



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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President's Message - June 2011

Happy June everyone! The weather is getting nicer by the day and life is returning to our waters. If you haven't been out for a dive, the time is now!

As most of you know I've taken a job down in St. Petersburg Florida. As a result I've stepped down as club President. John Sears has been gracious enough to take on the role as club President, and Lauren Byrne has filled the role of Vice President.

I'd like to thank all the Froggies that have helped me along the way; Adam for helping me join the club, Dan H for showing me the ropes as president, Todd for walking around in a Jager thong on Geoff's boat, Geoff for allowing Todd to walk around in a Jager thong on his boat, Harry for always having a bottle for a post dive shot, Laura G for yelling at me for taking anything from the ocean, Markus for being a metrosexual and always keeping us guessing, Tony for ripping off my mask and pulling my reg out during my DM class, Lauren for leading me to the giant torpedo ray off of lanes, Lewis for ending the dive early and not seeing the torpedo, Pat and Annette for hosting a great week of diving in CT, Hans for finding the item of the week at Pat and Annett's, Paul for forgetting to turn his camera on and swearing at it in 100' of water, Charlene for playing damsel in distress, Mike for sharing his moments, Graham for showing me the bottle gold mine, Vinny for eating everything in the ocean, Jim for forgetting your weight belt and not diving the Hilma Hooker, Bill for remembering your weight belt and diving the Hilma Hooker, Mary for sending me reminder emails that my president's message is always late, Meg for providing also beer at every club get together we have, Faith for her awesome presentations, Dugie for getting me hooked on the USS NH, and Bob for supporting the club and supporting me as a diver from OW through DM. Also a special thanks to anyone I may have missed. You have all made my experience as a Froggie a positive one.

Thank you all!

Diver of the month is Lauren Byrne for stepping up and filling the role of club VP.

Member of the month is John Sears for taking over as club President.

-Jes



Presentations are on hold for the time being, until we get the word from PCYC that their meeting room is again available for meetings. We are currently meeting in the bar area or on the deck outside.

**Diver of the Month
for June 2011**

Lauren Byrne

for stepping up and offering to fill the role of Club VP.

**Member of the Month
for June 2011**

John Sears

for taking over as Club President.

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Deadline for submissions
to the July 2011 issue
of *Air Bubbles* is
Tuesday, June 19

Please have all articles and
information to the
Air Bubbles editor
by June 19, 2011.

Meeting Summaries

28-APR-2010

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 13 Members

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer: report read and accepted.
95 members 53 paying members

Committees:

-Program:

- 5/1-Easter Egg dive and party
- 5/14 DUI dinner; 14th & 15th Dog days dives
- 6/9 and 7/7 - beach meetings
- 7/18-24 - member's week at Pat and Annette's
- 7/31 - Great Annual Fish Count
- 9/25 - Annual Club Picnic
- 12/10 - Club banquet

Announcements:

- Dugie Russell** would like to do a presentation about his experiences diving the NH. This is scheduled now for May 19.
- Susan Copelas** offered a presentation as well.

Old Business:

-Banquet: Vinny offered to check into catering, went to Café Solerno today. Appetizers, fish, chicken and pork entrée, probably in \$20ish range. Will need linens they have to rent the stuff, paper is good. He will get different options in the 25-30\$ range; last year was \$38

-Easter Egg Dive: Charlene said she would cook the eggs. Vinny will be there at 8AM to put them out. In the water at 10AM, at Stage Fort Park, lower beach, Cressi Beach. Dodie has the chowder and is doing hot mulled wine, unless it's a hot day. Jacuzzi is available. Will have eggs to hunt and some things from Marlene in case there are young kids. Graham will pick up some prizes.

New Business: Talked to Metro West, they're paying for this year's picnic fees; we'll split it in the future or alternate years paying

Dive Talk:

Mike and Ellen G went to Sipadan in Borneo - they'll do a presentation

General Discussion:

-Dougie picks mushrooms sells to restaurants, will stop that but will take groups out. Can we set something up? Best time of year is Aug Sep and Oct

-Mike's Moments:

- Andy Martinez is giving a presentation at Salem State on Friday
- Undersea Divers spring sale this weekend.
- Someone found a wreck in the Caribbean from the 1500s.

