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2019 Neptune's Calendar

12/04/19 Wed Meeting
12/25/19 Wed Merry Xmas !!
01/01/20 Wed Happy New Year !! (No Meeting)
02/05/20 Wed Meeting

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Fish Competition 2019

California Awards

<u>Calico Derby</u>	<u>Kyle Brannon (Final)</u>	<u>7.5 lbs</u>
Calico Bass	Jeff Benedict	8.25 Lbs
White Seabass	John Hughes	61.1 Lbs
Yellowtail	Seamus Callaghan	40.0 Lbs
Halibut	Open	
Sheephead	Robert Strohbach	16.25 lbs
Bonito	Open	
Barracuda	Open	
Dorado	Open	
Wahoo	Open	
Bluefin Tuna	Jason Taylor	106.7 lbs
Marlin	Open	
Lobster	Hobie Ladd	12.1 lbs

Out of State/Country Awards

Yellow Fin Tuna	Masahiro Mori	45.6 lbs
Reef Fish (Pargo)	Masahiro Mori	39.1 lbs
Pelagic (Sp. Mackerel)	Jason Taylor	33.0 lbs

Kent McIntyre Award

John Hughes 61.1 lb WSB + 27.8 lb YT = 88.9 lbs

Big Fish Perpetual Trophy

Jason Taylor 106.7 Lb Bluefin Tuna

A Message from the President



Fellow Neptunes,

It is hard to believe that 2019 is almost over. It has been a year filled with ups and downs. We lost two Neptune legends, Duane Smith and Howard Schaack. We watched as the horrible tragedy of the Conception unfolded. We also grieved with the OC Spearos as they lost Ryan Huff at the beginning of lobster season. These events remind us of how fleeting the gift of life is, and perhaps accentuates the importance of savoring those moments we spend with friends and brothers as we enjoy the fruits of the sea.

Between these difficult events we enjoyed some great experiences. We enjoyed a packed awards banquet where we celebrated with those receiving their trophies for amazing accomplishments. We ushered John Carpenter and John Johnston in as life members, and inducted more King Neptunes at one time than ever before in Neptune history.

Our auction was a huge success (and mostly a blur to me) allowing us to enjoy the freedom to subsidize the events of the year, and leave a little something for the next board.

The BWM resulted in a clean Neptune sweep after a tough day of diving with only 5 hard won fish being weighed in at the beach. The Family Campout followed with Neptunes and their loved ones enjoying some relaxing family time at Catalina. Not to mention the Farquhar boys joining their dad in taking the top spots in both the BWM and the junior BWM!

One of the biggest highlights of my year was the honor of presenting three exceptional men with their Neptune patches as we welcomed Kyle Brannon, John McMullen and Jeff Parmer into our club. I remember the moment Ron Mullens handed me my patch (26 years ago). It was one of the big moments of my life, I hope it is for these new Neptunes as well.

We fought through a lot of awful water clarity, to come out at the Fall Classic with beautiful conditions and quality yellowtail all over the place. Watching Juan win the meet was definitely one of the highlights of the year!

Throughout the year I've been green with envy watching pictures and stories come in from all the great exotic chips that our members have been fortunate to experience.

Now, as I'm writing this, the final preparations are being made for the Christmas Party! I'm really looking forward to it. Not just because it marks the end of my duties as President but mostly because I've had some of my best times as a Neptune around Christmas. I REALLY miss the dragon swim and party. Still, there's something great about gathering with fellow Neptunes and their significant others to relax and embellish on the stories of the past year and years before.

Finally, I can't tell you all how proud I have been to serve as the President this year. You probably all know how much I dislike being behind the mic, but I have received so much help and support from the Board and other members. It is not a thankless job. I have had many people thank me. It is just a difficult job because when you love the Long Beach Neptunes as much as most of us do, you just don't want to make any mistakes or let anyone down.

At the December meeting we will be voting on the new officers for 2020. Please be there to make sure your vote is counted, and more importantly, to make sure you don't end up with a position you didn't want thanks to your supportive friends!

Dive Safe!

Jeff

A message from the Newsletter Editor

Well brothers and sisters it has been an awesome year to be a Neptune! Serving on the board as newsletter editor was an honor, (and in my opinion) a responsibility to our club. Spending time with board members was a lot of fun but making a great newsletter every month, well that's a tough job for one guy. I had little to no experience but luckily, we have some great men in our club that had my back! They gave me all the support I needed, especially Mori. Every issue was co-created with the help of Mori and his extensive knowledge in well everything, including editing. My life changed a lot this year and had lot challenges with new job, injuries and trying to spearfish often while keeping a healthy relationship... Mori was there to help me through it all and I am forever grateful. I will do my best to pass on any experience or skills to our next newsletter editor. That is what our club is about; brotherhood, friendship, family, being there for your brothers, for the betterment of the club. I want to thank everyone that sent in articles, pictures or any content. Without you guys writing down your stories and sending them in, we wouldn't have a newsletter. Half the battle here is just getting content so we are very grateful for the submissions. Reading all those great stories and seeing all these wild photos of big fish from exotic locations was so cool , it keeps you in the loop but man it can be tough cause they really make you want to dive!

