



# Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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## President's Message – March 2014

### Greetings Frogs!

It's been a long winter but we have been making the best of it. We had a great turnout for our Ice Diving With Frogs Event. I want to thank Jennifer Entwistle, Gary Michaud, Jim Barbara and Stephen Sullivan for supporting the Frogs with the Ice Diver Event. It was a beautiful day out on the ice and we had a fun dive on "The Lady of The Lake". A special thanks to Michael Nalen from Aquatic Escapes for his help in coordinating and teaching the Ice Diving Course/Event. Also a special thanks to Aleksey Averin for his help as an instructor for the ice dives.

March is going to be a very busy month. Janna Nichols will be giving her presentation on how to conduct REEF surveys and how they are benefiting scientists and conservationists. Adam Hartnett and Shaun McGuire will be giving a presentation on their dive trip in Hawaii.

The Boston Scuba Show is on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Sea Rovers Clinic will be held on March 8th & 9th. Please sign up to help man the booth All information including web links, directions, and how to purchase tickets can be found on the North Shore Frogmen website. Simply click on "Event" then click on the blue option on the right of the screen: "View as Calendar". From there you can click on each event to read all of the pertinent details of each event.

We will have our first **Wing Night** of the year on Thursday March 13th at the Hong Kong Cafe at 12 Maple St in Danvers at 7pm or whenever you can get there after work. They have really good food and drinks! Join us!

Mary Howard and Ray Porter will again be hosting their Annual St. Patrick's Day Party at their house at 529 Franklin St Reading around 4pm! Bring your beverage of choice and something to share!

I would like to name Gary Michaud Diver of The Month for supporting the club by participating in the club's Ice Diving Class/Event. Thanks for your support! I would like to name Jim Barbara as Member of the Month for continuing his duties as VP even after having knee surgery. It's not easy dealing with the raffle prizes bag and the AV equipment while hobbling along on crutches! Thanks Jim 'aka' Tiny Tim! : )

It has been brought to my attention that we do not have

a mascot for our club. Lots of clubs and sports teams have mascots. Faith Ortins told me that DUI has a mannequin mascot named Bernie. He has a female counterpart and they are planning to marry them off this year! As club president, I knew it was very important for the club to obtain a mascot!

I found inflatable pool-toy frogs online (don't ask!), but they came as a boy and a girl set. We now have our new mascots Freddy Frog and his girlfriend Francine Frog. Perhaps they should also be married? We can't allow them to live in sin! : ) Check out Freddy and Francine in the attached photo! They were in attendance at our Diving With Frogs Event! They will be attending all of our upcoming events from now on.

We will hold two Nudibranch Safari dives at the Gloucester Dog Bar/Breakwall on Sunday March 16th at 10:30am and Sunday March 30th at 10am! The Dog Bar has been a fantastic place to spot several types of nudibranchs, skeleton shrimp, and stalked jellyfish! Winter is almost over but that has NOT deterred us from enjoying winter diving! Spring is just around the corner and I hope to see you guys in the water very soon! : )

- *Laura Gallagher*  
President North Shore Frogmen



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## Meeting Summaries

### 30-Jan-2014

Meeting called to order: 7:50PM

Attendance: 3 Officers, 8 Members

**Secretary:** Minutes from last meeting read and accepted.

**Treasurer:** Financial overview given

#### Correspondence:

-Mike Denneler will give his patches & pins to Adam, and a check for the prior profits for the Club. Adam will be selling the patches/pins at various meetings.

-Received SSN's newsletter.

#### Committees:

-**Program:** See website for details

-2/6 at 7:30- Mike Strickland from Aquatic Escapes dive shop will be coming to the Club to give an education ice diving presentation. It will meet the classroom requirements for those that are signed up for the Ice Diver Certification. It will be an educational presentation for the others that don't want to participate in the ice diving but would like to see what it's about. We will set up the actual ice diving date on a Sunday in February, tbd depending on weather and ice conditions. 5 Club members are signed up for certification so far. If anyone else is interested, contact Laura ASAP. 2 other potential members may be coming. Members already Ice Diver certified should attend the presentation to show proof of certification and to review ice diving techniques in order to participate in the dives.