Raffles: Dollars Box: John Marren
Mystery Prize: Mike Denneler
Bug Bag: Bill Werner

05-May-2010

Meeting called to order: 8:08 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 12 Members

Guest: Katherine Foster

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer: report read and accepted.
We have money.

Announcements:

- Undersea Divers is having a weekly free raffle, show up fill out a card. A card is pulled pull on Sundays
- Goeff brought in article about Dan Voltz who died diving. Off a boat, about 10-15' down the line he lost both fins. His buddy got them and put them back on, but he was unconscious.

Committees:

-**Program:** See activities list.

-To elaborate on Pat & Annette week for Club members, it is fresh water diving in the Connecticut River.

-**Membership:** Dan Hering - Catherine and Greg Foster of Essex MA. Katherine has been diving since '82 is a dive master. Greg is Rescue diver. They found us on Facebook 2 yrs ago. Motion seconded and passed to accept Catherine and Greg as our newest Club members.

Old Business:

- Banquet: Will the caterer have servers? Yes. They do not accept tips. Silverware will be provided by them.
- Still taking deposits for blankets
- Vinny tried to reserve our spot for the

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25th picnic – reserved by New England Divers. Rich P and Vinny think it may be the folks who set up the treasure hunt. They're working on finding out

New Business: Dougie presenting on May 19, Vinny will not be here to bring projector. Ellen Garvey will also be ready to present two weeks after that, on June 2.

Dive Talk: Easter Egg dive last Sunday, 59 eggs were laid; 40 were found! Jack won with the most eggs, Andy Manczak was 2nd, Graham 3rd and Meg and Lauren tied for 4th place. Temp 46°F; lots of baby shrimp; Vinny saw biggest hermit crab he's ever seen; jellyfish little flounder. Big Thanks to Dodie for the great party!

General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments:
 - NE Aquarium just opened new Shark and Ray touch tank; a company in Salem did the lighting fixtures for the tank.
 - Porpoises washed up on Kings Beach in Lynn and Swampscott, one was about 4' long. Both very much decomposed and eaten by other animals
 - Sea level rise – article computing that glaciers are melting as are ice caps; 5' sea rise by 2100 predicted by Geometric progression
 - Cinco de Mayo today – 1862, Mex gov't in default not paying debts Brit and Spanish put off the debts, French went in to take over and the FR surrendered. Not so much a Mexican victory, but a French defeat – only celebrated in 1 state in Mexico
 - Tank at the Aquarium has a crack 3 glass panes thick, 6' down. They've lowered the level of the water to do a temp fix. New glass will be made and fixed soon.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mike Denneler
Mystery Prize: John Marren
Bug Bag: hold for next week

12-May -2011

Meeting called to order: 8: 07PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 23 Members
Guests: 3 Jeff Hanigan, Rick Stratton, ?

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted.

Committees:

- Program:** See activities list.
- DOG days this week, dinner on 14th
- 19 May presentation,
- 7/10 Joint dive club Family Fun event at Georges Island if you have a boat, you can take it over, otherwise there's a ferry. No diving at Georges' Island because of currents.
- Membership:** Dan Hering –.1 prospective member
- Air Bubbles:** went out before Mary went away; no hard copies yet. 22nd May deadline for next month.

Announcements:

- Email from Vin Malkoski, lost video system off Salem, Marblehead 6mi offshore.
- Mike has hats, patches and pins at the meeting tonight. Tshirts are here, too. Will be doing name shirts in about 3 weeks.
- Faith: DUI Sat night dinner planned at Cape Ann Marina \$10/person all you can eat. Will do presentation and awards. Sunday contest: dress and tow the inflatable diver, 3people per team. 2 divers in dry suits, dress a third diver, put seals on, then use any method you deem relevant to inflate them all the way and tow out to a buoy and turn around and tow them back. When they are standing on dry land, the clock stops and they must be dry. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. First place winners will get jackets. May use any method to tow them. Towed diver must be a certified diver. Safety people will be there. If it is bad, will change the way the tow goes to deal with the wind. Sunday contest starts at 10am. Participants should be there by 9. Mask, snorkel and dry suit required. Dinner is \$10. Lunch is \$5. No charge if just doing the contest with your own gear. We should advertise the club there. No fee for parking yet.

