



Air Bubbles



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President's Message, July 2010

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Travelling frequently, I have become resigned to, but not reconciled to the fact that airport security, particularly as practiced by the TSA (Thousands Standing Around), is one of the least attractive aspects of flying. With this in mind I had an interesting experience last week. The airport security personnel at Gardermoen airport in Oslo were on strike. Dire rumors were abroad as to the length of the queues and the amount of time it took to have one's shoes and belt scanned. Fearing the regular screeners had been replaced by a lone, surly, gout ridden nonagenarian, it was with some trepidation I boarded the excellent train from Oslo station to the airport. (Oslo airport is a 20 minute ride by dedicated train service from the city center. Clean, quiet and smooth, it is well worth the \$25 one way fare). As it turned out I was flabbergasted by the speed and efficiency of the whole process. From train to concourse took less than 20 minutes, and that included using the annoying self service check-in kiosk. "We need more information. Please enter your entire DNA sequence", "I'm sorry, we need more information. Please enter your family tree from the 9th century on". Why the Norwegians, even when, or maybe because, the security personnel are irregulars, can pass passengers through screening with such speed is a mystery to me. Perhaps the lady looking intently at the scanner screen is actually watching an episode of Noggin the Nog instead of scrutinizing the black spiders and knitting inside my laptop. It could be that after spending time in Scandinavia passengers are better at divesting themselves of the clothing, coins, cell phones and the artificial limbs that trigger "the portal" into a frenzy of beeping. Of course, being as the screeners were not the usual staff "the portal" may have been switched off. I don't know, but I can say that the whole experience gave me a sense of optimism about flying – until I got to Heathrow. But that's another story. Please can I go diving now?

The first beach meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next beach meeting is scheduled for July 15th.

Graham Smith



Coming Club Events

July 22: Dive Kulture presentation:
Laura Medrano and Jay Ganson
will speak to us about this
organization which helps inner
city kids learn to dive. See more
at www.dive-kulture.org

July 29: Second Beach Meeting at
White Beach in Manchester by
the Sea. Start time any time
after 5PM.

August: Club Summer Party at OT
Sports Bar on a Saturday night
in August. Date not yet chosen.



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**2010 NSF CLUB DUES
ARE NOW OVERDUE**

Deadline for submissions
to the August 2010 issue
of *Air Bubbles* is
Thursday, July 22

Please have all articles and
information to the Air
Bubbles editor by that date.

Meeting Summaries

03-Jun-2010

Meeting called to order: 8:08 PM

Attendance: 2 Officers, 19 Members

Guest: Tom Easton former
member/president

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted
as amended.

Correspondence – Bob Boyle having
sale at Undersea Divers this
weekend

Committees:

- **Program:** See activities list.

Old Business:

- Are many people going to Pat and
Annette's? Don't forget to let them
know. Question how to thank them?
Check with Vinny.

- Dodie says her cabin is available for
some people to stay there. Only a
couple of miles from Pat and
Annette's.

- Books galore from our former
library, bins full of things, including
videotapes of diving. 2002 portable
file, Bill Werner can scan it. Help
yourself.

- Mike brought in Froggy gear for sale
at meeting tonight.

New Business: Fred Calhoun will be
advertising the Boston NAUI Scuba
show starting in August. Question
was raised about fee for this.

Dive Talk:

- **Bill Werner, John & Graham,**
Saturday at Lanes Cove. 30' vis, low
tide. John F. got 6 bugs; excellent day
for diving, no tickets. No one there
when they got there.

- **John & Jim F** went to Lanes on
Sunday – dead calm. 2 guys getting
out from 2nd dive when they got
there at 10:20am. John got another 5
bugs. People came afterwards knew
the Frogs, came to some
presentations, may come over.

- **Ken** – 15 divers at Nubble, split of
Frogs and Finatics; 52°F, 20' vis;
nudis, sea ravens, sea robins, lobster,
a bit of everything, including big
schools of pollock, up to a foot long.
Expecting 6 or 7 at Fort Sewall at 9am

this coming weekend.

