



# Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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## Presidents' Messages - August 2012

Been a busy summer so far. Another set of beach meetings have come and gone, and for a change this year, the rain actually held off! Thanks to all that came out. Thanks also to all those that came out on the kayak/canoe trip down the Ipswich River. The weather was great and it was just a great day.

And the fun's not stopping either...the Vermont dive week at Pat and Annette's is next week. If you haven't already let Vinny know if you're planning on going, please do so as soon as possible. As always, it's promising to be a good time.

Finally, a big thanks to Diver of the Month Bill Werner for organizing the kayak/canoe trip and Member of the Month Susan Copelas for picking up the permits for the beach meeting-and for offering to do a presentation for us soon.

Happy diving!

Meg!

### Beach Meeting on July 26



Those in attendance at the July beach meeting include (back row) Peter, Lauren and John, and (front row) John, Meg, Mike and Dawn.



Events in August



**August 5-12: Camping / Diving week w/ Annette and Pat in VT**

**August 16: Susan Copelas will give us a presentation on her trip to Alaska**

**August 23: Paul Erikson; Gone with the Fins. (For more, see page 5)**

**Please Welcome  
New Member**

**Josh Gardner**

**voted in as newest member  
on June 21, 2012.**

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**\*Deadline for submissions\*  
for the September 2012 issue  
of *Air Bubbles* is  
Friday, August 25**

### Meeting Summaries

#### 05-Jul-2012

**Meeting called to order:** 8:05 PM

**Attendance:** 4 Officers, 15 Members, 1 guest (Jesse)

#### **Treasurer:**

- We have money.
- Mailbox renewed
- Vinny got a spare bulb for the projector

#### **Committees:**

##### **-Membership:**

- Ralph Arabian is rejoining the Club
- We now have 102 members

##### **-Program:** see website for details

- Pat & Annette's week in Vermont is Aug 5-12. Annette has picked out a quarry to dive in. We have 10-13 people scheduled to be there each day.

- Movie night next week: bring a movie you'd like to watch and we'll pick one on the spot.

- Kayaking/canoeing Sunday July 22 at Foote Brothers – see email from Bill Werner

- Beach meeting 26-Jul. Sue volunteered to get the permit the day of the event (fire dept) and contact the police ahead of time so people can arrive early to dive.

**Air Bubbles:** President's message sent today; *Air Bubbles* will go out this week.

#### **New Business:**

- Scuba Pro will be giving us a regulator to raffle off at the banquet

#### **General Discussion:**

- Dive group that went to NC last year with Paul S bought a memorial brick at the Beaufort maritime museum. They saw it when they went again this year.

- Vinny will be giving a talk at the Beverly rotary about scuba diving in New England. He'll also hand out flyers from Bob and promote his shop.

- You need a special license to get sea urchins
- Adam posted a video on the froggies fb page

#### **Dive Talk**

- **Vinny, John, John, Bill and Adam** went to Lanes. Adam found a pulley for a lobsterman. Bill has seen a large torpedo ray multiple times at that site.
- **Vinny** did his 100<sup>th</sup> dive. Great dive. 5 lobsters, several other things which he dumped out into his car.
- **John S** went to Pebble yesterday. Only one lobster.
- **Vinny** went diving yesterday - took his son 6-10'
- **John S** went with **Jim** using the camera looking for scallops. John got 90 scallops, Jim got 180 scallops
- **Susan** did discover scuba with a camp this AM at Fort Devens pond. Saw a trunk on the bottom. Hmmm. She went to White's beach – saw big striper in the shallow area. Went to Old Garden Saturday – 58°F, 4 lobsters.
- **Susan** went to Alaska last 2 weeks; water temps 44-46°F – will do presentation.
- **Jes and Adam** went to Folly Cove – saw the torpedo ray.
- **Jes** went diving in Florida last week. Had a string of fish - 8' bull shark showed up.