Old Business:

- Website: Markus will arrange to be able to sell our stuff on the website. Also, if anyone wants to sell used dive gear, can be posted on the site.
- Jes is moving to St Pete in mid-June,

John S will be taking over as Club president. Question was posted about whether VP position gets filled.

Dive Talk:

- Charlene** and **Jes** at Juniper Point Beach; saw flounder, skate, 15' vis 46°F. Niles yesterday 2-5' vis, jellyfish. 32 minutes. **Adam** also there on Sat; his inflator was consistently inflating drysuit. 1 flounder 20 skate, no bugs of any size, still early
- Faith** and Jeff on the Yukon, San Diego, on Sat. Calm conditions on surface, going down had 2 foot vis, wreck is at 100 ft. Couldn't see the wreck at 92'. Ran into the wreck, stayed down 20 minutes mainly since they couldn't believe it would stay that bad. Temp 52°F. Saw dolphins and sea lions on the way out.
- Few weeks ago, Roslyn went out with the same outfit Jes did in Venice, FL, got 2.5 megalodon teeth and some fossils. Temps in low 70s

General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments:
 - dead Minke whale off Martha's Vineyard. Great white was bumping into it, but they only eat things that are alive
 - Lionfish, someone dumped their aquarium with lionfish in the Caribbean. They're invasive there. Since 1992 they've been seen between Venezuela and Long Island. One of the Cayman island groups is getting divers to kill them and bring them. Some chefs are flash frying the filets and they cook beautifully.
 - Jes was in Bahamas and there are many lionfish, but you can't go down in scuba gear to spear lionfish. In Mexico divemasters go down with spears to kill them.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mike Denneler
Mystery Prize: Mike Denneler
Bug Bag: Jim Follis
DUI Tickets: Roslyn Smith x2
Jim D'Urso (last week)

19-May -2010

Meeting called to order: 8: 07PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 12Members
Secretary: Minutes read and accepted.

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Treasurer: we have money

Committees:

-**Air Bubbles:** deadline is 22May.
Mary has not yet sent out hard copies for May issue.

Announcements:

- Mary and Ray** are getting married this Saturday, 5/21.
- Dugie** was supposed to present tonight but the room isn't available. He didn't get the message it was postponed. He has his show together and when we have another date, contact him to set it up. Has a cool show put together.
- Graham** suggested that with all the wet weather, do a mushroom presentation. Best time is Sep Oct
- If anyone still smelts lead for their own weights, there are some lead vests available; let Jes know if you are interested.

Old Business: VP post will be vacated when Jes leaves and John becomes President. VP position is to be filled within 6 weeks of vacancy. Lauren Byrne was nominated and seconded for VP; she accepts

New Business:

- We were given an award from DUI; currently Jes is holding it but will hand it off to Paul. We could take picture of it and have Markus put on the website.
- Jes is getting the Club bank statements. He is working with Vinny and the bank to make sure they go to the Club PO box instead.

Dive Talk:

- Lauren** did first and second dry suit dives with DUI; it was fantastic. Depth of 20ish feet. Loved the drysuit, had a neck seal leak first day, but was OK second day w/ smaller neck seal.
- Paul** did an electric underwear dive. DUI has electric underwear with battery packs; it is nice to carry less lead and still be toasty. Cost will probably be about \$1000, battery \$700, probably won't be available for another year. Nothing for arms or legs, still need layers, gloves, booties. Have to wear their dry gloves since

wires go through them. Water temp 52 degrees.

