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## Streamlining the Club's Fish Application

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### Neptunes Calendar:

Wednesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting

Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Awards Banquet

Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>

Meeting - Auction

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>

Meeting

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Meeting

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Neptunes BWM

This year's Neptune board is kicking off 2011 with some house keeping; Changes to the fish application have been proposed with the intention to simplify the process, make them easier to submit and to update the criteria to better match the way our club members dive. The majority of the proposed changes were discussed at the January Meeting. There is a vote by the membership scheduled for the February meeting so if you have feedback and/or would like to vote make sure to attend the meeting or contact President Mark if you can't attend. A copy of the proposed fish application is included at the end of the newsletter and a detailed list of changes is included in the announcements section.

The fish pix submittals for the newsletter are thin this month and the standings are bare so this issue's fish pix are a few images scavenged from last year.

February is coming fast so get out there, spear some fish and enjoy the outdoors with your fellow spearfishermen and Neptunes. Make sure to take pictures while you are doing it and send them for next month's newsletter. And...remember to pick up a 2011 fishing license and mail in your lobster cards while you are at it.

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2011 Calico Derby –

Mark Hutgren (4.8#)

Calico Bass of the Year –

open!

Halibut – open!

Sheephead – open!

Yellowtail – open!

White Sea Bass – open!

Bluefin Tuna – open!

Lobster – open!

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!



# President's Corner

We'll, 2010 was an interesting year filled with good WSB action early and a pretty slow year for YT. The club brought in a good amount of money through the auction and hopefully we'll continue the tradition with another successful event this year. The auction has been scheduled for the April meeting. There were a few reasons for doing this: (1) The San Diego Freedivers are having a Legends of Spearfishing event in late February and have secured numerous raffle items from the same Manufacturers that we routinely receive items from and (2) We want to make sure that we have the BWM T-Shirts available for the auction night (As we typically sell a good amount of t-shirts that night). The Board is asking that we start securing donated items now so we have a good stock of items for the King of Auctioneering (Robert) to work his magic with. If you have connections with friends/Manufacturers in the industry, can you please contact them or give the Board their contact information so we can start the process now?

The BWM t-shirts are being designed by Amadeo Bachar who is a well respected artist who has done numerous pieces of work for the DFG. We hope that his vision and expertise will make a great selling t-shirt that also captures the spirit and prestige of this great dive event.

Speaking of the Blue Water Meet (BWM), many of the members pitched an idea to hold the event at Two Harbors rather than Rippers Cove. So far, through e-mails and talk at the meeting, it appears that the large majority of members want to give this option a try. We have secured the large bandstand at Two Harbors for June 4th, 2011. This isn't set in stone yet as I'm sure there will be some back and forth pros and cons between members but the area is reserved so we don't lose out on the chance to possibly make this event even bigger and better than in years past. Some of the pros for the location are the accommodations at Two Harbors (Restrooms>Showers>Market>Restaurant>Moorings) and the fact that we have a designated area for approximately 150 people. There is no charge for the area if we use the catering service for side dishes/beer, which will also prevents everyone from having to bring a ton of items across.

There are three BBQ's that are the same size as the one used for the Fall Classic, so grilling space shouldn't be an issue. There have been gripes about changing the location and also about the possibility of tourists, etc being appalled by seeing all of the fish at the meet. I suggest we give it a try and if it doesn't work, we go back to Rippers. As far as public impact regarding the sight of bleeding-dead fish, in speaking with some of the locals that live there and also the employees of Two Harbors they say that should not be a concern. WON (Western Outdoors News) has been holding their WSB derby there for years and have not had any problems.

Many members were stating that the location may spur more family members to attend which is always a positive. Just remember that non-participants still need to be added to the roster and paid for. There will also be a later weigh in to afford everyone the chance to get situated and onto the beach in time. There is a ferry service to get boat driver's to the dock or we may be able to get a few volunteers to provide tenders to pick everyone up and get them to the docks on time.

