



January 2019

TRIDENT



What's inside?

Another year has come and gone and oh what a year it has been! Seamus and Paul neck and neck for the Kent McIntyre award. Paul with the lead at 116.5 lbs and Seamus with a boat weight of 116.6 lbs. Seamus is second on the boat penalty. Dan Keeler with a 217 lb BFT....let me repeat that 217 lbs!!!! It goes on!

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Will this coming year match 2018?

Perhaps, perhaps not but regardless it is sure to have it's own special treats, twists and surprises...I can't wait!

Chase Buchanan is the new editor and inside, you will find his introduction to the club. He had computer issues, so was unable to do this issue but he has written an introduction to the members.

Please be sure to send in content for the next month. As you will see when you peek inside, we didn't get many submissions. Remember, his job is to edit the newsletter...not write it. It is the club's responsibility to step up and provide him with content.



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Fish Standings 2018:

2018 Calico Derby – Scott de Firmian 10.95 lbs
Lobster – Scott de Firmian 10.3 lbs
Halibut – Scott de Firmian, 14.55 lbs
Calico Bass – Scott de Firmian 10.9lbs
White Sea Bass – Paul Zylstra 76 lbs
Yellowtail– Seamus Callaghan 45.6 lbs
Kent McIntrye– Paul Zyulstra, 116.5 lbs
Tuna (Ca) – Dan Keeler BFT 217 lbs
Tuna (other) – Mike Marsh: Blue Fin 77 lbs
Reef Fish (out of country) –
Dave Freeman: Gulf Grouper 109.3 lbs
Pelagic (out of country) – Mike Marsh: Sailfish 99lbs
Bonito – Todd Farquar 10.1 lbs
Dorado – Byron Quinonez 11.9 lbs



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President's Message:

Happy New Year Fellow Neptunes! I'm happy to be serving as your president this year and am very happy to be working with the new 2019 board. This is my 22nd year as a Neptune and I am just as proud now as I was when I received my patch. This is an incredible group of individuals from all walks of life. We have many things in common, but the one thing that binds us together is our deep love and appreciation for the ocean and it's fruits.

I know this is the slow time of year diving wise, but I can't help but enjoy the anticipation of things to come. Are the White Seabass going to be in thick? Will the vis cooperate? Are the Tuna coming back again this year? Will it get warm enough for Dorado? We are so fortunate to live in a place with such abundance and variety.

This year, my focus and vision for the club is to support and foster camaraderie between members and a continuing enjoyment of our rich traditions. We are fortunate to have a wide age range in our membership. Among other things, we get enthusiasm and fresh new ideas from our younger members and wisdom, knowledge and overall experience from our older members. We have living legends and young divers that are achieving legendary feats. Let's enjoy a great year of fish and friends!

Jeff Bilhorn
President 2019



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In addition to the sponsors, hyperlinks have been added to the dfw pages for regulations, licenses and other announcements. Clicking on the headline above the “Club Announcements and Calendar” page or on the link in the body will take you to the Neptune 2018 calendar which has been shared to all members. All you need is a gmail account.



Club Announcements & Calendar:

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January 3: Me'n Ed's 7:30. The first meeting of the new year. The new board will take over and be introduced to the members.

February 6 Me'n Ed's 7:30. Agenda tba.

March 6 Me'n Ed's 7:30. Agenda tba

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2018 Abalone Season Closed!

As many of you already know, the 2018 Abalone season has been closed. The California Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to close the season due to concerns about declining abalone populations. They cited evidence of mass starvation and mortality among red abalone over the past several years. A decline in Kelp growth, combined with a rise in purple sea urchins has been blamed for the decline. [For more information click here](#)

2019 DFW Dates to remember

The DFW has published the new Sport Fishing Regulations for the seasons. Download the regs by [clicking here](#)

2019 Fishing License:

2019 fishing licenses can be purchased at many sporting goods and hunting stores as well as online at the Ca DFW website. [Click here for DFW website.](#)

White Seabass:

The limit for white seabass is currently three per person, per day until March 15, 2019, at which time it becomes one per day. Beginning June 16 2019, it will be 3 per person until it changes back again March 15

Spiny Lobster:

Lobster season is now Open. Remember to turn in your report card by April 30, 2019. Report cards can also be submitted online. [Submit report cards here](#)

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Last Day of 2018-19 season Wednesday, March 20, 2019.