- **Meg, Erika & Jes** went on Jes's boat
off Misery. Jes got some scallops. It
was rough when getting out of the
water

- **Damian & Fred** on Damian's boat on
2 days. On their 4th dive, they did
the best got some scallops 44°F, small
bugs

Raffles: Dollars Box: John Sears
Mystery Prize: Jeff Lynch

10-Jun-2010

Meeting called to order: 8:07 PM

Attendance: 3 Officers, 16 Members

Correspondence: Mary heard from
Jessica Eddy who is going to red sea
and Maldives this summer

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted
as amended.

Treasurer: report read and accepted.
We have money! 51 paid members.
We should do something at the OT
during the summer; they have been
good to us.

We've had some good prizes, if we
wanted to raffle off – maybe a
banquet prize.

Committees:

- **Program:**

- Jesse is organizing trip to UBoat
21Sep - 03Oct. 3 people already
planning to go; 3 more spots. Need
to be Advanced certified. No price
yet .Jes will touch base with Fran
Marcoux to book it.

- 6/27: Beach meeting – potluck some
may be trying to get in dive before
hand

- 7/24: Great Annual Fish Count,
Aquarium club doing fish ID course
next Wed.

- 8/29: Tropical Fish Rescue and BBQ
Ft Wetherill, RI

- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard –
deadline for July issue is 22June

Old Business:

- **Beach meeting** this Thursday. Starts
at 5. Bring your own food/stuff to
share.

- **Advertising in newsletter:** We
should have a standardized price in
case we are asked to put
advertisements in Air Bubbles. It has

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been suggested that we ask \$25/mo for ¼ page, \$85 for 4 issues. Should also have 1/8 page rate. Mary will put together a suggested rate structure.

- We will offer Fred Calhoun quarter page for 6 months for two two-tank dives.
- Members can submit personal ads to be published for free.
- **T-shirts:** Markus drew up designs; there are 3 in the works and need to finalize. Needed to verify club "location"; put North Shore on top, Massachusetts at bottom? Jes got rough prices (\$9-10) for med weight t-shirts. There is an option for sweatshirts later. If we could order 74, Bobby would carry them. Need to get money up front. - Markus is trying to make a new flag also (like Dive Finatics). Maybe a smaller version of the Club banner. Members could have them at the beach when diving, would be good for people to find out about NSF.

New Business:

- Vinny will make new Courtesy Cards with Palmer's Cove meeting location info.

Dive Talk:

- **Vinny, Jesse, Dan** went on Seal Dive on June 7 w/ 3 other non Froggies. Anchored 100-150' off coast of one of the islands. **Vinny** reported: The seals seemed a little skittish. Didn't really come up to you, often came in from behind, and as soon as you looked at them, they swam away. 45-60 min dive. Got a little chilly. 46-50°F; windy that day. Most were wet divers. Lunch was great. Really good experience. **Dan** had good experience, one seal hung around with him, followed him back to the boat. Vis 20-30'. Seals seemed more skittish on the second dive. **Jes** did solo dives and had lots of interaction with the seals. Deflated BC, went to bottom, kicked fins around, they used them as chew toys. One kept looking at his mask. Second dive, went along shore line, 60' stopped dead in tracks, seal holding his fin.

Then another one grabbed safety sausage, undid sausage and played w/ it. Had to catch up but got it back. Goes to the surface, Fran and Matt wondering if he was OK since sausage was undone.

- **Markus, Mary, Ken, Amy & Mia** at Fort Sewall on Saturday 15' vis. Mary got nudi picture. 52°F.



- **Adam** OGB Tuesday 6:30pm 55°F at 40'. 2 really soft bugs. Could've gotten more 10-15' vis. Became overcast probably would've been 20 if sunny
- **Adam & Jes** went fishing Sat; vis was pretty good, got 1 keeper striper
- **Adam, Lewis & Jes** were moored next to **Jim D.**, next to Eagle island. Adam had first zip day (no bugs) at Halfway Rock.

