



Connecting and Informing our Neptune Community in:  
**Safety, Camaraderie, and Club Legacy**  
March 2015

## Heading into the some Great Neptune Action

As 2015 unfolds we are headed into some exciting times for a Neptune: The Awards Banquet (March), The Big Auction (April), Manufacturers' Night (May) and then the Blue Water Meet and Catalina Campout. What more could a dive addict wish for but some great guys to enjoy it all with, and we have that too.

So be sure to clear your calendar and show up ready to have a great time, score some great new gear, and set some new fish standing records as we live 2015 to the fullest together!



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Neptune To Do's:

- ❑ Pay dues if you have not already (Note: Dues paid after the March Meeting will include Late Fees!!!)
- ❑ Club Jacket : March Meeting (3/4) is the Deadline to Place your order (Pg 10)

**2015 Neptunes Calendar:**

March 4th – Awards Banquet – Me-N-Ed’s @ 7:30pm  
 March 4th thru 8th– Fred Hall Show, Long Beach  
 April 1st – Club Auction  
 May 6th – Manufacturers’ Night – Deliver Club Jackets  
 June 3rd – BWM applications due  
 June 13 – BWM  
 July 1st – BWM Awards  
 August – TBD  
 Sept.2nd – TBD  
 Oct. 7th – Fall Classic applications due  
 Oct. 24th - Fall Classic  
 Nov. 4th – Fall Classic Awards  
 Dec. 2nd – Announce new board

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

[LongBeachNeptunes.com](http://LongBeachNeptunes.com)

Thanks to Brandon Ward (Wardo) for the updates!!!

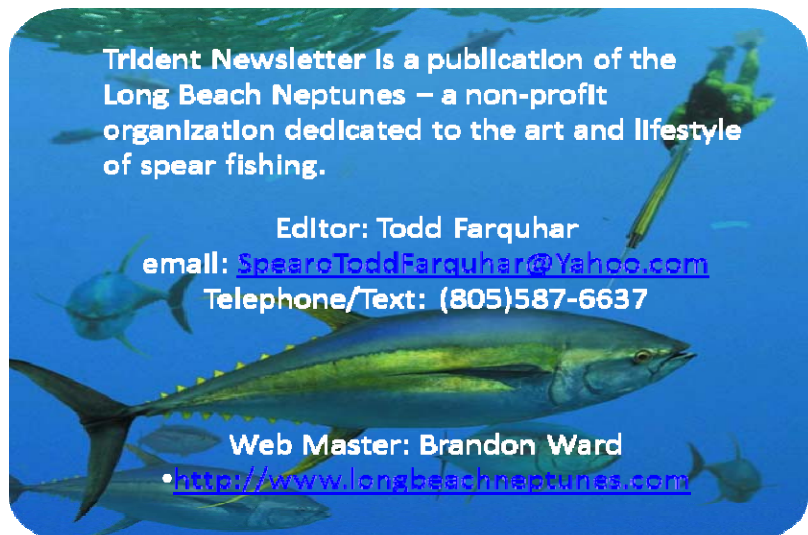




Photo by Terry Maas

## 2015 Fish Standings

### California

Barracuda:	Open
Bonito:	Open
Calico Bass:	Open
Calico Derby:	Keith Kaufmen: 6.9 lbs
Dorado:	Open
Halibut:	Open
Kent McIntrye:	Open
Lobster:	Hobie Ladd: 8.8 lbs
Sheepshead:	John Hughes: 22.8 lbs
Tuna:	Open
White Sea Bass:	Open
Yellowtail:	Open

### Out of Country

Reef Fish:	Open
Pelagic (non tuna):	Michael DeGiosa, Amberjack: 53.0 lbs



Photo by Terry Maas

### March 2015 President's Message

Greeting, Fellow Neptunes!

I hope this letter finds all members and their loved ones well. March is now upon us, and we see several changes in our world: A waning lobster season, a limit of seabass take to only 1 per day- and our Annual Awards Banquet!!!

