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2019 Neptune's Calendar

09/04/19 Wed Meeting (Manufacturers Night)

10/02/19 Wed Meeting

10/12/19 Sat Fall Classic

11/06/19 Wed Meeting

11/30/19 Sat Xmas Dinner @ The Phoenix Klub

12/04/19 Wed Meeting

Fish Competition 2019

California Awards

<u>Calico Derby</u>	<u>Kyle Brannon (Final)</u>	<u>7.5 lbs</u>
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	
Tuna	Open	
Marlin	Open	
Lobster	Open	

Out of State/Country Awards

Yellow Fin Tuna	Masahiro Mori	45.6 lbs
Reef Fish (Pargo)	Masahiro Mori	39.1 lbs
Pelagic	Open	

Kent McIntyre Award

Open

Big Fish Perpetual Trophy

John Hughes 61.1 Lb White Seabass

A Message from the President



Fellow Neptunes,

I wanted to thank those of you who showed up to the last meeting and had a chance to meet and celebrate a birthday with one of our cherished members, founders, and legends; Dottie Frazier. I'm very sorry that I couldn't be there, but I hear it was great time. I also hear that Ivan did an excellent job running the meeting (Ivan for President in 2020!)

As summer wanes, our new pattern of fall spearfishing is once again presenting itself. The mass of Bluefin out there is staggering. It leads me to wonder if the Fall Classic will once again have a tuna at the weigh in. Make sure you fill out your applications and clear the calendar for this year's event on October 12th, it's going to be a phenomenal time!

This month's meeting will be our annual Manufacturer's Night. Make sure to come out and see what it is that you can't live without. We also have some good club business to take care of. It should be a fun evening. Bring your fish stories, I know there are some good ones.

Dive Safe,

Jeff



Reviving the Tri-Club Meet

According to the results of the online survey monkey that was sent to the general club, the majority of the people who responded favored reviving the Tri-Club meet, formally known as the Omer Neilsen Meet. The San Diego Freedivers has proposed hosting the meet in September. These are the proposed dates regarding the meet. If there are any suggestions, or comment regarding this meet, please contact President Jeff Bilhorn or Volker Hoehne of the San Diego Freedivers.

Location : Dana Point Landing

Proposed Date : Saturday September. 14, 2019

Weigh-In : 4:00 PM Sharp (Sunset is at 7 PM)

Format : One fish per person. Largest Fish wins individual, Top 3 fish of each club wins Team Club Competition

Cost : Small Entry fee to cover tacos and trophies TBD.

Festivities : No meet shirts or raffle being considered at this time.

Placements : First, Second, Third place awards, possibly Paper Awards to reduce cost

Volker Hoehne MBA 619-994-4175

Club Announcements..

- At the September Meeting, we will be voting on a few Tentative members.
- The September meeting will be Manufacturers Night. Please Join us. We will be exhibiting some exciting new spearfishing gear.
- The Fall Classic will be held on Saturday, October 12th. Entry Fee is \$20 for competitors and \$10 for non-competitors. The Application is in this Newsletter.
- 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.
- Neptune hats with Embroidered Patch are now available. Cost is \$15 for Flex-Fit hats and \$10 for Trucker style Snap Back hats. Hats will be available at the July meeting. Full and Life Members only.

The LB Neptunes would like to express our sorrow and sympathy in the wake of the recent Conception accident. Our thoughts and prayers goes out to the crew and to the families and friends of all those who perished in this terrible accident.

We would like for all of our community to send the love and prayers and express our gratitude and appreciation to the Conception for being part of many awesome trips over the years .



Catalina Campout 2019 Scott By Petra Farquar and Scott Bamsey



This year's campout was a blast! Neptunes and friends spent their days adventuring around Little Harbor. There was spear/ hook-and-line fishing, paddle-boarding, hiking, dinghy joyriding and island exploration. Scott Bamsey and family provided painting supplies and the kids brought the creativity. We barbecued, ate dinner together and hung out around the campfire, enjoying smores, great company, and of course spearfishing stories. Come join us next year!









