



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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Greetings fellow Froggies,

The first order of business is to thank everybody for that wonderful surprise of not one, but two delicious cakes. You talk about feeling wanted. Susan, I know you spent all day baking them. How did you get the carrots so perfect on the carrot cake? All this on my.....what number birthday? Memory is the first thing to go.

Jumping back to the 9th of February, Tom Huff did a wonderful job with his presentation of "Still on Her Keel". I remember very well taking Advanced Students on that dive when I worked at Northeast Scuba. On one dive, I took two students to the "main" deck. As a good instructor I was watching my students very closely, watching for them getting "narcked", hoping they didn't panic and bolt to the surface. As we approached the deck, I felt a searing pain in my right forearm (yes, in those macho days I dove "wet"). I looked down and discovered that I had impaled my lower right arm on a rusty stanchion. I could see this "green stuff" (aka blood) floating in the water. So doing what every instructor is trained to do, I didn't panic, took the regulator out of my mouth and smiled at my students. I replaced the regulator, pulled my wet suit over the hole in my arm and continued the training dive. When I went to the hospital on the way back to the shop, I had 6 stitches and a tetanus shot!

If anybody else had an interesting story of the "Poling" please share them.

We have a lot going on right now with the upcoming activities. Daryl has a lot of videos to show. We have the Sea Rovers coming up; we can use all the help we can get. Ray has taken the bull by the horns and is providing the ground work. It should be a great weekend. If you can spare some time, make an effort

to come by and support not only the North Shore Frogmen's Club, but diving in general. The presentations are wonderful and it gets us in the mood to get "wet" in just a few short months.

I would like to name Susan Copelas as member of Member of the Month for putting together the Tom Huff presentation. Thank you Susan.

Daryl is doing his thing again in outlining a full month in March, thanks again Daryl.

At the meeting tonight, we put out a sign up sheet to help out with the Web Page. If you can help at all, please, please contact Ray. The more input we have, the better our web page will be. This is a vital source to obtain future members. Many young people who are divers surf the "web". If we are not there, they'll never know what we have to offer.

Until next time,

Capt. Dave

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Meeting Summaries

26-January-2006

Abbreviated meeting format – video presentation “Reef of Riches – Equator”

2-February-2006

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM

Attendance: 3 Officers, 16 Members

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Mia Peluso – Accepted as read.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.

Air Bubbles – March 2006

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- **Feb 8** – Bay State Council Meeting
- **Feb 9** – Tom Huff of Northeast Scuba to show “Still on her Keel”
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – deadline for next month 2/16

Raffles: Dollars Box: John Ferrier
Mystery Prizes: Roslyn Smith
Bug Bag: ongoing

9-February-2006

Attendance: 4 Officers,
approximately 30 attendants,
including several guests.

Abbreviated meeting format – Tom Huff showed the video “Still on her Keel”, the story of the Chester Poling.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dale Findlay
Mystery Prizes: Myoung
Bug Bag: Dave Metrano

16- February –2006

Meeting called to order: 8:12 PM

Attendance: 4 Officers, 16 Members

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Mia Peluso – no minutes from last meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay
- 2/23 video of the OCEAN OASIS
- 3/16 Bob Michelson will do his presentation of *INVERTS!*
- 3/13 a CPR COURSE will be offered to any Froggies.
- See activities list for more info.

- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – deadline for next month is today!

Old Business:

- Web site on going issue. Dave would like start a committee. Please sign up if you are interested in helping and/or contact Ray P.

- Don't forget membership dues are due **now**. \$42 single, \$63 for couple.

New Business:

- Once again Dodie has graciously offered her home for the Easter Dive Party, on 4/23. More info to come.

- Mary H is considering taking a New England Seaweed class at New

England Wildflower Society starting 5/16; contact her if interested.

Dive Talk: NONE!!

General Discussion:

- **Mike's moments:**

- *Salem News* 2/4/06 - Dead seal found on Beverly beach. “It's not unusual for seals to be found on beaches in this area” “The first year in a seal's life is quite difficult for them.”

- 2/6/06 - Tale of the Can Do. Blizzard of 78' took lives of brave pilot boat crew. The captain of the Can Do and crew tried to save Global Hope and the Coast Guard vessel (that was trying to save Global Hope) all where saved, but the Can Do crew perished.