This is always an exciting time for our club members, an opportunity to gather with our families and friends, and honor achievements from the previous year. Our club is rich in legacy, as so many have proved themselves as excellent hunters of the deep throughout the years. Now it's time to recognize the 2014 recipients, those that continue the great legacy and tradition of our spearfishing club!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to give our Vice President, Keith Kauffman, a resounding applause for his hard work, putting together our Tactical First Aid Kits and First Aid Training last month! The event was such a success, as almost every club member now has some form of the first aid kit on hand! (Don't worry, the second round is on its way). The training was invaluable, and it was great to even see several of the Neptune wives on hand for the training! Great job, Keith!

Don't forget, March is also Fred Hall time. Please make sure to stop by and thank all of our great sponsors, not to mention the organizations that help support our right to fish, and sustainably manage our ocean resources. You can always see a list of current sponsors in this newsletter, as well as on our website.

I look forward to seeing everyone this Wednesday night, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Me n' Ed's Pizza! It's always a great gathering to see our Neptunes and friends together, but let's recognize those that continue to honor the legacy of our great club!

Dive safe!

Byron Quinonez

President, Long Beach Neptunes



## Reminder: Be Sure to Get your Dues Paid up by the March 4 meeting to avoid Late Fees

The best and quickest way to pay the due's (\$50) is to use PayPal.

Go to the website [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)

Select payment to friends and enter the email address of [lbneptunespayment@gmail.com](mailto:lbneptunespayment@gmail.com)

enter the payment of \$50 and add the note at the bottom for who the payment is for.

Or you can mail it by covered wagon to:

Long Beach Neptune's

6776 E. Parapet St.

Long Beach, Ca. 90808



## Are You Ready for the Annual Fundraising Auction on April 1st at 7pm?

Our awesome sponsors have come through again with lots of goods and services for the upcoming auction. Keep an eye out on Spearforum and Spearboard for Byron's post listing all of the goodies.

The auction is also a chance for you to support the fundraiser with sellable diving and boating items that you no longer need. Bring any items that you have to contribute to the browsing table before the bidding starts.

Also, if you know of a potential sponsor that would be a good fit for the club please contact a board member for details on how to onboard them. Qualifying sponsors will have their logo placed on our website and in the newsletter.



## Neptunes Historical Photos

Have you checked out the new page dedicated to our photo history? (Nice work Wardo!)

Find plenty more photos at:

[www.longbeachneptunes.com/  
history.html](http://www.longbeachneptunes.com/history.html)



If you have some Neptune history to share with the club in the next issue please contact me at:

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Do you have some old photos that you don't see on the web site? If so, please forward them to Wardo at:

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# Neptunes History

Thanks to past Newsletter Editor Phil Polanco for another article that he featured in the Trident over a decade ago.

## *the Trailblazers*

This section is dedicated to the pioneers of our sport. The brave who paved the way for the diving community. The *parents* who led us by hand to expose another world. A place that does not exist to those who do not leave the surface.

Dick Bonin's introduction to diving came in the Navy. At the out break of the Korean War, he enlisted and was sent to Officer candidate school in Rhode Island. The commanding officer, watching him perform in a intra-squad swim meet suggested that he volunteer for underwater demolition training. A native to Chicago, Bonin had never seen the ocean prior to that. Only 19 out 137 candidates made it through the grueling course. Dick spent the next three years as a *frog-man*, the forerunners to today's SEAL teams.

*"I liked diving right from the beginning...and was always entranced with it"*  
In 1954, Dick he was involved in a search for the Civil War ironclad, *Monitor*. A man had claimed to have found the wreck site and obtained a contract with LIFE Magazine. There were not many divers at that time so, LIFE contacted the Navy. "We were pretty close after diving on everything we could find. We didn't have the electronics that are available today, it wasn't for another 30 years that they found the *Monitor*."