**Diving this weekend?** 7:45AM BK Sunday

#### **Raffles**

**Dollars Box:** Mike Garvey  
**Bug Bag:** – Mary Howard  
**Mystery Prize:** – Ray Porter

#### 12-Jul-2012

**Meeting called to order:** 8:11 PM

**Attendance:** 4 Officers, 13 Members, 1 guest

#### **Movie Night! Finding Nemo. An oldie but a goodie!**

**Treasurer:** We have money. We're about where we were last year when we broke even.

#### **Committees**

- **Program:** see website for details
- HMS Bounty will be in Newburyport this weekend.
- 7/22, Sunday: Kayaking/canoeing at Foote Brothers – see email from Bill Werner
- 7/26: Beach meeting

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**Correspondence:** Mike Miller asked if there was anybody in the club that can help certify lifeguards for a camp in western mass.

**New Business:** We discussed options for the membership committee. Tony said he'd be glad to participate

### General Discussion:

- Be aware there's been a recall on Miflex high pressure hoses.
- Stay away from XS Scuba steel tanks – the quality of the steel they use is bad.

### Dive Talk

- Several Froggies - **John, Ralph, Gary,** and others - went to Lanes Cove Sunday. 68°F on surface, 58°F at depth
- Gary** went Tues, and again today with **Ralph.** It was warm.
- Jack** and **Arnie** went to the NH Saturday 68°F, again Tues 63°F, and is planning to go tomorrow
- Lewis** went to the Pug and to Chester Poling.
- Tony** had a 12 student class this weekend. He's also doing a program for inner city kids from Boston to learn how to dive.

### Dive this weekend

- John Sears is going Saturday. Contact him if you're interested
- 7:45AM BK Sunday

### Raffles:

- Dollars Box:** Tony Vieira
- Bug Bag:** on hold til next week
- Mystery Prize:** John Sears

### 19-Jul-2012

**Meeting called to order:** 8:06 PM

**Attendance:** 4 Officers, 18 Members, 1 guest

**Secretary:** Business portion of minutes read and accepted.

### Committees:

- Membership:** 202 members
- Program:** – see website for details
- Kayaking/canoeing Sunday July 22 at Foote Brothers
- Beach meeting next week 26-Jul. 4PM for diving
- 7/24 - Movie Tuesday night – Smithsonian “*Ocean Frontiers*”
- Great Annual Fish count 7/28 – Froggies will go to Old Garden Beach

**Old Business:** Follow up w/ Markus about membership email.

### General Discussion:

-Activities calendar is now in Google Calendar, including Sunday dives and Thursday meeting – if you'd like an invite to be able to post, let Ellen know.

-Salem Sound CoastWatch is sponsoring a photo contest – see <http://salemssound.org/photoContest.html>

-A guy was caught with lots of illegal lobsters - \$8K fine and confiscated dive gear. He's been written up before.

### Dive Talk:

- Several Froggies - **John, Gary, Adam, Claus,** and others - went to Lanes Sunday. Vinny saw the torpedo ray
- John M** went to wreck of FB Northstar in Stelwagon – there's a mooring.
- Laura** went Friday nite with **Finatics – Roslyn** and **Laura** were only divers. Old Garden. Saw some squid at the end. Went again on Sunday at Folly Cove.
- John** and **Jeff** went to Lanes Saturday in the water at 7:30AM. As they were coming out there were about 20 people gearing up. Hard to find an unoccupied place to get out after dive.
- Tony** went to Back Beach Saturday – 1<sup>st</sup> time in wetsuit in 5 years. It was awful. Vis 25ft. Drysuit is now repaired.
- Al** went to a wreck where there were lots of gray seals, they bumped him every time he got a lobster. No sharks ☺

### General Discussion:

- Mike's moments
- Chinese manned submersible went to 7020 meters.
- British shipwreck which had been torpedoed by German U-boat off the coast of Ireland is being salvaged. The salvage company has brought up 48 tons silver which is believed to be 20% of the cargo. 15420' deep. The company will keep 80% minus expenses.

**Dive this weekend:** 7:45AM BK Sunday. Some people will be

kayaking; Gary will be there so if you're not kayaking you should join him!