I know there were some members that were hoping for the second week of June as the BWM date. I didn't have a problem with changing the date to the second weekend, but after talking with a majority of the members (Many who had conflicts with the second weekend) and checking the tide tables it looks like the first week is hopefully going to bring a more productive/fish filled weigh-in (Which we've been lacking the past few years).

The Board has been looking at the Fish Applications and we are in the process of streamlining the application and hopefully making it easier to submit fish applications in the future. Some of the suggestions we have made are, automatically entering WSB and YT for the McIntyre Award when YT or WSB are submitted and also automatically entering Calicos for the Calico Derby if they are submitted during the Calico Derby time frame. The big, controversial items were using digital scales only (No Spring Scales) and also making the Coronado Islands an Out of Country location only (As it is considered an In-Country and Out of Country location currently, but is not open for WSB and YT for the King Neptune Award). We are also attempting to make an E-Mail option available for fish applications which may encourage people to submit more fish by making the process easier. We also want to make a digital photograph mandatory. This will not only back-up the information that is on the fish application, but increase the amount of pictures and stories that can be inputted into the monthly newsletter. Please attend the February meeting to cast your vote on these items so we can get the ball rolling. A revised Fish Application is included in this month's issue.

Dues are due and you can either pay in person at the monthly meetings or mail your check into the Treasurer (No not Bruce, Jeff Benedict). His PO Box is listed in the front of the newsletter for those wondering. Remember, if you don't get your dues in after the March meeting, you may be considered inactive and taken off of the mailing list, etc. Speaking of mailing lists, when the big group e-mails go out, I've noticed approximately 10 or more returned e-mails. When you pay your dues, give Jeff your current e-mail so we can make sure we have an updated list.



Now a little bit about me (As some of you probably don't even know who I am). My name is Mark Hultgren, I'm 38 and I've been into spear fishing for approximately 25 years. I first got into snorkeling when I was 10 while spending my summer in Cape Cod, MA. My Uncle had a big Sport Fishing Charter service out of Barnstable Harbor and he was also a pretty famous Blue Fin Tuna fisherman. He and his boat held a record or two with Blue fin over 1,000 pounds back in the good ole days. I spent a few days on his boat and although I didn't witness any huge Blue fin coming in, I had the great experience of seeing schools of big Blue fin (Approximately 600-800 pounds) swimming by the jigs from atop the tuna tower as we trolled. Those things were huge and spending the days on his 46' charter catching bluefish and stripers was quite an experience that got me hooked. I bought a mask and snorkel while in Cape Cod and dove the many ponds and bays and haven't stopped since.

My Dad got me into diving the CA waters when I was 13 and it was a whole lot different than I imagined. Between the kelp and cool waters it took a while to get used to it, but I was instantly hooked. I started with a little Bandito Speargun and quickly realized that I needed an upgrade. I upgraded to a JBL 38-Special and started shooting Calicos, etc. My Dad and I lobster dove regularly and I was hitting PV just about every other day. My first WSB encounter was pretty uneventful as I saw one of the biggest fish I had ever seen while diving and stoned it. Little did I realize I had just shot a 28" WSB that may have weighed 8 pounds. One of my fondest days was hitting the Pipe in PV and just getting into the water off the reef when I saw crystal clear water. I loaded my Mares Pneumatic (California Long Tom) and was in 15' of water when I saw my first legit WSB. This fish was magnificent and easily 60 pounds. I saw it come into view from my left and it must have been 8 feet from me slowly gliding almost floating in front of me if you will. My eyes became the size of saucers as I saw this giant fish literally taunting me by swimming right in front of me. I was so amazed at the size and beauty of this fish that I didn't even think



about shooting it as it swam away to my right and out of range. I was then graced with the fish's presence once again as it decided to turn back and make one more pass. The fish swam right in front of me once again and I finally came to my senses and put my gun up and took aim. Just prior to squeezing the trigger the fish bolted with a boom of its tail and I was able to see the fish swim away and cut in three different directions and cover a lot of ground in a matter of a second. I was shocked and amazed at the speed and strength of that fish and realized I needed a reel.