Bonin's most exciting experience occurred on a deep-water test in 1955. *"I may hold the record for free ascent, the Navy was using three open-circuit units: the Aqualung, the Scott and the Northill. Washington decided that we should have deep-water tests on them. We went down to a submarine anchorage off North Carolina to conduct deep dives to 250 feet with all the units. Lines and decompression stages were set up. The Chief took the Scott and I took the Northill...I was down at the bottom of the line, about 250', when it started leaking water. We found out afterward that the exhaust valve (which was in the middle of the diaphragm) inverted and popped out leaving a hole for water to pour in. I cleared it out, cleared it out to the point where I could not clear it any more, so I made a free ascent up the line. There were masks hanging down at the decompression stages. I made it to the stage. While decompressing around sixteen Hammerheads came in and circled the stage. Later to find out, the rescue vessel had thrown garbage over the fantail. That was exciting, I have not heard of anyone making a free ascent from a greater depth."*

Discharged in 1956 from the Navy, he began a career working for the still new dive industry. Back in Chicago diving in the Lakes, "We dove in Lake Michigan recovering weapons and deceased people when the Police asked for volunteers. The Sheriff's recovery teams evolved from that.

Two years later Bonin left the Midwest for California. "Swimaster, a rubber company in Los Angeles, bought a company called Spearfisherman from Bud Brown, from Huntington Beach. They wound up picking me up to run the company.

Swimaster, for a small company, had a big impact on the fledgling diving industry. They introduced Duck Feet fins to the sport market, where they became the premier fin for many years. They also introduced the first flexible snorkel and the first American Speargun, based on what Jack Prodonovitch was making. *"Bill Hardy, one of my customers, brought me down to San Diego where I met Jack and Wally Potts, saw their guns, and was just wide-eyed. With the two of them we produced the Swimaster guns, which later became the Voit guns, which are now the JBL guns"*

Also from the line was the wide-view mask with a big purge valve and neoprene seal. There were no large staffs in those days, it was just Dick and the production manager running the show.

Dick got to know a lot of the pioneer shop owners, including Bill and Bob Meistrell of Dive n' Surf and Mel Fisher of Mel's Aqua Shop.

The forerunner of DEMA started out at about this time. Dick was one of five men who started an association in diving. The diving industry was small but, growing in 1957. Called the Organization of Underwater Manufacturers, it met regularly for years and evolved into today's DEMA.

Swimaster was sold to Voit, and Dick moved to Sportsways. There he worked with Sam LeCoq. He was the first to apply the o-ring sealing principle to diving equipment. His Sportsways Waterlung was the first successful single hose regulator. He also produced the first submersible gauge, the Sea view and the first breathing valves engineered for diving. Dick at this time was Vice President in charge of products and sales. The company also had some serious problems, many of them financial, so Dick left Sportsways and a few years later they went belly up.

Bonin and Gustav Dalle Valle (friends and business partners) were on their own now and risked their meager savings on their new company, Scubapro.

Based in a rented shed in Gardena, Dick's income went from \$13,000 a year to zero. "We went through hell. We didn't take salaries, couldn't pay bills, bounced checks

*and even had our phone line shut off at one time."* After struggling and trying to keep their heads above water, they developed their own products and started to have some success.

Scubapro's first home grown product was the Mark II regulator. Another of their products was brought from France. Dalla Valle bought the rights to these fins with vents. Bonin told him that they were so ugly that they couldn't give them away. They soon realized that the new jet-fins were a hit.

Today, Dick Bonin continues to be an active diver but, rarely uses a tank. "freediving is the one activity takes my mind away from everything. When I go spearfishing I'm completely absorbed. When I met Prodonovich and made his guns, some of the top spearfishermen started to come around, including Terry Lentz and Jim Christensen.

