



Connecting and Informing our Neptune
Community with:

Safety, Camaraderie, and Club Legacy

March 2017



Rain, Rain, Go Away...

Well ladies and gentlemen it's yet another month gone by and not much improvement in conditions. For those that played the game in the last edition I appreciate your efforts and congrats to Paul Zlystra. I didn't think anyone would accurately count the wsb in the trident banner above, but Paul and our tentative Brian York both got it right. I know some of you have taken the opportunity when swell died and weather windows opened up to head out. I didn't receive any reports of said events, but we'll keep working on it. If you didn't make the last meeting you missed out on a great presentation from former world record holder for White Sea Bass, Skip Helen. With short notice he sure stepped up and shared lots of great information. Some of his key points for success being in no order: networking, tides, location, repetition, time of season.

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Attention Members:

There will be constitution changes proposed at the next meeting. If you want to contribute your opinion make sure to show up to the April meeting on 4/5/17. The two items up for vote will be an age requirement change from a minimum of 21 to a minimum of 18. Second order of business will be to raise the 75 member cap to 100. The board voted, it's now up to the participating members that show up to the meeting to vote. It's a majority vote to pass or veto the decision. So think about it and be prepared.



Presidents Message

The waning days of winter are now upon us. Oh this year has gone by so slowly. So many amazing memories. And now, the time will change on March 12, then on March 20 - the Vernal Equinox will usher in the next springtime of our lives. Dreamlike anticipation lays heavy on our minds . . . of wallpaper Yellowtail, a cacophony of croaking deep in the murky kelp room, boilers of leaping sicklebacks coming right at ya. I'm sure I can speak for you all in saying I can't wait to be immersed in the warming bluewater once again. Make sure all your gear is ready to go and you're mentally primed for a safe and satisfying year ahead. All of our annual events are now on the schedule, so plan accordingly, and try to participate in each of them. The awards banquet on March 1st will bring about trophy presentations for perhaps the greatest overall year in Long Beach Neptunes History. In addition to multiple WSB over 60 lbs. and abundant beautiful Yellowtail, we all stand in awe of the 245 lb. local Bluefin Tuna by Ron Warren, the 210 lb. Yellowfin by Robert Strohbach in Panama, and the local 61 lb. Yellowfin by Mike De Giosa. Wow, 2016, The Year of the Tuna! Let's hope those schools didn't venture far and have a return trip planned for us. Auction time is coming fast guys. All you members . . . Donate! Let's get as much stuff as we can together for this April 19th extravaganza. If you have contacts in the dive industry, great, pass on a phone number to one of the board members and we'll hit them up. Did you get a new knife? A new float? A new set of carbon fins? A new gun? - Then Donate your old one(s) to the auction! Also, all you Neptunes, SEND your fish photos to Brandon Ward! We're compiling amazing photo bios on the Long Beach Neptunes website of ALL members. That is what the legacy of this club is all about! We want your photos, we want you to be part of that eternal legacy!! I've got to say that I'm super stoked about our August 19th Team Meet - the *LBN Midsummer Yellowtail Shootout*. We'll cover all the details in this and upcoming newsletters. Last but not least, let's never forget how important it is to stay safe out there. As an adventure sport junkie all my life, I can tell you I've seen a lot of bad things happen and had a lot of close calls myself. We need to watch each other's backs, talk about safety, and always remind ourselves, that no fish is worth our life. So be massively careful out there, make that the top priority of your every day on, and under, the water.

"The most beautiful thing we can experience in life is the mysterious and sometimes the dangerous. That is the source of all true art and science" - Albert Einstein Presidents Message

Long Life Ahead

Todd Norell



2016 Final Fish Standings

2016 Awards

2016 Calico Derby: Robert Strobach - 5.8 lbs. **Biggest Bluefin Tuna (California):** Ron Warren - 245 lbs.

Calico: Dave Freeman - 6.92 lbs. **Biggest Yellowfin Tuna (California):** Mike De Giosa - 61.18 lbs.

Dorado: Mark Hultgren - 19.86 lbs. **Bonito:** Dave Freeman - 6.34 lbs.

Biggest Tuna (Out of Country/State): Robert Strohbach 210 lbs. YFT (Panama)

Sheep Head: Dave Freeman - 24.20 lbs. **White Sea Bass:** Jesse Goode - 61.5 lbs.

Biggest Pelagic Fish (Non-Tuna) Out of Country/State: Masahiro Mori - 59.4 lbs. Amberjack (La Paz)

Lobster: Dave Freeman - 13 lbs. **Yellow Tail:** Dave Freeman - 40.8 lbs.