### Raffles:

- Dollars Box:** Mike Denneker
- Bug Bag:** Lauren Byrne
- Mystery Prize:** Meg Tennissen

### 26-Jul-2012

**Beach “Meeting” held at White Beach in Manchester (See pic on page 4)**

### 02-Aug-2012

**Meeting called to order:** 8:06 PM

**Attendance:** 3 Officers, 16 Members, 2 guests

**Secretary:** Business portion of the minutes from 2 weeks ago were read and accepted

### Committees:

- Membership:** 102 members
- Program:** – see website for more
- Camping/kayaking/diving week in VT next week. Annette was doing some soundings in a quarry.
- 8/16-Susan Copelas on Alaska
- 8/23-Paul Erikson: “Gone with the Fins”

**Correspondence:** South Shore Neptunes newsletter received.

### Dive Talk

- Markus** was in Catalina for a couple of weeks. 7' giant sea bass – impressive. Also dove in La Jolla – lemon sharks, guitar fish, cormorant under water, hundreds of huge lobsters (but it wasn't the season). Great vis. 53°F.
- Gary & Ralph** went to Old Garden
- John F & Mary** participated in the fish count. John got several bugs.
- John S** and **Jim D** went off House Island – filled a bag w/ scallops and still had ½ tank
- Several people did the kayaking trip on Ipswich River a couple weeks ago – took 6 hours and a good time was had by all.
- Guest, **Jim**, got certified last weekend – 4 dives including Calf Island, Outer Brewster
- Graham, John F, Dan Hering** w/ **Geoff** on the “Damn Boat” to Misery (not great) and Salt Rock (off Singing

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Beach).

- Jack went to the NH 2 weeks ago – got a knife switch and trunnel pins. Had to go in a 3<sup>rd</sup> time to free the anchor. Then had to dive in a pool to fix it.

### General Discussion:

- Mike's moments

- Ice the size of Manhattan fell off Greenland – not attributed to global warming

- German U550 70 miles south of Nantucket – it had torpedoed a tanker then hit under it but was destroyed.

- Pacific Northwest is finding elevated levels of caffiene in the ocean. Looks like it's coming from septic systems; the water coming from septic systems is suspected.

- 21# lobster is now in the aquarium

Dive this weekend: 7:45AM BK Sunday.

### Raffles:

**Dollars Box:** Ellen Garvey

**Bug Bag:** Ray Porter

**Mystery Prize:** John Sears

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## 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 [lp ski26@yahoo.com](mailto:lp ski26@yahoo.com).



Jonathan Bird's Blue World had a table at the event! And they donated prizes too!

## Great Annual Fish Count, July 28



Roslyn gave the fish ID mini course at Old Garden Beach before the GAFC, with Blue World videographer Jim getting it all for the show.



Amy greeted participants and collected completed survey forms at Stage Fort Park.

John checked in with Amy



## Upcoming Club Events

**August 5-12:**

### Vermont Diving/Camping

*Plan for a fun time!*

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**August 16: Presentation-Susan Copelas on diving in Alaska.**

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**August 23: Presentation-Paul Erickson's "Gone with the Fins: The Craziest Sea Creatures I've Ever Met"**

Meet strange undersea marvels from New England to Fiji and beyond in this colorful, musical presentation.

**Biography:** After an accomplished career at the New England Aquarium, Paul Erickson now develops exhibits for aquariums, zoos and nature centers and shares his fun, musical, image-rich presentations with audiences of all ages.

In addition, Paul has worked as a nature correspondent for ABC's Good Morning America, WBZ-TV News and Superkids with Tom Bergeron. He co-authored Dive to the Coral Reefs, a PBS Reading Rainbow selection.

<http://www.paulericksonstudios.com/presentations.html>

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**September 13: Richard Tharin on the sinking of the Yukon**

Come and hear more about how the San Diego dive community came together to purchase, prepare and sink one of the most interesting warships for an artificial reef. Learn more about the HMCS Yukon, how to dive it and how the wreck is growing as an artificial reef. You'll hear the history and updates from one of the first people to prepare and dive the wreck. Learn more about the Yukon and her sister ships in San Diego's Wreck Alley. Find out what it takes to make and sink a wreck and how to dive the Yukon from one of the guys who prepared her for sinking.