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A Short Introduction: Chase Buchanan Editor: Trident Newsletter

Happy New Year fellow Neptune brothers and sisters! What a great year it has been! My name is Chase Buchanan and I am your newly elected newsletter editor!! My name is Chase Buchanan and I friggin love spear fishing , especially with such an epic group of divers!.

My great waterman father introduced me to the ocean and taught me how to dive, hunt and surf early on. I was 17 when he passed and had difficulty finding dive partners till I was introduced to this club. Since then it has shot me into new level of diving and I'm incredible grateful for all the friendships I've made and skills I've learned . This new year will be the best of my life and it sure feels like could be the best for our club !



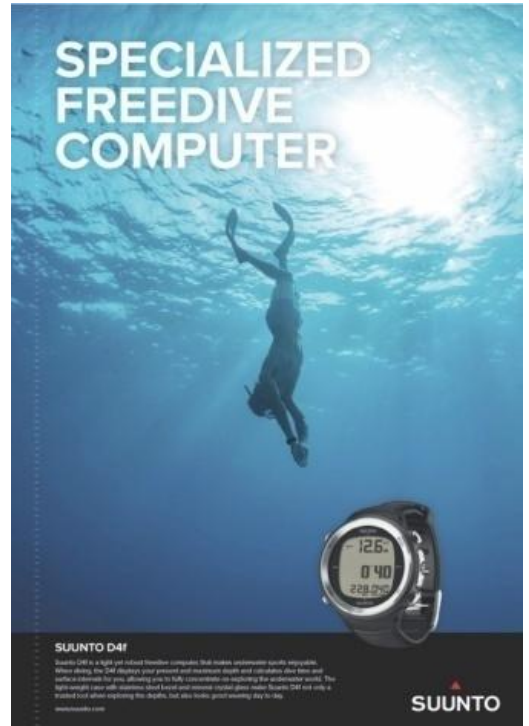
I became a tentative in 2014 and was voted in as a full member in 2017. I took this position because i love this club and want get to know you all better. This is going to be a great learning experience for me. I've never been great with writing or computers so I may be a little under qualified but I truly owe this club and will do whatever I need to give back and contribute.

I'm a casual longshoreman and been working in the port of Long Beach since age 22 and this year my 14 years of being on call finally paid off as I'm getting a permanent position as a longshoreman! That being said I will be incredibly busy and I humbly ask for all of your help and support with material. I also welcome any suggestions or help that you may be able to give. It will take me a little while to adjust, learn the ropes and get used to putting out a newsletter. Please send your articles and photos to me...it will make my job much easier..

I am currently having difficulty with my email account. Until I get that worked out, you can send all content...photos, articles, recipies etc. to Lou Rosales at long.beach.neptune@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for all your pictures, fish stories, and contributions.

CHASE
Editor



Blood Sweat and Tears

Lou Rosales

I have had a soft spot in my deck for some time now and had been planning to deal with it this winter during my Christmas break. Fortunately, my buddy Scott offered to help me out. He took two weeks off and we planned to work on the boat for about a week and hopefully get some diving time as well.

That was the plan!

The day after Christmas, we tore into the deck. It was something I had been looking forward to and dreading at the same time. I was looking forward to fixing the issue but was scared of what I might find. I was hoping that it was just delaminated fiberglass and it would be a simple fix. I was fearing that it would be wet and turn into a much larger job.

The first step was to cut into the deck...it was wet but the wet area wasn't too large and the wood seemed to be in pretty good shape. A good sign right? We thought so, but then I stepped into the storage compartment and found another soft spot. Sure enough it was wet also and I drilled a hole through the wood and found standing water! Not good.

We cut out a section and found chunks of styrofoam floating in the water.



To make a long story shorter, we also found a soft spot in the fore hold and demo'd that. The demo took two days and we threw away a lot of rotten wood!