Big Jim was the one who introduced me to the breakwaters, which I never knew were worthwhile. It's always a thrill to remember your first Yellowtail, which I got under a paddy. My first White Seabass was a long time coming, after 3 or 4 years I thought I was never going to get one. That was a tremendous thrill.

Bonin retired from Scubapro in 1991, but not from diving. When DEMA experienced organizational difficulties, Dick was asked to guide them through the crises. He then went to head up Ocean Futures, a non-profit organization formed to represent the diving community on issues of access and the environment. *"Several years ago when California brought up the gill net controversy, I found out diving is not organized and that the environmental area is a minefield."*

The gillnet issue in California could have been lost if the state's dive shops had not supported a major petition to get the proposition on the ballot. As a result, gillnets were banned. *"The diving community needs a voice before someone else speaks for us."*

*"Ocean Futures is dedicated to preserving what we have and leave a heritage for the divers to come. ...not just protecting the reefs but, development of reefs and educational programs. If it all works, I see an international organization, because the problems are worldwide. The marine environmental movement in the U.S. is ahead of the other areas. Many have joined from other countries because they have the same problems. The potential is immense."*

**Hats off to our fellow Long Beach Neptune, Dick Bonin.**



# Second Annual Neptune Family & Friends Catalina Campout

This summer, July 23-26 (Thursday-Sunday), we have two campsites at Little Harbor on the backside of Catalina, reserved that can hold approximately 40 campers. The campsites are site #2 and site #6. The camping trip is for Neptune members, their families and friends. If you are not a Neptune, you must be a guest of a Neptune (family or friend). If your schedule does not permit you to stay for the full four days, you are welcome to come for however many days that you can stay.

Little Harbor is a beautiful campsite and you can find more information about the site by visiting <http://www.visitcatalinaisland.com/camping-and-boating/two-harbors-camping/little-harbor> on the web.

Transportation to the campsite will be up to the individual camper. If you do not have a boat and cannot get a ride, the Catalina Express makes daily runs to two harbors from San Pedro. From Two Harbors, you can take a van to the little harbor campground.

If you are planning to attend, please contact me at [long.beach.neptune@gmail.com](mailto:long.beach.neptune@gmail.com), so that you can be kept informed of any information or planning that you should be aware of. In addition, you will need to take care of your own reservation by following the instructions in the next paragraph.

The cost is \$22/night for adults 12 and older and \$12/night for children under 12. You can reserve a spot by email, telephone or in person. To reserve a spot by email, include the reservation #11001203, the number of people in your group, the specific dates that you will be staying and a callback number. (The reservation is under my name) Visitor services will then call you back or email with the amount and take your credit card number. Their email is [visitorservices@scico.com](mailto:visitorservices@scico.com). To pay by phone, call (310) 510-4226 with the reservation number and the number of people to add and number of nights. Especially as we get closer to summer, it may be difficult to get through and email may be the best option. Last minute adds (if there is space), can be made with the onsite ranger on arrival (cash only), or at visitor services at Two Harbors. If you have questions or suggestions, let me know at [long.beach.neptune@gmail.com](mailto:long.beach.neptune@gmail.com)

Lou Rosales



## Last Chance to Get in on the Club Jacket Order

Orders must be placed and paid by the meeting on March 4th.

If you don't already have one you will want to get in on the Club Jacket order. It has been five

or more years since the last time they were offered so putting this off if you need one will set you up for a long wait. Here are the details that you need to know:



- Tru West brand Diving Jacket specifically made to be worn over a wetsuit
- Cost is \$80 Plus \$5 for the patch if you need one. Cost includes embroidery and sewing of patch.

(Some may already have a patch to put on like Ivan S. and John J. with their King Neptune Patches #38 & #39- Congrats guys!!! Tentatives can order a jacket now and add the patch later.)

- Offered in size Large or Extra Large
- Orders must be placed and paid by meeting on March 4th.

