



Connecting and Informing our Neptune
Community with:
Safety, Camaraderie, and Club Legacy
February 2017



Who's been playing in the...mud?

It's boggling to realize that we're already in February. I'm not sure if anyone has made it out locally, but I hope everyone has been enjoying themselves nonetheless. I'm sure engines have been serviced and garages have been cleaned. Little else to do while the rain and wind ripped its way through our hometowns. I saw a devastating photo of our Neptune Kory Bersuch's boat filled with water from the rain. Hopefully it wasn't a common occurrence. For those that did experience problems from the weather, be it your boats or homes, remember you have a network of friends to reach out to here in the club. I'm sure everyone agrees that you shouldn't hesitate to call if you need a hand.

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Let's go over a couple of important items that need to be addressed. First off, the February meeting is 2/1/17 at Me-N-Ed's Pizza Parlor. We are fortunate enough to have lined up the White Sea Bass World Record Holder, Bill Ernst, as our guest speaker. Bill is excited to go over his hunting techniques with us. We should be excited and ready to ask him any questions we may have in regards to his spots, spots, spots...Oh wait sorry for that brain fart, weather, tides, etc. Take a look at this video to get the heart pumping. [WSB Video](#)

The Neptune Auction will be in April, so dig deep. That brand new gun you have hanging on the wall or the boat you can't get out on, because you're too busy at work, can graciously be donated to the club. Get your donations into the board so they can start categorizing. Remember to include retail price of the item, even if it's a guesstimate, and be ready to burn through some cash at another epic Neptune Auction night.

- Dave Freeman



2016 Final Fish Standings

2016 Awards

2016 Calico Derby: Robert Strobach - 5.8 lbs. **Biggest Bluefin Tuna (California):** Ron Warren - 245 lbs.

Calico: Dave Freeman - 6.92 lbs. **Biggest Yellowfin Tuna (California):** Mike De Giosa - 61.18 lbs.

Dorado: Mark Hultgren - 19.86 lbs. **Bonito:** Dave Freeman - 6.34 lbs.

Biggest Tuna (Out of Country/State): Robert Strohbach 210 lbs. YFT (Panama)

Sheep Head: Dave Freeman - 24.20 lbs. **White Sea Bass:** Jesse Goode - 61.5 lbs.

Biggest Pelagic Fish (Non-Tuna) Out of Country/State: Masahiro Mori - 59.4 lbs. Amberjack (La Paz)

Lobster: Dave Freeman - 13 lbs. **Yellow Tail:** Dave Freeman - 40.8 lbs.

Biggest Reef Fish Out of Country/State: Dave Freeman - 57.5 lbs. Pargo (Ceralvo Island)

Kent McIntyre Award: Mike Marsh - YT 38lbs / WSB 35lbs

No Submissions: Halibut, Abalone

Neptunes' To-Do's:

- Pay your dues to Bill Peratt via cash or PayPal. If you choose PayPal make sure you send it to LBNEPTUNESPAYMENT@GMAIL.COM. Let Bill know who is sending the money. Make sure you select the friends and family option.
- Calico Derby last submissions excepted 3/1/17
- Show up to February's meeting 2/1/17

- Start gathering donations for the Long Beach Neptunes' Auction in April
- Send me your photos of any successful hunts at (949)945-8930.
- If you'd like your photos on the Neptunes' website submit your photos to Brandon. Make sure you choose the option to downsize the pictures' file size.

Presidents Message

Neptunes Brothers,

Well, winter is upon us now. Let's ride out the storms, calm seas lie just ahead. This is a great time to check gear for wear and tear, re-rig your guns, and just make sure you've got what you need to make it an epic 2017. Pay those dues boys, and don't forget those fishing licenses! The Calico Derby is in full swing now, please submit your Apps/Photos to Bruce Dardis without delay.

Your board has been busy at work seeing to it that we'll have a great year in front of us. That will include our upcoming awards banquet, the famous LBN auction, the family campout and of course our yearly meets. Don't forget about the special goodies you'll get for submitting newsletter stories and sharing your tales of glory at the meetings! I'm proud to announce that the 2017 LBN auction will be bigger than ever, and we've chosen to move to a new and larger venue. It seems that we've outgrown Me & Eds for this event and with the recent blowup of social media and So Cal freediving blogs, we have the potential of bringing in hundreds and hundreds (or more?) of crazed spear fishing fanatics, wide eyed with wallets bulging. Maybe soon we'll have to rent the ballroom at the Queen Mary! All the details on date and location for the 2017 auction are forthcoming.

