBA certified in 1986. Started freediving in the mid 1990s. After free diving for a few years, I tried SCUBA and could not stand the awful noise from the bubbles any more. It literally HURTS my ears to do it. So I have not breathed off of the bottle since somewhere in the late 1990's. I have always loved the water and preferred to swim underwater holding my breath even when I was a very young kid. It is so peaceful down there, and WOW! How much more stuff you see when you can keep quiet with no bubbles. Why I want to be a Neptune: I have shot plenty of WSB, Yellowtail, and Calico, and have done OK on Lobster. My current vision/goal is to shoot a tuna. I cannot do that by myself on my boat. I need to team up with some other divers. What I feel I can contribute to the club: I have a nice comfortable boat (30 foot single Diesel- sedan style Sport Fisher). It cruises at like 15 knots, so it's not crazy fast, but it is really comfortable. I think it is ideal for 2 or 3 divers. It is my intention to share my boat with Neptunes, and help them to achieve their goals in the water. I was talking with Todd Farquar the other day and we both would like to begin a dialogue in the club about boating safety, trip planning, etc. I am really enjoying coming to the meetings, talking to the guys about their experiences in the water. Good times!

Freediving experience: 25 years

Biggest WSB: 58lbs. Certified

Most Recent Fish: 25lb YT –Catalina Sept 2018











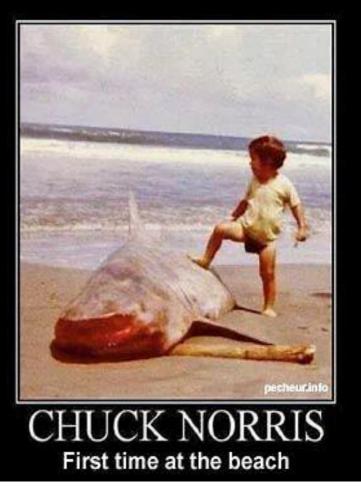


Since nobody submitted any articles or pictures, here are a few to make it thru the month....









For more information or entry form, Contact Seamus Callaghan at (714) 742-6326 email: Acwaman@aol.com



Spearfishing Tournament

DATE: Saturday, April 6, 2019

TROPHIES: 1st thru 4th Place (Biggest Yellowtail Wins)

ENTRY FEE: \$60.00 (See entry form attached) Includes tournament rash guard, raffle ticket for \$1000's in prizes · Weigh In Party at Hammerbead

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