General Discussion:

- Jes will take Club Banner from Jack who has been holding on to it and has now sold his house and is moving.
- Someone lost a receiver in water off Plum Island in 15' water. Contact Dan H if interested in doing a recovery dive.
- We may have left half of speaker power cord at the VFW. Vinny has asked Tony to look.
- Jack brought a copy of the article about the Club by the BU journalism student, published in the Cape Ann Beacon.
- There are old news story videos on the NSF Club website. Interesting.
- John and Jim went to MetroWest Fiji presentation. They noted that Rich Palanzi wants to keep in touch w/ our Club, and was asking if "all three

clubs" would be doing the picnic along with the BSC Treasure Hunt. Vinny volunteered to contact other clubs if given their contact information.

- **Mike's Moments:**
- Japan: controversy on censorship the Cove and other anti-whaling movies.
- Clam boat hauled in mustard gas canisters
- Jacques Cousteau's widow, wants to re-launch Calypso for centennial of his birthday
- Surfer encountered great white, punched it and caught wave to shore
- Foul play not suspected in death of diver at Good Harbor Beach.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Virginia Cookson
Mystery Prize: John Sears
Bug Bag: John Ferrier

17-Jun-2010

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 15 Members
Guests: 2 – Andrew, Ted Huemmler from Maine, past president 1989.
Correspondence – Dave C called from Hawaii; just closed on house on ocean; doing tons of diving. He'll have extra rooms would love visitors in the fall

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted as amended.

Treasurer: report read and accepted.

Committees:

- **Program:** See activities list
- 7/22 – Dive Kulture presentation
- 9/21 – Uboat trip with F. Marcoux

Old Business: Pete Chapman has old flags will bring in next week

- T-Shirts – have designs 2 different ones. Check with Jes or Markus. Orders taken so far: 10 for one color shirts; 16 for the camo. Jes taking orders via email and after meeting. They are cotton, medium weight, like Bobby's Chester Polling shirts. After first run, maybe do sweatshirts. Can there be bigger Froggie logo on plain? May be able to vary. First run likely done in 2.5-3 wks. Eventually price may go down.

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-UBoat trip set for Tuesday, 9/21 with Fran Marcoux; tentative price \$140; leaving from Point Judith. Some people will go down the night before. If Froggies do not fill the boat, deadline will be soon enough for Fran to get others.

New Business:

- Fred Pfeil would like to have a NSF members boat dive before the meeting on July 8. Need to leave dock by 5 to be back for meeting.
- Personal advertising for members in Air Bubbles is free.
- Paul asked if we have an activity committee, and do we still want to schedule speakers? He saw Barbara Warren who expressed an interest in giving presentation on Adopt a Beach program and other programs. August is open!

Dive Talk:

- Susan** dove at Back Beach last Sat; 56°F; saw ton of stripers
 - Susan** also dove off Kettle Island with her son, did kayak diving. Vis was about 30' 56°F degrees. Found a message in a bottle, not very old. All the seagulls had been nesting, lots of babies. They dive-bombed them.
 - Jes** – 3 dives at Folly with **Adam** on Sun pretty lackluster diving; saw flounder. Also at Front Beach on Tues; couple bugs each, they were feeding stripers.
 - Jes** Wed with **Jeff L.** Jeff's first time in water in about 8yrs. He's probably going to start coming out a lot now. Couple bugs.
 - Meg, Ken, Amy** and Finnatics – Ft Wetherill. Saw large torpedo ray. Horseshoe crabs on second dive temp 59°F. Vis was about 8' of first dive; 3-5' on second.
- ### General Discussion:
- Dan Hering is looking for weight molds; Jack has some.
 - Susan says Dave C. is offering his wife's like-new wetsuit (women's size 9-10, 7mm, new >\$300) for \$200. Also a Mens XXL Henderson for \$175.
 - Susan is putting together a trip in

Nov (11/6-13) to Dominica. There will be shore and boat diving as well as hiking, zip lining, caving and cultural activities. \$1250 + air; 5 days 2 tank diving + breakfast. Resort is right on the ocean. Tons of stuff for non-divers. \$965 for non divers.

-Ted Huemmler is having his annual summer solstice party next weekend. All Froggies welcome.

