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## 2019 Neptune's Calendar

11/06/19 Wed Meeting  
 11/30/19 Sat Xmas Dinner @ The Phoenix Klub  
 12/04/19 Wed Meeting  
 01/01/20 Wed Happy New Year !! ( No Meeting )  
 02/05/20 Wed Meeting

### 2019 Long Beach Neptunes Board

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### Fish Competition 2019

**California Awards**

<b>Calico Derby</b>	<b>Kyle Brannon (Final)</b>	<b>7.5 lbs</b>
Calico Bass	Jeff Benedict	8.25 Lbs
White Seabass	John Hughes	61.1 Lbs
Yellowtail	Seamus Callaghan	40.0 Lbs
Halibut	Open	
Sheephead	Robert Strohbach	16.25 lbs
Bonito	Open	
Barracuda	Open	
Dorado	Open	
Wahoo	Open	
Bluefin Tuna	Jason Taylor	106.7 lbs
Marlin	Open	
Lobster	Hobie Ladd	12.1 lbs

**Out of State/Country Awards**

Yellow Fin Tuna	Masahiro Mori	45.6 lbs
Reef Fish (Pargo)	Masahiro Mori	39.1 lbs
Pelagic (Sp. Mackerel)	Jason Taylor	33.0 lbs

**Kent McIntyre Award**

John Hughes 61.1 lb WSB + 27.8 lb YT = 88.9 lbs

**Big Fish Perpetual Trophy**

Jason Taylor 106.7 Lb Bluefin Tuna

## A Message from the President



Fellow Neptunes,

What a great Fall Classic! Three times as many fish were weighed in at the Fall Classic as were brought to the beach for the Blue Water Meet. The weather couldn't have been better, the water was clear, the beer was cold, the food was good, and so was the party! More than 40 divers competed, and it was awesome to see Juan win the meet with a beautiful 33.4 lb yellowtail. Congratulations, Juan, you deserve it!

The fish season may be winding down, but I'm still seeing pictures of quality yellowtail, today I heard of more 300 lb bluefin in country, and lobster season is in full swing. There's so much to do that it's hard to believe the holidays are almost upon us. Make sure you pay Brian York for the Christmas Party either at the November meeting or through PayPal, the deadline is less than 3 weeks away!

As much as I have enjoyed being president and working with all the great guys on the board, the time has come to begin the election process for next year. At the November meeting we will take nominations for the 2020 board. If you have not served, it's a great experience. It is also an excellent way to meet not only more Neptune members, but many others from local clubs and the diving community.

I will be heading to Montana in a week to try my hand at elk hunting. Barring any mishaps with grizzly bears, I'll see you all at the Christmas party on November 30th!

Dive Safe!  
Jeff



# Long Beach Neptunes Nominations 2020 !!!!



**It's again that time again to decide on those who will be on the Executive Board in 2020. We will be nominating potential 2020 board at the November meeting. If you or one of your buddies would like to be a part of the 2020 Executive Board, please contact one of the members of the nomination committee.**

**If you feel that someone should be a member of the Executive Board, the floor will be open to nominations. According to our Constitution, no member may decline a nomination unless he has served on the board before.**

**The nominations will take place at the November Meeting and the election will take place at the December Meeting.**

**If you want someone to be on the board next year, "NOW" is your chance to nominate!!**

# Club Announcements..

- The Xmas Dinner will be held at the Phoenix Klub on Sat. 11/30. The cost of the dinner will be \$25. Or \$50 per couple.
- The board has decided to move the 2020 Blue Water Meet weigh-in from Buffalo Park to the front beach area. This move will increase cost to the club slightly, but we were able to budget this into our operational expenses. Arrangements are already being made. Date is Saturday June 13, 2020
- The Tri Club meet has been rescheduled for Sunday 11/19/19 at Dana Point. The LA Fathomiers will be hosting this event. The flyer containing signup information is printed in this newsletter. For more signup information, you can click on the flyer or click here.... <https://fathomiers.net/event/november-2019-club-dive-dana-point-3-fish/>
- At the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, Brian Stirling from CSU Long Beach Shark lab will be visiting to talk about our recent shark sightings, his shark tagging and Autonomous UAV tracking program.
- There will not be a January meeting. The first Wednesday falls on 1/1/20. Happy New Year !!