I'm also excited to tell you all about a new event we are considering. This inaugural meet will be held on one of the long warm days of Summer, August 19th - 2017, and will be called something like, "The LBN Mid Summer Shootout". We are envisioning it as a team event, with cash and prizes going to multi fish bag weight winners. We'll hope to solicit participation by as many of our club members as possible, and spearo teams from other clubs far and wide. At our February meeting, I'll be open to club member comments on this so we can make this a really great event that everyone is on board with. When we meet on February 1st, it will be a night devoted to "The Art of White Seabass Hunting", with our special guest, WSB World Record holder, Mr. Bill Ernst. I look forward to seeing you all there!

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do, than by the things you did do. So throw off the bow lines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover". ~ Mark Twain

~Long Life Ahead~

Todd Norell





Attention Tentative/Sponsors of Tentatives/Members!

This edition of the Trident wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication from our tentative members. I appreciate the willingness to assist and the effort that each of you contributed. Here's a look at each of the killer tentatives we have attending our meetings and events, preparing for their future to be members of the Long Beach Neptunes.

Thanks again for your photos and write-ups.

-Dave

P.S. With February being dedicated to WSB here's another video of the infamous ghosts. My suggestion...stone em! [WSB Poseur!](#)

Tentative Erik Donohue

Hello all Neptunes!

I'm Erik Donohue and a current tentative for the club. I have been a rod & reel fisherman since as early as I can remember and grew up passionate about fishing. I didn't think it could get any better, until I discovered spearfishing in 2011. In one sport, I was able to combine my love for fishing, the ocean, and providing food for my family. My passion for spearfishing grew so much so quickly and for a few years, I would dive every chance I got. I'm blessed to have been able to dive in Hawaii, New Zealand, and the local islands. I also received third place in the Jack Predanovitch WSB tournament in 2014.

A memorable experience was right when I started diving and was dying to get my first WSB. I was in PV on a very clear day and came across a school of large WSB sleeping in the bed. I dove down very silently and got 10' away...or so I thought (later found out it was more like 20'). I was confident I was about to



score a monster fish, took a shot at a 50 lber, and watched a dozen fish swim away from me. It's one of those moments I'll never forget and started out my diving career in a humbling way. I actually got it all on video - just search for "White Sea Bass Fail" on YouTube haha.

I shoot with various Riffe Euros, but my prized gun of choice is a 61" custom Phil Heranen with a carbon-fiber Wally Potts replica. My favorite fish to hunt is the white sea bass because it's been the most challenging to consistently shoot. The size of the fish and the quality of the meat make it that much more enjoyable.



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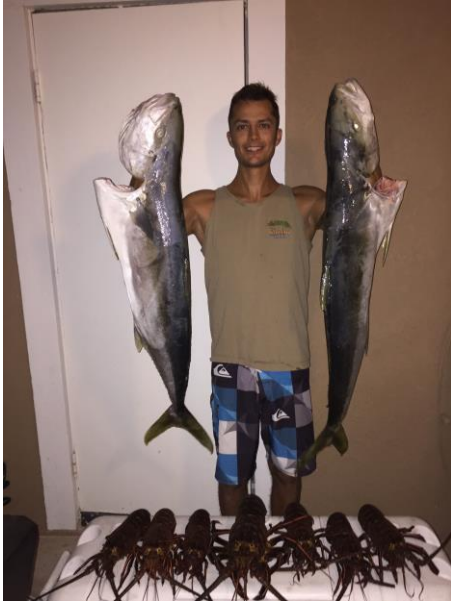
In the recent years, I've been blessed with the birth of my baby girl and also received a promotion at work. Because of this, I haven't been able to dive nearly as often as I want. Several years ago, my goals would have been to catch 70 lobsters a season, shoot 5-6 WSB, and



a dozen YT a year;

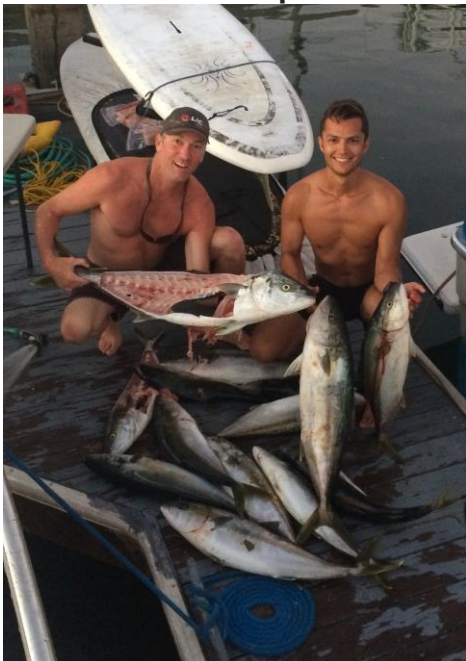
however, now my goals are simply to be able to

dive safely with good friends when I can and hopefully have the opportunity to bring home fresh seafood for family and friends to enjoy.