-2/13-Vin Malkoski presentation on human powered submarine races.

-2/22-MetroWest Dive Club has invited us to their annual banquet, 6:30, in Framingham. Tickets are \$30 and must be purchased in advance online via PayPal at [mwds.org/dinnerdancetix.html](http://mwds.org/dinnerdancetix.html)

-3/1-Boston Scuba Show at Holiday Inn, Rte 1, Peabody, 10-3, tickets \$15. There will be a presentation by

Jonathan Bird. NSF will have a table at the show.

-3/7-9-Boston Sea Rovers. We have printed schedules for daytime seminars; please review and pick slots when you can man the booth; sign-up sheet at meetings.

-5/10-only one DUI Dog Day at Stage Fort Park this year.

-**Air Bubbles:** February issue has been sent out.

**Old Business:** Last week since we had projector and good crowd, though not a full business meeting, we reviewed various Freddy logos to see which would become the "official logo" for the NSF. Favorite of the crowd was an early logo (double hosed reg, mask, webbed feet). Mike G will figure out how to get it cleaned up (brighter red, good res, cleaner eye, etc). When that's been done Ellen will look into doing shirts and stickers.

Confirmed dates for VT are 7/27-8/8.

**New Business:** BOD voted to offer half price memberships to newly certified divers during 2014. We will get literature to local dive shops and instructors who are interested (Undersea Divers).

Brochures are \$90 for 250. Color copies are \$.59 each.

Laura is filing for permits for picnic and beach meetings. Need to coordinate date for picnic w/ MWDC and BSC.

Al Morris would like to have a Froggie trip for winter 2015, maybe to Dominica or Mexico.

#### Dive Talk:

-**Laura** dove IN THE SNOWSTORM at Pierce Island, Portsmouth, NH; lots of nudibranchs, especially large bushy-backs. Excellent vis.

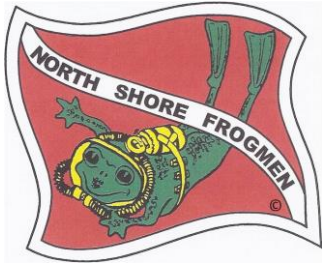
-**Dive this weekend**, 8:30 at BK.

#### General Discussion:

-Mary: Magnolia Rocks property owner was in violation of Free Beaches regulations; SSN have a handout explaining this to be used this summer.

-Adam: Kona Aggressor now \$1695 for April 12-19 (1994 prices!!!).

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Adam Hartnett



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**\*Deadline for submissions\*  
for the April 2014 issue  
of *Air Bubbles* is  
Friday, March 21**

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### More Ice Diving Pictures from Laura

Bug Bag: Kona coffee not going off yet

#### 06-Feb-2014

Meeting called to order: 7:43PM

Attendance: 3 Officers, 8 Members, 3  
Guests

Raffles: Dollars Box: Gary Michaud

**Abbreviated Meeting due to Ice  
Diving Course/Presentation by Mike  
Strickland of Aquatic Escapes.**

#### 13-Feb-2014

Meeting cancelled due to weather.  
Presentation by Vincent Malkoski to be  
rescheduled.

#### 20-Feb-2014

No meeting due to construction at  
PCYC




**Diver of the Month  
for March 2014  
Gary Michaud**

**Member of the Month  
for March 2014  
Jim Barbara**



## Calendar of Events

March								1 Boston Scuba Show
2 Sunday Dive?	3	4	5	6 Meeting Presentation	7	8 Sea Rovers	9	10
16 Nudi Dive	17	18	19	20 Meeting Presentation	21	22	23 Sunday Dive?	24
30 Nudi Dive	31	1	2	3 Meeting Presentation	4	5	6 Sunday Dive	7
13 Sunday Dive	14	15	16	17 Meeting Presentation	18	19	20 Sunday Dive	21
27 Sunday Dive	28	29	30	April				