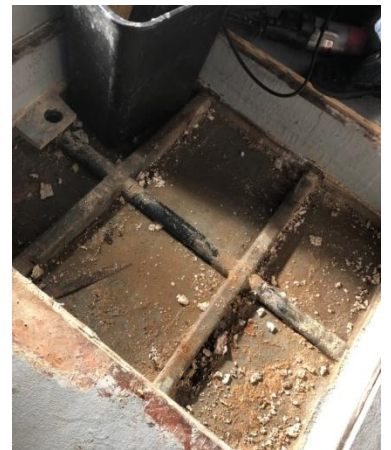
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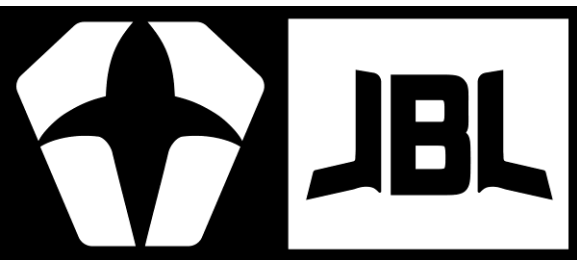
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After the demo is complete it is time to plan the repairs. We decided that the new holds would not have a floor and the fore hold would be divided into two. We cut out the aft hole quite a bit shorter than the hold because there would be weights and other items that we want in that location and wanted to be able to raise the hatch without moving the weight box. All the hatches are the same width and that was determined by the seat box dimensions since one of the hatches will be almost completely under the seat.



Time to execute and test fit! We spent one day planning the layout, cutting wood and making sure everything fit.





After test fitting, it was time to execute the plan. We decided to do our version of Radon style hatches which should keep the water out of the compartments. The access hatches would be much larger than the previous hatches and combined with the deeper compartment, they should be much more useful.

I still have to glass the deck and all the hatch covers, then install into the boat and class all of the seams.

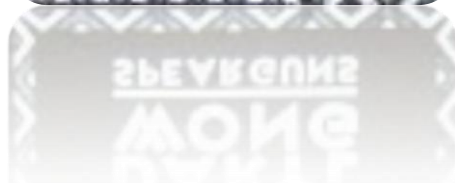
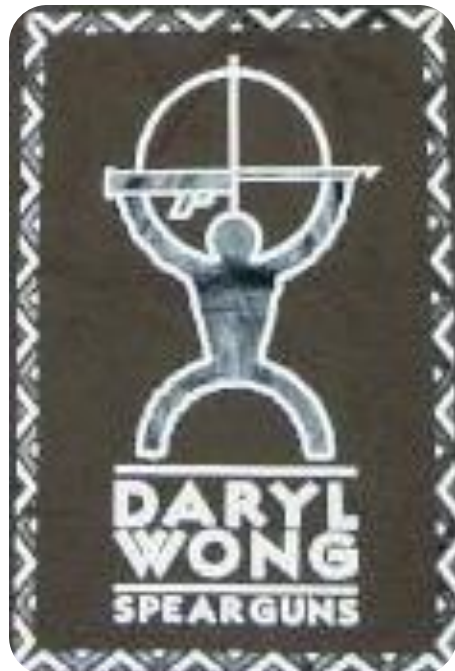
All the blood sweat and tears will eventually pay off and Olivia will be back in the water. I am very fortunate to have Scott as a buddy...he has as much blood sweat and tears invested into Olivia as I do and he has always been there to give me that extra hand or piece of advice.