I first learned about the Neptunes in 2012 and knew I found a club I wanted to be part of. My sponsor is Ron and I've also gotten the chance to dive a lot with John Hughes, Dave Freeman, Woody, Scott Bamz, Todd Farquhar, and a few others.

I desire to be a Neptune because it's one of the most prestigious, reputable clubs in the



country. I want to be connected to people like me who love to dive, respect the ocean, and are safety-minded. I've seen firsthand everyone has each other's backs and speaks highly of one another.

It's truly like a second family and one that I'd love to be part of.





Tentative Wyatt Staehling

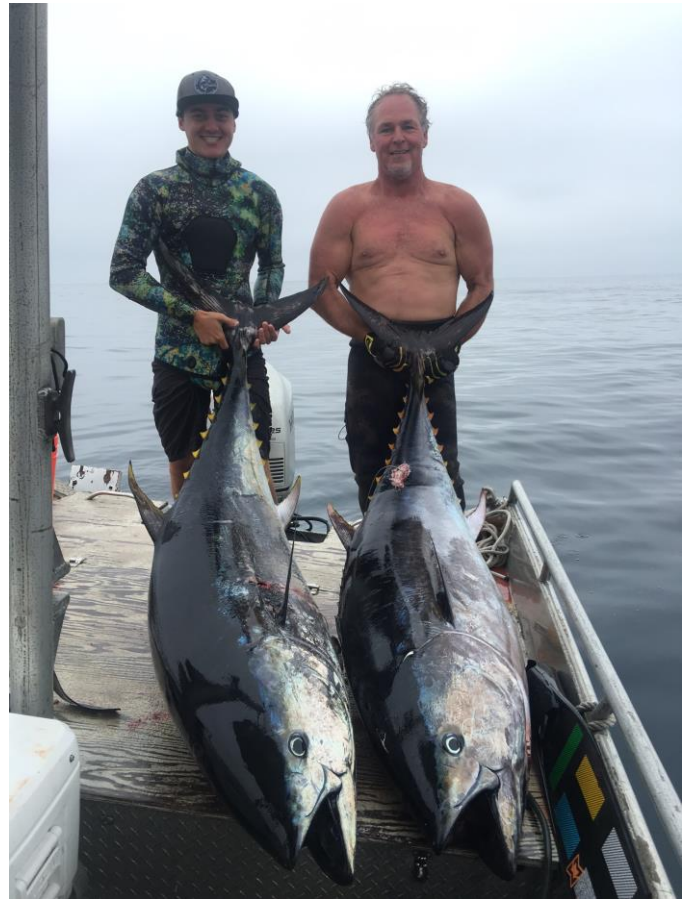
Hello All Neptunes Members,

I'm Wyatt Staehling. I've been on the water since I was born, but I didn't start diving until 2009. I shoot an Impaler 60" rear handle, a 58" Mori rear handle, and sometimes I'll sneak up to Ron's house and snag his 67"

Mori. I do most of my diving at Catalina

for big calico. I took on a Radon 32 project boat. I have my days where I regret buying it, but I know it'll all be worth it when it's done. Hoping to have it up and running by the Blue Water Meet.

My two most memorable fish have to be my 10 pound calico and my 243 pound bluefin. I would have to say my bluefin was a bit more exciting than my calico. I'll never forget coming up from taking the shot on that tuna and seeing my float just go flying past me and hearing Ron and my dad screaming like girls.



Tentative Art Tiscareno

Hello my name is Art Tiscareno. I'm married and have a son and daughter in their teens. I've lived in Southern California all my life and currently live in Lakewood. I enjoy far too many outdoor activities and hobbies and consider myself somewhat a Jack of all hobbies, but master of none..., well, maybe with the exception of upland bird hunting (dove, quail, pheasant, and especially chukar) – love it! I've been spearfishing for about 4 years.