Biggest Reef Fish Out of Country/State: Dave Freeman - 57.5 lbs. Pargo (Ceralvo Island)

Kent McIntyre Award: Mike Marsh - YT 38lbs / WSB 35lbs

No Submissions: Halibut, Abalone

Neptunes' To-Do's:

- Pay your dues to Bill Peratt via cash or PayPal. If you choose PayPal make sure you send it to LBNEPTUNESPAYMENT@GMAIL.COM. Let Bill know who is sending the money. Make sure you select the friends and family option.
- Calico Derby 1/1-3/31/ last submissions excepted 30 days after hunt.
- Show up to March's meeting tonight 3/1

- Start gathering donations for the Long Beach Neptunes' Auction on April 19, 2017
- Send me your photos of any successful hunts at (949)945-8930.
- If you'd like your photos on the Neptunes' website submit your photos to Brandon. Make sure you choose the option to downsize the pictures' file size.

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AMERICA'S SURF CO.

Alright ...are you ready for the best board shorts you've ever owned ? Katin has once again done the club an extraordinary favor and designed us a Long Beach Neptune exclusive pair of board shorts. Thanks to Jesse Goode and Brandon Ward for helping organize the production. At the next meeting you will be able to give Jesse your size and must prepay for your order. There's no minimum order so if you want one pair or three it's all good. Here's a look at the trunks below.



Hammer Time

By Bill Peratt

As I was reminiscing about the unbelievable summer we had in Southern California with warm water temps and plethora of Tuna, I wanted to callout a close call I experienced at SCI.

It was the middle of August and the maiden spearfishing voyage on John Carptener's new boat "WUZZA FUZZ". Robert Strohbach, John and myself loaded the boat for a multiday trip with the anticipation of shooting big tuna and a great weekend at the island. This was ultimately a warm-up trip for the boat to work through numerous items such as deck layout, gear storage, and ultimately to get blood on the deck. Well we succeeded with all but the big tuna, and a memorable run in with a not so friendly hammerhead.

As most know we have seen numerous HH offshore and at SCI all summer with the arrival of warmer water temps and tuna. Although we had seen them from the boat and while in the water, I had not experienced a boldness from any of these sharks in the water to take a fish. The experience to this point was a cruise by to investigate the situation and then glide off in a peaceful manner. Well this was all about to change.

John had dropped Robert and me on a favorite high spot and we went to work. Shortly into the dive we found the bait and the yellowtail. Shortly after, Robert has a yellowtail on and it bolts for the top of the reef. The fish made a great attempt at escaping with a convulsive plunge for the deep, but Robert muscles the fish up, dispatches it, and bleeds it out. We call for John on the boat and get Robert and fish on deck. Now it's my time...



I turn away from the boat and kick back to the zone with the bait, knowing the fish are in the area I am trying to relax and find my Zen. I relax on the surface, catch my breath, and begin to breathe up. I punch a dive and visualize the moment waiting for the fish to appear, nothing. Return to the surface and repeat. Second dive, as I hang in the water column here they come, a pair of decent fish. I take a shot and center punch the fish, fish on and it makes a quick but uneventful run. All within a 30 second period a VERY BIG hammerhead cruises in from behind me just under the surface and within arm's length.

WTF, as I look eyeball to eyeball I think we were both trying to figure out what each other's move should be. As this T head turns within in its own body length to check me out, the then subdued yellow comes to life and goes completely

ape shit. The hammer head then turns back again within its own body length and accelerates faster than anything I have previously experienced towards the yellowtail.

On the surface I yell for the boat and screaming I have a shark on me trying to get my fish. At this moment its now pure pandemonium both in the water and on the boat. As I put my face back in the water trying to fight the fish on the end of the float line I could feel the fish going nuts trying to run from the shark. At the time, I am focused on securing this fish and getting on the boat. In the meantime, on the boat John and Robert are prepping for what is going to be a shitty end to the trip with a shark bit diver. As we finally make clear communication and I get on the boat I pull up the rest of the float line with what you see in the below picture.



Ultimately, I was very lucky with the outcome but in retrospect I should have handled the situation differently.

1. Forget about securing the fish and focus on the situation.
2. Clear communication with the boat, I left the boat hanging as I returned focus back to the fish and shark.
3. Don't bleed or clean fish in the area we are diving.
4. Debatable, but I could have waited 10 minutes for my partner to enter back into the water.

