



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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Presidents' Messages - June 2012

It's beginning to feel a lot like dive season! Now that it's June, summer diving is beginning to get into full swing, especially with a balmy water temp of upper 40s to lower 50s at depth! You don't even need the dry suit anymore, though some may disagree.

We have a busy month ahead. June 7th Mike Walsh will be presenting on marine organism camouflage and Indonesia and June 28th is our first beach meeting at White Beach, Manchester. And, hopefully plenty of diving in between!

This month I'd like to recognize Graham Smith as Diver of the Month for frequently being at the BK parking lot on Sunday mornings to go diving. And for Member of the Month, Mary Howard for always kindly reminding me that the President's message is overdue. Thanks for your patience.

Happy Diving!

Meg!

Please Welcome New Member

Seth Rakiey

**From Grand Cayman,
voted in as newest member on May 24.**

NOTICE
Dues for 2012
are now
overDUE.

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Coming Club Events



May 31: Barbara Warren of Salem Sound CoastWatch – will give a presentation on local marine invasive species.

June 7: Mike Walsh will give a presentation on Marine Organism Camouflage and Indonesia

June 28: Beach Meeting at White Beach in Manchester by the Sea

Diver of the Month

for June 2012

Graham Smith

for frequently being at the BK parking lot on Sunday mornings to go diving

Member of the Month

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Mary Howard

for always kindly reminding me that the President's message is overdue.

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Meeting Summaries

03-May-2012

Meeting called to order: 8:11PM

Attendance: 3 Officers, 16 Members, 4 guests

There was an excellent presentation on helmet diving by Jack & Paul Harling which included videos and a display of various "hats", one of which resulted in a popular photo op. No one was recruited into the business, however ☺

Treasurer: A life member paid dues - thank you!

Committees:

-**Program** - see website for details

-**Air Bubbles:** Will be published soon

Dive Talk:

-**Vinny & Gary** at Pebble Beach. 46°F, great vis, good dive.

-**Jack** at Back beach - good vis

-Last week **Jack** went diving in Florida, including Disney

-**Jim D** went in Salem channel. Used fisheye camera very successfully to find scallop bed

-**Ellen & Mike** were in PNG. 22 dives in 8 days, including mating mandarin fish

-One of our guests went diving on the constitution!

General Discussion:

-DUI Demo Days is this weekend.

-Cod limit size is changing from 25" to 18"

Raffles

Dollars Box: Jack Munro

Bug Bag: 4 tickets to Demo days:
John S, Mary, John M and ??

Mystery Prize: Ray Porter

10-May-2012

Meeting called to order: 8:11PM

Attendance: 3 Officers, 11 Members, 1 guest

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted

Committees:

-**Program:** see website for details

- **Air Bubbles:** Went out last week

Correspondence:

-Bill Werner sent email seeking interest in

-canoe, kayak trip on the Ipswich River

-boat diving

-Collings Foundation open

Old Business:

-Any interest in having pre-meeting dives? We'll keep mentioning it.

-Demo Days: Mary had a table there on Saturday with Froggy literature

New Business:

-Welcome back Lauren!!!! 2 more weeks before she can go diving.

-Mother's day award: Mary and Dawn are eligible. Dawn declined.

-Bobby is having a sale this weekend - good deals! Go!

Dive Talk:

-Kris went several places

-Mike, our visitor, went to Stage Fort Park for Demo Days

-Jeff & Graham went to Pebble. Nice, but big rollers getting out at high tide. 47°F, 10-15' viz.

General Discussion:

-There was a calico lobster found in for sale; it was caught in Maine. Being held at NEAq in RI. Very rare - 1 in 30 million!

Mike's Moments:

-There's concern about reports of huge increase in the numbers of Asian Tiger shrimp found in the Gulf. They have the potential to be invasive and devastating to the natural population as they are large and have very high growth rates. They are believed to have come from a release from a research lab in South Carolina 20 years ago.

-German submarine U513 found off the coast of Brazil in 245' sw. Diver was using an underwater sonar system. Coincidentally - last year Meg dove a ship in Nova Scotia that was sunk by U513!

-There's a group starting to map WWII wrecks - concerned about oil spills that may result.

-Somebody is suing Sea World using slavery (of the animals) as the

***Deadline for submissions*
for the July 2012 issue
of *Air Bubbles* is
Sunday, June 24**

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argument!

Raffles:

Dollars Box: Jeff Lynch
Bug Bag: Gary Michaud
Mystery Prize: Jeff Lynch

17-May-2012

Meeting called to order: 8:07 PM

Attendance: 4 Officers, 13 Members, 2 guests

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted

Treasurer: We have money.