Soon after, I landed a 37# White at the same location and was spooled by the fish and also suffered a bent shaft once it wrapped up in the kelp. I then realized it was time to upgrade once again. I ended up buying a Riffe Island and slayed many WSB and YT both locally and at the Islands. During those times, I had lots of contacts with some of the old time Fathomiers and started attending their meetings. I would go to meetings that had guest speakers or video presentations, dove the scramble meets, but never pulled the trigger and joined the club. Don't get me wrong there are a lot of great guys/gals in the club, I just didn't want to commit to monthly dive meets, etc.



My first LB Neptune contact came when I put myself on a Cortez trip with one of Lyle Miller's Blue Water Gazette charter trips. We dove both the Cortez and Tanner Banks and had a great time. I remember watching Ron Mullins disappear into the blue next to me and watching his 100' floatline maxed out and wondering if he was going to ever come back up.

I was amazed at his abilities and shocked when Anderson brought that 65 pound YT onto the swim step at Tanner Banks.

My first Mexico experience was a Tortuga Trip (1994) with Al Jr, Eric Huff and Gary Sommersville before Al knew that he could make money off of the trip. We unfortunately didn't have the best of conditions but some big YT were landed. I haven't been back since but have been itching to go now that everyone has a better idea on the right spots. We wasted a lot of time at the island when we probably would have slayed them close to shore.

I then went to the Bill Kroll Meet at the new Hotel Coral (1996?) and got to meet a slew of Neptunes. The conditions at the high spot were phenomenal and our boat landed quite a few YT, but they were all in the 18-22 pound range. I whiffed a shot on a 50lb plus WSB as the blue water had me fooled. I remember seeing Julie with her 37 WSB and Ron and Larry bringing in some monster WSB from Salsipuedes that maxed out my 50 lb digital scale that they borrowed at the launch ramp. It was a great event and I liked the vibe from the club. For the next ten years or more I always wanted to dive the BWM but never had a connection into the club.

I met Scott Defirmian through the internet and we tried to get trips together with no luck. He then convinced me to go to a meeting and I agreed. I've been going ever since and am glad I showed up. Since then I've met a bunch of great guys and have gotten out with a few of you on some great trips. I never thought I would be President of the Neptunes and although I feel foolish being the President, I'll gladly take on the role. Hopefully we have a productive year with lots of big fish taken.



The Board has pondered doing the awards banquet at the March monthly meeting. I know some of the banquets have been low attendance in the past and this may afford a bigger turnout in awarding the winners of this years awards. We have no problem hosting this at another venue but figured we'd put it out there and maybe vote on it at the next meeting.

The Fall Classic is tentatively set for the third Saturday in October (October 15th) as a Kayaking group scheduled our bandstand for the 8TH sometime last year. I attempted to reserve it in December (After the Christmas Party) but was told to call back after the New Year. It's frustrating, as I was hoping to do it on the 8Th, which we still can do, but we would have to settle for a bandstand behind the market.

That's it in a nutshell, remember to submit your fish, get pictures into Donny (Newsletter Editor) and use the website ([longbeachneptunes.com](http://longbeachneptunes.com)) as much as possible. Here's to another great year of diving and camaraderie.

*Mark Hultgren*

Long Beach Neptunes President 2011





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The fine print...

Here are the basic changes to the fish application, the revised version is attached to the end of the newsletter and the original old version can be downloaded at [www.oceanhunters.com](http://www.oceanhunters.com)

1. All Fish applications must have a photograph submitted with it.
2. Coronado Islands are no longer considered for "California" awards.
3. All fish applications are subject to the 30 day rule, including out of country entries.
4. The "earliest date" rule has been removed to eliminate conflict with the "within 1% is a tie" rule.
5. Spring scales are no longer accepted.
6. Fish applications can be turned into "any" board member.
7. Board members who are submitting a fish application must give it to a board member other than him/herself.
8. Fish applications can now be downloaded and emailed.
9. Clarification of what is considered "California" fish, "Out of State" and "Out of Country"
10. Clarification of what is considered as a "Pelagic" and "Reef" fish.
11. Place to write in the email address of the applicant and the witness(es).