- *Boston Herald* 2/3/06 - Man who gave cops slip likely drowned. “Officials believed a man frowned after jumping into the Connecticut River while being questioned. Police stopped a man riding a bicycle on Saturday after responding to a report of a suspicious person. As officer was checking his identification, he ran towards the river, jumped in and went under”

- 2/8/06 - Owner late in reporting sunk ferry. “In Cairo, Egypt the owner of the Red Sea ferry that sank last week, drowning about 1,000 people, did not inform the government of the disaster for nearly six hours”

- **SeaWorld Welcomes Baby Whale**

Raffles: Dollars Box: Amy Maurer
Mystery Prize: John Sears
Bug Bag: ongoing

Bonaire Anyone??

We are putting out feelers to see how many people might be interested in a NSF club trip to Bonaire. The suggestion so far is for some time in September.

Contact Dave Metrano if you are interested.



Hello Scuba and Marine Enthusiasts!

Here's a quick reminder to get your tickets now for our 52nd Annual Boston Sea Rovers International Underwater Clinic, March 4-5, 2006, at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA.

Our theme this year is Exploration and Discovery, and the weekend has something for everyone, and full details are available on our website, <http://www.BostonSeaRovers.com>.

Two new features have been added to the clinic this year. Saturday will feature a technical diving forum, and Sunday includes an interactive kid's exploration room.

A limited number of discount hotel rooms are available until February 4th at the Fairmount Copley Hotel, accessed through our website, or by calling 800-441-1414, and using Promo Code GRBSR1. Please make your reservations early to ensure availability.

You can purchase tickets through the web site by credit card, or by mail using the form in the flyer that is coming out soon (some discounts are available).

We look forward to your continued support and hope you will be able to join us on March 4th and 5th.

The Boston Sea Rovers



Bay State Council of Divers

by Mary Howard

The most recent meeting of the Bay State Council was held on the evening of February 8th at the South Shore Neptunes' clubhouse in Quincy.

Members of the Bay State Council have been working with the Quincy Police department to see about borrowing better camera equipment for doing preliminary surveys of the ocean floor in possible locations for an artificial reef.

The next subject for discussion was the status of the dive industry, noting that numbers of recreational divers are down. The question was raised about how to encourage younger people to take up SCUBA diving and how to incorporate them into dive clubs. The suggestion was made to have "youth memberships" in the dive clubs, and noting that clubs had to be careful not to become baby sitters. The council will plan an "EVENT" to take place in mid-July to introduce young people to SCUBA.

It was noted that the upcoming Sea Rovers Clinic will feature a Kids' Room sponsored by the New England Aquarium and Northeastern University Marine Science Center.

Victor Mastone of the MA Board of Underwater Archeological Resources (BUAR) commented that the eelgrass harvesting and replanting around harbor islands is ongoing. Post pipeline, a site has been permitted for an artificial reef off of Hypocrite Reef. There will be a presentation on this project on Sunday afternoon at Sea Rovers.

Ted Maney of Northeastern University mentioned that a group of students from Northeastern will be trained to instruct members of dive clubs in the identification of invasive species. They will ask for reports from divers, therefore providing for better monitoring of the spread and increase of these species.

Vincent Malkoski of the MA Division of Marine Fisheries gave an update on topics that he and his department are monitoring, including the Cape Wind Farm project. He also brought up the issue of "tickle sticks". He said that at times he is asked the definition of a tickle stick and says there really isn't one, but the quierers are relieved to find that it does not allow for a snare. A legal definition of tickle sticks may be written into the MA state laws in the near future.

The next meeting of the Bay State Council will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7:30 PM, at the Neptunes' clubhouse in Quincy at the corner Quarry and Joyce Streets.

NEU Marine Science Center Evening Lecture Series

The Northeastern University Marine Science Center holds a series of lectures on Tuesdays at their location in Nahant, 7-8:30PM. A few Froggies went to the presentation on February 7th by Dr. Joe Buttner and Jack Grundstrom on “**Sustainable Aquaculture of Softshell Clams on Massachusetts’ North Shore**”. The topic was very interesting from both the biological/culture viewpoint and from the ecological viewpoint. Besides, the clams were delicious!!!

Following is a listing of the lectures coming up in the next two months. Let’s get a group together to go to next one on March 14th.

March 14th – “**Ten Hours From Dawn: A True Story of Heroism and Tragedy aboard the Can Do**” by Michael Tougias.

During the height of the Blizzard of 1978 the pilot boat *Can Do*, with five men aboard, set out from Gloucester to assist a lost Coast Guard boat and an oil tanker that was in Mayday situation. *Ten Hours Until Dawn* tells the story of what happened on that awful night when the seas were producing monstrous waves of 40 ft and the wind was screaming at 100 mph.”