- Chris** did one shore 2 boat dives while in San Juan, PR. Saw some lionfish, artificial reef 4-5 years old. First boat dive, broken coral from anchors. 2nd dive sea turtle and nurse shark.
- Jes** - went off Niles 2' vis, no flounder, very uneventful. Off Gloucester Breakwall 3' vis, then was caught by a family fishing, they caught his dive flag, about a foot above his hand.

General Discussion:

-Ellen signed up with Aquarium to be a volunteer for stranding, when seal, whale, etc. washes up, the Aquarium calls a volunteer to assess the situation. Interesting to spend day identifying different whales etc. She's now really pumped to see dead seals.

- There was a dead seal at the DUI rally, a headless seal, looked like it was caught in a net
- Mike's Moments:
 - yesterday, a re-creation of Baltimore clipper ship that came into Marblehead harbor, will be there over the weekend; there are tours if you want to go

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dodie Carvalho
Mystery Prize: Chris Wheeler
Bug Bag: carry over to next week

26-May -2010

Meeting called to order: 8:02 PM

Attendance: 4 Officers, 18 Members

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer: we have money

Committees:

- Program:** See calendar listings
 - Susan asked if she can do her presentation on 30 Jun on a dive trip she went on. Dugie's and Ellen's presentations were scheduled first. We aren't sure when the meeting room will be available.
- Membership:** Dan Hering - visitor Jennifer last week, just moved back from Australia

Announcements:

- Vinny has SS Neptunes newsletter sent to our mailbox.
 - Website getting hits, put slide show on there. May want to redact some of the pictures. Membership page has picture of old clubhouse. Website looking awesome, thanks, Markus!
- Old Business:** Jes has not reached Todd about plans for the beach mtng.

New Business:

- Jes is moving w/in next 2 weeks. Tonight he passed the gavel to John Sears who becomes the new president of the Club.
- Former Froggie president Ted Huemmler has invited the Froggies to his Summer Solstice Party Saturday, June 25 in Eliot, ME. Fun time!
- Idea for beach meeting - have an event like they did at DUI this year

Dive Talk:

- Markus** went 2 hrs ago in Marblehead Harbor; vis 5'; lots of flounder, bait fish and shorts. One was about a mm under the gauge. Lobsters will probably be back in about 2 weeks or so. 48°F at 17' depth
 - Vinny** - 1.5 wks ago with **Lewis** at Fort Sewall; 3ft waves, vis 1.5 ft. Got slammed with surge. After 45°F 7 min dive, surfaced on the rocks and spent next couple of hours at Tavern at the Square in Salem. Both had parking tickets.
 - Bill** - 1.5 wks ago at Lanes Cove; 60' on first dive, lobsters starting to come in, tube anemones, decorator crabs, 46-47°F.
 - Jack** - Rockport harbor retrieving tools, vis 6 inches, 47-48°F. Found the tools.
 - Jes** - Back Beach mid-week; got 9 flounder, 1 lobster; saw lots of small ones. Vis 10ft, 46°F temp. A few days later there again; 2 flounder, 6-8 feet vis, 45°F. Yesterday at Folly Cove 6 flounder, nudibranchs; 10 ft vis but dark, a lot of sediment in column. Went fishing for stripers today, 2 keepers.
- General Discussion:**
- Vinny went bottle hunting (on foot) at the end of old Beverly Salem

bridge, sunk into the mud; 2 old coke bottles, one bottle melted and mangled, building or ship caught on fire and melted lots and lots of glass and bottles at the end of that bridge.

-Party for Mary and Ray at the Garveys' on June 11; if you didn't get evite, let them know to RSVP rain or shine.

-The missing diver was found on the Cape at 56 ft; there is a bad current where he went missing.

Markus - Human balloon man: a trucker fell on hose line of his truck, which filled his leg with air. Luckily no air got into his blood stream. His skin was crackley afterwards.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Collin White
Mystery Prize: Pete Chapman
Bug Bag: Lauren Byrne

Froggy Blankets

John Sears is planning an order of fleece blankets with the Freddy the Frog logo as pictured below (only without 2010).

