



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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Editor's Message

During the past month members of the North Shore Frogmen's Club have participated in a number of interesting water/dive related events. A few members of the Froggies attended the MetroWest Dive Club's *Wrecks* event. A couple of members were at Sunday River for their season's-end cookout and equipment demo. A group went into Boston for supper at Faneuil Hall Marketplace and to take in the movie *Deep Sea 3D* by Howard and Michelle Hall.

The Oceanic Research Group Benefit is on April 29th and should prove to be an interesting event featuring Marty Snyderman presenting his video *Sharks in the Wild*. (This event had not taken place as of publication of the newsletter.)

On April 23rd, 10 members and guests entered the water at Back Beach for the Club's annual Easter Egg Dive. The water temperature was a balmy 45°F! (See pictures on page 8.)

Our meeting events for the month included a basic CPR course, a *Blue Realm* video about giant mantas, and a couple of episodes of Sea Hunt.

There are a lot of things scheduled for the month of May also. First off, I believe **the dive season has begun**, and we should start meeting at Burger King on Route 128 on Sunday mornings at 8AM.

We have a couple of speakers scheduled for the first two meetings of May. Joe Wysocki of Optiquatics will be visiting us on May 4th and Jonathan Bird will give us a presentation about diving in British Columbia on May 11th. Don't miss these events! (See page 3 for more information.)

There is a Bay State Council of Divers meeting on May 3rd, with a guest speaker. (See activities list.) The DUI Demo Days and DOG Rally is the first weekend in May. And the Bay State Council Treasure Hunt (see page 4) will be on Sunday, May

21st. We should try to get an NSF team together for that!

Call for papers!! Did you see Susan Copelas's great article on ice diving in the April issue of Air Bubbles? We could use more articles like that from our members. They don't have to be great serious essays. A half page about something dive-related, an amusing tale of your misadventures, maybe with a couple of (electronic) photos, can really perk up the old newsletter!!



This group enjoyed the food and company at Faneuil Hall Marketplace before going to the Aquarium to see *Deep Sea 3D* on April 14.

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Meeting Summaries

30-March-2006

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 18 Members
Secretary: Mia Peluso - Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer: Ray Porter – treasurer's report read and accepted.

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- CPR course next week, 4/13
- Deep Sea 3D at Aquarium 4/14
- 4/23 – Easter Egg dive/ party at Dodie's. Warm up in the hot tub!

- 4/29, ORG event. Suggest car-pooling.

Old Business: Dues are due.

New Business:

- Dawn: Labor Day camping weekend at Beach Acres Sep 1-4. They don't have the same location, so can't go by there after diving at Nubble. Doesn't mean we can't dive or camp though! (See info elsewhere in this newsletter for camping information.)

Dive Talk:

- **Susan** went to Fiji for two weeks. Water temp 84°F, visibility 100+ ft. Saw dolphins, whales and octopus. One diver got DCS. More info to come; will do presentation.
- **Daryl** dove with "another dive club" at White Beach.
- **Steve Levy** went to 40 Steps in Nahant. No trouble parking. Went to police station for permit, woman dispatcher did not give any trouble.

General Discussion:

- Susan: Dave Dodge has spots available for a trip to Grand Turk, Oct 21-29. So far cost ~ \$1000, not including Air Fare or food/drinks.
- Happy Birthday Steve Levy!

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dawn Denneler
Mystery Prize: Peter Chapman
Bug Bag: ongoing

6-April-2006

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 18 Members

Abbreviated meeting format – Video presentation of "The Giants of San Benedicto" about manta rays.

Secretary's report: Mia - Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer's report: absent, no report.

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- CPR course next week
- Deep Sea 3D at Aquarium 4/14
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – deadline for next month 4/23

Old Business:

- Website meeting went well.
- DUES ARE DUE.
- DJ for banquet: Mia is calling about references. Anyone want to help?