Michael Tougias is the author of 15 books including his latest book, *Ten Hours Until Dawn*. Using slides of the boats, the men involved, and photos of the storm, Tougias will take the viewer through this incredible night where many lives hung in the balance.

April 25th – “**Salt Marsh Ecology**” by Dr. Pat Ewanchuk of Providence College.

More details coming soon for this lecture!

Schedule information adapted from NEU MSC flyer.

**Member of the Month
January 2006**

Susan Copelas

for

**putting together the Tom Huff
presentation.**

Thank you Susan.

Upcoming Presentations

Date: **March 9**

Presentation: **Sharks under glass**

Run Time: 60 min

Date: **March 23**

Presentation: **Blue Realm “Giants of San Benedicto”**

Description: Examine the fascinating life and biology of the enigmatic giant manta ray.

Run Time: 60 min

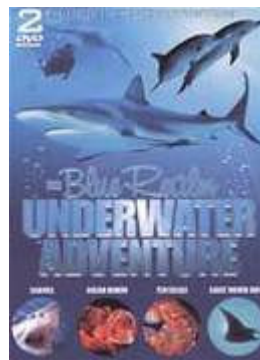


Date: **April 6**

Presentation: **Blue Realm “Shark Business”**

Alternate: ??

Run Time: 60 min



Date: **April 20**

Presentation: **Sea Hunt (2 episodes)**



Alternate: ??

Run Time: 60 min total

Date: **May 11**

Presentation: **Jonathan Bird presents “British Columbia”.**

Activities Calendar

			1	2 8PM Meeting	3	4 Boston Sea Rovers Clinic
5 Boston Sea Rovers Symp.	6	7	8 Ski Mount Snow	9 8PM Meeting Video Night	10	11
12	13	14 NEU Lecture 7p Ten Hours/Dawn	15 Ski Sunday River * <i>Solomon, K2</i>	16 8PM Meeting Invertebrate ID	17 St Patrick's Day	18 St Patrick's Day Party 
19	20	21	22 Ski Stratton Mtn.	23 8PM Meeting Video Night	24 Apr-AB deadline	25
26	27	28	29 Ski Killington	30 8PM Meeting	31	1
2	3	4	5	6 8PM Meeting Video Night	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 8PM Meeting CPR course	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 8PM Meeting Video Night	21	22
23 Easter Egg Dive and Party	24	25 NEU Lecture 7p Saltmarsh Ecol.	26	27 8PM Meeting	28	29 ORG Benefit
30	31	<h1 style="font-size: 2em;">April 2006</h1>				

Activities List

- **Mar 4&5, Wknd** **Boston Sea Rover's 52nd Annual Clinic** at the Copley Plaza
- **Mar 9, Thurs** **Video Night**, showing *"Sharks Under Glass"*
- **Mar 16, Thurs** **Invertebrate ID Class** with Bob Michelson
- **Mar 18, Sat** **St. Patrick's Day Party** at Mary's
- **Mar 23, Thurs** **Video Night**, showing *Blue Realm "Giants of San Benedicto"* about the giant manta ray.
- **Apr 6, Thurs** **Video Night**, showing *Blue Realm "Shark Business"*
- **Apr 20, Thurs** **Video Night**, showing *Sea Hunt* (2 episodes)
- **Apr 29, Thurs** **ORG Benefit** - Save the date!
- **May 11, Thurs** **Speaker night** with **Jonathan Bird** on British Columbia.

STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION

CHANGES PROPOSED HERE SHOULD BE OF GRAVE CONCERN TO THE DIVING COMMUNITY!

A revision to the 1993 Management Plan regulating Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary is presently underway. It is expected to be released for public comment in the spring of 2006. In mid 2004, a Maritime Heritage Resources Action Plan (AP) was approved and released, which makes recommendations that will form the basis of the revised management plan. It is our position that the Action Plan does not address the needs of the dive community and does not afford appropriate access to shipwrecks in the bank. We object to any subsequent management plan that incorporates recommendations derived from the Action Plan.

In general, the Action Plan describes and recommends a 3-tier classification for shipwrecks. To briefly summarize:

- Discovery Phase – site can be held for an indefinite period of time before site is classified as “restricted” or “public”
- Restricted Access – No access without a special use permit
- Public Access – Mandatory notification of planned visits

These recommendations carry with it other provisions – such as exclusion zones up to one square mile around the site, no use of anchoring devices to secure a line to the wreck – and others. Full details describing this classification system can be found at http://shipwreckdivers.org/NOAA_action_plan.shtml.