## Your vote counts!

Don't miss our next meeting at Me and Ed's where the matters of next year's BWM location, the revisions to the fish application and the awards banquet location will be put to vote.

## 2010 Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet is just around the corner! Every year we celebrate the contest winners of last year's spearfishing and lobster grabs. This year the banquet is tentatively set to be held in lieu of the March club meeting at the same location and time, Me and Ed's Pizza on Wednesday, March 2. *(The membership will be voting to confirm this at the February meeting)* The club will be providing pizza and beer as we celebrate the most successful hunters of 2010.

## Oye, Como va!

Don't forget to make it to the San Carlos yellowtail open on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This tournament is the hot ticket for big fuerte" yellowtail. Get out the big gun and come join the fun in old Mexico! See <http://yellowtailopen.com/> or talk with Seamus Callaghan for more details.



# On the board!

President Mark takes first blood for the 2011 Calico Derby with this 4.8 pounder



# Neptunes out of the water:

Team Sea Hunt secretly trains at high altitudes for the upcoming BWM! One team member refuses to ID himself, is it Danny, Larry or Robert?

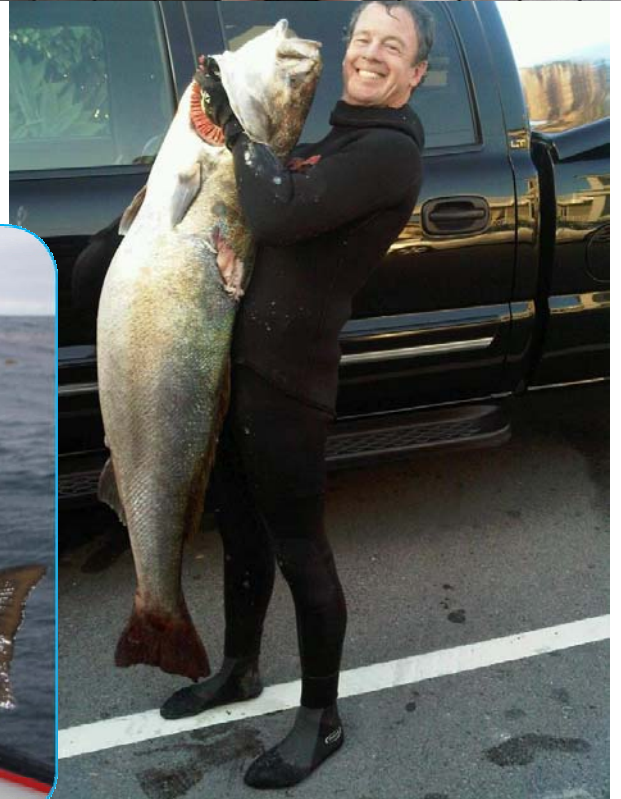
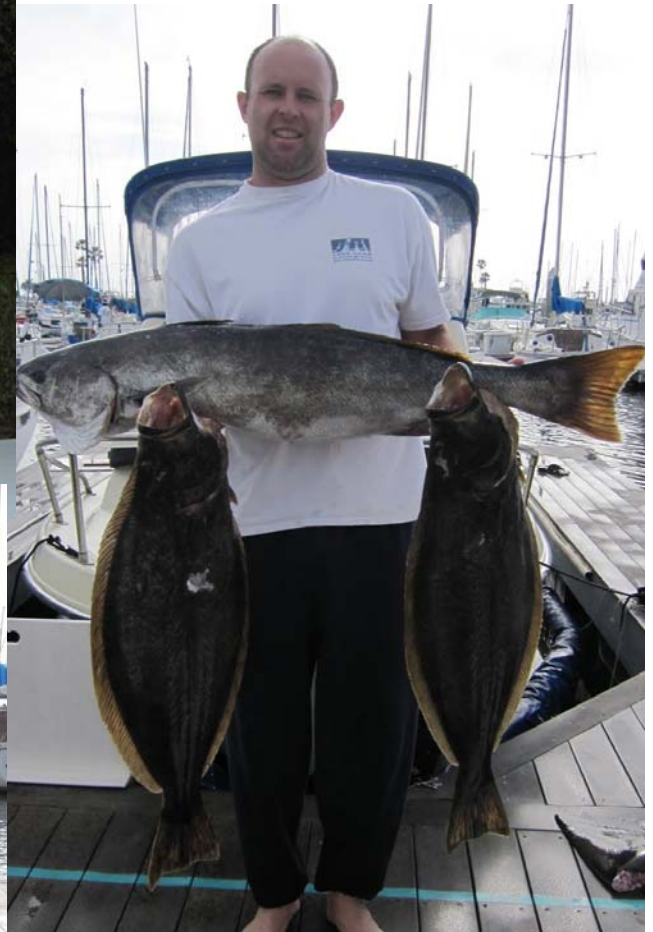
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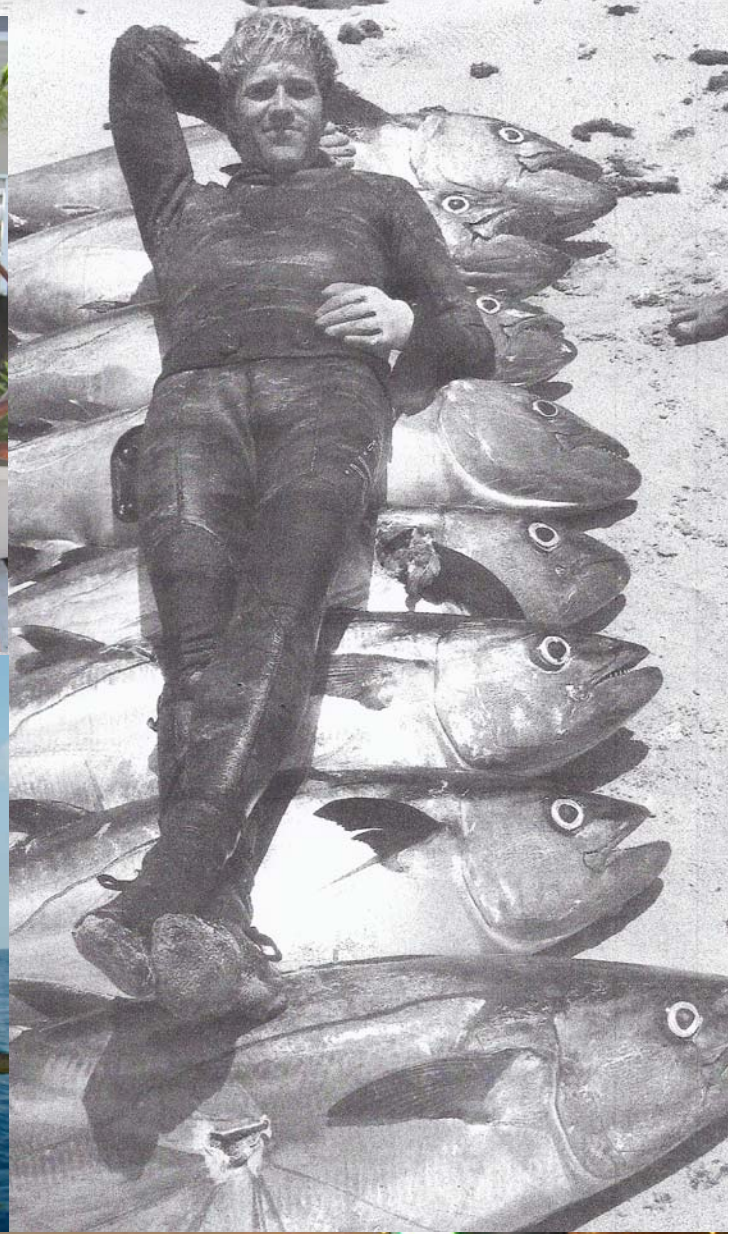