-Mike's Moments:

- Indonesia: 4 people re-enacted HMS Bounty cruise,
- Loch Ness monster considered to have an Australian cousin
- Japan threatened to quit the Whaling Commission
- Coast Guard and others confirmed Porbeagle shark found off Cape Neddick
- Key West Nikon camera in waterproof case – looked at pics, military group in Aruba diving on USS Powell. Nice video when the camera got caught on flipper of sea turtle
- Bluefin tuna and other tuna species could be harmed by the Gulf oil spill, those species spawn in that area
- Seals whiskers can track fish from 100s of ft away
- Biologist recommending 5 year halt on lobstering south of Cape Cod

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mary Howard
Mystery Prize: Mike Denneler
Bug Bag: Jes Leslie

24-Jun-2010

Meeting called to order: 8:09 PM

Attendance: 4 Officers, 20 Members

Guests: 3 - Fred Chase and Larry Bettencourt both former presidents, Bernie PCYC member

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted as amended.

Treasurer: report read and accepted.

Correspondence: Vinny saw Bob recently. He looks great. He's working a lot. Go in and say hi.

Old Business:

- T shirts sale ongoing, order going in tomorrow. Bob wants to carry some; camouflage shirts are from a

different vendor and are more expensive.

- Annette and Pat – do we know how many are going? They know best.

New Business:

- There is a proposal that in the future, if someone wants to sell a trip or anything, do a spiel in the beginning, then those interested can see the person who is selling.
- Erika went to Northeastern Univ. movie of *Black Wave* on the Exxon Valdez spill. She will be getting the dvd, thought it might be a good movie night for the Club. - Annette Spalding did a lot of diving to help after the Valdez; we may want to invite her to come down for it?
- It might be good idea to separate discussion about oil spills until we watch the movie and maybe invite Annette afterwards. Can invite PCYC folks as well for the movie – there can be a posting. If we're doing movies, maybe the officers could talk to PCYC see if we can post it somewhere. Cynthia – club secretary is the best to talk to for this.

Dive Talk:

- Damian & Fred** went last Friday to House Island, hit the scallop beds at 60', vis 10-15'. Went out to same spot on Sunday as well.
- Jes & Adam** went to Misery and Bakers scallop bed; it's almost wiped out. They got 8 bugs, probably could've had more but focusing on scallops.
- Susan** at Back Beach and Folly Cove, lot of golf balls at BB and lot of lobster claws – same at Pebble Beach. Someone lost a compass at Back Beach, if you happen to find it, please let Susan know.
- Vinny, Geoff, Dan, Meg & Graham** tried to find the Polling, but the float was not there. Then we went off of Norman's Woe. Saw big sea raven, flounder, some bugs. Then did USS NH vis about 30' calm great day for diving.
- Ken, Amy & Finatics** at Pebble Beach Sat; saw sea robins, 4 keeper lobsters, another one at least 8-10 lbs, but it

VERMONT CAMPING AND DIVING WEEK

It is now after April 15

Who: Annette and Pat
Where: 128 Parker Hill Rd
Rockingham, VT
When: Monday, July 12 to Sunday, July 18, 2010
Accommodations: Plenty of room for tents, campers, etc.
Food: Breakfast and dinner will be provided as well as all the fixings for lunches (same as last year).

Tanks can be filled at Dave Dodge's shop in Keene which is 1/2 hr drive.

Be sure to notify Annette and Pat if you plan on attending. Their email is scubadvr1@myfairpoint.net Let them know the dates you will be up there to visit with them. They'll need to know how many are coming.



Divers: Amy, Markus, Mary, Mia and Ken at Fort Sewall on June 5.



Photo courtesy of Meg Tennissen

wouldn't come out. Good dive.

- Plan to dive on Sat night twilight/night at Nubble Light full moon dive. Several Frogs and Finatics are going to Eastport 4th of July weekend.

General Discussion:

- Next Tues Barbara Warren of Salem Sound Coast Watch will be giving invasive species presentation at Winter Island.

- Susan has flyers for the Dominica trip. Large boiling lake – grueling hike. Can dive on edge of extinct volcano. Great place to go diving, with great shore diving at the resort. Flight just opened up with no overnights – other flights involve an overnight.