**September 23: Annual NSF Club Picnic** held in conjunction with MetroWest Dive Club and other Dive Clubs.

This is also the day of the **Bay State Council Treasure Hunt diving event.** The Council will try some new methods this year to make the event more fun and promote more diver participation.

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**September 27: Adam Hartnett will give a presentation on his recent trip to Lembeh Strait in Indonesia.**

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## More GAFC



President Meg had a fun time!



Bob Michelson prepared to cut the special cake

## Other Dive-Related Events

### **Undersea Divers**

#### **2012 Boat Dive Schedule**

**You're invited! Come dive with 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 3: August 25. AM trip, depart at 8AM, 2 tank.

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### **Finatics Invitation**

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

Aug 18, **Dive:** Seal Dive at the Salvages, afternoon

Aug 24, **Dive:** 6:30P for Pizza; 9P Squid dive w/Jerry Shine @Back Beach

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### **Bay State Council of Divers Meeting**

The next meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers (BSC) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30PM. This organization is for the benefit of all divers in Massachusetts.

BSC meetings are held at 7:30PM at the South Shore Neptunes' clubhouse in Quincy, MA, at the corner of Quarry Street and Joyce Road.

All are welcome to attend this meeting!!

#### **Member of the Month**

**for August 2012**

**Susan Copelas**

for picking up the permits for the beach meeting- and for offering to do a presentation for us soon.

### **The 2012 Tropical Fish Rescue**

Sunday October 7, 2012

9:30am to 4:30PM

Fort Wetherill, Jamestown, RI

Tropical Fish in New England?

This is a great family event, especially for the kids!

We will be seining; which is pulling a fish net through shallow water, up onto the beach, to 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.

There will also be volleyball, music, silent auction, 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

If you plan to attend, or for directions or additional information, contact Al Bozza at [Programs@neadc.org](mailto:Programs@neadc.org) so we can get a headcount.

#### **Diver of the Month**

**for August 2012**

**Bill Werner**

for organizing the kayak/canoe trip on the Ipswich River

## Calendar of Events 2012

August			1	2	3	4
5 * Sunday Dive	6 *	7 *	8 *	9 * 8:00 PM Meeting	10 *	11 *
12 * Sunday Dive	13	14	15	16 8:00 PM Meeting PRESENTATION	17	18
19 Sunday Dive	20	21	22	23 8:00 PM Meeting PRESENTATION	24	25
26 Sunday Dive	27	28	29	30 8:00 PM Meeting	31	1
2 Sunday Dive	3	4	5	6 8:00 PM Meeting	7	8
9 Sunday Dive	10	11	12	13 8:00 PM Meeting PRESENTATION	14	15
16 Sunday Dive	17	18	19	20 8:00 PM Meeting	21	22
23 PICNIC Sunday Dive	24	25	26	27 8:00 PM Meeting PRESENTATION	28	29
30 Sunday Dive				<b>September</b>		

### Activities List

- **Aug 5-12, Week\*** **Camping/Diving in Vermont!**
- **Aug 16, Thur** PRESENTATION: **Susan Copelas** on diving in Alaska
- **Aug 23, Thur** PRESENTATION: **Paul Erikson: "Gone with the Fins"**
- **Sep 13, Thur** PRESENTATION: **Richard Tharin** on Sinking the Yukon
- **Sep 23, Sun** **Annual Joint Club Picnic at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester**
- **Sep 23, Sun** **BSC Treasure Hunt at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester**
- **Sep 27, Thur** PRESENTATION: **Adam Hartnett** on diving in Lembeh Straits, Indonesia
- **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>

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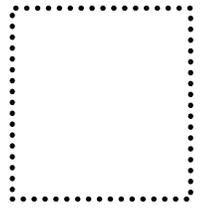


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Aug 16: Diving in Alaska  
Aug 23: "Gone with the Fins"  
Sep 12: BSC Meeting  
Sep 13: Sinking the Yukon



### The **North Shore Frogmen's Club**

meets every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) at 8PM

at **Palmer's Cove Yacht Club**

74 Leavitt Street  
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More parking available in the Harbor Sweets lot across the street.