I knew this was for me after my first dive at Catalina where I speared a very nice calico and then followed by another. In the days following, my every other thought was about diving, which is still true today. Calicos and sheephead have been the usual reef targets, but I'm looking for that first halibut and maybe even one of these white sea bass people speak of, but I'm certainly in no rush. I simply enjoy that amazing feeling free diving brings, and if I score on some fish for the grill and ceviche, well that's a plus.



Recently I haven't dove as much as I'd like to, and I find that my biggest challenges are maintaining and improving my hunting skills. So, in taking the steps to becoming a tentative I look forward in meeting and diving with some of you to learn to be a safer and skilled diver, plus getting involved with the club, and in time be honored to be a member of the Neptunes.

Tentative Yu Fukushima



I started free diving when I lived on Oahu attending the University of Hawaii. A friend I had made at orientation was an avid diver from Maui (I found out later that his older brother held the Ulua WR at the time). I still remember the first few times I went out. Just a three-prong, body boarding fins, and a mask that would either fog up or leak. It wasn't until the fifth or sixth time going out that I actually brought something home (other than what my friend donated to me). I was beyond stoked about a juvenile Tako and some type of surgeonfish that tasted similar to cardboard.

A lot has changed since those days when 30ft viz was a "bad day" to go out. After moving to LA five years ago, I've been blessed to have shared some epic experiences with my dive buddies including five first-time BFTs and the wahoo & hungry sharks in Texas. Aside from diving, I've also met my future wife and recently found a job that I can actually stand = working from home for a tech start up. In the next five years, there's an extensive list of places I would like to dive, but if I had to pick three scenarios they would be: 1) Costa Rica for 50+lb Pargo and 100+lb Grouper 2) A remote South Pacific Islands (like Cook Island) for a 100+lb GT 3) Okinawa for a Doggie I also hope, in the years to come, to dive and learn from the many great divers in the Neptunes, and to continue to grow as a diver and individual.

Tentative Brian York

Hello Neptune Members,

My name is Brian York and my sponsor is Mori. I'm currently 34 years old and moved to East Long Beach about a year and a half ago. I started off freediving (more like snorkeling) around the Laguna area in 2007 when the surf was flat because I was interested in getting my SCUBA license. Around that same time a buddy of mine turned me on to spearfishing. We didn't have a clue on how to dive properly or pursue gamefish but got going in the right direction thanks to the ever informative "Speargun Hunter" show with Sherri Daye and Terry Maas. Fast forward about 10 years and I still don't have a SCUBA license because I'm too passionate about breathhold spearfishing to bother with it. I currently hold an FII Level I Certification and am looking forward to taking Seamus' Level 2 class this year.



In regards to equipment I'm fairly particular on what I like and use. I've owned many guns over the years however I've narrowed my collection down to just a few including Sea Snipers in 130cm, 60" & 72". Then there is my favorite "go-to" gun which is a 54" Mori mid-handle rigged with a reel. While it's not the biggest gun I find its power, accuracy and versatility make it great for Calico's, dirty water Seabass and has proven successful at taking Yellowtail off Catalina on multiple occasions. I also own a couple of boats, or maybe I'd be more correct in saying that they own me but regardless I love them both the same. One is a "classic" Radon 22' with a diesel. It is currently getting re-decked and refurbished to some level. My other boat is a recently acquired Livingston 19' twin-hull with a wheelhouse. I find it to be a great dive platform getting me to all my favorite spots like, Palos Verdes, Catalina, Down South and

Brian York Continued...

beyond. Even with the boats I admit that I enjoy the adventure of a good old fashioned shore dive and still do them regularly. For me it's all about the thrill of the hunt. I like to learn each species preferred habitat, conditions and other nuances then hunt them on their level, one breath at a time. I suppose the fact that I love seafood also drives me to get in there and get some tasty fish or lobster for a family dinner. Some goals would be to do more exploring of the Channel Islands, Baja, the Outer Banks and dive for Abalone on the North Coast.

I want to be a Neptune not only to learn and share experiences with like-minded individuals but to create new ones with a group of the world's best

ocean hunters. I want to be a part of keeping and growing the Neptune's legacy as the worlds' most elite dive club for future generations in hopes that my son will one day have a chance to do the same.

Thanks for checking out my bio and I hope to dive with you all soon.

