TENTATIVE MEMBER APPLICATION

NAME: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____**(Work)** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name)_____**(Phone)**_____

E-MAIL: _____

SPONSOR:_____

SPONSOR SIGNATURE_____ **DATE**_____

OCCUPATION: _____

YEARS DIVING: _____

LARGEST FISH: _____

FAVORITE DIVE SPOT:_____

MEMORABLE CATCH: _____

BOAT OWNER? _____

CLUB FUNCTIONS ATTENDED:

1.

2.

3.

OTHER INFO_____

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***DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED**_____

TENTATIVE MEMBER GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Long Beach Neptunes. These guidelines have been put forth by the Executive Board to summarize our Constitution to help future Tentative Members and their sponsors better understand what the club expects of a new Tentative Member.

1. Tentative Members shall attend at least five Club functions within a calendar year, three of which must be meetings.

2. The Tentative candidate must have an active Member of the Long Beach Neptunes as a sponsor for the duration of their tentative status.

3. The Tentative Member will remain a tentative for a MINIMUM of one year. There is no maximum time limit and is subject to the current Board review of the applicant's attendance, contributions, willingness to meet and associate with other members of the club and current Membership capacity. Tentatives must exemplify safe diving skills to their sponsor, Tentative Manager and Club Members. Once the applicant meets these requirements and is approved by the Executive Board, the applicant will be presented to the general membership for acceptance into the Club at a monthly meeting. A 100% "YES" vote by the Club Members in attendance at the meeting is required for acceptance into the Club.

4. Per the Constitution, the Long Beach Neptunes maintain an active member roster not to exceed 75 members. If Membership is at capacity, Tentative Members will maintain Tentative status until a Membership spot opens up. It is then up to the Club to vote on the status of the perspective new Member.

5. All Tentative Members will be issued a high-visibility tee shirt and are encouraged to wear this at all Club meetings and events. This is for active members of the Club to recognize the Tentative Member in order to get to know them.

6. The Tentative Member is encouraged to get to know as many Club Members as possible and help out in any way they can at meetings and events.

7. There will be a one-time $25.00 application fee along with the annual $100.00 Club dues.

Long Beach Neptunes Celebrate 70 years of History

by M. Mori

This February 2021, we celebrate the 70th Year Anniversary of the Long Beach Neptunes. The Long Beach Neptunes is the oldest active spearfishing club in the US, and shares a lot of history among the local and spearfishing community. The Long Beach Neptunes is more than just a spearfishing club; it is a family, who shares a common bond in the love of the ocean, conservation, comradery and spearfishing. We proudly celebrate 70 years of Spearfishing History.

Short History of the Beginnings of the Long Beach Neptunes

Early February of 1952, several members of the Los Angeles Neptunes gathered at the home of Gene and Dorothy Davies in Long Beach. These members, who lived in Long Beach, and its vicinity, decided to create an affiliate club, "The Long Beach Neptunes". They believed that it would be beneficial to skin diving in general, because cooperation among members is much easier when they are from the same area, and that they can benefit from having several smaller organizations, which can promote their aims of good sportsmanship and conservation. As a result, it was decided that they would create the "Long Beach Neptunes", an affiliate club of the Los Angeles Neptunes.

In February 1952, fourteen members of the LA Neptunes decided to break away and form the charter members of the Long Beach Neptunes. Among these members included, Nathan "Doc" Mathison, James "Big Jim" and Patty Christiansen, Gene and Dorothy Davies, Jake and Dotty Frasier, Richard D. "Red" Wollard, Bob and Gerry Kennedy, Herb Samson, Jack and Lorena Ward, Dave Bottles, Bud Flowers, Larry Reeder The first official meeting of the Long Beach Neptunes was held at the home of Nathan "Doc" Mathison. Doc Mathison accepted an appointed role as the first President, with Gene Davies as Vice President and wife Dorothy Davies as secretary. It was decided that an official election would take place in May to determine who will serve as the official democratically elected executive board.

In May 1952, the first official election took place. Richard D. "Red" Wollard was elected as the first "elected" President, Jim "Big Jim" Christiansen as Vice President, Dorothy Davies as Recording Secretary/Treasurer, and Nathan "Doc" Mathison and Bob Kennedy as Correspondence Secretary/Publicity Committee, Laura Korchak and Patty Christiansen as hostesses. Larry Korchak and Bob Moore were voted in as the first members of the LB Neptunes who were not one of the charter members. The Long Beach Neptunes official monthly meetings were held at the Belmont Recreation Center, where it remained for some time.

This February 2021, we proudly celebrate the 70th Year of the Long Beach Neptunes!