



## Upcoming Events

### **Neptune Chili Cook-Off 6 PM Saturday, Jan. 22nd**

Rock K Ranch

2372 Day St. Greenleaf, WI

Questions? Contact Chili Chairman

Div'n Bob Hazelwood

(920) 655-3136

### **Ice Diving Demonstration Fish Creek Winter Festival**

Noon, Saturday February 5, 2011

Fish Creek, WI

More Information, Contact

Jason Suleski, (262) 210-2692

### **Neptune Banquet**

**Saturday, Feb. 12th**

**Clarion Hotel**

(formerly Holiday Inn City Centre)

200 Main St. Green Bay, WI

Guest Speaker

Bob Desh, Executive Director

Door County Maritime Museum

History of the U.S. Coast Guard

on the Great Lakes

Tickets \$25

Available at Green Bay Scuba,

Aqua Center of Green Bay,

M&M Diving & Maritime Divers

or mail a check to:

Neptune's Dive Club

P.O. Box 10893

Green Bay, WI 54307-0893



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# Trident Newsletter

## **Porte des Morts Staircase Project**

**John Touscany** reported on the status of the The Porte des Morts Park Staircase Project. Currently, Neptune's Dive Club is partnering with the Door County Silent Sports Alliance to search for grant opportunities to fund the project. Grant pre-applications have been submitted to the Door County Coastal Byways, (DCCB) Council for grant consideration. If approved, permission will be granted by the DCCB Council to move forward to apply for federal funding to build staircases at Ports des Morts Park and Wisconsin Bay Park. Both parks are located on the far north shores of Door County between Gills Rock and Northport and are fast becoming a favorite shore diving spots for divers.

In December, **John Touscany** and **Brian Bangert** met with **Mike Kahr**, an engineer with a Wisconsin Professional Engineering license, and owner of Death's Door Marine in Ellison Bay. They scouted both sites and later, Kahr created a mock-up of what the Porte des Morts site might look like from the shore.



The shore of Port des Morts Park with a staircase extending to the shore

## **2011 Neptune Banquet, "Behold the Magical Fish"**

The 2011 Neptune Banquet is being held this year at the Clarion Hotel, formerly the Holiday Inn City Centre. This is the same location as year's past, just under new owners and name. This year's speaker is **Bob Desh**, Executive Director of the Door County Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay, WI Bob will present, "The History of the U.S. Coast Guard on the Great Lakes". Other activities include a silent auction, photo contest and an A/V Powerpoint show of 2010 diving photographs. Tickets remain affordable at \$25/person and may be purchased at GB Scuba, Aqua Center of Green Bay, M&M Divers in Menominee, MI and and Maritime Diving in Manitowoc, WI. Or mail a check to Neptune's Dive Club, P.O. Box 10893, Green Bay, WI 54307-0893

## March Meeting Agenda

Treasurer's Report

Activities Committee Report

Fund Raising Committee Report

### **Old Business:**

- Water & Shoreline Stewardship

John Touscany

- State Shipwreck Buoys

Al Pahnke

- Club Member Participation Program

Mark Schroeder

- New Meeting Site

### **New Business:**



**Green Bay  
Scuba**  
www.gbscuba.com  
(920) 498-8499  
1316 Velp Ave.  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
Green Bay's  
Premier Dive Shop Since 1994

[www.gbscuba.com](http://www.gbscuba.com)



**Aqua  
Center**  
www.aquacntr.com  
(920) 468-8080  
628 Bellevue St.  
Green Bay, WI 54302

[www.aquacntr.com](http://www.aquacntr.com)

## State Shipwreck Buoys

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The state of Wisconsin provides large mooring buoys (like the one pictured above) and places them on historic shipwrecks in Lake Michigan specifically for scuba divers. **Captain Jim Robinson** sent out an e-mail and brought it to our attention that the buoys were just brought in this month from the shipwreck Frank O'Connor by local commercial fisherman. Jim's e-mail went on to ask the question; Who's managing the buoys? **Keith Meverden**, Maritime Archaeologist of the Wisconsin Historical Society responded with an explanation of the state's role and responsibility.

"All of Wisconsin's wrecks are historical. Which wrecks receive buoys is driven entirely by local support for the most popular wrecks - those wrecks that have enough local support to annually emplace, remove and maintain the buoys, get buoys. All twenty-six buoys we currently have statewide are emplaced, maintained and stored by local volunteers."

"The Wisconsin Historical Society works with the DNR to obtain approval for a mooring, and pays for buoys and hardware for the life of the mooring (whenever new hardware is requested). We cannot pay people to emplace, remove, or maintain them, including fuel. We provide buoys as requested by the local diving community, and the local diving community becomes the buoy's custodian." says Meverden.