(Disclaimer: Mori's teddy bear not included)

# *morifish*



# ATOMIC AQUATICS

# Fish and Wildlife Information and Updates

## Seasonal Fish and Wildlife Dates to Keep Track of

- ◆ March 15: WSB limit changes from 3 fish to 1 fish (through June 15)
- ◆ March 18: Last day of Lobster season
- ◆ April 1: Red Abalone Season opens (through June 30)
- ◆ April 30: Last day to report Lobster Report Card harvest data without penalty
- ◆ June 16: WSB limit changes from 1 fish to 3 fish

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# 2nd Annual White Seabass Spearfishing Classic in Honor of Kirk McNulty

**Tournament Dates: March 1- May 30, 2015**

Cant believe its already that time again! The first year was an absolute success and we are kicking of the 2nd annual tournament to honor the legacy of Kirk McNulty, a Surfer, Diver, Brother and Son. Kirk was a world class waterman who was inspired by everything ocean. Although some of you may not have known Kirk we hope that you will participate as we are a small family of spear fishermen here on the West Coast and there will be some epic prizes up for grabs!

A \$10 entry is required prior to spearing a fish. Register at the bottom of the page. The proceeds will be donated to the White Seabass Hatchery Program led by Hubbs-Seaworld to help improve the WSB population on our coast. Please join us in the 2nd Annual tournament to celebrate Kirk's life and passion for the sea. Winners will be chosen by Top 3 **Biggest Fish!** Awards Party held in June at Body Glove Headquarters in Redondo Beach.

Click the links to view 2014 [winners](#) and [video](#), 2015 Leaderboard and be sure to join our [Facebook Page](#) to keep up with current fish counts and tournament stats.

## Prizes:

- **1st Place** - Coronado Islands Dive w/ Guardian Charters, JBL Reaper 100cm Speargun, Electric California Prize Pack, Pelican Products Gear, Subscription to Spearing Magazine...(More prizes coming soon)
- **2nd Place** -Body Glove Freedive Wetsuit, Electric California Prize Pack, Celestron Binocular, Pelican Products Gear, Subscription to Spearing Magazine...(More prizes coming soon)
- **3rd Place** - Electric California Prize Pack, Pelican Products Gear, Subscription to Spearing Magazine...(More prizes coming soon)

## Rules:

- You must be registered in the tournament prior to spearing your fish. No exceptions
- All WSB must be taken between March 1st and May 31 2015
- Need Photo of Catch and Digital Scale readout (photo of fish/weight must be taken on land, not from boat)
- Proof of Catch date must be supplied. Newspaper article or Date Stamp on photo

Submit all Photos to [Support@hookbuzz.com](mailto:Support@hookbuzz.com). Qualifying fish will be added to the [leaderboard here](#). Dive Safe!



# Stephanie Clark “Dive Day” Raffle and Barbecue

## April 18<sup>th</sup> Caspar Ca.

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As you all know the Norcal dive community is an extended family. Well recently some of our family Danny and Stephanie Clark received some shocking news. Very recently, Stephanie was diagnosed with Leukemia. We want to rally around Steph, her husband Danny and support them during this difficult & challenging time.



Everyone who has met Stephanie knows she's a one of a kind person. There's nothing she wouldn't do for someone she cared about. Now, it's our turn to show her how much we care.

With the diagnosis of Leukemia comes financial hardship. We all know that doctor's visits, co-pays, unpaid time off work for sick days, travel for care, medications, and a whole host of financial issues erupt in the face of health care.