## Activities List - 2014

- Mar 6, Thu      **Presentation:** Janna Nichols – REEF
- Mar 7-9, wknd      **Boston Sea Rovers Clinic**
- Mar 13, Thu      **Wing Night** at Hong Kong Café in Danvers, 7PM
- Mar 15, Sat      **St. Patrick's Day Party** at Ray & Mary's
- Mar 16, Sun      **Nudibranch Dive** at Gloucester breakwater
- Mar 20, Thu      **Presentation:** Adam Hartnett and Shaun McGuire on diving Hawaii
- Mar 30, Sun      **Nudibranch Dive** at Gloucester breakwater
- Apr 3, Thu      **Presentation:** Ryan King and Jeffrey Goodreau
- Apr 17, Thu      **Presentation:** Heather Knowles & Dave Caldwell
- May 10, Sat      **DUI Demo Day** (1 day only) at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester
- 7/27 through 8/8      **Vermont Camping/Diving week w/ Pat & Annette**

## ***Coming NSF Presentations:***

### **REEF Presentation – Janna Nichols – March 6**



Want to do more on your dives and make them count for something?

REEF (Reef Environmental Education Foundation) teaches recreational divers how to monitor marine life while they have fun diving. Training and surveying is free and easy (and a bit addictive) and can be done anytime, anywhere! Come find out how it works and why it's such a rapidly growing citizen science program.

Janna is REEF's Outreach Coordinator. She has been a PADI scuba instructor, and an AAUS scientific diver. Always interested in marine life identification and underwater photography, many of her photos appear in fish ID books and publications. She has conducted over 800 REEF surveys (most in the cold waters of the Pacific NW), and leads the REEF Pacific Coast Advanced Assessment Team. Janna was chosen as REEF's Volunteer of the Year in 2003 and as Dive News Network's 2013 Diver of the Year. Her goal is to spread her enthusiasm about the REEF Fish Survey Project and turn everyone into fish geeks. Resistance is futile!



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### **Hawaii Diving – Adam Hartnett and Shaun McGuire – March 20**

Adam and Shaun will give a slide presentation on their recent dive trip to Hawaii.

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### **Presque Isle – Ryan King and Jeffrey Goodreau – April 3**

Presque Isle Michigan is a hidden gem for the wreck diving community. Lake Huron's cold, clear fresh water has protected its shipwrecks from the effects of time and decay and diving there is like opening a time capsule into a forgotten time. Join us as we take you for a photo tour of this hidden gem of the north and display the amazing wrecks that await the adventurous diver.

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### **Boston Sea Rovers Clinic – March 8 & 9 – Celebrating 60 Years**

Get your tickets to the 2014 Boston Sea Rovers Clinic, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Boston North Shore in Danvers, MA.

Doors open to the exhibit hall at 8:45 on Saturday and at 9:15 on Sunday. In the exhibit hall you can see most of the dive gear you'll ever wish to own, and find out about wonderful dive destinations.

Seminars are held Saturday from 9 to 5 and Sunday from 9:30 to 4:30. There are 39 great seminars scheduled for presentation by our local divers and friends, and by internationally famous divers.

Brian Skerry will be Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday Night Film Festival which will include presentations by Dr. Sylvia Earle, Paul and Gracie Atkins, Adam Ravetch, Chuck Davis and Berkley White. If you've never attended a Sea Rovers Film Festival, make this your first time! Space is limited, so get your tickets early.

Attend the party after the Film Festival, with music by The Wetsuits, all underwater photographers.

And don't forget to help out at the Froggy booth in the exhibit hall.

(Much more info at [www.bostonsearovers.com](http://www.bostonsearovers.com).)

Visit our website at [www.northshorefrogmen.com](http://www.northshorefrogmen.com)

## BOSTON SCUBA SHOW

**The Boston Scuba Show is scheduled for March 1, 2014 at The Holiday Inn on Rte 1, (1 Newbury Street), Peabody, Massachusetts. Beginning at 10 A.M. and continuing through to 3 P.M.**

The program will feature: Jonathan Bird of TV's *Jonathan Bird's BLUE WORLD*. Jonathan will be showing and discussing videos shot during his many adventures.