As you can see by the bite mark and scrapes down the top body of the fish the shark had a very large mouth. This could easily be a thigh or arm if you were holding a fish close. I know some believe if the fish is close to the body the predator will be less likely to approach. I do not believe this to be true in this situation. I believe the shark was already highly agitated from Robert's fish and came into the area with a purpose. I also believe these sharks over the past few years have developed an association to divers and boats to free food.

-Dive Safe



Attention Tentative Members/Sponsors of Tentative Members/Members!

The auction is 2 months out. Tentative Members please ask Danny at the next meeting what contributions are expected from you. This is going to be our largest auction yet! Let's have an awesome event.

When you get the opportunity say hello to our newest member Kevin Willson. Woody has brought in another great diver who is excited to become a Neptune. Below you'll find his intro to the club.

Tentative Write-up By: Kevin Willson

Hello All Long Beach Neptune Members, My name is Kevin Willson. I grew up going on surf & dive trips with my Father in Baja. Although I had a taste of diving at an early age, it didn't really take hold until late 2013. My older brother took me on my first bug dive in PV that year and I've been mentally ill ever since. About a year after that, I started bug diving with my sponsor Woody and my life really started to become unmanageable. I was lobster diving on work nights, spearfishing on weekends and loving every second of it. I started off with a hand me down 90cm and then eventually upgraded to a Rob Allen 120cm for yellowtail trips to Cat.



Nowadays I use the same RA and a 135cm rear handle from Diablo Spearguns. I still consider myself very new to the sport, but I've landed a few decent fish so far. My first seabass was taken last spring in "local waters". We were diving the whole day with several sightings but I still had no luck. After several naps on the boat, I decided to jump back in for one last dive of the day. I spent 30 minutes in and then started making my way back to the boat. I punched one last dive to about 30 ft and started praying for a sighting. Next thing I know, a fish turns the corner just in time for me to throw a shaft his way. The fish took off like a rocket and tied up in about 50 ft. I retrieved the fish after multiple dives and



then yelled to the boat for a little assistance. I was exhausted and had line tangled everywhere! Jeff Benedict came to my side to congratulate me, lend a helping hand and probably make sure I didn't lose his gun! Despite the shit-show, that had to have been one of the happiest moments of my dive career/life. So far, every Neptune I've met and had the pleasure of diving with have all been top notch. I couldn't ever see myself wanting to join any other club. Aside from becoming a member of the Neptunes, the only other goals I have are to continue learning the sport and to continue having a good time while doing so. I'm looking forward to contributing to the best of my ability and learning from the best.

-Kevin Willson





Spearfishing Tournament

DATE: Saturday, April 8, 2017

TROPHIES: 1st thru 4th Place (Biggest Yellowtail Wins)

ENTRY FEE: \$60.00 (See entry form attached) Includes tournament rash guard, raffle ticket for \$1000's in prizes • Weigh In Party at Hammerhead

Participant Must Have A Mexican Fishing License.



**2017 Yellowtail Open
9th Annual, San Carlos, Mexico
Saturday, April 8th, 2017**

This meet is held in San Carlos, MX. **All entries will be verified. To participate you must qualify under the following conditions:**

- 1) Fish must be taken using only traditional spearfishing methods.
- 2) No SCUBA allowed! Breath-hold diving only.
- 3) Fish must be shot the day of the meet, within specified time period.
- 4) Only Yellowtail will be considered for trophies.
- 5) Every diver must have a diver down float/flag.

Divers may begin at dawn but must conclude their diving and be at the San Carlos Marina Cantina by 4:00 pm. Any fish not in the weigh-in circle by 4:00 pm is disqualified (No exceptions!). Biggest Yellowtail wins. NO SCUBA DIVING IS PERMITTED. The diving area will include all waters within 100 miles of San Carlos, MX. Weigh in at 4:00 pm sharp.

YOU PROVIDE: 1) \$60.00 If you wish to compete; 2) Signed Entry / Liability Release; 3) Your own transportation; 4) Game Fish License –

WE PROVIDE: 1) First through fourth place trophies for largest Yellowtail taken the day of the meet (only one fish per person); 2) Award Party at weigh-in; 3) Thousands of dollars in raffle prizes.

SAN CARLOS YELLOWTAIL OPEN WAIVER

DIVER'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED. IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN. – ONE ENTRY / SHEET

I assume entry into this event at my own risk. In consideration of my participation, I intend to be legally bound. I do hereby assume risk for myself, heirs, executors, administrators and assign, waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages I may have or hereafter accrue to me against the sponsors, or any other individuals and/or groups involved in coordination of this event, for any and all damages and/or injuries which may be sustained by me in connection with participation in the San Carlos Yellowtail Open. I further attest and verify that I am physically fit, enjoying good health and have sufficient expertise for participation in this event. Parent and/or guardian agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the above sponsors of any and all damages received in the event the entrant is a minor.