San Clemente Island Yellow Tales

Skipper - Todd Farquar

Gilligan - Ivan Sanchez

Green Horn - Chase Buchanan





Wyatt learning some new lessons on the "Maniac"

Hobie, Wyatt, and I set out on the "Maniac" in search of yellows in my back yard. I told Wyatt to bring some paper and a pencil so he can write down a few things he'd learn along the way. Thankfully he brought his 7 mil as the water temp had dropped a few degrees- but that didn't stop Hobie from rocking his "vented" suit. We got on the spot a little early and after some back and forth about water temps and recent GWS sightings I was first in the water. Like clockwork on this spot the fish showed up. They made their appearance 15' below the surface and I took a slow drop down and leveled off next to them. Waiting for a larger model to present itself I took a lazy shot at a nice fish and ended hitting it high. It bolted into deeper water and eventually sawed off since I strung the fish and was using cable. A short while later I get schooled again in a similar manner; however, this time I make sure to use proper form and not rush my shot. It was hard to not string these fish since vis was around 20' but I make quick work of it and our first fish was on board. After the action died we bounced around to a few spots. We exchanged jokes and jabs and had laughs at each other's expense. During our lunch break it went wide open on the 'cud and we found out just how much (or little) fish like to bite Hobie' jig. After reviewing a few key hunting points with Wyatt I jumped in on a boiler rock with my 90 looking for calicoes. I was 10' from the rock about to make a drop when I had yellow swim right under me. I dropped down and center punched the fish. The small diameter shaft didn't do much but irritate the fish as it wouldn't die. After dispatching, I swapped out guns and swam off the edge into deeper water. Shortly thereafter I had another fish show minimal interest at depth and took a shot as it retreated into poor vis and ended up missing. After several more uneventful drops we called it and headed for the barn. With a few fish, laughs, and some lessons learned we called it a day.

Wyatt reviewing his notes after a long day of school



More Tuna on the “E Fish In Sea”



Todd, Will, Brandon and I left on the EfishInsea for our first hard tuna trip of the summer. We were concerned because the night before the water was 62 degrees in NW harbor. The next day as you know we were up by 5am getting ready to the tuna grounds. We were at the grounds in short time and there must have been 100lbs flying kites and balloons.

The good thing was all the boats were spread out. We started metering fish At first light and meter marks where the key for this trip because we did not see one foamer the entire trip. I was the first one on the step and the first good marks we saw I dove deep and saw a school but missed. It is always amazing to see fish the first time of the season. We were rigged for anything and we had super cow rig ready as the fish **could range from 30-300lbs**.

I was able to connect on my fish the second drop of the morning (before 8am). The fish put up a valiant fight but I was able to get a second shot into it about 20 min later and landed my first 100# tuna.

As the day went on everyone on the boat had opportunities with Todd landing his fish around 5pm. Todd's fish was around 90#s. Todd's fish had major heart and his took a little longer to land than mine.

I was lucky and ended up Shooting a second fish the next day which was a lot smaller then the first but ended up with my first tuna limit ever.

We ended the trip was 3 bft and seahunt was also out on the water and landed several fish with John carpenter shooting his first blue fin! It was great to work together with our Neptune brothers and share these special memories.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

GROUPER OR SNAPPER VERA CRUZ

BY: HOBIE LADD

Chop a yellow or white onion. Slice a bunch of grape tomatoes. Chop a bunch of green olives, no pimentos. Chop jalapenos and chop garlic cloves. Rub olive oil on casserole dish. Mix all of it together and sauté it for a while then cover dish with the mix, use either snapper or grouper, place fish on top then put cayenne pepper on top of fish and cover with the rest of mixed veggies. Bake at 425 for 30 minutes! You can use more or less jalapenos or none at all (if you are a wuss like Mike Marsh) then bon appetit!

Vera Cruz Style!



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