Respectfully,

Brian York- [\(562\) 708-1943](tel:5627081943)



Tentative Dan Keeler

Hello Neptune members,

My name is Dan Keeler and I started spearfishing in 2006, at around the same time as I bought my first boat. Prior to that I spent a good amount of time hook and line fishing on friends and family's boats. I have always loved being on the water, starting from about the age of 10. In the mid 2000's I would watch a show on ESPN called "Offshore Adventures" and I was immediately mesmerized by these guys diving and shooting fish all up and down the Eastern Pacific and so I bought my first speargun, a 45" Riffe Competitor. I began diving with a buddy of mine up and down the Ventura coast shooting Calicos, Halibut, Sheephead, and grabbing lobsters. I was hooked but at this point I had never shot a fish over 20lbs and really wanted to up my game.



It's about this time that I met my sponsor, Michael De Giosa. I would go into his deli to grab lunch and I would see these photos of huge fish that he had shot hanging on the refrigerator and I was very impressed. Shortly thereafter I started diving with Michael and Mark Navas, and it is around this time that I really started to learn some hunting and diving techniques that started to make me a better spearo. I of course started buying more gear, larger guns, and began diving locations that I hadn't been to before. I officially had the spearfishing bug and became addicted.

Michael has brought me to quite a few meetings, auctions, and introduced me to quite a few Neptunes over



the years. I've met a lot of great guys in the club and love how the energy and passion for the sport rubs off. I have dove in a few of the Blue Water and Fall Classic tournaments and absolutely love the competitive nature of the meets. After spending a good amount of time hanging

Tentative Dan Keeler Continued...



around some of the club members, sharing quite a few adventures, and diving in the Neptune tournaments, I have decided that I would really like to be a member of the club. I've met a lot of great individuals in the club and learned a great deal about the sport over the years. I want to continue down the path of becoming a better diver and shooting bigger fish. There are still quite a few pelagic fish species that I would like to check off the list and as time goes on I am sure that I can accomplish some of those goals.

This past year was indeed a summer that I won't ever forget. I spent a pretty good amount of time on the water chasing pelagics, primarily those Bluefin that gave me many a fit in the summers prior. I was lucky enough to spear 2 blue fin last year and caught quite a few more on rod n reel when the fish started going deep later in the season. The first Bluefin that I shot was on a two day trip with De Giosa in early July near SCI on my boat, A Salt Weapon, a 26ft Glacier Bay catamaran. It was just the two of us on that trip and Michael was just getting over a sinus infection so lucky me, I got most of the water time. I shot a personal best on that trip for any fish I have ever speared, a 132lb Bluefin. Stoked doesn't even describe how I felt that day. A few weeks later I was lucky enough to be the one up and on deck on Robert Strobach's boat, Sea Hunt. We ran into multiple foamers and I managed to shoot a 75lb Bluefin that day, another great trip I won't ever forget. I never did see any of those cows that some of the guys shot this summer, but it certainly wasn't for a lack of effort or miles on the water. The 2016 Fall Classic Tournament on Sea Hunt was another unforgettable trip with multiple Yellowfin and Bluefin up to 65lbs, and



Tentative Dan Keeler Continued...

everyone on the boat shot their way to the podium with a Yellow on the day of the meet. As the tuna season was winding down we caught a few more Bluefin by hook and line and one of them, a 75lb model, had an electronic tag in its belly that the Monterey Bay Aquarium paid me a \$500.00 reward for its return, that was pretty damn cool as well. What an unforgettable 2016 So Cal summer...

Since my boat is trailer-able, I launch from as far north as Channel Islands Harbor and as far south as San Diego, and anywhere in between. I love diving the islands, the beach, and open water. I would like to spend some more time diving out of country as well. I look forward to, and really hope, that I can become a member of the Long Beach Neptunes. I certainly look forward to many, many, more adventures for years to come.

Sincerely,

Dan Keeler



Tentative Taylor Yates



Hello Neptunes,

I'm Taylor Yates. I'm almost 19 years old and I have been diving seriously for about 6 years. I've been around the ocean all my life and got into diving because my dad and sponsor, Chris Yates, is a diver and a Neptune. In May of 2016 I took Seamus' free diving course, but other than that I know everything that I do by learning from all of you and my dad. I shoot a 90 cm Picasso euro gun and one of my dad's 60 in custom Mori guns. The only spot I have been is Catalina, I love the sandy coves on the front side of the island, but my favorite is jumping off the boat on to a nice paddy. My dad and I have an 18ft Dauntless Whaler which I will be using this summer quite a bit.

Right now I am getting my general education at Orange Coast College with the hopes of being a nursing student by Spring 2018. In the mean time I am really looking forward to diving a lot, hopefully shooting some fish, and enjoying myself and this amazing sport.