Also on the program will be:

Deb Greenhalgh and Steve Lubas, returning from TRUK Lagoon;

Dallas and Linda Edmiston coming in from YAP, popular Pacific retreat;

in-water photo offerings from GUAM with Donna Calhoun;

Diver Ed, recently escaped from Maine;

the films of Bill Lovin;

the amazing crack-of-dawn underwater photography of Jerry Shine;

Recreational Rebreathers and Cold Water Sidemount Diving with Alex Dulavitz;

current ramblings of Alex Shure;

a new film and lively commentary by Chris and Fred Calhoun. Audio-visual by Linda and Kerry Hurd. Program directed by Alan Budreau.

The Underwater Club of Boston Paul Revere Spike Award will be given to Alexine Raineri.

During the show, attendees can be part of a group photo with Jonathan Bird...copies available.

Attendees are eligible for a free scuba experience at selected local dive shops. Inquire at the show upon arrival. Compliments of The Dive Patrol, Inc.

Tickets at \$15 per will be available at the door on the day of the show, or may be purchased in advance by writing to Cecile Christensen, 2 Ocean Ave (1-H), Gloucester, MA 01930. Checks payable to THE DIVE PATROL.

THE BOSTON SCUBA SHOW is not an equipment exposition. If you want to see the latest scuba gear visit your local dive shop - where you can handle the gear, and have your questions answered by the authorities there.

## Underwater in Salem Sound-Lecture Series

This is a free lecture series sponsored by Salem Sound Coastwatch and Marblehead's Abbot Public Library. The series was a huge hit last year and we have some great speakers again this year. **The presentations will be held on the last Wednesday of each month, January-April at 7PM at the Abbot Public Library, 235 Pleasant Street in Marblehead.** As an added bonus, some of the winning photographs from the "Salem Sound -A Sense of Place" photo contest held last year is on display in the library's Meeting Room.

### **April 30, "Shellfish, Shellfish Everywhere and Not a Clam to Eat!"**

by Barbara Warren, Executive Director, Salem Sound Coastwatch

Barbara will provide a look into the productive shellfish beds in Salem Sound, which sadly are not ready for human consumption.

For more information contact Salem Sound Coastwatch at [info@salemsound.org](mailto:info@salemsound.org) or call 978-741-7900.

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## WHITE MOUNTAIN EXPRESS

Ride with us to your favorite ski/ride area aboard a luxurious motor coach. Bus departs from Pelham Street Park & Ride in Methuen (Rte. 93, exit 47) every Wednesday at 6:30am and leaves the mountain at 5pm

Bus ticket includes:

1. Round trip motor coach transportation w/ movies
2. Morning coffee & donut
3. Full mountain lift ticket

### **2014 SCHEDULE**

Mar 5 Killington

Mar 12 Stratton

Mar 19 Sunday River

Mar 26 Jay Peak

Apr 2 Sunday River

Reservations are required, and are secured with a \$40 deposit, no refunds or credits within 72 hours of departure.

**For reservations, call 978-346-8667**

## Bay State Council Meeting

The next Bay State Council of Divers meeting will be held on Wednesday, **April 30**, 7:30 PM at the SSN's clubhouse located at the corner of Quarry Street and Joyce Road in Quincy.

**All are welcome to attend these meetings!**



## 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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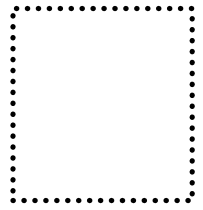


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March 1: Boston Scuba Show  
March 6: Presentation  
March 8-9: Boston Sea Rovers Clinic  
March 15: St. Patrick's Day Party  
March 20: Presentation



### Sunday Dives:

We will be meeting for Sunday dives about 9:00 AM,  
**ready to leave the parking lot about 9:15-9:30 AM.**  
Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly.

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

(Beginning February, 2013) has business meetings and presentations on the first  
and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30PM

#### at **Palmer's Cove Yacht Club**

74 Leavitt Street  
Salem, MA 01970

Social meetings are on the alternate weeks at 7PM