Dive Talk:

- Roslyn went to Belize for 2 wks. 19 dives, water temp 80°F.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dan Hering
Mystery Prizes: Dan Hering
Bug Bag: ongoing

13-April-2006

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 15 Members
Abbreviated meeting format – CPR course

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- 5/6 DUI Demo Days at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. You can get your tickets ahead of time. Undersea Divers is selling them for \$5.

Old Business: Dues are due.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dodie Carvalho
Mystery Prizes: Dan Hering
Bug Bag: Ongoing

20-April-2006

Meeting called to order: 8:15 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 13 Members

Correspondence: Paul has a copy of *Changing Tides* from NOAA Fisheries.

Secretary: Mia Peluso - Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer: Ray Porter – treasurer's report read and accepted.

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- 4/23 - Easter Egg dive at Back Beach and Party at Dodie's. Bring suits for hot tub. Cookout.
- 4/29 – ORG event with Marty Snyderman, in Framingham

Old Business:

- Dues are due.
- DJ issue still ongoing. Dodie will check out the DJ Mia has been talking to on Friday (tomorrow), 8:15PM at Jimmy's Allenhurst. Others welcome to join her.

Motion was made to book the DJ; motion tabled until after Dodie sees him.

- Dan suggested a band who will be playing on Saturday if you want to check them out.
- Last Northeastern lecture of the semester will be Tues, 4/25. Some members are planning to go. Topic *Salt Marsh Ecology of New England*.

General Discussion:

- Name: information.
- Mike's Moments:
 - *Salem News*: State says striped bass may carry skin disease. "Following outbreaks of a skin disease in striped bass from Chesapeake Bay that can also affect humans. Keep an eye out."
 - 4/15 – "Bad Day on Black Rock for errant skipper: A 25-foot boat perched on a rock high above the harbor is not something you see every day."
 - Good & bad news for local fishermen: "Good for the region's shell fishermen who got word that a bill now working its way through Congress will probably provide some financial relief.... Bad for ground fishermen, whose desperate hopes for less draconian limits on their day at sea & catch were crushed by the New England Fisheries Management Council."
 - Boston Globe - "He sees beneath the surface: Gregory Stome, VP for global marine programs for the New England Aquarium, last month made headlines by spearheading the establishment of a 73,800 sq. mile marine protected area in the Kiribati Islands in the South Pacific.
 - Someone has Jacques Cousteau's underwater camera.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mia Peluso
Mystery Prizes: Dan Hering
Bug Bag: ongoing

Guest Speakers for May

Our first guest speaker for the month of May will be **Joe Wysocki of Optiquatics**, of Malibu, California. He will be in the area traveling and supporting DUI Demo Days with Faith Ortins and company. He will give a presentation at our meeting on May 4th.

Joe will discuss his company and the underwater photo expeditions they conduct from the Channel Islands to the Galapagos. His presentation will also include a "hands on" approach to u/w photographic equipment. He plans to bring a collection of camera equipment and housings to pass around to illustrate his philosophy about what is appropriate for one's needs and goals.

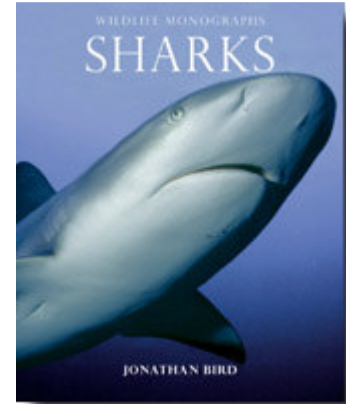


Jonathan Bird will be our featured speaker at the meeting on May 11th, and he will give a presentation on diving in British Columbia.

Jonathan has given a number of presentations at our club meetings over the past several years. All were extremely interesting and

amusing. No doubt this one will be just as good!

Jonathan usually brings copies of his books for purchase at the meetings, which he will sign by request.



Bonaire Anyone?