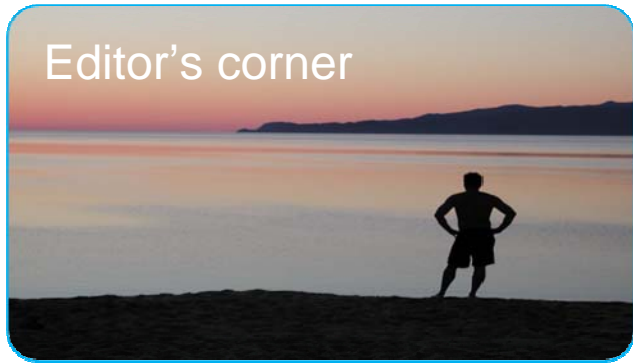
# *Neptunes 2010 Pix*

(disclaimer: may or may not be from 2010)









In case you don't know who I am...

The name is Donny Harris and after a tightly contested election I'm the new newsletter Editor. In case you still can't place the face, I'm the tall balding guy holding a couple halibut and a seabass a few pages back. I'm looking forward to the assignment, I'm not sure if I am delusional or overly optimistic or both but I'm counting on this position pushing me out into the water more in 2011 compared to 2010. I've been in the club several years now and I don't think I've even dove with a third of the members. My goal in the coming year is to bump that up a bit so we will see how it goes. Hope you all are having a great year thus far and I also hope to see as many of you as possible out in the water soon. Before I sign out

this month I want to acknowledge last year's board and give them a big **thank you**

for the great job they did last year. **Thanks Guys!!!** *Donny Harris*



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**LONG BEACH NEPTUNES FISH APPLICATION**



Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicants Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Tel. # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Witness #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. #. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessed \_\_\_ Taking of Catch \_\_\_ Weighing of Catch

Witness #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. #. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessed \_\_\_ Taking of Catch \_\_\_ Weighing of Catch

Scale Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Max Capacity \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs.  
Model # of Scale \_\_\_\_\_ Is the scale certified? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Species of Catch \_\_\_\_\_ Weight of Catch \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs.  
Date of Catch \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Was the catch weighed on a Boat? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
( Photograph of fish must be attached to this application )

<b>Application being Submitted for:</b>	<b>Minimum Weight</b>
___ Barracuda ( <i>Sphyraena argentea</i> )	5 lbs
___ Bonita ( <i>Sarda chiliensis</i> )	5 lbs
___ Calico Bass ( <i>Paralabrax clathratus</i> ) (Calico Derby 1/1 ~ 3/31)	5 lbs
___ Dorado ( <i>Coryphaena hippurus</i> )	10 lbs
___ Halibut ( <i>Paralichthys californicus</i> )	15 lbs
___ Lobster ( <i>Panulirus interruptus</i> )	5 lbs
___ Sheephead ( <i>Semicossyphus pulchrum</i> )	15 lbs
___ Yellowtail ( <i>Seriola lalandi dorsalis</i> ) (Kent McIntyre Award)	25 lbs
___ White Seabass ( <i>Atractoscion nobilis</i> ) (Kent McIntyre Award)	30 lbs
___ Biggest Tuna "California"	
___ Biggest Tuna "Out of State" or "Out of Country"	
___ Big Pelagic Fish (Non-Tuna) "Out of State" or "Out of Country"	
___ Big Reef Fish (Non-Tuna) "Out of State" or "Out of Country"	
___ Other _____	

I, the undersigned, swear that all of the information on this application form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness's #1 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Neptunes? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Witness's #2 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Neptunes? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Executive Board Authorizing Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Received)

