

Connecting and Informing our Neptune Community with:

Safety, Camaraderie, and Club Legacy
December 2015

The 2015 Season Was Epic!

As I sit down to write my first-ever newsletter, I am thinking of just how lucky we all are to have such a bounty in our backyards. This season brought almost every warm water pelagic to Southern California waters and the Neptunes being the Neptunes, those visitors became targets and were taken. Our club truly is made up of fantastic watermen. I am truly proud to be a Neptune.



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Neptune To Do's:

- □ Pay your dues for 2016
- □ Buy your 2016 fishing license

2016 Neptunes Calendar:

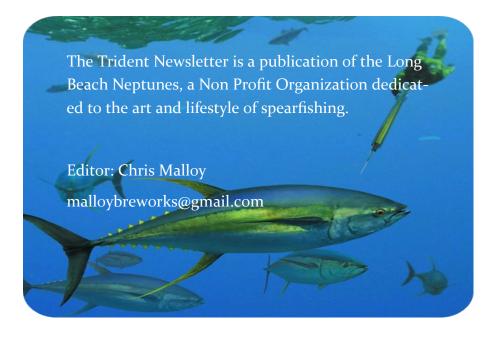
January Meeting: 1/6/16

Blue Water Meet: 6/11/16

Fall Classic: 10/15/16

Be sure to see what is at our web site at:

LongBeachNeptunes.com





2015 Fish Standings

California

Barracuda: Open

Bonito: Keith Kaufman: 9.31

Calico Bass: John Hughes: 9 lbs

Calico Derby: Keith Kaufmen: 6.9 lbs

Dorado: Larry Heinrich: 18.24lbs

Paul Zylstra: 18.3lbs (Rule 12)

Halibut: Open

Lobster: Jeff Benedict: 10.8 lbs

Byron Quinonez: 10.8lbs

Sheepshead: John Hughes: 22.8 lbs

Tuna: Steve Parkford: 29.4lbs

White Sea Bass: Jeff Bilhorn: 69.5 lbs

Yellowtail: Lyle Davis: 43.14 lbs

Abalone: Mori: 10 3/8"

Kent McIntyre:

Jeff Bilhorn:

69.5 WSB + 31.3 YT= 100.8 lbs

Jeff Benedict:

42WSB + 30.4YT= 72.4lbs

Out of Country

Reef Fish: Todd Bersuch, Pargo: 34.83 lbs

Pelagic (non tuna):

Michael DeGiosa, Amberjack: 53.0 lbs

Photo by Terry Maas

January 2016 President's Message

I'd like to take a minute and thank the entire 2015 board for all of the incredible work that made for a memorable year for the club. We saw continued increases at the monthly meetings, the meets, and at the annual Christmas party. Besides being one of the best years on record for spearfishing, the club pushed forward with the addition of some excellent new members and just a general feeling of increased participation. As we move into 2016, I can only hope to keep pace with what was done last year.

Based on the overwhelming response to the medical kits, trauma training, and suture class, we are going to push forward with the 'safety' theme and duplicate what we did in 2015 and add a first aid / CPR certification class. We will even do some training on AED's (automated electronic defibrillators) and offer the members the opportunity to purchase them at a discount. My goal is that by the end of 2016, first aid and trauma care will become repetitive and cultural within the club for all future Neptune's. I'd like for us to commit to the fact that this valuable training is a perishable skill that must be continually revisited, yet hopefully never used.

I think we can all agree that best part about being a Long Beach Neptune is the exposure to the great people in the club. There is nothing better than diving with someone in the club for the first time and learning something new or experiencing something different, strengthening a relationship, or even just laughing a little harder. In 2016, we hope to increase these opportunities beyond just the club meets and Family Camping Trip on the backside of Catalina by adding some fun club dive days. Simple things that don't take a bunch of time to prepare for and plan. Maybe a day to bring the family down to a shore dive location, or nice anchor spot to call home base for a day. Our significant others love seeing one another at the Christmas party or the occasional meeting, but we should really offer a few more opportunities throughout the year to get everyone together.

I'm very humbled to serve as your President for 2016 and I can only hope to keep pace with all of those who have served before me. Let's have a fun, productive, and safe 2016.

Keith Kauffman

The 2015 Fall Classic Results

Big Fish Entries

Seamus Callaghan

1.	Jonn Carpenter	31.30 lb fellowtall	Long Beach Neptunes
2.	Steve Parkford	26.70 lb Yellowtail	Long Beach Neptunes
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3. Jim Dexter 25.65 lb Yellowtail Guest

24.25 lb Yellowtail Long Beach Neptunes

Long Beach Neptunes

5.	Dave Freeman	17.80 lb Dorado	Long Beach Neptunes
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6. Todd Norell 17.10 lb Yellowtail Long Beach Neptunes

7. Scott DeFirmian 16.05 lb Yellowtail Long Beach Neptunes

8. Juan Aquilar 8.65 lb Yellowtail Guest

Big Calico Entries

Eric Donohue

1.	Alex Ray	6.50 lbs	Guest
2.	Rick Bae	5.85 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes
3.	Paul Zylstra	4.25 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes
4.	Dave Freeman	4.15 lbs	Long Beach Neptunes

Big Lobster

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1. Eric Donohue 4.30 lbs Long Beach

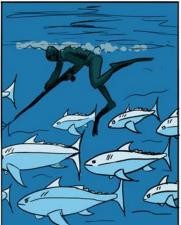
3.70 lbs

For a few laughs courtesy of Del White

TYPICAL DAY SPEARFISHING TUNA





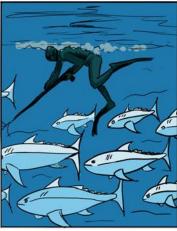




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Monster Yellowtail!! Well done Lyle and Mike!





Nice haul John!!





Watch out for Donny Harris on the slopes. He has a new snowboard!

Just look for the tallest guy riding a Seabass.



Hobie went to Mexico!





Wow! For both shots!





Did I mention Hobie went to Mexico?

Captain Newsletter

I just want to take a moment and thank Todd for the easy transition of the Trident. I will do my very best to keep up the tradition of a quality product.

That being said, it is my honor to be handed the torch of Newsletter Editor. I think that this is going to work out great for me! When you guys do not send me enough content for the month's edition I have an excuse to go diving. "Sorry honey not much content this month, I will need to take the boat and some Neptunes to the island to fill the gaps!"

Please send me all your stories and take lots of pictures in 2016. I would like to have each month really tell the story of who we are and the different adventures each of us are experiencing. It seems I hear about great adventures when I go to our monthly meetings, let's get them in the Trident and preserve them for the generations of Neptunes that will come next!































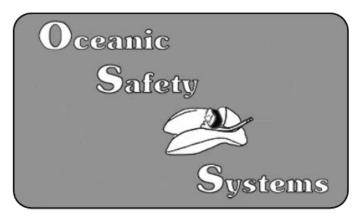






ATONIC AQUATICS

















Get out there and start 2016 with a huge bug or one of those yellowtail still roaming around out there!

I wish you all safe diving and great success in all your hunting in 2016!

Send me your stories and

Pictures!!

Sincerely,