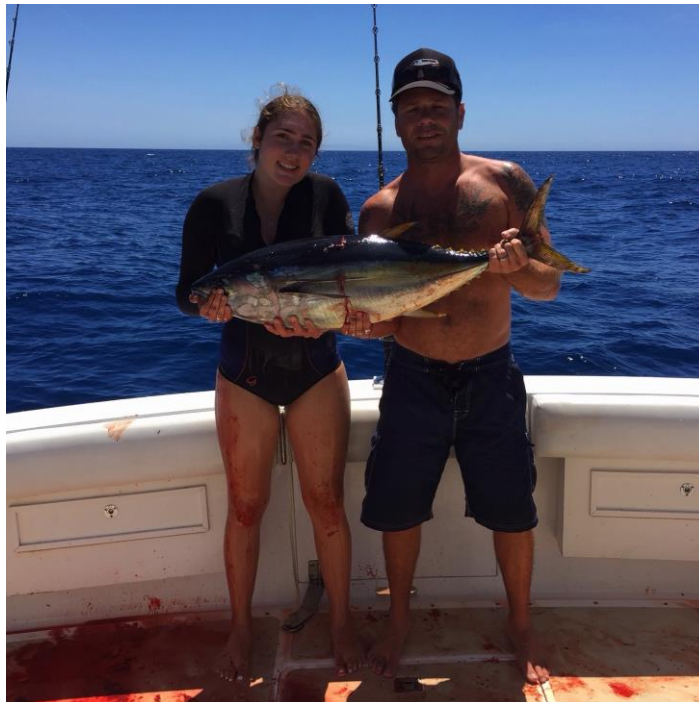
My most memorable fish was a few years back on one of our many Catalina trips we take during the summer. We anchored in my favorite spot in the front side and my dad and I got out and

Tentative Taylor Yates Continued...

started swimming around. I was just learning what to look for when halibut hunting and I was determined to find one. As we were in about 10 ft of water I saw the fish at the same time as my dad did. I swam down a few feet and shot it right behind the eye. It turned out being about 10 lbs, but the best part about it was that my dad was right there watching the whole thing.



My dad has been a member of this club since I was born and he grew up watching the dragon in the Naples boat parade. A lot of you have watched me grow into the woman that I am now and I consider you all like family. I want to be a Neptune because I feel like it is a part of where I come from. Growing up I always looked forward to the first Wednesday of the month so I could eat pizza and listen to fish stories and now I'm excited to get out there and be the one telling the fish stories. I'm excited to some more fish and I the future has in store



get out there and shoot can't wait to see what for me and this club.

Tentative Joshua Wells

Write about myself? Well, here is the first fact about me, I'd rather dive the LA River in this rain than write about myself. I tried to get away with writing up a bullshit story about the first memorable fish I shot but that was rejected because I was told members want to know about "me". After this, they may rethink that.

I grew up in the 909 so I didn't get much early exposure to the ocean other than old Jacques Cousteau videos. I'm pretty sure I actually made my parents donate so I could become a member. I'm sure Jacques would be rolling in his grave if he saw what I became. My first regular exposure to the ocean was when I was about 16 and started jumping on overnight fishing trips out of H&M. I can still hear all the old salts yelling at me, "Over. Under. Move. Follow Your Line Asshole." Eventually I picked up a few things and caught a couple of fish and slowly the ocean became comfortable. At the same time, my fishing buddy and I signed up for the Sport Chalet SCUBA course.



Tentative Joshua Wells Continued...

Our first non-pool dive was actually at Lake Perris. The fauna was limited to a bluegill, a few tires and old diapers. However, that led to a trips on the Peace dive boat attempting to grab bugs like the old timers and shooting sheepshead point blank with an old JBL.

After high school I spent a few years up in Alaska at a fishing/adventure travel lodge before coming back to finish school. Since coming back to SoCal, I eventually dropped the tanks, grabbed a legal bug and shot something that didn't have to be lured in with crushed urchin. The past few years I've been fortunate to have some great times and learn a lot from the guys I have been diving with. A couple of these guys are Neptunes as well, including my sponsor Jason and fellow tentative Yu. Whether it has been local BFT on my 24' whaler or chasing wahoo in the gulf, you couldn't ask for better divers to watch your back and talk some serious shit.