The Norcal Underwater Hunters will be hosting a “Fun dive” event along with a Raffle and BBQ to help raise funds for the upcoming cost Danny and Stephanie will be facing. We will be holding this event on April 18th at Stephanie's favorite Beach Caspar Ca. The day will consist of us all gathering at Caspar that morning and all doing a fun dive. Then at about 2pm we will be back to the beach for the raffle and BBQ. We will be selling raffle tickets the day of the event and all proceeds go to Danny and Stephanie. You must be present to win at raffle. The focus of this day is good times, good vibes and to bring some cheer and support to those in need. ([Click this link for info & list of prizes](#))

Along with the Fun Dive/Raffle and BBQ there is the GoFundMe account that has been set up for those who may not be able to make the event [here is a link](#)

Some of us may not be able to help with a monetary donation, so any and all support is appreciated; prayers and good thoughts especially. Please help support Steph & Danny in her journey to kick cancer's butt! Even the smallest donation could make the biggest difference! If you cannot donate, please send positive thoughts!!

Thank-you in Advance!!

Please email or call me with any questions, thoughts or how to help,

Matt Mattison, 707-478-1504

Mattmattison707@yahoo.com



# TACMED Training a Huge Success!!!

A Big Neptune Thanks to our volunteer TACMED Trainers: Eric, Ti, Michael, and Chris!!!



## Remember you X-ABCDE's

- X: Stop Extreme Bleeding
- A: Clear and/or Maintain open Airway
- B: Breathing
- C: Circulation
- D: Disability Assessment
- E: Exposure Control



## Make the Most of the Lobster Season Before it Closes!!!

### This opportunity from our own Captain George:

Hi guys,

I've had quite a few of you ask me if I'm running an end of lobster season charter so I'm going to schedule one. We are headed for SBI and we will be 1 night dive on the last day @ Catalina. It's open to anybody and I have 10 spots left. If you have a friend that you think will be a good fit for the boat – or think of someone we may have missed, please send me their email.

PLEASE RESPOND ASAP to this email! If you want to go I will send you an invoice through PayPal. Again, I need to know ASAP because I am not advertising this trip.

Departure: Thursday, March 12, 8pm

Return: Sunday, March 15, evening

Cost: \$585

Again, please let me know ASAP if you can come.

Thanks,

George

[captgeorge@divingcharters.com](mailto:captgeorge@divingcharters.com)

## Fred Hall Show This Week at Long Beach Convention Ctr.

### March 4th through 8th.

Be sure to stop in and visit our Sponsor booths and let them know you appreciate their support of the Neptunes.

More info at: <http://www.fredhall.com/index.php>



## Swiss Cat By Scott Bamsey

Back in January, Manuel Schwager from Switzerland posted on Spearing Forum that he would be vacationing in So. Cal. and asked for someone to let him borrow or rent weights so he didn't have to pay for shipping his own. He also asked for some areas to go or even tag along with someone. I PM'd him and after a couple PM's we had a plan to hit Catalina. I was able to get Hollywood Hughes and Paul Zylstra to commit to the trip, we were set.

A couple days before the trip Hughes has to back out because of work. I start working the phones, after 6 calls the only one that wasn't working was Keith, but he was already committed to another boat. I wished him luck and told him to stay off my SPOTZ.

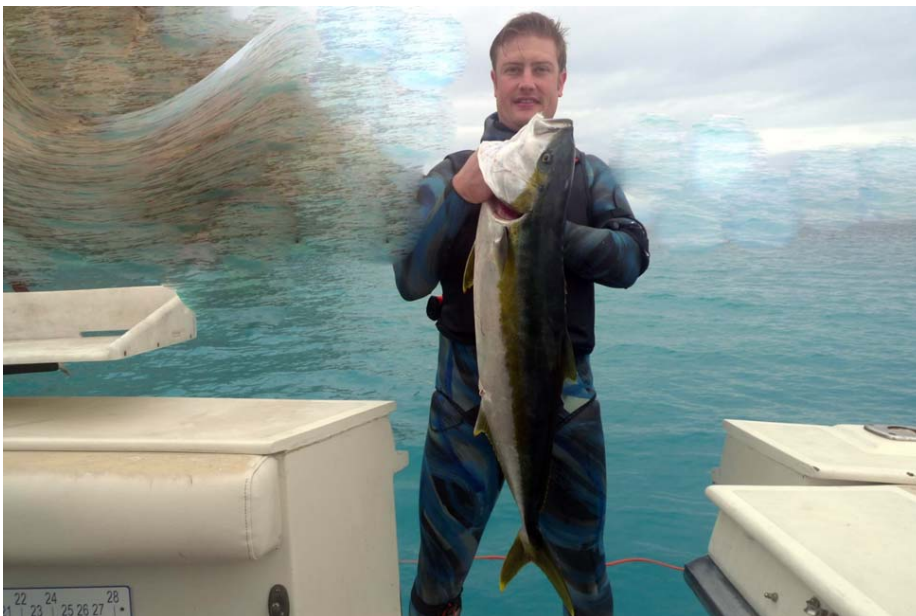
Friday morning arrives, I pick up Manuel in Newport at 0500 and run to the boat. We find Paul waiting in the lot. We load up and after a nickel tour of the boat and a brief safety talk we leave the slip.