It is our position that this type of management is unacceptable and inappropriately limits access to resources that belong to the public. Our position can be summarized as follows:

- We reject the proposed classification system for maritime heritage resources (e.g. shipwreck sites) in its entirety, including the stipulations attached to each designation, (as outlined in the Action Plan and any management plan derived from it). The classification system proposed in the MHR Action Plan is too restrictive on access; it is highly subjective, with many shipwreck sites likely to become restricted from public access. For example, even “public access” shipwreck sites call for an inappropriate level of monitoring.
- Newly discovered shipwreck sites should be studied; however, without a time limit on the assessment period of newly discovered shipwreck sites, a site can be withheld from the public indefinitely. This is unfair and unnecessary. Newly discovered shipwreck sites must be inventoried in a timely manner and subsequently shared with the public, which means facilitating access.
- If anchoring and use of ground tackle on shipwreck sites is to be prohibited, then the sanctuary must make a commitment to establish and maintain mooring buoys on wrecks likely to host regular visitation. With no mooring buoy present, divers must be permitted to secure a line to the wreck. Buoys can be maintained in collaboration with local commercial charter operators.
- The use of remote sensing gear and ROVs must be permitted. Exploration and discovery must not be compromised, as many of the known shipwreck sites in SBNMS were discovered through privately funded and organized research using remote sensing equipment.
- Bidding for concessionaire permits will be cost prohibitive to commercial operations wishing to visit certain Sanctuary wrecks. Commercial and/or private operations should not be required to bid for permits.

We are asking the dive community to become involved in this important process. It is critical that the dive community be aware of the changes that are taking place here and proactively participate in the process to ensure that our concerns are heard and that our interests are represented. How can this be done?

Comment through an online petition at <http://shipwreckdivers.org/petition.php>

In addition, you can write to US Senators, NOAA and the National Sanctuary Program staff; distribute information to the dive community and participate in the public commenting sessions.

Visit <http://shipwreckdivers.org> to become involved!

SAVE THE DATE!

OCEANIC RESEARCH GROUP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 6:30PM
Nevins Hall in the Framingham Town Hall

For the Fourth Annual Oceanic Research Group, Inc. Fundraiser, we are very pleased to present world renowned underwater photographer, author and Emmy Award-winning film maker **Marty Snyderman!** Marty doesn't come to the east coast often, so we are thrilled to have him as our featured speaker. Don't miss out on a rare opportunity to see Marty and his amazing photography in person.

Marty Snyderman will present "**Sharks in the Wild**", a slide/video presentation on the natural history of sharks. Marty has spent over 20 years photographing sharks around the world. In addition, he has produced several television documentaries about sharks that have aired on PBS/Nature and Discovery Channel, among others.

Also, Emmy Award-winning cinematographer, Jonathan Bird, will present the first scenes from his new high definition film "Secrets of the Reef." This amazing program explores the hidden behaviors of animals on a remote reef in the Philippines from cleaning stations to predation and reproduction.

There will be many raffle and silent auction items, both dive-related and land based, including a limited-edition print from Wyland, New England Aquarium Giant Ocean Tank dive, dive gear, books, prints, and more. Of course, Finny the Shark will make an appearance too!

The fundraiser is being held to raise money for the Oceanic Research Group, Inc. Marine Scholarship program. This scholarship aids college and graduate students pursuing marine-related studies. The 2006 scholarship will be awarded at the event.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years old. There are a limited number of preferred seats available for \$25. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance online at <http://www.oceanicresearch.org/benefit.htm>. More information and directions are available at this website as well. If you can't join us and wish to help the cause, please feel free to make a donation online at <http://www.oceanicresearch.org>.

Join hundreds of local ocean enthusiasts on April 29, 2006, for a fun-filled evening and help support the Oceanic Research Group Marine Scholarship Program!!

Saint Patrick's Day Party

Hi All,

I will be hosting a Froggy Saint Patrick's Day Party at my house again this year. It will be on the Saturday after Saint Patrick's Day, March 18. Start time 6PM, end time ?? I will provide Corned Beef and Cabbage with potatoes and carrots, and will also plan to make some Irish Soda Bread. Please supplement this diet with salads, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and your own choice of beverage, and come "a-wearin' o' the green!" Be prepared to toast the "dead ancestors"; bring a photo or other image, or a memento for the toasting, to put on the mantle next to the Irish Whisky.

Address: 529 Franklin Street, Reading, MA.

Phone: 781-944-1292

Directions:

From 95/128 south: Take Rte 95/128 to exit 40/Rte 129. Follow the rotary somewhat less than half way around and follow Rte 129 (Mandarin Reading restaurant will be on your right, REI will be on your left) into Reading center. Pass the big white church on your right, and continue out of the center of town. At the first light after the town center (approx 1 mile), bear right onto Grove Street. In ¾ of a mile, turn right onto Franklin Street. Our house is the 4th one, antique colonial.

