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Summer!

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Neptunes Calendar:

Wednesday July 6th

Meeting

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Meeting

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Meeting

Saturday October 15th

Fall Classic

Wednesday November 2nd

Meeting

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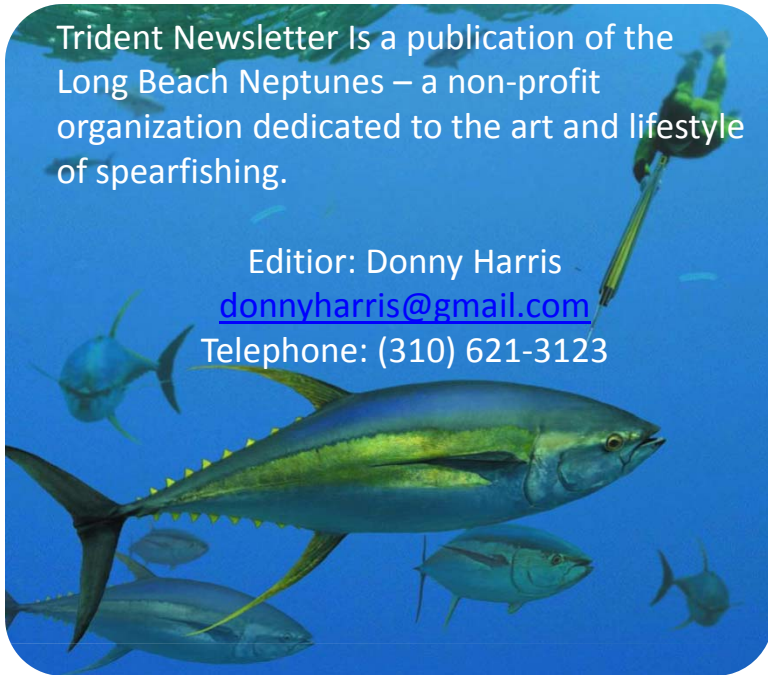
Lots of great summertime pictures in this issue with plenty of beautiful fish and better yet, lots of Neptunes getting out and doing what we all love so much.

Thank you all for the great photo submissions and stories. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and more importantly, I hope you all are out there enjoying the wonderful outdoors and wild blue yonder we are so lucky to live next to.



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2011 Calico Derby –
Seamus Callaghan (7.5#)
Calico Bass of the Year –
Ron Warren (10.2#)
Halibut –
Mike Degiosa (23.4#)
Sheephead – **open!**
Yellowtail –
John Carpenter (33#)
White Sea Bass –
(John Hughes (64.5#)
Bluefin Tuna – **open!**
Lobster –
(John Hughes (10.55#)
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!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Neptunes Fall Classic

Start planning ahead for one of the most fun Dive tournaments of the year. The location is the same as always and the same as this year's BWM, **Two Harbor's Beach, Catalina Island**. The date is slated for **October 15, 2011** so save the date get ready to have a blast. More details to follow.