Manuel has never speared in Calif. and is pretty excited. He asks a lot of question on the way over. Will we see WSB? How about YT? What reef fish are good to eat? How about lobster? We warn him not to shoot the Goldfish. We show him pics of BSB, another you can't shoot....

As we are closing in on MY SPOT we notice this little skiff anchored and there are 2 KOOKS in the water. We set up a safe distance away and started suiting up. The 2 KOOKS turn out to be Chris Oak and our own Keith Kauffman.



They said they had some sightings, but spooked all the fish away. The vis had started to deteriorate so they were moving on. We gave the spot a quick look and agreed with their assessment.



With MY spot compromised, we make a move. As we get in the water we immediately start seeing fish. Paul and I had made a plan. He would swim away from the boat and corral the fish in while I would dive down and shoot low to force the fish up. Then Manuel could actually shoot the fish. The plan worked like a charm. Manuel had shot his first YT (in Jan.)!! Nice fish about 15lb. It's belly stuffed with Red Crabs.



## Swiss Cat (continued)



After a bunch of pics and High 5's we get back in. About 5 min. later I look to the boat and see a Furbag sitting on the swim step and my transom door wide open! I start kicking back towards the boat yelling and splashing water as I get closer. Once I got within about 20' the dog bolted, so I climbed on and checked the fish cooler. The fish was still there...! I close the door and start swimming back out when I see Manuel heading back. He has shot another YT!!! This time he has 2 sea lions swarming

him and he's fighting them off. I cover his back and head in with him. We get the fish on the boat and I head back out. We had a couple more sightings, but they were very cautious now. I get back to the boat to find Paul and Manuel with only 1 YT... Turns out that after I left Manuel on the boat he had placed his fish on the cutting board.

He turned around to get a filet knife when a thieving furbag launched out of the water, grabbed the fish from the cutting board with the spear attached. Manuel was able to get a hold of the shooting line and play tug-of-war with the dog! He was able to save his gear, but the sea lion got the fish.



We ate lunch and then headed to find some Calicos. We put some Calicos and Sheepshead in the cooler. Manuel tried a couple grabs at daytime bugs, but missed. We decided to call it a day. We showered and headed for home. It was a great trip! Lots of fun, our guest got his first YT, great guys to spend a day with!



## Deep Tease By Todd Norell

SC, MM and I were on a scuba trip aboard the Peace Boat going for bugs at Santa Rosa Island in mid Feb. I went down to about 70 ft. with an unloaded mini gun hoping to shoot ling cod in the rocks while I was searching for bugs. Something shaded me from the side and I looked away from the reef to see a massive and dense wall of 20+ pound yellow-tail. I think I thought it was an illusion at first, as they approached to within just a few feet of me. Unreal. I quickly pulled the 3 bands on the little JBL 38 Special and swam right into the school with bubbles



flying profusely. Didn't seem to phase them. I let er rip and pegged a nice one, perfect - right above the lat line - could not have been more thrilled . . . that is until the shorty shock cord went tight. Then