Let him know if you are interested and whether he should pursue this order. He will need a minimum order of 25 blankets. The projected price is in the neighbor-hood of \$30.

Place your order with John and give him a deposit of \$10 for each blanket ordered. **Please respond SOON.**



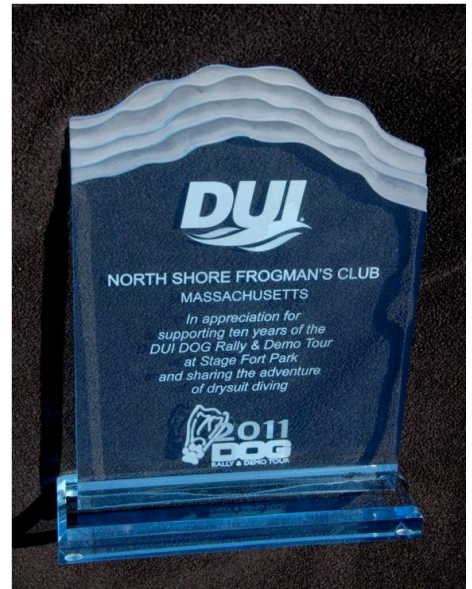
The Bay State Council of Divers

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.

See <http://www.baystatecouncil.org> for more information on the Bay State Council.



Writing on the plaque:
**NORTH SHORE FROGMAN'S CLUB
MASSACHUSETTS**
In appreciation for
supporting ten years of the
DUI DOG Rally & Demo Tour
at Stage Fort Park
and sharing the adventures
of drysuit diving

For more on the DUI Rally, see page 7



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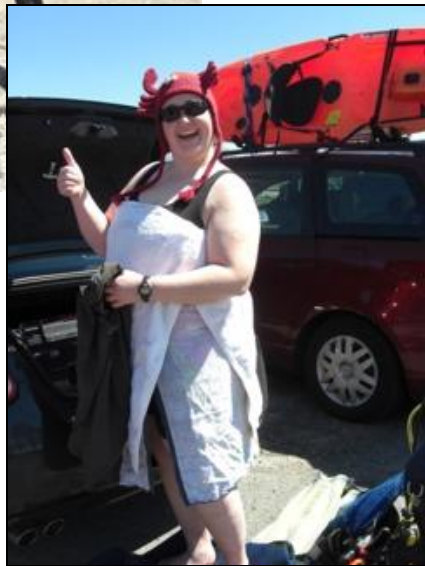
Club Easter Egg Dive and Party May 1

The Club Easter Egg Dive was a great success with 40 of the 59 eggs being retrieved.

Thank you Dodie for a wonderful party, as usual, after the dive. (Event photos courtesy of Paul Sauvageau)



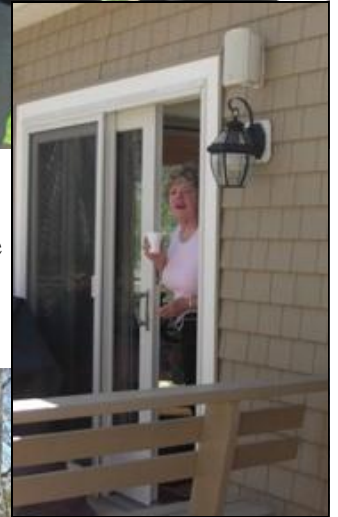
Jack retrieved the most eggs and so won the first place prize.



Top: Tony w/ his children

Right: Dodie

Froggies enjoying the day.



DUI DOG RALLY

May 14-15, Stage Fort Park, Gloucester

What is a DOG Rally?

- TWO HUGE tents filled with DUI drysuits & equipment



- TEST DIVE our newest innovations



- ENJOY the camaraderie of your local fellow divers



Please join in welcoming our
newest Club members:

**Catherine & Greg
Foster**

who were voted in at the
meeting on May 5.



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Upcoming Events of interest to SCUBA divers:

Family Fun Event, George's Island, July 10

The BSC is planning this event on Boston Harbor's George's Island, to be held weather permitting.