Fresh Water Nationals

Lake Powell, September 16th - 17th, 2011

Briefing: Sept 16th at the picnic pavilion 5pm -MANDATORY

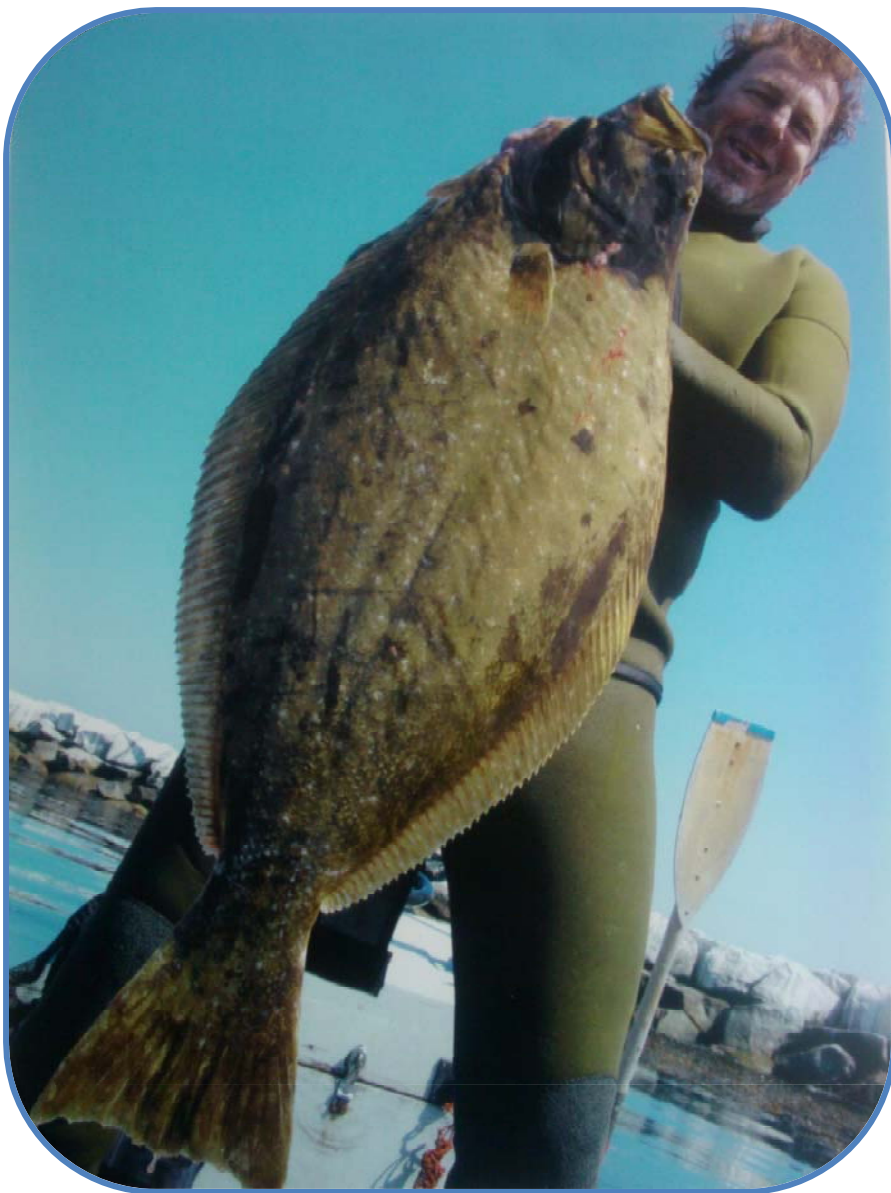
Sept 17th: Sunrise – 3 p.m. (approx. 9 hours dive time) time bases on gps or cell phone.

See the attached flyer for more info.

May/June Tentative, **Hobie Ladd**

My name is Hobie Ladd, LB Neptune's tentative.

I started spearfishing around 2005-2006 when my friend bought a piece of s#@\$ pneumatic speargun on Craig's list, so I bought an A.B. biller 38 special and we started hitting Laguna shooting junk fish. My friend wasn't that into it, but I was hooked. I've always surfed and pole fished so I've been comfortable in the water.



I started diving by myself, bought a light and started catching lobsters by myself on the Seal Beach navy jetty. I met a Guy named Adrian and he was a freediver so we started diving together. It was nice to have a dive buddy that loved the sport as much as I did. Adrian was friends with Steve Castro and Adrian and I bought a 16ft. Seaway from big Jim Christiansen's son Don. From then it was on; mostly diving the beak wall 3 to 4 times a week if not more. Started shooting calicos, sand bass, sheepheads then my first halibut, a 30 pounder.



Then it was the flat ones that captivated my mind. I found a spot that consistently produced 2 to 3 15 to 25 lb. Butts every time I went out. I started shooting wsb on the break wall to 20 lbs. Met Jeff benadict and started diving p.v. it was a treat. Anything over 6-7 foot visibility is a dream compared to the break wall. Shot a few WSB in PV. My biggest is 68.6 lbs. The best day of my life. I've been to Palapas Ventana twice and am headed back June 25 the 2011 for two weeks. Hopefully I'll have some good fish stories when I get back. Looking forward to diving with you Guy's in the future.

You Guy's are a great group of Guy's and I feel luck to have discovered this sport! I'm not that deep of a diver and don't have that long of a bottom time but Ive been very lucky so far. Thanks for giving me a chance to be in the lb Neptune's.

Happy diving,

Hobie Ladd

LB Neptunes - Tentative



Neptunes Fish Pictures

The new kings of the hill...

Three of the club's big fish awards categories got some adjustments since the last newsletter; John Carpenter put a 33.0# yellowtail on the board, Mike Degiosa logged his blue water meet halibut and Ron Warren bested the previous calico. The Calico competition has been epic this year, who's will it be next month?



Neptunes Fish Pictures

The Neptunes make an impact at this years Scramble meet...