Form FA-002 revised 1/11

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# LONG BEACH NEPTUNE'S

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## FISH COMPETITION RULES AND ENTRY FORM

### RULES:

1. Applicant must be a full member in good standing at the time of catch. (Tentatives or Non-Paying members are not eligible) Tentative Members are allowed to compete in the Annual Calico Derby.
2. Applicant must have a valid California fishing license at the time of catch for California fish. Fish and Game rules apply. For "Out of Country" or "Out of State" fish entries, the applicant must have taken the fish in compliance with the rules and regulations set by the region the fish was taken.
3. Catch must be taken Freediving. (Scuba is not allowed)
4. Catch is to be taken solely by the applicant submitting entry. (No other person may assist or second shoot a fish)
5. Entry must be submitted to an active board member within 30 days of the catch. For out of country or out of state catches, the fish application must be submitted within 30 days of one's return. If a board member is submitting a fish application, the board member must turn in the application to a board member other than himself/herself within 30 days.
6. Fish Applications may be submitted electronically. If application is being submitted by E-mail, the application must be E-mailed by the person submitting the application. A downloadable fish application is available online at [www.longbeachneptunes.com](http://www.longbeachneptunes.com). The application must be sent to all of the board members and Carbon Copied (cc'd) to the witness(es) of the catch. A digital photograph must accompany every application. Email submitted fish application by the applicant is considered an electronic signature and a physical signature is not necessary. The application must include contact telephone # and email address of the witness in case the board needs verification.
7. Entries must be filled out completely before being submitted. The board reserves the right to reject any questionable fish applications.
8. For out of state or out of country awards, fish with forked tails are considered "Pelagic" and fish with Non-forked tails are considered "Reef" fish. (example: amberjack, wahoo, and yellowtail are considered "Pelagic" fish.)
9. Catch must be weighed on a good quality digital scale. Spring scales are no longer accepted. The scale must be in good operating condition. The board reserves the right to inspect any questionable scale.
10. A Photograph of the fish must be submitted with all entries. A Digital Photograph that is emailed to the board is acceptable.
11. Fish being submitted for "In-State" awards must be taken within the California border and within the boundaries defined for legal take of fish as defined by the current California DFG regulations.
12. Applicants submitting fish within 1% of catch weight is considered a tie. In case of a tie, a fish being weighed on a certified scale takes precedence over a fish weighed on a non-certified scale.
13. Fish being weighed on a boat will be subject to a 5% weight penalty if the fish is being compared to another entry with a land weighed fish.
14. All applications must be submitted by January 31st.

### Weight Equivalents (Decimal Equivalent)

<u>Ozs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
1	.062
2	.125
3	.187
4	.250
5	.312
6	.375
7	.437
8	.500
9	.562
10	.625
11	.687
12	.750
13	.812
14	.875
15	.937
16	1.000



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# Neptunes Classified:

**For Sale**  
**2008 Boston Whaler Montauk 15'**  
**\$18,900**



I bought this boat brand new in 2008 and have kept it in my garage since that time. It's in excellent condition. The motor has less than 100 hours on it. I have taken it in for oil changes and inspection every year. The boat holds two 6.5-gallon tanks and that's enough for a round trip from Cabrillo to Pt Vicente and back two times (depending on current and swell). Its a great diving and fishing platform for local waters. The trailer is a swing arm so it can fit in the garage pretty easily. The specs are listed below and photos are attached. I am sorry to sell it but it's a tough economy. I am asking \$18,900 for everything (which is my loan payoff). If you're interested, please call me at 310-702-5467. -Matt Hassoldt



2008 Boston Whaler Montauk (Center Console) 15'  
60HP Mercury Bigfoot outboard motor  
Garmin 5" color GPS/Fishfinder  
VHF radio  
compass  
Live well  
Cusion fenders  
PFD/flares/throw-able cushion/fire extinguisher  
Anchor package  
Dock-lines  
Karavan swing arm boat trailer

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