Dave Metrano is planning a trip to Bonaire this coming September. The plan is to leave Boston on September second and return on the ninth. The price of the trip will be available soon.

Please contact Dave if you are interested / would like more information.

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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. Several Froggies went to the presentation on April 25th by Dr. Pat Ewanchuk of Providence College. Dr. Ewanchuk's topic was the *Ecology of New England Salt Marshes: Past, Present, Future*, a presentation of his research on the subject. Much of his research has been done on the salt marsh in Wells, Maine. His work includes taking core samples from the marsh and reading the pollen, lead and cesium 132 deposits in the soils order to document the history of the marsh.

Bay State Council Treasure Hunt

Attention all divers. Bring your family, friends and fellow divers to the annual BSC Treasure Hunt. It's a chance to get back in shape, meet other divers and win great prizes. The event is sponsored by the Bay State Council of Divers.

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2006 (Rain or shine)
Time: 8:00AM – 4:00PM
Place: Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA
Fee: Registration \$10.00

Times:

Registration: 8-9AM
Scuba Event: 10-11AM
Snorkel Event: 11:30AM-12:30PM
Trophies & Prizes: 1-2PM

The day will include picnicking, an underwater treasure hunt (scuba and snorkel events) and lots of prizes. Here's how it works: Bring your own food and beverages (no alcohol allowed), cooking OK. Bring your own grill. Take-out available.

Required equipment: For SCUBA event: Wet or Dry Suit, buoyancy compensator, tank, regulator with pressure gauge, weight belt, mask, fins, snorkel, knife and catch bag.

For Snorkel event: All of the above except tank and regulator.

Labor Day Camping Weekend Beach Acres in Wells, Maine September 1-4

A bunch of Froggies will be camping over the Labor Day weekend at Beach Acres Campground in Wells, Maine. This is a tradition of many years for those who attend this weekend. Other members of the club are welcome to come along and camp.

Beach Acres Campground is located just off Route 1 between Wells and Ogunquit, only 3/4 mile from the ocean. There are spots for tents and campers, and there are full restrooms, as well as shower and laundry facilities.

Unfortunately, this year the Froggy group does not have their camp sites in the large field where they usually hang out, and therefore they are unable to invite non-camping club members to spend the day there after diving at Nubble Light.

Contact Dawn Denneler for questions about where the Froggy group is located this year.

For reservations or information call hosts Marc & Sandy Batchelder at 207-646-5612. The Campground is located at 563 Post Rd, Wells, ME. Website: www.beachacres.com, email: beachacres@beachacres.com.

Grand Turk

October 21-28, 2006
\$999

Includes 7 nights lodging at Osprey Beach Resort, airfare from Provo to Grand Turk, all transfers, unlimited shore diving, one tank daily - Oasis Dive Center, welcome drink, free sunsets, fun and laughter.

Airfare from Boston to Provo \$549.

Monthly payment plan available.

Any questions, contact Susan Copelas

Dive the World

Activities Calendar

30 April 30	1	2 Website Committee Meeting	3 Bay State Council mtg 7:30	4 8PM Meeting Joe Wysocki presentation	5	6 DUI Demo Days and DOG Rally Stage Fort Park
7	8	9	10	11 8PM Meeting Jonathan Bird presentation	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 8PM Meeting	19	20
21 BSC Treasure Hunt	22	23	24	25 8PM Meeting Video night - SH	26	27
28	29	30	31	May 2006		
June 2006				1 8PM Meeting	2	3 Biodiversity Days Joppa Flats
4	5	6	7	8 8PM Meeting Video Night	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 8PM Meeting Andy Martinez presentation	16	17 Canoe trip on Ipswich River
18	19	20	21	22 8PM Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 8PM Meeting Roslyn Smith Presentation	30	1 July 1

Deadline for submissions
to the June 2006 issue
of **Air Bubbles** is
Monday, May 22, 2005.