Our very own Ron Warren put the second heaviest group of three fish in his boat at the Fathomier's 2011 Scramble Meet this year. Neptune tentative Mark Navas place third and both were bested by Dr. Ed Glass who landed a monster White Seabass to take the tournament honors.



Neptunes Fish Pictures



Newsletter Editor Donny going long for some Trinidad snail. (PV's got nothing on those cliffs.)



John didn't stop at a 30# YT, he rounded out his trip with these other two beauties.



Scott with 4th of July dinner; I heard this guy shoots bigger fish but we need pictures!



John Hughes and fellow neptunes enjoy a nice hunt and some whale watching on a recent "private" Sand Dollar voyage

Neptunes Fish Pictures



Some beautiful Camera work courtesy of Nate Baker with Neptune Lyle in the frame.



Walt Arrington displays a nice 30# YT

Neptunes Fish Pictures



A few more pictures just in case you aren't sick of seeing these guys mugs with monster fish yet!



Neptunes Fish Pictures (plus story!!!)

Loco Juan gets his fix...

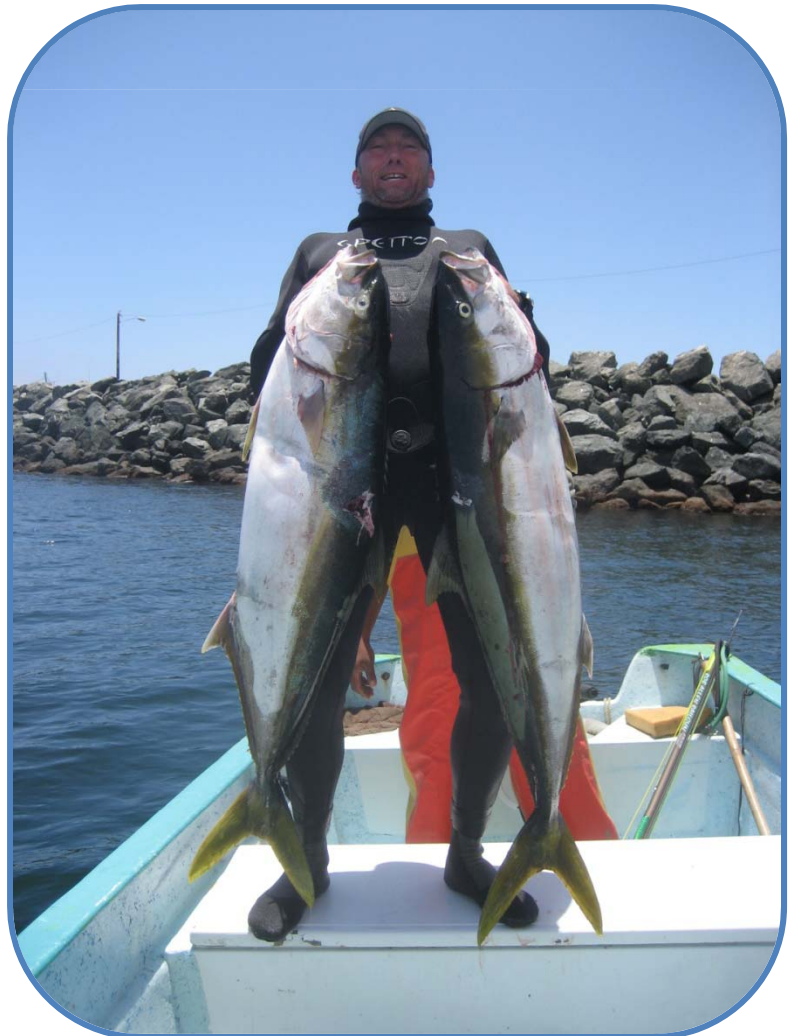
Anybody who knows me, knows I've got issues. Baja issues. There comes a point in the year when there's no other solution to the madness than Baja. I've got to get away, deep where you are unreachable. Deep, where it's hot, dirty and nobody speaks English. Deep, where the fish are thick and.....dumb.

There's a spot I've been going to for a few years, where there's a wide range of species to hunt, but specifically I go there to get my yellowtail fix on. The water tends to be cooler in the 64 degree range, and the vis is usually on the dirty side around 15'. If you get 20' it's great, and 30' is exceptional. The yellows tend to be in the 25-30lb class and most times wide open. You don't need a big gun, you don't need a huge breath hold, and you don't need to be a great diver. You basically just float on the surface until the fish swim under you and you dive down and shoot them. The hardest thing about it is keeping them off the 10-40' reef structure and kelp stringers once you put a shaft in them. No playing the fish here, it is a knock down drag out battle with every fish and it's beautiful!