I'm looking forward to a couple of trips this coming year, including back to Texas in March and Panama in April. Probably a week doesn't go by when one of us isn't trying to set the next trip for the fall. My wife has been pretty epic in tolerating all of this, even through the birth of our first child this spring. My goals for this year are to tag an epic 'hoo in Texas so I never have to go back. We'll give the trip report after March and explain all of that for those that haven't taken the trip. Also, I still need to shoot a WSB so I'm ready for (but not looking forward to) all the cold, shitty vis, miserable dives this spring until I do. As far as lifetime goals



in spearing, I don't really have any. Just spend as much time in the water as possible with good company and be safe. Shooting fish is just a bonus. Looking forward to diving with more of the Neptunes.

Current guns used: BW-Ulusub 172mh, Local-Riffe Euro 120, Reef-Riffe Euro 100

Tentative Eric Bodjanac



Hey Neptunes,

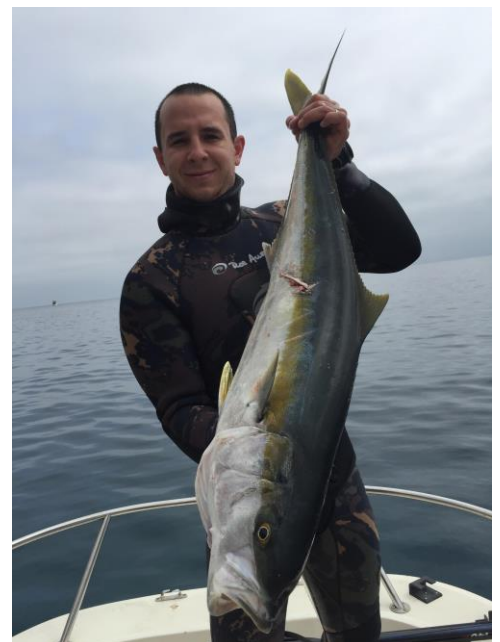
I'm grateful for the opportunity to join such a prestigious spearfishing club. I've been diving for 7 years but have been on the water for much of my life. I got bit by the bug in my youth; I can remember being a young boy and watching my father walk into the back yard with his gunny sack full of reds and chuckleheads that he caught on his charters to Santa Rosa Island. Long are the days of big Penn reels, gangion rigs, and pulling up loads of fish from 600+ feet yet those memories are ingrained in me. As I grew my dad and I continued to fish the Channel Islands. I have distant memories of men in all black wetsuits slipping into the water with spear guns, but never really gave it a second thought.

It wasn't until my junior college years when I actually held my first pole spear. Every summer we'd spend the week in Avalon and I got to bring a friend each time. One year my friend brought his POS pneumatic gun and aluminum JBL pole spear and introduced me to spearfishing. That week I put a small dent in the blue perch population and thus started my downward spiral of addiction into spearfishing.

Once I got back to the mainland I bought a Cressi 75cm gun and began to scour the coast. I soon found that Island vis was much better than what we had in Malibu

and was highly discouraged with bad vis that seemed to never end, until I had 30' of vis at Leo Carrillo one day. I was excited to know that we had good coastal diving and was encouraged to keep at it. I can still remember the first time I stalked a fish and how proud I was to outsmart that sheephead! That moment further rooted my passion for diving.

My free time was either spent in the water or on-line trying to absorb as much information as I could. I was progressing, but slowly, as I never had a mentor. I never knew anyone experienced in the dive community nor did I seek one, which was probably my biggest mistake early on.



Tentative Eric Bodjanac Continued...



After a year and a half of blowing up reef fish I moved to Connecticut to complete my Masters degree. I quickly made friends with the right group of people, who I still keep in touch with. They taught me how to dive for New England species: blackfish (tautog), scup, triggerfish, bluefish, and the coveted striper. Diving in NE is an adventure; there are strong currents, bad vis, and lots of big fish.

Spending two years diving Rhode Island, New York, and Connecticut made me appreciate our vis and structure. It also taught me to be more observant to fish patterns as stripers' movement and patterns are highly dependent on tides and moon phases.

May 2013 I moved back to my native waters of California. I have taken what I've learned from NE diving and applied it here which has helped in the progression of my diving. Since then I've made many new friends and dive partners, including my sponsor John Hughes. He has taken me under his wing and really helped me take my spearfishing to the next level. I am blessed to have him as my friend and mentor.

I am thankful for and proud of the prospect of becoming a Neptune. The connotations attached to being a Neptune are what drew me to this group and it's the quality of people that keep me here. It's a widely known and prestigious name in our community. When you hear that someone is a Neptune you immediately know what this person stands for and I like that.