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND MONEY SHOULD BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2017
REGISTRATION FEE AFTER APRIL 1ST IS \$100.**

NAME OF DIVER (Please print) _____ **DATE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ () Competitor - \$60.00

If diver is a minor, please indicate age: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Make checks payable to: Acwaman Int
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Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

OR

email application to **acwaman@aol.com** and **Paypal** funds to **acwaman@aol.com**
(Be sure to put name in notes with Paypal and send payment to friend or family)

(Please submit additional entries on a separate entry form)

T-Shirt Size (circle one) **M L XL XXL**



2017 is off to a great start with plans underway for the **4th Annual Kirk McNulty White Sea Bass Spearfishing Tournament**. The tournament will run from **March 1 through April 30, 2017** throughout California and Baja. The [Awards Party](#) will be held in Mid May 2017 in Redondo Beach and will once again include our awesome raffle with over \$10,000 in gear up for grabs, plus food and drinks, and behind the scenes tours of the King Harbor White Sea Bass Growout.

We had a great year last year with the Top 3 fish in the 60# range and multiple heads submitted to Hubbs-Seaworld for research.

A \$25 entry is required prior to spearing a fish. Proceeds will be donated to the King Harbor Ocean Enhancement Foundation and Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute to support ongoing efforts to repopulate the local WSB population.

We are looking to expand the tournament this year with more participants and greater impact and we need your help! Here's how:

- [Sign up now at oceansglobal.org/events](http://oceansglobal.org/events). Receive a \$5 discount if you sign up before March 1!
- Spread the word! Mention support for the tournament on your social channels. (Images Attached below)

The tournament honors the legacy of world-class waterman Kirk McNulty, a surfer, diver, brother, and son 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 spearfishermen on the West Coast.

Winners will be chosen by verifying the top three biggest fish. More info and contest rules at oceansglobal.org/events.

Oceans Global may be offering charters out of King Harbor in Redondo Beach - for more information contact Clark at admin@hookbuzz.com.

Please contact us with questions.

Sincerely,
Clark McNulty
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The poster features a central illustration of a white seabass speartfishing, with a spear through its mouth and another through its tail. The background is a light teal color with faint silhouettes of seaweed and fish. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of serif and script fonts.

4TH ANNUAL

KIRK MCNULTY

WHITE SEABASS

*Speartfishing
Classic*

MARCH 1ST—APRIL 30TH

Brought to you by:
@OceansGlobal and @HookBuzz

Sign up at:
OceansGlobal.org/Events

The proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the King Harbor Ocean Enhancement Foundation, which operates white sea bass hatchery pens and is supported by the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute. Combined efforts help improve the white sea bass population on our coast.

Please continue to appreciate and support our Sponsors!



That's right! These link you to all of your favorite gear and dive destinations!

Just click on the logo and go!



1. May 18-20 in Lake Mead , Las Vegas the US will sponsor its first World Spearfishing

meet: www.freshwaterworlds.com

Could you please see if any of your top senior divers might be interested in competing. 60 year+ The Master division. There are 4 spots and 1-2 are taken.

We also have opening on the women teams as well.

2. As the Neptune's is one of the oldest and most prestigious clubs in the world I would like to extend the opportunity for your group to be involved in any part you

would like to help with. Weigh in, food, safety, logistics, awards.....We could also use several boats to supports foreign teams coming in.

3 The AOY, Athlete of the Year, Award has found a new home with the USOA and needs to be up dated and needs a face lift.

Glen McGuire is getting the last 6 years awards figured out as we speak. I am giving the award / web site a face lift.

I am looking for missing pictures and to replace poor pictures. This is a process that has been going on for 40 years now and we need to finish it.

Your club has the history and contacts to help with at least 4-5 of these photos, Please get a committee to dig in and find them so we can finish this off.

<http://rockymountainspearfishing.org/athlete/index.html>

I just finished the Zumwalts from Florida, but there are a few from Ca where we need help—PLEASE—

Once the photos are up dated I hope to get bios from each athlete to put with there photo and then get Roman Castro to do an interview with them to also tie to there

photo. If you have ever listened to the Spearo Nation and heard the interviews with Rene or Terry Lentz, you would understand how great a project this really is.

You can contact me any time.

I truly appreciate your help with these projects, our goal is to build a safer and stronger spearfishing tribe.

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