Neptunes Fish Pictures (plus story!!!)

This year was the same, with one exception. The fish were bigger! Averaging mid 30's, the bigger models were all 40+. My traveling partner who'd never been to Baja and who's only yellowtail before this trip was a 12lb baby, was at times in heaven, and at times in hell. He couldn't seem to put the brakes on his fish, so he did a lot of digging. By the time it was over, he went home with a new personal best of 50.75lbs and we both shot fish in the mid 40's. We both learned a lot of lessons, and our gear got punished. Lost shafts, pretzeled shafts, daily replaced shooting line and cable, busted trigger mechs, big yellows and Baja will beat you and your gear down.



We had exceptional vis a few days and that is great because you're seeing fish you normally don't see when the vis is 15'. Our last day at this spot was insane! Starting with normal 15' vis and mellow current, the current changed and picked up a bit. The vis changed with it and quickly went to 50'. With the increased current came the fish. Big bruisers, most in the



Neptunes Fish Pictures (plus story!!!)

40lb class. They were coming over same part of the reef every time and if you were in the water for 10minutes without seeing one, you were getting frustrated. It doesn't get any better. We literally got sick of shooting them. I think I tied my personal best 4 times that day while shooting a pretzeled shaft from the day before.. Of course the newbie beat me out with a 48lbr that day, we were both super stoked.



People always seem confused when we have great island conditions here and I'd rather enjoy the good vis and hunt calicos and such instead of putting in the work for local yellows. I just tell them I've got issues. Baja issues. They usually don't know what I mean unless they've been there and done that. Then, they just get that twinkle in their eye and I see understanding.

Baja, where the fish are plentiful and.....DUMB.

John Hughes

After a week or so, we got bored with shooting yellows and decided to try something different. Being on the Pacific side at this point, we thought we'd jump over to the inside and dive Cabrilla and Grouper, something a little more challenging. After a 300 mile beating on my car we arrived to good conditions and sweltering heat. We scored there too, and the newbie found out what a different ballgame it is hunting fish that you actually have to work for. But that's a story for another time!



Neptunes BWM Awards Trophies 2011



VP Cody presented the BWM awards at July's meeting, congrats to all the winners. Thanks to Danny's Wife Sandi for the pictures.



Summertime Fun

Neptunes,

Summer is definitely my favorite time of the year, the long days warm temperatures and distant memories of those 3 month summer vacations of our youth. It doesn't hurt that the fishing is usually at its best. I surprised myself and got out and dove a decent amount these last two months, its never really enough but I at least put some hours in. I will admit I didn't get one fish except for some poor calicos. I maybe a lousy hunter but I still had a blast each and every time. I dove with some good friends and family, including my uncle who got me into spearing not that long ago, my brother, new friends, old friends, and even neptune friends! It reminded me what is important in life and what makes a good time.



In case any one notices these things I've got an alibi to why I missed last month's meeting and will miss the next: Most recently I took a road trip with the family up north and unintentionally handicapped my fish hunting by not bringing a working speargun. I did poke a ling around but other than that harvest was shellfish of one kind or another and a couple hook and line caught Salmon. Got a Trinidad exacta, limit of Salmon and abs in one day which was cool.

I'm off to Baja tomorrow for a week so hopefully I can finally put a few notches in my belt, I am definitely due. You all do me a favor, and don't submit any out of country reef fish for the next month so I can get on the board and feel better about myself!

Donny Harris

Spearfish Baja's entire West Coast for 10 days

Ride-down from Ensenada Nov 10th 2011/ Fly-back from Cabo San Lucas Nov. 20th 2011

Aboard M/V Islander



Divers will board chartered motor coach in San Diego Nov 12th and board Islander the same morning for a 9am departure from Ensenada. The first day will be a travel day and we will be diving the remaining nine. Islander will arrive in Cabo San Lucas noon on the 20th.

Destinations will include Benitos, Cedros, Asuncion, Hippolito, Uncle Sam Bank, Alijos Rocks, Thetis Bank and Magdalena Bay.

Fish species to be expected will be Yellowtail, White Seabass, Yellowfin Tuna , Dorado, Wahoo, Marlin, Halibut, Pargo and Grouper.

Our one-way format unequivocally maximizes diving time and allows for any necessary adjustments to the itinerary for poor vis, inclement weather or just freelance exploration.

Trip Price is \$3300 and includes all meals, non-alcoholic drinks. Trip does not include Mexican fishing permit or transportation from Cabo San Lucas.

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