



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Froggies,

A lot of water has gone over the dam since my last President's message. I think by now most members know that on Mother's Day, Mother Nature decided to give Manchester-by-the-Sea an official record rain fall of 14.3 inches in less than 24 hours. We can use the rain to make the flowers and grass grow, but I didn't need 6 feet 6 inches in my basement. My beloved train set I've been building for the last 10 years is now a memory as are a lot of personal items. BUT, the D&DRR will have a new home in my garage. My grand daughter Maddii Rose is chomping the bit to get started!

Now for the real message! The club has a group of dedicated members who are working overtime to get the web page back on line. As a member of this group, I now have a better understanding of what it takes to get a web page up and running. I want to thank our pioneer web page builder and custodian for these past many years, Rob Falk. He and others got it rolling, now with his insight and the expertise of others, we will make it one of the best on line. We owe a big thank you to Ray Porter; Mary Howard; Daryl Findlay; John Ferrier; Paul Sauvageau; Mike Donovan; Amy Maurer & Rob Falk.

Sgt. Jay Swallow told me, that our CPR cards are "in the mail". He told me that he is more than willing to make it an annual event. Jay is an avid diver and is interested in joining the club at a later time.

I would like to nominate Dodie Carvalho as Member of the Month of April. She graciously opened her house to the club for the annual Easter Egg Hunt Party. It has been a joy to see her at several of the recent meetings. Thanks again Dodie!

Hope everybody had a good couple of weeks, time to dry out and regroup. I want to thank all the members who have sent me emails wishing us well and offering help with the clean up. It really meant a lot to me. Thank you again.

Capt. Dave Metrano



President Dave thanks Joe Wysocki for his presentation to the club on May 4. *Photo courtesy of Paul Sauvageau*

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Meeting Summaries

27-April-2006

Attendance: Officers 3, Members 17,
Guest 1

Secretary: Mia Peluso - Minutes read and accepted.

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

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- 4/29 – Jonathan Bird's Oceanic Research Group: Marty Snyderman will be presenting. Suggestion made to carpool.

Air Bubbles – June 2006

- 5/4 – Joe Wysocki will be here to discuss underwater photography.
- 5/6-7 – DUI Demo Days
- 5/11 – Jonathan Bird to give presentation on British Columbia.
- 5/13 – Invasive species training in Gloucester.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – May issue of Air Bubbles is out. Deadline for next issue is 5/22.

Old Business:

- Dues are due.
- We got the DJ for the Banquet.

Dive Talk:

- Easter dive: we had 10 divers in the water. Thanks to Dodie for hosting the party and thanks to John Sears and Mike Denneler for their help organizing and shore support. Thanks to all who participated.
- Jack Munro went diving off Granite Pier in Rockport and found a car. (See article on page 4.)

General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments:
 - 5/27 *Salem Evening News*- "Return to sender – A man was beachcombing when something caught his attention. In a tightly sealed bottle was a message w/ a \$1 bill.
 - Return of smelt is an encouraging sign-"A river that once was toxic is slowly getting its natural colors back. The river was once toxic, had rainbows of red, brown and yellow dyes dumped by the leather tanneries of Peabody and Salem.
 - *The Boston Globe* – Speedy – "A sea slug...of shallow northeast Pacific that is not so sluggish."

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dave Smith
Mystery Prizes: John
Bug Bag: Ongoing

4-May-2006

Abbreviated meeting format – Joe Wysocki of Optiquatics spoke to those at the meeting about underwater photography.

No Secretary's minutes available.
Attendance: 3 Officers,

Treasurer: Ray Porter – treasurer's report not read.

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

11-May-2006

Meeting called to order: 8:15 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 16 Members,
4 Guests

Abbreviated meeting format – Jonathan Bird gave a presentation on diving in British Columbia. Great presentation! Thank you Jonathan!

Secretary: Mia Peluso - Minutes not read.

Treasurer: Ray Porter – treasurer's report not read.

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- 5/13 – invasive species training in Gloucester
- 5/25 – Speaker: Steve Johnson will give a presentation on Dominica.
- 6/16 – Club Night In at the Franco
- Coming up some time in the summer is ... Blue Man Group.