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

Due\$ are due

Activities List

- **May 2, Tues** **Website meeting** at Mary's house. Check for time.
- **May 3, Weds** **Bay State Council of Divers meeting.** 7:30PM at the Neptunes' Clubhouse in Quincy. Guest Speaker Matthew Lawrence of the Stellwagen Bank Sanctuary will speak on the Sanctuary's management plan.
- **May 4, Thurs** **Speaker night with Joe Wysocki** of Optiquatics
- **May 11, Thurs** **Speaker night with Jonathan Bird** on British Columbia.
- **May 21, Sun** **Bay State Council Treasure Hunt.**
- **May 22, Mon** **Deadline for submissions for June Air Bubbles**
- **May 25, Thurs** **Sea Hunt night (Two episodes).**
- **Jun 4, Sun** **Biodiversity Days** at Joppa Flats Audubon Education Center, Newburyport, MA. More information to come.
- **Jun 8, Thurs** **Video night "Uncharted Waters: Florida's Aqua Caves".** Divers uncover a cave big enough to store a 747 passenger jet, as well as new and unique creatures found only in such subterranean caves. (2003).
- **Jun 15, Thurs** **Speaker night with Andy Martinez.**
- **Jun 17, Sat** **Canoe Trip on Ipswich River**
- **Jun 22, Thurs** **Deadline for submissions for July Air Bubbles**
- **Jun 29, Thurs** **Presentation night "Belize" by Roslyn Smith.** Roslyn will show us pictures of the trip she took in March.
- **Jul 13, Thurs** **Sea Hunt night (Two episodes).**
- **Jul 15, Sat** **Great American Fish Count - MANY PRIZES! - More information to come.**
- **Jul 27, Thurs** **Video night "Paradise - Sharks of Palau".** Cinematographer Jody Helzer leads divers to Palau in South Pacific to observe several species of sharks.
- **Jul 29, Sat** **Seal Dive with Captain Rob.** Contact Dave Smith for more information.
- **Aug 10, Thurs** **Presentation night "TBD".**
- **Aug 24, Thurs** **Sea Hunt night (Two episodes).**
- **Sep 7, Thurs** **Presentation night "TBD".**
- **Sep 21, Thurs** **Video night**
- **Sep 24, Sun** **NSF Club Picnic (date subject to change)**
- **Dec 9, Sat** **NSF Annual Banquet**

Diver Fact Sheet



**Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA
May 6-7, 2006**

About the Event & Location

Your DUI event ticket, which is \$5 if purchased in advance or \$10 on-site, entitles you to participate in all aspects of the demos, enjoy a barbecue lunch, and participate in the raffle. Admission to the park is free. You can find more information about the area at www.gloucesterma.com or www.divenewengland.com.

All activities will begin at 9am on Saturday and Sunday. When you reach the location, you will see two large tents. The tents will protect us from the weather so, come rain or shine, we'll be diving! Air fills & rental dive gear are available at Cape Ann Divers only a few miles away.

Schedule for the Day:

Registration and Test Dives: 9am to 5pm Saturday and 9am-4pm Sunday

Registration will begin at 9am on Saturday. Certification card and completion of liability release form required a credit card or drivers license be held as a deposit. Test Dives will be conducted Saturday until 5pm and Sunday until 4pm.

Prior to the demo, each diver will be fitted with the appropriate drysuit and other equipment. Once you are dressed and ready to dive, you will check in with the divemaster in charge of the beach who will assign you an instructor or divemaster as a guide.

Barbecue Lunch: 11am to 2pm

This is included in the event ticket price and is served to all participants from 11am –2pm.

“How to” Seminars

Informative and fun “How to” seminars will be taught throughout the weekend. To register contact DUI Customer Service directly at CustomerService@DUI-Online.com or 800.325.8439.

Underwater Digital Cameras and Video from Joe Wysocki of Optiquatics

Demos will also be held Saturday and Sunday and will be available for all participating divers.