Fraternally Yours,

Chase Buchanan "Buck"

2019 Long Beach Neptunes Newsletter Editor

Long Beach Neptunes Election Night 2020 !!!!



It's again that time again to Vote on those who will be the members of The Executive Board in 2020. We will be opening up the floor for any final nominations at the December meeting, followed by the Election. If you or one of your buddies would like to be a part of the 2020 Executive Board, please contact one of the members of the nomination committee, and you will be put onto the ballot for 2020.

If you feel that someone should be a member of the Executive Board, the floor will be open to nominations. According to our Constitution, no member may decline a nomination unless he has served on the board before.

The election will take place at the December Meeting. This is important, as these people will be running the club in 2020.

Nominees for 2020 Executive Board

President: Jeff Benedict

Vice President: Scott Bamsey, Will Withers,

Treasurer: Harry Ingram, Jon McMullin, Jeff Parmer

Secretary: Scott Bamsey, Joe Ennis, Ivan Sanchez, Del White

Tentative Manager: Kyle Brannon, Hobie Ladd, Ivan Sanchez, Brian York

Newsletter Editor: Eric Bodjanac, Kyle Brannon

Club Announcements..

- The board has decided to move the 2020 Blue Water Meet weigh-in from Buffalo Park to the front beach area. This move will increase cost to the club slightly, but we were able to budget this into our operational expenses. Arrangements are already being made. Date is Saturday June 13, 2020
- **The election for the 2020 Executive Board will take place at the December 4th Meeting. It is important to think about who will be running the club next year.**
- **At the December 4th meeting , Brian Stirling from CSU Long Beach Shark lab will be visiting to talk about our recent shark sightings, his shark tagging and Autonomous UAV tracking program.**
- There will **not** be a January meeting. The first Wednesday falls on 1/1/20. Happy New Year !!

OG TRIP TO BAJA

I love Mexico!!



Our lives are so calculated and demanding here in the states and yet, when we cross the border, our shoulders drop and all the rigidity just seems to disappear.

Lyle Davis, Steve Parkford and I flew out of Tijuana en route to Loreto. The flight was uneventful and all our gear made it. So far so good. We proceeded to load the Suburban and head to a beach front palapa for some tacos and ice cold Mexican Coca Cola. No sooner did we sip our Cokes and our driver said “we have to leave now, highway is

closed with a semi truck wreck and fatality”. Plan now was to drive to the accident, unload our gear and walk it past the accident to another vehicle waiting on the other side. Welcome to Mexico!

Our destination was Mag Bay and eventually we arrived unscathed. The recent fish reports had been dismal. “Wahoo really haven’t showed up this year” the captain says, but Steve had researched the topography and we were willing to try some new “unnamed” spots.

Next morning we load the boat and head out a couple 3 hours. We stopped and looked at a couple of spots but yet to jump in. 3rd stop





we're gonna get wet. Water is 73 and purplish blue. Steve jumps in 1st, then Lyle and I follow. Steve surfaces and yells WAHOOO! what, 1st dive?! Lyle's loading his gun as I proceed to throw my flasher. This fish couldn't resist and headed my direction. BOOM, fish on. 1st wahoo was on the boat within 20 minutes of arrival. There was a school of about 20 fish that would glide in about every 40 minutes or so. The key was patience. We all missed some and landed some but at the end of the day our tally was 7 fish. SO STOKED!!



The plan for day 2 was the same as day 1 with one exception, we

wanted an 8 fish total today. What was left of that 1st school was very wary. We had knocked it down from about 20 fish to maybe 12. They just wouldn't come within range. Then around noon a new large school showed up, unaware of what was about to happen. BOOM, BOOM, BOOM! A triple hook up. Floats ripping in all directions! By the time we all had secured our fish the captain came by and said Lyle and Steve were over there and in them thick, do I want to get on the boat? Not a chance, I had wahoo all around me with tunas now in the mix. At one point I had a mix of tunas from 10 to 80lbs, from 5' to 60' deep, cruising by for a solid 30 seconds. What a sight!

At this point Steve decides he wants to see what's on the bottom. Yellowtail, hauchinango and grouper were on the menu. On the flight out Steve was reminding us that he's no longer a deep diver.....yet he pulls the trigger on a 45lb grouper at 87'. This was going to be our dinner tonight, so good.

Based on the moon, tides and weather we knew the 3rd dive day was predicted to be our least productive. We tried a couple of different spots for minimal sightings. Lyle and Steve picked off 1 more wahoo each and Lyle added a Dorado to the mix.

Final count was 19 Wahoo, 1 Grouper and 1 Dorado. The magic of Mag Bay never ceases to amaze!



Pics from the Sea of Cortez to Mag Bay With Ivan Sanchez and Donny Harris











Neptunes Christmas Dinner 2019









Puerto Vallarta

The fishing is very good in PV this time of year. The water is warm and clear, and the weather is phenomenal. Lots of Iguana and Crocodiles. This trip, we landed some nice sized Mahi Mahi, and released ½ dozen sailfish on hook and line. Saw lots of tuna breaking the surface, but didn't see anything big. Ended up with one 34 lb Ahi on the spear. Good times Mori













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