Old Business: Website meeting will be at Mary and Ray's house @ 7:00

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mike Donovan
Mystery Prizes: Dave Smith
Bug Bag: ongoing

18-May-2006

Meeting called to order: 8:20 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 12 Members,
1 Guest

Secretary: Mia Peluso - Minutes read and accepted.

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

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- 5/21 – Bay State Council Treasure Hunt at Stage Fort Park.
- 5/25 – Steve Johnson speaker: Dominica
- 5/27-28 – Cleaning of hull of Friendship of Salem. Contact Daryl if you are interested.

Anyone who cleans gets to take a cruise on the ship later on.

- 6/4 – Biodiversity Day at Joppa Flats in Newburyport.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard: Monday 5/22 is deadline for June issue of AB.

Old Business: Website meeting on hold for time being due to flooding at various people’s houses. Now at trying to gather content. Use of “Blogger”

New Business: Mia is thinking about getting “blankets” for froggies. She is in the process of getting info.

Dive Talk: no diving, too much RAIN.

General Discussion:

- Mike’s Moments:
 - Boston Globe – *Divers find lionfish off the Bahamas:* “A juvenile lionfish, which is native to the Pacific and Indian Oceans was found.”
 - 5/17 *Facing off in the pool – Underwater hockey?!* – “On the bottom of the pool, where snorkelers holding their breath and brandishing 13” hockey stick slap a 3pd puck.
 - In order to grow Blackback crabs, periodically must shed their shells.
 - Deep Discovery – Tentacles of a “rosacea” which resembles a jellyfish.

Raffles: Dollars Box: John Ferrier
Mystery Prizes: Dan Hering
Bug Bag: Dan Hering
Bug Bag: Ongoing

**Member of the Month
April 2006**

Dodie Carvalho

for graciously opening her house to the club for the Easter Egg Dive Party

Thank you Dodie!

Speakers for June

We are expecting to have a couple of interesting presentations at the Club meetings in June. On June 15th Lieutenant John Tulik of the Massachusetts Environmental Police will speak to our membership about the current lobster laws. Make sure you don’t have any misconceptions about how the laws affect you!

On June 29th, our own Roslyn Smith will give a presentation about her trip to Belize in March of this year. Not only did Roslyn get to spend a week SCUBA diving, but she also spent time in the interior of the country. Her presentation promises to be very interesting.

Invasive Species Workshop

Gloucester, MA, May 13, 2006
There were 8 members of the North Shore Frogmen’s Club at the training on that very rainy day. That was about half of those in attendance at the training in the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center. Others in attendance included three from Easy Diver, Bob Michelson, and a woman from the University of Maine Sea Grant program. The instructors were Barbara Warren of Salem Sound Coastwatch, and a gentleman from the University of New Hampshire Sea Grant program. They gave us a really good presentation on each of the “10 Most Wanted” marine invasive species. We then had a chance to see and touch actual specimens of most of them. The only one not presented was the very worst one, Didemnum sp., affectionately referred to as “pancake batter”. We were presented with a laminated cards of each of the “10 Most Wanted”, suitable for keeping with your dive gear, and datasheets for reporting what you find.



Jonathan Bird gave a great slide show on May 11 about diving in British Columbia (or was it about doing shadow puppets??) Photo: P. Sauvageau

Recipe Corner

Smoked Salmon Salsa

When we have our “Summer Meetings” at White Beach this year, I promise to make a big batch of this salsa. It’s really very simple and great with toasted Pita bread!

Ingredients:

- ½ pound smoked salmon. I pulse it two or three times in my processor
- ¼ cup finely diced red onion. Red onion always reminds me of Bonaire
- 3 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley. (flat leaf is fine)
- 1 tablespoon diced jalapeno
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil (EVOO)

In a bowl combine the smoked salmon, red onion, cilantro, parsley and jalapeno. Carefully toss together. Then add the EVOO and toss again. Cover, let stand for at least 30 minutes before serving.

Capt. Dave

**GRANITE PIER ROCKPORT
MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 26, 2006**

While searching for a lost mooring chain at the mouth of Granite Pier in Rockport, I came upon a submerged car. The Harbormasters, Rosemary Lesch and Scott Story were on site because the second part of my dive that day was to move rocks underwater to an area around three pipe piles.