This discussion became the topic during the Neptune meeting. And many suggestions were made in an attempt to develop a way to oversee the placement, removal and storage of the buoys. And a way to pay for boats, boat captains and fuel. **Al Pahnke** of Green Bay Scuba will do more research and bring a plan to the March Neptune meeting.

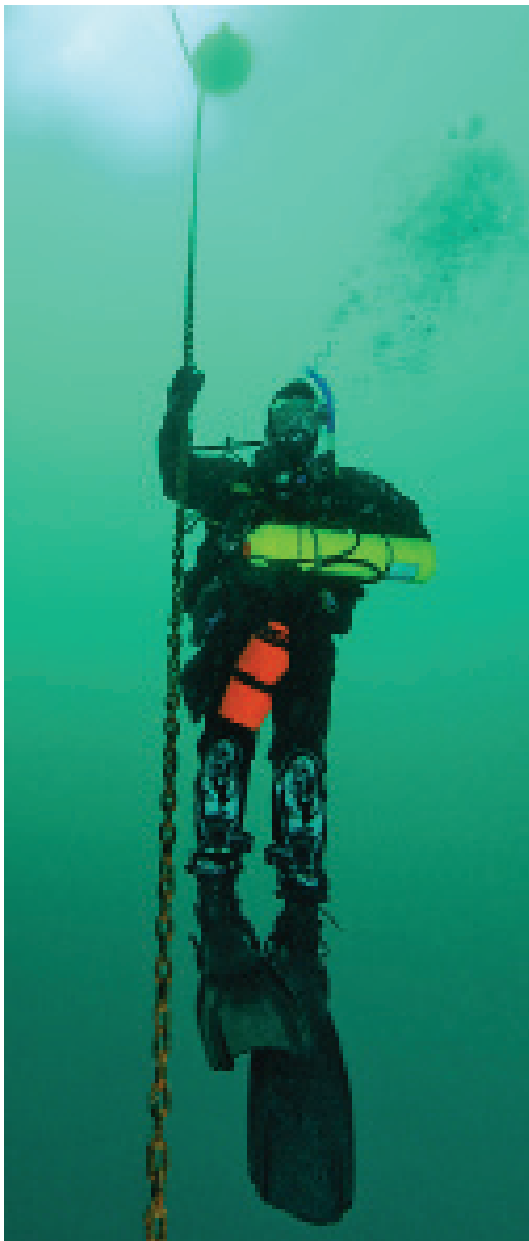
### Neptune Member Participation

Incoming Neptune Vice President, **Mark Schroeder** is developing a plan to help Neptune Divers become better divers. And produce an incentive to become more involved in Neptune's Dive Club meetings and activities.

Mark's incentive plan involves club members earning opportunities to receive additional certification training no charge.

## **January Meeting Attendance**

Wayne Nighorn	Dawn DelForge
Paula Benbow	Dakota Delforge
Jeff Hackl	John Touscany
Kevin Beck	Dennis Mullen
Mark Schroeder	Jim Harper
Al Pahnke	Tom Bishop
Gary Cihlar	Deb Scovronske
Jason Suleski	Connie Skarvan
Bob Hazelwood	Ryan Ninedorf
Brian Bangert	



Rob Jerome completes his deco stop hanging on the chain. photo by [www.dennismullen.com](http://www.dennismullen.com)

Member participation cont'd.

The way members earn a chance to receive this opportunity is by attending Neptune meetings and participating in Neptune activities.

Quarterly, a raffle will take place and a member's name will be drawn to receive an additional training class no charge. Neptune members names are placed in the raffle in consideration of attending Neptune meetings and participating in Neptune activities.

Mark will develop, implement and manage this program. Look for details at the next Neptune meeting in March. Mark will also take over the Neptune Scholarship this year.

## **Neptune Fund Raising Committee**

The Neptune Fund raising committee met prior to the Neptune meeting. Strategies were discussed to develop fund raising opportunities for the club. **Tom Bishop** will approach Festival Foods to man the Brat Cabins again when the weather warms up. Last year's Brat Cabin fund raiser generated \$235.00.

**Jason Suleski** outlined a strategy to sell prepared chili at the Pumpkin Patch Festival in Egg Harbor next October 8-9, 2011. Pumpkin Patch Festival is a two day fall event that draws tens of thousands of tourists and travelers to Door County each October. Booth space would cost the club \$250. Jason has an offer from an Egg Harbor Restaurateur to prepare, freeze and store the chili until the event. Neptune members would man the booth and sell Chili to Pumpkin Patch Visitors.

## **Neptune Meeting Place**

Discussions began regarding moving the meeting site to a new location. In 2010, six meetings took place at Titledown Brewing in Green Bay and two meetings took place at the Sports Corner in De Pere. Neptune members are encouraged to provide suggestions at the March Neptune meeting.



Dennis Mullen on the shipwreck Selah Chamberlain photo by [www.dennismullen.com](http://www.dennismullen.com)