- Previously successful oyster company in Louisiana is out of business now from the oil spill.

- On TV there was a man who designed boats with less than 1' draft where he can go into oil areas and clean off the animals but the gov't won't let him in.

- Company that has a mixture that mixes with the oil and can clump it and take it out, but no one is considering them. Can also be used on the birds

- Story about pelicans, taking them 100m miles away and released, 7 days later they had returned to where they were captured.

- Graham has 2 tickets for Michael Bublé on July 4th. See him you're interested.

Mike's Moments:

- The Cove will now be showing in Japan

- Asian Carp, coming up Mississippi river, one has been found past the electronic barrier; they eat 40% of their weight daily

- Blue Marlin fishing tournament - the winner caught a >800 lb marlin and won \$1mil; but, he had no fishing license, so they took prize money away and he was fined.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Charlene Colella
Mystery Prize: Dodie Carvalho
Bug Bag: Larry Bettencourt

Media Release

January 13, 2010

FAITH ORTINS INDUCTED INTO THE WOMEN DIVERS HALL OF FAME

DUI's Vice President/Sales to be honored in Women Divers Hall of Fame for 2010

The [Women Divers Hall of Fame™](#) (WDHOF) is an international non-profit professional honor society whose member contributions span a wide variety of fields including the Arts, Science, Medicine, Sports, Exploration, Marine Archeology, Media, Service, Dive Training and Education, Safety, Business, Marine Environment and Conservation, Free Diving, Commercial Diving, and Military Diving.

Faith has spent her life educating people about diving through her love

and enthusiasm for the ocean. Whether as a biology teacher, Dive Master, dive store retailer, charter operator, equipment manufacturer and distributor, she inspires people and instills in them a passion for local diving. Twenty years ago she worked with DUI to develop the first women's drysuits

and now leads DUI's Sales Team worldwide. She created the DUI DOG Rally and Demo Tour Program which promotes local diving facilities across the US, teaming dive retailers together while divers test dive DUI products. Certified in 1979, she has over 2500 divers including 700 technical dives.

We are delighted to honor Faith as she is inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame at the 10th Anniversary Celebration at the Beneath the Sea Show in Secaucus, NJ March 26-28, 2010.



On July 24, 2010, The New England Aquarium Dive Club and The Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) will host the **9th Annual New England REEF/GAFC Celebration Event**.

The celebration will be centered at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, Massachusetts. GAFC dives are planned at seven (7) shore locations around Cape Ann, along with dives at Nubble Light, York, ME. There will be a picnic, free raffles and door prizes. Every diver who submits data upon returning to the picnic area will receive one entry into the grand prize raffle drawing. We are expecting more than 150 divers to participate in the day's celebration.

The REEF Fish Survey Project allows volunteer SCUBA divers and snorkelers to collect and report information on marine fish populations. The data are collected using a fun and easy standardized method, and are housed in a publicly-accessible database on REEF's Website. These data are used by a variety of resource agencies and researchers. In 2001, the acclaimed REEF Fish Survey Project and the Great Annual Fish Count was introduced to New England's SCUBA-diving community.

During our 8th Annual GAFC event held on July 25, 2009, 119 divers conducted 146 fish and invertebrate surveys at 7 locations around Cape Ann and southern Maine, making this the largest single day GAFC event held in the United States for an unprecedented eighth year in a row, and the largest in our event's history!

NOTE that you will need a REEF ID card / number to participate in the survey this year.

<http://www.reef.org/user/register/member>

Preregistration required at: pbm.inc@verizon.net

**Diver
of the Month
for June 2010**

Jesse Leslie

**Member
of the Month
for June 2010**

Faith Ortins

Annual Tropical Fish Rescue and BBQ

Sunday, August 29th, 2010

9:30am to 4:30PM

Fort Wetherill, Jamestown, RI

This is a great family event, especially for kids!