Before starting the rock job, I saw that the car was a white four door Subaru Hatchback with Massachusetts License **7644PA**. I also found that the car was completely locked up including the hatchback, with the windows up as well. Finding the car partially filled with sand and mud and locked up and upside down in the channel, I got a very uneasy feeling, but I could not see anyone in the car.

The Harbormasters ran the plate with the Police Department and found that the car belonged to a Newburyport woman who had been missing four to five weeks. The Newburyport Police, The Coast Guard, State Police, Rockport Police, CSI, and a number of Crime Lab technicians arrived on site within ten to forty minutes.

By this time, I had been in the water an hour and a half and it was 5:15 p.m. I started rigging the car to the Harbormaster's boat to tow it closer to the wall. The car was approximately one hundred twenty feet from the wall and in about twenty feet at low-tide and the tow truck cable could not reach it. Once the car was close enough to the wall, I changed the rigging from the boat to the tow truck cable with one cable on the rear of the car and one on the front. The car was dragged up the wall then onto the pier where they pried it open.

They found the body of the missing woman inside. Speculation was that it was nighttime and her first time in Rockport and not knowing the roads had driven down to the pier and right off of the pier, with lighting being poor and the lobster pots normally blocking the way later in the month not there, leaving a clear shot into the water. It must

have been very early in the morning, probably before 4:00AM when the fisherman start their day.

The next day I was interviewed by the Boston Globe, Gloucester Times, and Channel 7 Live Cam. One of the sons of the missing woman even came down and asked what I had seen, needing to make some sense out of the whole situation.

My total dive time was over two hours. I entered the water at 3:40 p.m. and got out at approximately 6:00 p.m. I had with me 3,600 psi in 100 cubic foot steel (42% Nitrox). My feet were cold but my core temperature stayed up on the rest of my body. I had 50 psi when I came out.

Jack Munro

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.

Bay State Council

Treasure Hunt

May 21, 2006

Mary Howard

It was a beautiful morning when I met a few people at Stage Fort Park for the Annual Bay State Council Treasure Hunt. Let's see who was there: John Blackadar of the Neptunes, and Vin Malkoski, Division of Marine Fisheries, and his family, Chris Hugo of Metrowest. After a while a few others appeared: Angelo Correnti, President of the BSC, Joe Geyer of the Neptunes, and Ted Maney from Northeastern University and his wife. And that was it!

As there were so few of us, most of us did a lovely little beach clean-up / check-out dive at Half Moon Beach while a few did a beach clean-up from shore. The water temp ranged from 50°F at the surface to 45°F at my maximum depth of about 15 feet. Not too bad! There really wasn't very much trash in the water, though I did manage to find a marble from a previous Council dive, a golf ball, and an old tennis ball. The visibility was pretty good. The sand was stirred up in a few places, especially around the feet of the Malkoski family as they entered the water for their check-out dive.

As I was in the water doing a relaxing dive with no particular agenda (no lobster license yet) except to see how the new mask worked, I also noted a few invasive species. (See article about the invasive species training on page 3 of this newsletter.) There were a few smallish patches of green fleece algae in the sandy area, and a fair amount of the orange sheath tunicate, and a lot of the club tunicates on the rocks on the north side of the cove.

After the dive, those who could stayed around for a little cookout / picnic and social time. Paul Sauvageau even showed up in time to eat after working on his flooded basement all morning.

It was a lovely day for diving and picnicking!



Meeting: Bay State Council of Divers

May 3, 2006

Mary Howard

16 members of the local dive community met on May 3rd at the South Shore Neptunes' Clubhouse in Quincy for the most recent Bay State Council meeting. Those at the meeting included Vincent Malkoski and Holly Martel Bourbon of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, Victor Mastone of the Board of Underwater Archeological Resources, Dave Caldwell of Northern Atlantic Dive Expeditions, Daryl Findlay, Paul Sauvageau and Mary Howard of the North Shore Frogmen's Club, and numerous members of the South Shore Neptunes Club, including Angelo Correnti, president of the Bay State Council, and Jeannine Fabian.