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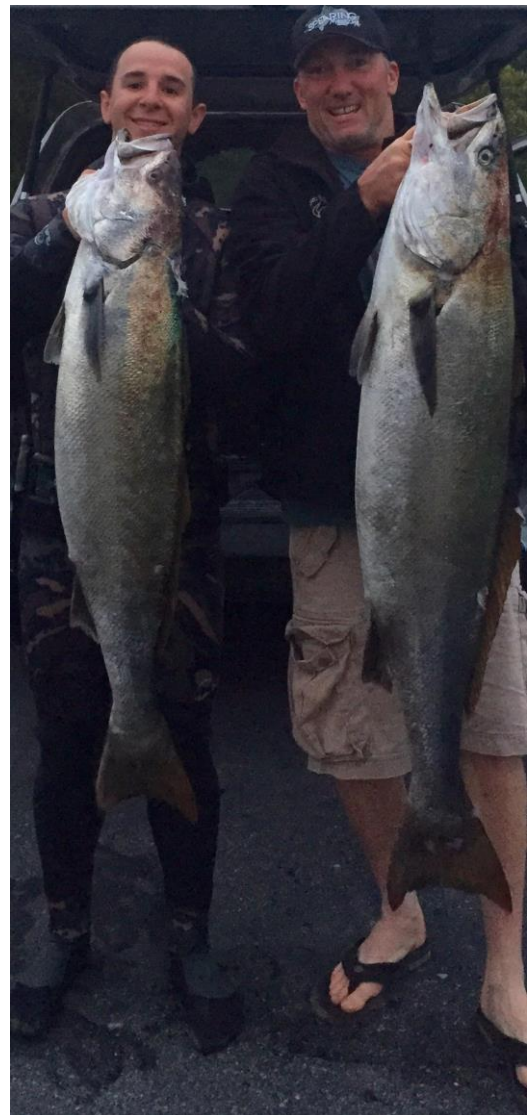
Currently I'm shooting a 67" Mori gun with an 11/32" shaft and (4) 9/16" bands for yellows and bluewater hunting. It quickly became my favorite gun as it not only flawless in design but shoots so naturally for me. My seabass gun is a 55" Wong GR hybrid midhandle with (3) 9/16" bands and a 9/32" Mori shaft and my reef gun is a 90 cm Pathos single 19mm band and 6.5mm shaft.

Looking forward, this season I hope to spend as much time on my 1984 Skipjack 20. My wife is expecting our 3rd child (first boy!!) in April so my seabass season might get cut short this year. I had my best year last year with three seabass to 31lbs and a load of yellows up to 20lbs. This year I'd like to land a seabass over 50lbs and a yellowtail over 30lbs and spend more time at the outer islands, SBI and SCI. I've visited SCI twice but never connected with yellow there and hope to do so this summer.

As we progress in 2017 I look forward to contributing to the club and spearfishing community and diving with many of you. I can't wait to become a full-fledged member of this distinguished club, the Long Beach Neptunes.

Eric Bodjanac
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PS, did I mention how lucky I am to have John as my sponsor? He's not much of a fish killer but at least he's easy on the eyes!!



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Final Words

I hope everyone enjoyed the tentatives awesome contributions. We've got a line-up of fish killing machines. Did you notice four of our tentatives shot Bluefin over 100#s?! Congrats to Joshua Wells, Wyatt, Staehling, Yu Fukushima, and Dan Keeler, incredible accomplishments taking advantage of the "Year of a lifetime".

But enough with the past, let's smile and look forward to another incredible year with or without giant tuna. We've got a treat for getting this far and a fantastic incentive to show up to the February meeting. Members and tentatives included.

Whoever accurately counts the White Sea Bass throughout the February Trident will receive a Mori 9/32 Spectra Slip-tip. So you've got skills stalking WSB? Prove it. Find all of the WSB in this edition of the Trident.

Here are the rules:

- **First person to email dbfreeman.jr@gmail.com with the accurate number of White Sea Bass in this edition of the Trident.**
- **You must be present at the February meeting when it's announced, to win the slip-tip.**
- **The person who was second to email me the correct number and is attending will take the prize if the first person is not present. So on and so forth.**
- **If no one guesses accurately then there's no winner. Don't see the fish can't take the SHOT right?**

***HINT: Text does not count so you don't need to count every written WSB or White Sea Bass. Video fish count.**

Thanks,

-Dave Freeman