We will be seining; which is pulling a fish net through shallow water, up onto the beach, and discover all sorts of marine life, letting the children help gather the fish and marine life collected in the net. There will be a large touch tank set up, for all to enjoy, with lobsters, crabs, starfish, baby tropical fish, etc. As we gather our catch, let our experts teach you about the tropical fish you can observe in our on-site holding aquariums. There will be organized regular scuba diving as well as designated tropical collecting areas. Never caught tropical fish before? Let our experts show you how! Extra collecting nets will be available.

Tom Bergendahl will have kayaks available to use and offers an "introduction to kayaking or kayak diving"

There will also be volleyball, music, lots of raffles, and of course diving and a great variety of food.

Never caught tropical fish before? Let our experts show you how.

Extra collecting nets will be available.

All are welcome. Join us for a fun filled day!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE COTTING SCHOOL

Tropical Fish Collecting

Tropical fish come up the gulf stream as eggs on broken seaweeds, hatch, and make their way into the warm eddies and nooks and crannies of the southern New England coast. The water this time of year can be in the low to mid 70's (yes, not a typo- like Florida in the winter) and you can typically wear 1/2 of a wetsuit, no gloves, and a hood only to allow being in the water for 4 hours plus. Seeing these little waifs is fun, trying to catch them is a challenge. Easy diving - no deeper than 25 feet - often 10-15 feet works; in fact snorkeling at low tide is as successful as diving at high tide! By the way, this is a win-win-win situation - the fish will die if not caught, by late fall because of cold water temps, the aquarium likes the juvenile fish (they don't need to collect as many in the Bahamas), and it's FUN for us!

If you...

- ▶ want to see some fish you don't normally find around here
- ▶ want to dive without a 7mm wetsuit in New England
- ▶ need fish for your own fish tank,
- ▶ want to help the Aquarium,
- ▶ or just want to save the lives of some fish (they'd die when the water turns cold in the Fall)

For directions or additional information, contact

Al Bozza at Programs@neadc.org or 508-528-4933

Club Summer PARTY

Planning is underway for a Club party at the OT Sports Bar in Beverly on a Saturday night in August.

- ▶ Family and friends invited.
- ▶ \$5 admission charge. Club will pay for some food.
- ▶ Date TBD.
- ▶ Theme: Jimmy Buffet / Margaritaville



DIVE DOMINICA--Nov 6-13, 2010.

Join members of the North Shore Frogmen as they travel down to Dominica to see frog fish, bat fish, flying gurnards, sea horses and many other creatures the island is known for. Dive through a myriad of bubbles percolating from the ocean floor mimicking diving in a glass of champagne.

The resort boasts awesome shore diving, meals served overlooking the water, reef close by and no cattle boats! The package includes: 7 nights' accommodations, 5 days 2 tank boat dives, unlimited shore diving, one night dive, a PADI instructor and DM on every dive, free kayak use, 7 breakfasts, welcome rum punch drink, transfers from the airport through the scenic countryside, service charges and taxes.

All for only \$1250pp. The cheaper flights go fast so call or email Susan to reserve a spot.

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Susan Copelas

Dive the World

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July 2010				1 8:00 PM Meeting	2	3
	5	6	7	8 8:00 PM Meeting	9	10
11 Sunday Dive	12 Vermont Camping -►	13 -►	14 -►	15 8:00 PM Meeting	16 -►	17 -►
18 Sunday Dive ◄-Vermont	19	20	21	22 8:00 PM Meeting PRESENTATION	23	24 GAFC
25 Sunday Dive	26	27	28	29 Beach Meeting 6PM	30	31
1 Sunday Dive	2	3	4	5 8:00 PM Meeting	6	7
8 Sunday Dive	9	10	11	12 8:00 PM Meeting	13	14
15 Sunday Dive	16	17	18	19 8:00 PM Meeting	20	21
22 Sunday Dive	23	24	25	26 8:00 PM Meeting	27	28
29 Sunday Dive Tropical Fish Rescue	30	31		August 2010		