Bingo, the fish ripped off! I'm Pissed with heart racing, the glory was so fleeting! I'd already envisioned my proud and triumphant ascent of the boat ladder, nice forkie in hand. Now I'm really blowing off the discharge, knees just off the sand. I grabbed the spearshaft, checked the worthless tip, fumbled and shoved it into the muzzle, wrapped the cord, loaded just two bands. Still right in the middle of them - thick as thieves! Now in agro mode, I lunged up hurriedly and released a second shot - but Missed!!###!. That was it, they'd had enough of me. What a sight to see, right in the middle of a sick mass of fish like that, looking up at em - and out at em, as far as my eyes could see in every direction. It is an image now burned in my mind that I'll never forget. I could hardly sleep for a few nights after that. I've heard people call it "Wallpaper Yellowtail". For me that day it was Wall and Ceiling, completely enveloped. I hope the next time I see something like that, my trusted Mori gun is in my hand, ready to smoke em, and claim the glory once again. Long Life Ahead - TN

# Ultimate Steamed Clams (Submitted by Todd Norell)

## Ingredients:

- 4 dozen live clams
- 2 sweet Italian sausages – skinned & chopped
- 4 stalks of celery – chopped
- ½ of a sweet yellow onion – thinly sliced
- 5 cloves of garlic – chopped
- 5 sprigs of tarragon – strip the leaves & chop em
- 2 tablespoons of fennel – chopped
- Handful of parsley - chopped
- ½ cup of Muscat (sweet desert wine)
- 1 cup of dry chardonnay
- Virgin olive oil ( for the initial sauté)
- ½ cup heavy cream




Add oil to large high sided skillet or frying pan and sauté the onions until they are translucent. Toss in the celery, fennel, & garlic – keep cooking. Introduce the sausage pcs and cook until no longer red. Add the muscat and chardonnay (don't be afraid to taste test before adding). Simmer for 2 or 3 minutes, stirring. Add the tarragon. Simmer for a few more minutes. Add the clams and cover. Cook under cover for about 8 minutes or so, and make sure all the clams have opened. Discard any clams still closed. Should smell awesome now. Transfer to a high side pot if your pan is too full. Add heavy cream and stir. Cover and cook on low simmer for a few minutes. Shut off the heat and prepare crusty garlic bread. Open the lid and throw in the parsley. Dish up and enjoy!

# Gratuitous and Awesome Neptune Photos



Amazing photos of Catalina  
by Todd Norell

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# Gratuitous and Awesome Neptune Photos

On the board! Nice one Hobie



# More Gratuitous and Awesome Neptune Photos

Those aint no baby bugs! Nice score Donny



# More Gratuitous and Awesome Neptune Photos



Another great piece by Todd Norell: Neptune Medallion

Nice pair of checkerboards Keith and Chris!



# Gratuitous and Awesome Neptune Photos



Is there an Award for “Innovative Hardware”? Robert Strobach will be testing this aiming upgrade in the water in about 4 months (Get Well Soon!)

Until then memories of awesome dives like this will have to hold him over.



**ELECTRIC**



**SUNGLASSES**



# Neptunes Classifieds

## UW Video Camera For Sale by: Robin and Mindy Carden

HD underwater video camera (Sony HDR-HC3 HDV 1080i Handycam with Gates CX 760 Housing)

For more information contact: [r.carden@cox.net](mailto:r.carden@cox.net)

## Two Spearguns For Sale by: Todd Farquhar

- 1) 49" Neptonics Double Roller: 2 Bands, Ulusub Reel, Slip Tip, Spare Shaft, \$800
- 2) 64" Andre: 4 Bands, Alexander Handle, Slip Tip, Spare Shaft, \$400

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Wishing all in the Neptune Community meaningful connection with one another, fulfilling adventures, and safe diving.

Best Regards,

Todd Farquhar, Newsletter Editor