From 93: Take Rte 93 to exit 38/Rte 129. If you are coming from the south, take a left off the exit towards Reading. If you are coming from the north, you will take a right off the exit towards Reading. At the first light, take a sharp left onto Grove Street. In ¾ of a mile, turn right onto Franklin Street. Our house is the 4th one, antique colonial.

Hope to see everyone then!!

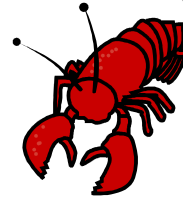
Mary Howard



Invertebrate ID Workshop

Bob Michelson, Fish/Invertebrate ID Coordinator for the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, will be visiting our Club on March 16th. He will be presenting his **Invertebrate/Invasive Species ID Workshop** to members and guests during the meeting on that date. This should prove to be a very interesting and educational presentation and will help us identify many of the animals that we see while diving.

Please invite any friends who may be interested in learning more about this subject!!



Due\$ are Due

Hello NSF members. Dues for the year 2006 are due at the beginning of the year. Which means that by the time you get this in early March they are **REALLY** due. In case you have forgotten how much they are, here is a reminder.

Single membership	\$42
Couple membership	\$63
Associate membership	\$21

Make checks payable to Northshore Frogmen's Club (NSF) and give them to Treasurer Ray Porter at a meeting, send in with a friend, or mail to the Club PO box (as printed as the return address of this newsletter).

Thank you!

Recipe Corner



MUSSELS!!

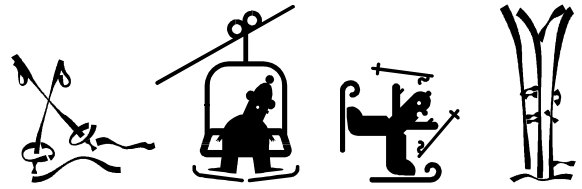
My diving buddy and I used to take mussels by the bushel right around White Beach and cook them right on the "work barge". It's pretty simple.

- 5 lb. of mussels
- 6 cloves of crushed garlic
- 1 lb of butter
- 3 bottles of any beer.

Debeard the mussels, wash and clean in water. Melt the butter in a pot able to hold all the mussels. When butter is melted, sauté the garlic until softened, 3 to 4 minutes. This is done on med. to high heat. Toss in the mussels; pour in the beer and cover. Cook on high heat for 6 to 7 minutes. The mussels should be open. Discard any that are not.

Pop open a cold one and enjoy with crunchy French bread. **Enjoy!!**

Dave Metrano



White Mountain Express Ski Tours

Ride to your favorite ski area aboard a luxurious motor coach. Departs from Westgate Plaza, Haverhill (Rte 495, exit 49) at 6:30am, and leaves the mountain at 5pm.

Bus ticket (\$62) includes:

- Transportation
- Morning coffee & donut
- Lift Ticket

2006 Schedule

- Mar 08 – Mount Snow
- Mar 15 – Sunday River * *Solomon, K2*
- Mar 22 – Stratton
- Mar 29 – Killington
- Apr 05 – Sunday River * *Volkl, Solomon, Nordica, Fischer, Atomic*

* Buchika's Ski Shop is sponsoring demo days on all the Sunday River dates.

Reservations are required. Contact John Ferrier by Friday night the week before the trip, or call 978-346-8667 for reservations.



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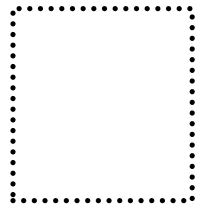
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Deadline for submissions
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Please have all information and articles
to the Air Bubbles editor by that date.

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Upcoming Events!

- Mar 4&5: Boston Sea Rovers Clinic
- Mar 9: Video Night
- Mar 16: Invertebrate ID Class
- Mar 18: Saint Patrick's Day Party
- Mar 9: Video Night



Dues are due

The North Shore Frogmen's Club Meetings
are held every Thursday night at 8PM (except Thanksgiving) at:

The Franco-American Club
44 Park Street
Beverly, MA

Directions: From Rte 128, take the Rte 62 exit, #22E, towards Beverly. Turn RIGHT onto BRIDGE ST at the new light after Danversport Yacht Club. At the end of Bridge St, turn LEFT onto RIVER ST. Turn RIGHT onto FEDERAL ST, turn RIGHT onto PARK ST. Free parking in lot across from Franco-American Club.