Activities List

- **Jul 12-18** **Vermont diving WEEK with Pat & Annette** (see page 5 for details)
- **Jul 22, Thur** **Presentation:** Laura Medrano and Jay Ganson – **Dive Kulture**
- **Jul 24, Sat** **Great Annual Fish Count – will be based at Stage Fort Park**
- **Jul 29, Thur** **Beach Meeting** beginning at 6PM at White Beach in Manchester.
- **Aug ?, Sat** **NSF Club Summer Party** at OT in Beverly – Date and time TBD
- **Aug 29, Sun** **NEADC Tropical Fish Rescue, and BBQ at Fort Wetherill, RI**
- **Sept 26, Sat** **BSC Treasure Hunt** (see page 11) **and NSF Club Picnic**
- **Dec 11, Sat** **Annual President's Banquet at Beverly Golf & Tennis Club**

Bay State Council of Divers 25th Annual Treasure Hunt Dive and Snorkel Event

Date: Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 9AM to 4PM

Place: Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Free Parking (no fee until Memorial Day)
- Take-out food available
- Bring your own food and beverages (no alcohol)
- Cooking OK - bring a grill

TREASURE HUNT

- \$10 Entrance fee
- Additional \$1 per person for Snorkel event
- Objective - to find small objects in shallow water
- Independents and dive club members welcome
- Prizes - Diving equipment, dive charters, etc.
- SCUBA event - everyone will be on their own in this scramble for prizes
- 6 person max teams club or shop for Snorkel event
- Bonus tickets for in-water trash pick up
- Proof of certification required for SCUBA event

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- For SCUBA Event - Wet or dry suit with bc, tank, regulator with pressure gauge, weight belt, mask, fins, snorkel, knife and catch bag.
- For Snorkel Event - Same as SCUBA except for tank and regulator

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00-9:30AM Registration
- 10:00-11:00AM SCUBA Event
- 11:00-12:00PM Snorkel Event
- 2:00-3:00PM Trophies and Prizes

Bay State Council of Divers – DUES

If you are a **LIFE MEMBER** of the NSF Club, you have benefited from the work of the Bay State Council over the years. Since you don't pay dues to the NSF Club any longer, you will need to make a separate payment for your BSC dues.

Regular dues-paying members can pay BSC dues with their regular club dues.

NEU Summer Cinema

Dear colleagues and friends,

We would be delighted if you could help to spread the word about our upcoming "Summer Cinema by the Sea" movie series that will take place in lieu of monthly lectures this summer.

Tuesday, July 27 – "The Fish Belong to the People"

Director Will Hyler will present this feature length documentary, which follows a group of family fishermen in Port Clyde, Maine as they work to save their fishing grounds from government, market structure, and themselves.

Tuesday, August 31 – "The End of the Line"

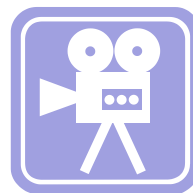
A selection of the 2009 Sundance, Toronto, and Seattle Film Festivals, and narrated by Ted Danson, this film delves beyond the surface of the seas to reveal a troubling truth beneath: an ocean increasingly empty of fish, impacted by decades of overexploitation.

EVENT LOGISTICS

- Please note that these events are free and open to the public. There is no need to RSVP.
- Screening will take place at the Marine Science Center, 430 Nahant Road in Nahant, MA 01908.
- The events will begin at 7pm, and popcorn will be served beginning at 6:30.
- Films will vary between 1-2 hours in length, and may be followed by an optional discussion led by the film's producer and/or an expert in the subject area.
- For more information, please contact me at c.mccauley@neu.edu or call 781-581-7370.

Best wishes,

Carole McCauley of NEU MSC



Reef Grief

In March of 1991 four members of the North Shore Frogmen's Club drove in Barry's new white van to the Florida Keys for a diving adventure. I found this story in a box of old Club stuff that was about to be tossed and thought it would be fun to (re)print it. -editor

After two days of driving, 30 pounds of junk food, gallons of soda and coffee, hours of silly car games, (lots of) laughs and a multiple of pit stops, we arrived in the Florida Keys just in time to hear tornado warnings being broadcast on the radio.

Upon arrival at Halls Diving Center in Marathon (Middle Keys) we became concerned as it appeared the tornado had (already) touched down and the cottages were in shambles. After inquiring at the nearby bait shop, Patty was pointed in the direction of the newer cottages built after last year's tornado rampage.