## Neptune Christmas Party

Saturday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

@6:30 PM



## The Phoenix Club

1340 S. Sanderson Ave

Anaheim, CA 92806



# TRICLUB COMPETITION



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2019

**NOVEMBER 17**

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**DANA POINT - 3 FISH**

RULES MEET STARTS AT 8:00 AM. COMPETITORS AND GAME MUST BE IN THE WEIGHT-IN CIRCLE AT 1:30 PM SHARP OR BE DISQUALIFIED. DIVER MAY USE KAYAKS, PADDLEBOARDS OR BEACH DIVING. THE MEET HAS A 3 FISH LIMIT, ALLOWING 1 FISH PER SPECIES. NO FISH UNDER 12 INCHES WILL BE AWARDED ANY POINTS. ALL DFG RULES APPLY.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT [WWW.FATHOMIERS.NET](http://WWW.FATHOMIERS.NET)



# Hobie's Big Bug Night

It was a beautiful night, went diving with Danny Mann. No wind, no waves, super glassy and warm. Hit some spots on the breakwall and got a couple bugs. Then went to the first opening on the wall, threw the anchor on the inside and swam to the end. Swam about 20 yards around to the outside and there under the glow of my big blue 8000 lumen light, I had it on infrared. There was a big bug that looked the same color as a bunch of starfish. Kind of a garibaldi looking color with the red light just sitting on a big flat rock out in the open. It looked like around a 9 pounder. With its tail curled underneath itself. I swam right up to it with the red light directly in its face and did a 2 hand grab and held it tight to my body and thought, this is no 9 pounder. Took me a while to get it into my mutiny bag but finally managed to do it then swam it back to the boat making sure to hold the bag shut, just in case!! Another fun bug dive in the books, and in a totally legal area! Stay safe! Hobie





# 2019 Annual Fall Classic



The 2019 Fall Classic had 50 competitors competing for the grand prizes. This year, Juan Aguilar reigned victorious. After numerous second place finishes in Neptune events, Juan finally got his win. On the lobster competition, Yu Fukushima came in first with a nice 2.8 lb bug to beat team competitor Jason Taylor by a mere .1 lbs. Mori won the calico division with a nice 5.1 lb Calico, the only one weighed in. Due to Red Flag warnings, the bon fire had to be extinguished, but that did not put a damper on the event. Everyone had a wonderful time.

## Standings

### Lobster

Yu Fukushima	2.8 lbs
Jason Taylor	2.7 lbs

### Calico

Mori	5.1 lbs
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### Big Fish (All were Yellowtail)

1. Juan Aguilar	33.4 lbs
2. John Carpenter	27.9 lbs
3. Chase Buchanan	25.9 lbs
4. Josh Rinker	25.0 lbs
5. Bill Peratt	24.4 lbs
6. Jesse Goode	24.2 lbs
7. Joe Prola	22.9 lbs
8. Paul Zylstra	22.5 lbs
9. Michael DeGiosa	21.5 lbs
10. Brandon Wardo	20.9 lbs
11. Jon McMullin	19.9 lbs
12. Ivan Sanchez	19.3 lbs
13. Jason Taylor	17.9 lbs
14. Dan Keeler	17.8 lbs

















# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THREE NEWEST MEMBERS!!

**AFTER ALL THEIR MUCH APPRECIATED WORK AND DEDICATION AS TENTATIVES. WE ARE PROUD TO WELCOME IN THESE QUALIFIED WATERMEN AS FULL MEMBERS OF THE ELITE!  
LONG BEACH NEPTUNES  
'WELCOME HOME BRUDDAS'**



Jeff Parmer with sponsor Mori



Kyle Brennon with his sponsor Byron Quinonez



Jon McMullen with sponsor Paul Zylstra



# Sometimes, it's that Simple ....

By Juan Aguilar

Watch Juan's 6 minutes to Victory on



Walking out the door at 0700, on the water at 0730, back in the boat by 0750.

It was the morning of the Fall Classic Tournament, and my hopes were high. Conditions had finally improved, with visibility nearing 50 feet, water temperature in the high 60's and Santa Ana conditions making the water calm as can be.

I have had an epic string of near greatness when it comes to this tournament. Having placed third twice, second place three times, and landing the big calico trophy once. I was hoping to finally take home the gold.

Accompanied by my good friend Josh "Shagnasty" Rinker, we got underway at the gentlemanly hour of 7 AM. On the drive to pick up the boat, we noticed a couple boats already on the spot we had intended on diving. Apparently the recent stories of sharks biting kayaks weren't a deterrent for them. We suited up, hopped in the boat and headed west. We pulled up to the spot, and metered something big down below. Dropping the anchor and setting up our gear happened quickly and quietly.

Splashing into the crisp water was refreshing, as was the sight of hundreds of pyrosomes. As I began swimming up current, there were mini feeding frenzies happening all around. Blacksmith and blue perch were annihilating the phallic organisms, much to my delight.

I saw a flash of a yellow crescent to my left, and punched a quick dive to 20 feet. The lone fish had disappeared, but I knew there was more to come. I scanned around, and soon found a large school of yellows swinging in for a closer look at the fat dude in a rubber suit with a piece of wood in his hands. The majority of the school was wise enough to keep their distance, but one fool rushed in.

Wham, bam, thank you ma'am. The fish stopped fighting quickly, and only twitched when my Mori knife did the deed. Back in the boat, I knew it was going to be a contender.