- You can take your own boat, and there is ferry service from Boston. There are some moorings, and there is a dock. You can hop on the water taxi to visit other islands.
- There are picnic areas on either side of the dock with small charcoal grills. It is recommended that each Club bring a bag of charcoal.
- Fort Warren is being restored. Tours of the Fort are free, at scheduled times. Bring battery powered flashlights for touring the fort.
- If you want to come without any food, Jasper White's is building a restaurant on the island.
- There is NO DIVING OFF THE ISLAND, but you can dive off boats. The currents are too strong and lots of boat traffic right off the island.
- The Neptunes will bring a volleyball net.
- The day will be great for picnicking, sun bathing, hanging out.
- Go to DCR (Dept of Conservation and Recreation) or Boston Harbor Islands.com for info on the ferry service from Long Wharf, by Columbus Park.

The Next BSC Meeting

The next two meetings of the Bay State Council of Divers are scheduled for Wednesdays, **July 13** and **September 19**, 2011 at the South Shore Neptunes' Clubhouse in Quincy at 7:30PM.

All are invited to attend these meetings

**Marine Science Center's
Summer Cinema Series**

You are cordially invited to attend any and all of the Marine Science Center's monthly Summer Cinema By The Sea series this summer, for which the schedule appears below. Movie showings are held in the Murphy Bunker at the MSC (430 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908), which is ADA accessible. Most programs last from 1 to 1.5 hours including Q&A with film's producer or expert on the topic, and light refreshments are served half an hour before the program begins. No RSVP is required.

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7pm

TAPPED

An unflinching examination of the big business of bottled water. Is access to clean drinking water a basic human right or a commodity that should be bought and sold like any other article of commerce? This behind-the-scenes look into the world of bottled water includes powerful portraits of the lives affected by this industry.

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7pm

SWIM FOR THE RIVER

Braving whitewater, sewage, snapping turtles, hydroelectric dams, homeland security patrols, Christopher Swain became the first person to swim the entire length of the Hudson River from the Adirondacks to New York City, highlighting how ordinary citizens can and do make a difference with regard to their environment.

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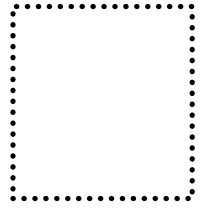
June			1	2 8:00 PM Meeting	3	4
5 Sunday Dive	6	7	8	9 Beach Meeting 6pm	10	11
12 Sunday Dive		14 MSC Movie	15	16 8:00 PM Meeting	17	18
19 Sunday Dive		21	22	23 8:00 PM Meeting	24	25
26 Sunday Dive	27	28	29	30 8:00 PM Meeting	1	2
3 Sunday Dive	4	5	6	7 Beach Meeting 6pm	8	9
10 Sunday Dive BSC Fun	11	12 MSC Movie	13 BSC meeting	14 8:00 PM Meeting	15	16
17 Sunday Dive	18 V	19 E	20 R	21 8:00 PM Meeting M	22 O	23 N
24 Sunday Dive T	25	26	27	28 8:00 PM Meeting	29	30
31 GAFC				July		

Activities List

- **Jun 9, Thur** **Beach Meeting**
- **Jun 14, Tue** **NEU Marine Science Center Movie *Tapped***
- **June 25, Sat** **Ted Huemmler's Summer Solstice Party in Eliot, ME**
- **July 7, Thur** **Beach Meeting**
- **July 10, Sat** **Family Fun Event at George's Island, Boston Harbor**
- **July 13, Wed** **Bay State Council Meeting**
- **July 18-24** **Week in Vermont with Annette and Pat**
- **July 31, Sun** **Great Annual Fish Count at Stage Fort Park**
- **Sept 25, Sun** **Club Picnic at Stage Fort Park**
- **Dec 10, Sat** **Annual NSF President's Banquet at PCYC**

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Upcoming Event

- June 9: Beach Meeting
- June 25: Summer Solstice Party
- July 7: Beach Meeting
- July 10: George's Island Event



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