Our first real meal was spent under a tin roof during a torrential downpour, where we planned our alternative schedule to diving. That night we spent dreaming of finding pieces of eight and other such treasures. This was further enhanced by a visit to the Mel Fisher Museum in Key West the following day.

We were hoping that after a sunny day at Key West and ridding ourselves of our touristy obligations, we could spend the following days under water. Much to our surprise, we made our first descent at Sombrero Reef and realized when our masks made contact with the reef that we had hit bottom and visibility was nonexistent. This is when we ascended and decided to reschedule the dive ... Oh well, the day on the beach playing volley ball with the boys from the fraternity Gamma Omega Pi was just as much fun.

The next day we made a second attempt at Sombrero Reef. Though there continued to be lousy visibility, 6 feet, we decided to keep up the "macha" image of the (women of the) North Shore Froggies and completed two dives. We did see a few French angel fish, blue tangs and a barracuda. After a 6 mile walk in search of the elusive manatee, we took on the Coast Guard in a friendly game of basketball.

Our next day of diving was a – shhhh – non-club sanctioned deep dive to the wreck of the Thunderbolt. Visibility was 8 feet. Our macho police academy buddy, Kip, failed in his responsibilities as a buddy and became separated forcing Patty and Linda to make a free ascent after a thorough search. The wreck was well guarded by a 6 foot barracuda and a 5 foot moray eel.

With the vis as bad as it was, we cancelled the second dive and went in search of the famous endangered miniature Key deer. We tromped through the woods only to find the deer roaming the main roads! That night we topped off our evening meal with our daily sampling of the Famous Key Lime Pie.

Our last day of diving was spent at Sombrero Reef – again! The only spot where there was any vis, about 10 feet. We shared the dive with 18 other divers, which added to the murkiness. We did manage to see the "Volkswagen sized" brain coral which is worthy of note. Avoiding the Portuguese man-of-war was a skill to master on this day. We were also responsible for a search and recovery of a weight belt lost by a new diver. The Captain, realizing he had four highly skilled divers, requested our help.

Our recommendation: Avoid tornado watches! There is plenty of potential at Sombrero Reef. We saw an abundance of sea fans, gorgonians, basket sponges, hard corals, barracuda and a variety of tropical fish. Unfortunately, this was not the week to spend four dives getting acquainted with this reef. Captain Banny and crew were very accommodating. We would recommend Hall's Dive Center at Faro Blanco under better diving conditions.

PS – We do have four extra dive coupons (worth two dives apiece) which we are willing to part with for a discounted rate if you are planning to do some diving in the Keys.

Submitted by:

Linda (Peverada), Mary (Howard)



The Bay State Council of Divers

Supporting and promoting the recreational diving community in Massachusetts.

The Bay State Council of Divers (BSC) is a diver's advocacy group. The BSC monitors local, state and federal regulations that may affect the recreational diving community in Massachusetts. When required, the BSC represents the interests of the diving community in these matters.

The BSC serves as a liaison between dive clubs and dive stores to promote recreational diving activity in Massachusetts. All divers are encouraged to support the BSC with an annual contribution of \$5. Your contribution will allow the BSC to continue to be a strong advocate for the recreational diving community in Massachusetts.

For more information see the new BSC website at

<http://www.baystatecouncil.org>.

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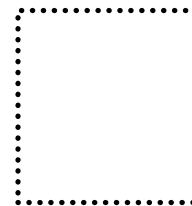


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Upcoming Events!

July 12-18: Vermont Camping/Diving Week

July 22: Presentation: Dive Kulture

July 24: Great Annual Fish Count

July 29: Beach Meeting



Sunday morning Club dives:

Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly.
Be ready to leave for the chosen dive site at 8AM.

The **North Shore Frogmen's Club**
meets at 8PM at the
Palmer's Cove Yacht Club in Salem
at 74 Leavitt Street
Salem, MA 01970

Parking is available in the Harbor Sweets lot across the street.
Parking will be more available in the PCYC lot after the boats are in the water.