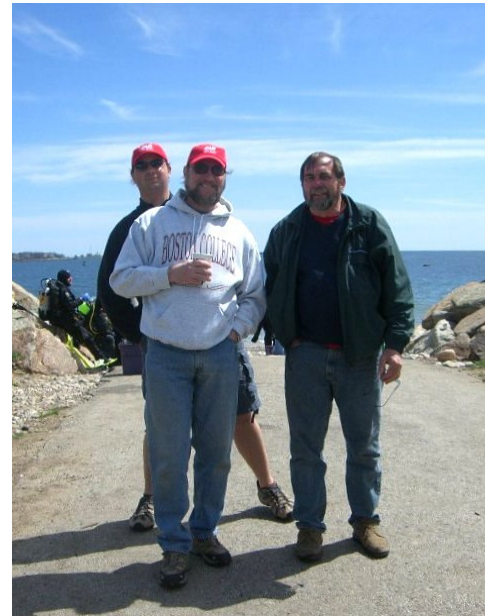
Two people, Matthew Lawrence and Deborah Marx, from the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary attended the meeting to give us an overview of the status of the Sanctuary Management Plan review process. Matt went over the process whereby the Working Group was putting together a draft plan to be released for a 90-day public comment period, probably this summer. We expect to be notified of when this period will be and how best to give input on the plan, or you can check the website at www.stellwagen.noaa.gov for information on the public comment period. I recommend that all members check the draft Management Plan document to assure that divers' rights are maintained.

The March and April issues of Air Bubbles had articles from two parties with interests in this subject. In March I published a letter to the dive community from Dave Caldwell, expressing his opinions and alarm over the prospect of management of the Sanctuary and possible impact on divers. In April I published a rebuttal letter from the Superintendent of the Sanctuary, given to me at Sea Rovers by Benjamin Cowie-Haskell, which outlines the process being used by the Working Group for putting together the Sanctuary Management Plan.

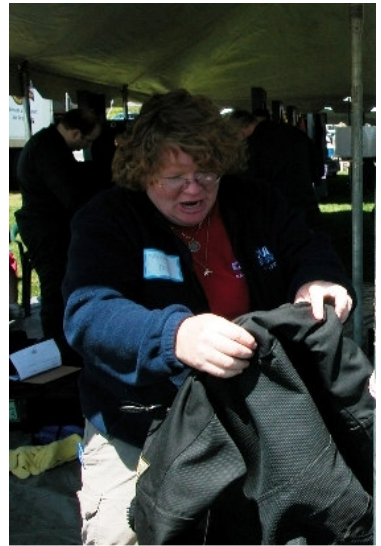
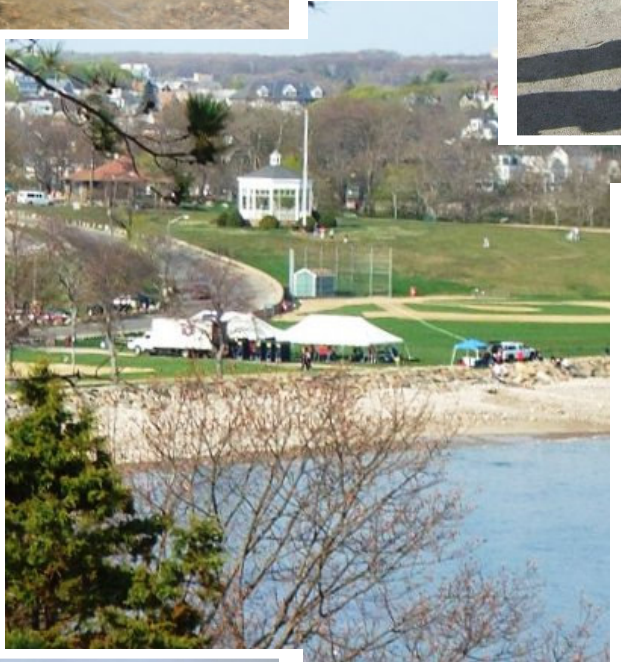
Another topic discussed at the meeting is the declining numbers of scuba divers, at least in New England. With an eye towards developing some methods for attracting young people to the sport, Angelo Correnti spoke with Paul Adler at Sea Rovers. Paul is involved with the Oceans for Youth Foundation (www.oceansforyouth.org), a foundation "designed to encourage underwater education for youth". There is a DVD that is available from this foundation to those who will use it to show to kids to encourage interest in the oceans. Angelo has one of these videos and showed parts of it to those attending the meeting. It looked interesting and informative. He asked if there are divers who would be willing to show (parts?) of the video at schools, targeting middle schools, primarily grade 8. Noting that it might be difficult to get actual school time (both because of work obligations and school restrictions), this might be done after school, during after school programs, or through clubs, Boy Scouts, the Y.