Committees:

-**Program:** see website for details
-We were scheduled to go to Pat & Annette's Jul 8-14. Needs to be rescheduled due to Pat's shoulder surgery on July 5. They've offered Aug 5-12 instead. Consensus is that will work. Ellen will send email to all active members and ask Markus to update website.

Correspondence:

-Bill Werner sent email seeking interest in:
-canoe, kayak trip
-boat dive
-Collings Foundation events (see www.collingsfoundation.org/cf_OpenHouseEvents12.htm)

New Business: Need to buy a spare bulb for the projector – authorized.

Dive Talk:

-**Dave Cunningham** went diving on the San Diego off New York with Faith. 20' vis; 2 30min dives. Wreck is at 100' to the sand. It is collapsing, but still some good penetrations.
-**Mary** went to Folly Cove with Amy looking for nudibranchs.
-Dive this week: 9AM at BK.

General Discussion:

-Mia Pelosi called Mike; she's organizing a dinner w/ David Cunningham, who's here from Hawaii, tomorrow. Signup available.
-Finatics are hosting Reef Fishinar tomorrow; contact Mary if you'd like more info.
-David Cunningham will be diving on the Chester Poling tomorrow AM to leave a plaque honoring Paul Blanchette along with 2 others who

died diving there.

-Mike's Moments:

-12 yr old on beach in Alaska found a piece of orange plastic released by NOAA in the 70s to study ocean currents.

Raffles:

Dollars Box: Ellen Garvey
Bug Bag: Geoff Loynd
Mystery Prize: Marianne Cunningham

24-May-2012

Meeting called to order: 8:07 PM

Attendance: 4 Officers, 15 Members, 3 guests

Secretary: Minutes read and accepted

Treasurer: We have money.

Committees:

-**Program:** – see website for details
-5/31-Barbara Warren next week to discuss invasive species in Salem Sound.
-6/7-Mike Walsh will be here
-**Pat & Annette's week in Vermont has been rescheduled to Aug 5-12.** Send attendance info to Vinny; when you plan to be there.
-We're looking for more speakers for the rest of the year
-Please respond to Bill Werner whether or not you're interested in the programs he's proposed
-6/28 will be a beach meeting at White Beach. Lauren will get the permit
-**Membership:**
-We have 51 paid members, 44 non-paying member
-We accepted Seth Rakiey's application for membership.
-**Air Bubbles:** Deadline is today

Dive Talk:

-**Graham, Meg, Claus** went to Folly. 47°F at 40'.
-**Seth** went to Folly to do a certification. It's colder here than in Grand Cayman, but he's been diving 6 times in the last 7 days.
-**Kris** went several times.
-**Jeff and John M** used the dives they'd won on "Easy Diver". Had a great time.
-**Adam** went to Indonesia – spent 4

nights/11 dives on Bunaken, wall diving. Then to Lembeh for 9 days/23 long dives – lots of critters – mimic octopus, lots of nudis. Great vis both places, even though Lembeh is "muck" diving. Usually start the dives at 70' then work your way up.
-Diving this weekend? Contact John Sears if you'd like to go Sunday or Monday.

General Discussion:

-Amy Maurer is ordering NEW REEF laminated fish ID cards; if we get enough people the price is \$5 instead of \$8. Let Mary or Amy know by next week if you're interested.
-Kiss 108 advertised for Undersea Divers today.
-Markus is coordinating a re-creation of the Time-Life picture! There was a lot of enthusiasm for this.
-Mary has a friend with a 2001 Formula boat for sale; let her know if you'd like info.

Raffles:

Dollars Box: Meg Tennissen
Bug Bag: Peter Chapman
Mystery Prize: Vinny Egizi



For Sale: DUI DRYSUIT

50/50 FLX standard, woman's L. With medium polartec DUI undergarment and size 6 rock boots, original DUI bag, zipper aide & talc. Used 5 times! A MUST SEE!!

List price new \$2500 for drysuit only. Selling all above for \$900.

Call Linda Connors: 978-462-0460, or email lpiski26@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Club Presentations

May 31: **Barbara Warren** of Salem Sound Coastwatch will come and speak to us about marine invasive species in our area. These are animals and plants we can expect to see diving here in New England.

June 7: **Mike Walsh** will give a presentation on Marine Organism Camouflage, and Indonesia. He gave this presentation at Sea Rovers last year, and it was fascinating.