Special Opportunities for DOGs

Door Prizes for All Participants

Public Safety Diver Seminar

A special seminar on Friday, May 5th from 10am-5pm will be open to all public safety divers and instructors.

Dive the World with DUI

New this year! All participants including staff are entered to win dive trips donated by dive operations around the world. We will give away smaller prizes at each event with the grand prizes of free trips with the Nautilus Explorer and Optiquatics being given away at the end of the year.

Things to Bring

- Basic scuba equipment including mask, snorkel, open heel fins, regulator with octopus and gauges, tank, weights, BCD, and cold water hood and gloves. You will need to supply your own weights or rent them from a nearby dive store.
- While you are welcome to bring undergarments of your own, we will have Polartech® PowerStretch®, Thinsulate™, Thinsulate™ Ultra, Thinsulate™ LiteLoft™ and ActionWear garments to test dive as well as booties to wear on your feet under the drysuit.
- Diver certification card and credit card for deposit
- Wear clothing appropriate for the weather and bring your own favorite snacks, drinks, etc.
- Cameras are a great idea. We will be happy to take pictures of you and your friends.

This text is taken from the DUI website. For more complete information check out www.DUI-online.com

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Easter Egg Dive and Party

Ten divers looked for eggs in the water at Back Beach on Sunday, April 23. The water was a toasty 45°F, and the visibility was not more than 10 ft.

Eight are current NSF members: Daryl, Amy, Susan, Graham, Ray, John, Roslyn, and Mary, and we were joined by Shon Dubois and Sarah Copelas. John Sears threw the eggs into the water from the stone wall, with help from Graham, but that didn't help him find the most eggs! Roslyn came in first place after finding more eggs than anyone else.

Bob Crocker showed up at the party too, after having attempted a dive at Pebble Beach.

Pictures below are courtesy of Paul Sauvageau.



The hot tub was popular with some folks!



Dodie, above, the hostess with the mostest



Barry, Dee, Diana and Peter enjoying the warmth inside.



John, Graham, Mike and Dan braving the chill outside.

Treasury Note\$

By Ray Porter

April concludes the annual membership renewal drive. We do, of course, accept membership renewals throughout the year. Some use the year-end banquet to pay their dues, but this approach is not recommended. With the completion of the Easter Egg dive, we now look to finalize the Buddy List and prepare for the dive season.

Members, particularly active members, are what make the club a success. Their support helps the Club meet its basic financial obligations and their active participation in the Club brings vitality. Dues alone only accounted for part of the Club's income. The rest comes from the active members who attend regular meetings and contribute to the dollars box, participate in the raffles, or engage in club events (canoe trip, seal dive or Annual Banquet).

Keeping current members and inviting new members is the key to club growth. Invite a dive friend to a club dive, special meeting or social event. Let those members listed below know that we welcome their continued involvement with the North Shore Frogmen.

Club Membership

2 Club Officers
16 Life Members
30 Regular Members
2 Associate Members
52 Total Club Members
(as of 4/26/2006)

John Bonazoli	Peter Chapman	
Patty DeClue	Shon Dubois	
Paul Dumas	Peter Easler	
Rob Falk	Daryl Findlay	Doug Howard
Maria Maggio	Damian Mangini	Chris Martinez
Amy Maurer	Bill McHugh	Faith Ortens
Jules Pinheiro	Darryl Rawley	Steven Saucier
Bob Seibel	Mike Tyson	Mike Wilcox

Yes, dues are due. But, your continued involvement is even more valuable to us. As our promotional flyer says: "Join Us for a Cold One."



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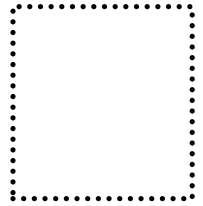
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Upcoming Events!

- May 4: Presentation - Joe Wysocki
- May 6: DUI Demo Days
- May 11: Presentation - Jonathan Bird
- May 21: BSC Treasure Hunt



Due\$ 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.