DUI DEMO DAYS and DOG RALLY

A bunch of club members attended the DUI Demo Days on May 6 and 7. The weather was beautiful, the drysuits stayed dry, and a great time was had by all. *Photos courtesy of Paul Sauvageau and Daryl Findlay*



Photos, clockwise from top: Did you ever think you would see Joe Terra in a drysuit? Daryl, John and Joe Wysocki hamming it up. Faith sizing up a suit for a customer. Joe with his camera gear. Amy, Mia and Daryl enjoy the beautiful day.



Activities Calendar

June 2006				1 8PM Meeting	2	3
4 Biodiversity Days	5	6	7	8 8PM Meeting Video Night	9	10
11 Sunday Dive	12	13	14	15 8PM Meeting John Tulik, MA Env Police	16 Club Night In	17 Canoe trip on Ipswich River
18 Sunday Dive	19	20	21 7:30P Bay State Council Meeting	22 8PM Meeting	23	24
25 Sunday Dive	26	27	28	29 8PM Meeting Roslyn Smith Presentation	30	1
2 Sunday Dive	3	4	5	6 6PM Beach Meeting	7	8
9 Sunday Dive	10	11	12	13 8PM Meeting Video night - SH	14	15 Great American Fish Count
16 Sunday Dive	17	18	19	20 8PM Meeting	21	22
23 Sunday Dive	24	25	26	27 8PM Meeting Video night	28	29 Seal Dive w/ Capt. Rob
30 Sunday Dive	31	July 2006				

Deadline for submissions
to the July 2006 issue
of **Air Bubbles** is
Thursday, June 22, 2006.

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

Update on Biodiversity Day Dive Event

Please note that because of the recent extreme rain and accompanying sewage issues, the diving part of Biodiversity Days will not take place in the marsh behind the Joppa Flats Visitors Center as in previous years.

Bob Michelson will meet any divers interested in diving as a part of Biodiversity Days at

Old Garden Beach at 8:30AM

The regular Biodiversity Days events will still be held from the Joppa Flats location. (i.e. bird walks, etc.)

Air Bubbles – June 2006

Activities List

- **Jun 4, Sun** **Biodiversity Days** at Joppa Flats Audubon Education Center, Newburyport, MA. ►**UPDATED LOCATION!** Due to the massive rains and sewage overflows, the diving event for Biodiversity Days will take place at **Old Garden Beach**.
- **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 Lieutenant John Tulik** of the Massachusetts Environmental Police.
- **Jun 16, Fri** **Club Night In** - time and theme still being discussed. Pot luck!
- **Jun 17, Sat** **Canoe Trip on Ipswich River**. Meet at Foote Brother by 8:30AM. Sign-up sheet at the meetings! Contact Mary or Ray for more information.
- **Jun 21, Wed** **Bay State Council Meeting**, Quincy, MA, 7:30PM
- **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 6, Thurs** **Beach Meeting** - 6PM, White Beach, Manchester
- **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 out of Rye, NH. Contact Dave Smith for more information.
- **Aug 3, Thurs** **Beach Meeting** - 6PM, White Beach, Manchester
- **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)
- **Oct 19, Thurs** **Presentation: Andy Martinez** slide show
- **Dec 9, Sat** **NSF Annual Banquet**

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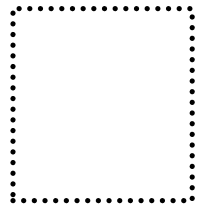
Includes 7 nights lodging at Osprey Beach Resort, airfare from Provo to Grand Turk, all transfers, unlimited shore diving, one tank daily - Oasis Dive Center, welcome drink, free sunsets, fun and laughter.

Airfare from Boston to Provo \$549.

Monthly payment plan available.

Any questions, contact Susan Copelas

Dive the World



Upcoming Events!

- June 4: Biodiversity Day
- June 8: Video Night
- June 15: Presentation - Lt. John Tulik
- June 29: Presentation - Roslyn Smith



**Sunday Dives – Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly.
Be ready to leave for the selected dive site at 8:15AM.**

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.