A few minutes later, Josh was in a wrestling match with a nice sized fish. He was the victor, and we high fived before pulling anchor and moving to the next spot.

We decided to call it a day early, and were back at the dock by 1230. At the weigh in, I kept my hopes low, so as to not be too disappointed with another year of being the bridesmaid, and not the bride. Turns out, it was finally my turn to be numero uno.





Jorge with a nice  
25lb Goat off a  
local shore dive



# OZ

By Josh Wels



Last month, Jason, Yu, Aaron (SB Freedivers) and I were fortunate enough to take a 7-day trip down south to the Great Barrier Reef. We left out of Cairns, Queensland, Australia on a 65' mothership called the Norkat II towing two 18' tenders. The original trip was supposed to be 12 divers but we were pumped when we heard that it was only going to be 8 total along with 4 crew. This gave our group our own tender along with plenty of space to spread out in the staterooms. Even after the 24 hours of flights and airports to get there, we were anxious to get in the water as the boat cleared the harbor and started north for the first leg of the trip.

The other 4 divers were a group from Western Australia and another local who had taken the trip the prior year. They started filling us in on what to expect and it was clear that Team America were the rookies that faced a pretty steep learning curve. The guide was asking us what our goals were for the trip and we seemed to all be on the same page that we wanted to try and shoot a dogtooth tuna. With everyone on board, we were going to make sure that we targeted them daily. There would be plenty of time to explore the reefs and shoot whatever else you wanted to as well during the 7 full days of diving.

We woke up about 150 miles north the next day to a "cracker" sunrise and I started getting all my shit together thinking we were running late to get in the water. I was surprise when everyone got up leisurely and sat down to a huge breakfast spread on the back deck. I learned later that we were going to be diving each day until we were completely out of energy and getting in the water earlier only meant going to bed earlier. There didn't seem to be a time of day when the fish turned on, as it happened many times in the middle of the day.





Our first drops were on a deep reef drop off where we deployed the flasher and started working for doggies. The sharks came in immediately, followed by surgeon fish and the occasional Spanish Mack. After about an hour, we had our first doggies come in on us. They were hesitant and we had been coached up pretty good by others to wait for our shot. The problem with blue water when you've had a shit year of California green is that you don't realize how far away that pig was. Our first shot dropped like a stone before it got close. We were feeling good, first drift and we were already getting chances so we reset the drift. And that was it. We didn't see another doggie.

We worked hard over the next 7 days, not taking one day off for doggies but generally spending the afternoons combing over the reefs. First we started throwing fish in the boat and seeing the guide shake his head. Turns out we needed to study those fish charts a little more because that sweetlips was not the buffalo emperor I had hoped for. They were really cool about it as they said we could cook and try it all along with a few fish needed for burley so nothing was wasted. As the days progressed we started racking up our target fish. Fish that we had worked hard for in Hawaii like the Mu's (Bigeye Emperor) and Uku (Green Jobfish) were all over the place and it didn't take an 80ft drop or 3min breath hold. We started checking the box on more goal fish: Coral trout, Longnose Emperors, Spanish Macks, Coronation Trout, Spangled, Footballers, Painted Lobster, etc. There were endless amounts of fish amongst the most gorgeous reefs I had ever seen. After a while, you found yourself just taking drops to soak it all in and not even wanting to shoot.

Each afternoon we would come back to the boat and feast on fresh sashimi, fruit and fresh baked muffins to recharge before heading back out. It was just an unbelievable setup. Dinners were fresh fish, lobster, steaks or whatever you wanted. The WA guys were a riot and you couldn't keep up with them when they had a few beers in them and started telling stories. Hell, half the time I couldn't understand what the fuck they were saying but it seemed hilarious.

There isn't an easy way to put the trip into words so we'll let the pictures speak for themselves. It was amazing in virtually every way. The only negative was the constant 30mph wind but we made the best of it by tucking into the reefs at night and the boat was made to handle it with ease. Sure, we were hoping to get a better shot at the doggies but who doesn't? It just gave us the excuse to go back for another trip of a lifetime.

Josh Wels





# Boat for Sale

2006 Glacier Bay 2680

Honda 150's with 950hrs

Aluminum Trailer

Excellent condition, turnkey      \$59,800

Call Josh for full details/pics 714-234-7165





# Ever heard of a Tako Taco ??

On a recent drive down to Baja, we made a short stop in Ensenada for some lunch. We stopped in a restaurant called "La Guerrerense". I gotta say, I had many seafood tacos and mariscos, but this one has to be on the top of my list. If you planning on doing "The Drive", I highly recommend you give this place a try...

Be sure to have some Tako Pale Ale to go along with your Tako Taco. My favorite there was the clam chowder in a bread bowl. They use freshly shucked clams and each one is freshly made to order.





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