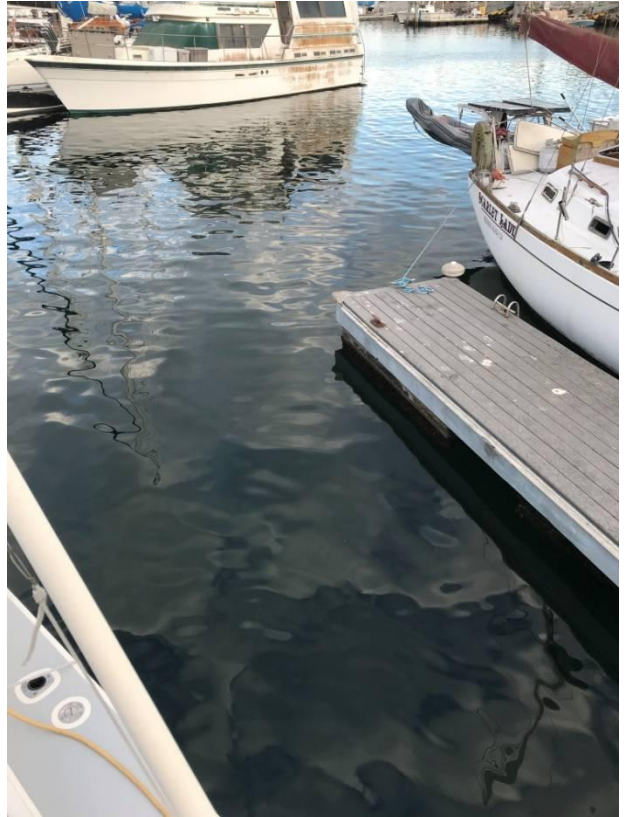


It's that time of year! Bugs! These are a few day time bugs taken during a rising swell. When you dive weekends only, sometimes you have to dive in less than ideal conditions but even less than ideal conditions can sometimes pay dividends.

These bugs were taken in a lot of surge and after a couple of hours I began cramping up but I was happy to quit with four. Of course Scott quit with seven! What can you do?



Classified Ads:

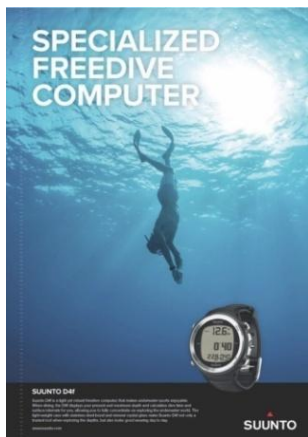


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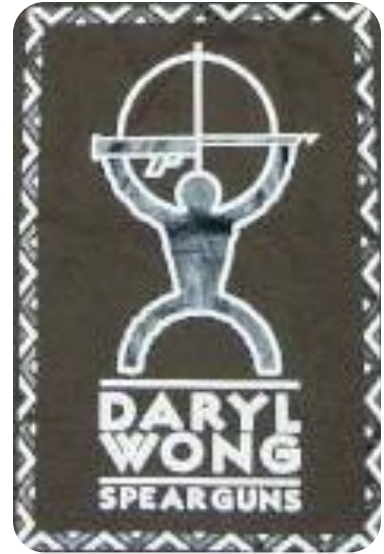
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What is next? A whole new year and a new editor. Same club different board, but down beneath it all the Neptunes will rise to the occasion...I have faith in that.

I thought I'd close with a few thoughts and some advice. I don't know if it is good, bad or indifferent but I am in charge for this last newsletter, so I'll do what I want!

Chase, I know you have misgivings/fears about your skills with the computer and as a writer but you will be fine. Your introduction was great because it came from the heart. If you write from the heart, people will know and little grammatical errors etc won't matter.

Don't worry about how you think others feel the newsletter should look. Listen to their suggestions because some are very good but in the end, the newsletter has to be a reflection of you. It has to come from the heart. If you do that....all will be good.

Don't write articles to cover for members that do not send any material. You can edit submissions if you feel the need but do not write anything. (You can write articles but don't do it to cover for a lack of material.)

Finally, a word to the members. I have said many times and you may be getting tired of it, but please send in material so that Chase can do a good job. I broke a cardinal rule with this issue...I wrote all the stories (except for Chase's intro) and Todd Farquar was the only one that sent in photos. The editor is the EDITOR, not the writer! His job is to put it together. I didn't feel too bad this time because I was already going to write something for Chase's first newsletter but I won't write anything for the next and if Chase sends out an empty newsletter, then don't blame him!

Louis Rosales

Long Beach Neptunes Newsletter Editor...past tense