Beach meetings on June 28 and July 26 at White Beach in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. This is a picnic/cookout social event. If you want to do a dive before or after, that's definitely an option. The tide will be high about 7PM on 6/28 and about 5:30 on 7/26.

Other Upcoming Events

July 28: **11th Great Annual Fish Count**

Coming back for the 11th year in a row, you can help count fish and win prizes! Each year divers help researchers by surveying fish populations. This is done by identifying what fish you see on a dive. After the dive, we gather at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, for raffle prizes and a BBQ!

As of 4/12/12, our raffle is now valued over \$4000, with more to come shortly.

There will be a picnic, raffles, and a touch tank. Every diver who submits a survey form will get an entry into the raffles. We are expecting more than 100 divers to participate in the day's celebration.

WHAT IS REEF? REEF provides the SCUBA diving community a way to contribute to the understanding and protection of marine populations.

REEF achieves this goal primarily through its volunteer fish monitoring program, the REEF Fish Survey Project.

Undersea Divers

2012 Boat Dive Schedule

**You're invited!
Come dive with us!**

We are announcing our summer boat dive schedule and we want you to join us! Come discover Folly Cove without the hassle of parking and lugging your gear! Don't wait, these spots will fill quickly. Start planning your summer fun today!

To register: Call the store (978-927-9551) and choose your date. Payment (\$80) is required to hold your spot.

Dive 2: July 29. PM trip, depart at 1PM, 2 tank.

Dive 3: August 25. AM trip, depart at 8AM, 2 tank.

Vermont Diving/Camping RESCHEDULED

Please note that the Vermont Diving and Camping and hanging out and having a fun time week has been moved from July to August. That week is now scheduled for the week of August 5 through 12.

This means you need to rethink your summer plans NOW to be sure you can make it up there. Plan for a fun time in August!

Finatics Invitation

The Finatics Dive Club has invited the Froggies to attend their scheduled events. Below is a listing for June and July.

June 6, **Dive:** First Weds eve Nubble dive @6

June 8, **Meeting:** DAN Seminar "Are you really ready to dive?" (gear oriented)

June 10, **Dive:** Pebble Beach @8AM




June 10, **Event:** Safety review and skills practice, Pebble Beach @10AM

June 13, **Dive:** Weds eve Nubble dive @6

July 14, **Dive:** Night dive (location tbd)

July 29, **Event:** Christmas in July at Nubble Light

Calendar of Events 2012

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|-------------------|----|--|--|---|-------------|----|
| June | |  | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Sunday Dive | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 8:00 PM Meeting PRESENTATION | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Sunday Dive | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 8:00 PM Meeting | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Sunday Dive | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 8:00 PM Meeting | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Sunday Dive | 25 | 26 | 27 BSC meeting | 28 6:00 PM Beach Meeting | 29 | 30 |
| 1 Sunday Dive | 2 | 3 |  | 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 6:00 PM Beach Meeting | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Sunday Dive | 30 | 31 |  | | July | |

Activities List

- **May 31, Thur** **Presentation: Barbara Warren of Salem Sound Coastwatch**
- **Jun 7, Thur** **Presentation: Mike Walsh** presentation on marine animal camouflage.
- **Jun 27, Wed** **Bay State Council Meeting** in Quincy
- **Jun 28, Thur** **Beach Meeting** at White Beach in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA.
- **Jul 8-14, Week** Camping/Diving in Vermont - **POSTPONED TO AUGUST!**
- **Jul 26, Thur** Second **Beach Meeting** for 2012
- **Jul 28, Sat** **Great Annual Fish Count at Stage Fort Park** (more to come!)
- **Aug 5-12, Week** **NEW DATES** for the **Camping/Diving in Vermont!** Give your schedule to Vinny
- **Sep 23, Sun** **Club Picnics and BSC Treasure Hunt**
- **Dec 8, Sat** **Annual NSF Club President's Banquet**



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>

**Your NSF Club Dues are now
DUE!!**

Consider yourself notified.



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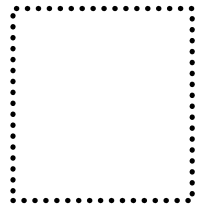


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May 31: Marine Invasive Species
June 7: Marine Organism Camouflage
June 28: Beach Meeting



2012 DUES are now *OVERDUE!*

The **North Shore Frogmen's Club**

meets every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) at 8PM

at **Palmer's Cove Yacht Club**

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More parking available in the Harbor Sweets lot across the street.

Visit our website at www.northshorefrogmen.com