



Air Bubbles



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From the President's Slate

*If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant:
if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would
not be so welcome.*

*Anne Bradstreet (1612 - 1672),
Meditations Divine and Moral, 1655*

21-Mar-05

Greetings!

It seems we have finally made it to that blessed event on the calendar called SPRING! If there are many "gifts that keep on giving", this past winter must rank up there as one of the most generous in recent years. With the majority of bad winter storms now behind us (save for the one or two rough pastings we may still receive), we can now look forward to longer, warmer days filled with anticipation of D - I - V - I - N - G!

One harbinger of "wetter" days to come is the annual Sea Rovers convention in Boston. Our club was well represented again on the balcony overlooking a bustling floor filled with divers. There were many fine seminars and presentations going on all day Saturday and Sunday. Special thanks for all the Froggies who donated their time and talents at this year's show.

I was fortunate enough to get my copy of "Shadow Divers" signed by the author, Robert Kurson and the main subjects of the book, John Chatterton and Richie Kohler. Mr. Kurson was quite modest when I told him that he had written a fine book. Instead, he passed all the kudos to his partners. Still, the best story in the world, if it's not well presented, won't be very interesting to read. Chatterton and Kohler were quite likable, talking with all the people in line with ease. I told John that I really enjoyed the aforementioned TV show. He replied that he got the better end of the deal because they had so much fun making it!

A special congratulations goes out to Wayne Bedore of Connecticut. He was the winner of our big raffle at the show; a Genesis GR-650 OZ-Titanium regulator. This raffle would not have been possible without the support of Bob Boyle and Undersea Divers in Beverly. Bob has supported the Frogmen for many years with raffle prizes and quality service and products. The generosity of Bob and Undersea Divers has meant more to the club than words can express. Our heartfelt thanks to all the team at Undersea Divers!

The video presentation this month featured the continuing heroics of Mike Nelson in a couple of *Sea Hunt* videos. We all watched Mike save a guy from being sucked down into the mud at the bottom of the ocean and then fight a fierce mysterious ocean current to rescue a beautiful oceanographer. Life always seems to be bringing Mike down but he manages to get the better end of the deal.

All that action makes me want to just sit back and relax. Once again, we had a fine St. Patrick's Day party hosted by Mary Howard and Ray Porter. Even though the weather could have been better (see "pastings" comment above), people came from as far away as Rockport and New Hampshire. We had a great time looking through all the old Froggie photos and scrapbooks and just enjoying each other's company, not to mention all that delicious food. It all made the trip worth the effort. Thanks to Mary and Ray for hosting the event and for all the members who braved the elements and came out for a great evening.

John Ferrier's Ski Junkets continue to provide above the water excitement for our members. There are only a couple of chances left to strap on those blades and enjoy the excitement of downhill skiing. Why not give it a try? There are many people who start out on the bunny slopes and work their way up.

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(President's Message cont. from pg 1)

This is the time of year when we start to make that transition back outside and into the water. Our feature presentation this month will be *Antarctica* by Susan Copelas. The first part of April will showcase two more excellent gatherings of the faithful. The annual *Wrecks Symposium* will be held on April 2nd. The theme of this year's meeting is German submarines. *Shadow Divers* stars Richie Kohler and John Chatterton will be the featured speakers. Also that same day, Jonathan Bird (who has graced us

with several fine presentations in past years) will give a behind-the-scenes look at the making of several parts of his newest film *Sharks of the Ocean Desert* for National Geographic.

What will probably be the first dive of the season for many of our members, the annual Easter Egg Splash 'n Crash, will happen on Sunday April 10th. This is a really fun event followed by a great get-together afterwards. Check out the activities listing in this issue for more details, or go to our constantly updated activities listing at <http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html>

As always, we who sit at the "Big Table" are eager to listen to any of your comments, concerns, and suggestions! Come up and talk to us after a meeting or just send an email to DiveTalk@hotmail.com and you WILL be heard!

In closing, if you haven't already, why don't you join the Tucka family? Tuck a check into an envelope and help support your club by making sure your membership is up to date. You'll be glad you did!

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Dave Smith
President
NSF '05

Meeting Summaries

24-February-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 2 Officers, 13 Members
Guests: 2 – one was John Bonazoli who re-upped his membership.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – No report.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Al Morris filled in – No report.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Mia Peluso - See activities list.

Dive Talk:

- Michael Donovan dove in Belize. 15 dives on the Nekton Pilot; air temps 78°-95°; great weather, water mid to high 70s. Best viz 50 ft. Won the trip at Sea Rovers '04.
- Linda Piehl and John dove in Florida Keys, 20-30ft depths. One dive on Thunderbolt to 130ft, 80ft viz. Dove 7 of 14 days. Linda did a lobster dive; easier catch than here.

General Discussion:

- **John F.:** IMAX Aliens of the Deep was a great show.
- **John & Paul:** Skied at Sunday River; 15-18°F, partly sunny. Good day of skiing, mostly ice. Excalibur trail had best snow.
- **Mike's moments:**
 - 1800's slave ship Truivodor found off Turks.
 - Bin Laden planning to sabotage Middle East trade routes.
 - Cousteau's boat resurfaced and refitted by Carnival Cruise Lines.
 - A European Union Ministers meeting on pollution was disrupted when Greenpeace dumped 11,000 dead animals on front steps.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mike Donovan
Mystery Prize: Mia Peluso
Bug Bag: Ongoing

Adjourn: 8:50

3-March-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 2 Officers, 13 Members
Guest: Dee Weldon

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Mary Howard filled in – No report.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – report accepted as read.
- **Program:** Daryl & Mia - See activities list.

Old Business:

- **Ray:** Getting things together for Sea Rovers booth. Income from regulator helps pay for booth. Having a presence at Sea Rovers is one way to stay in touch with the dive community.

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- **Mary:** Two birthdays, Roslyn & Ray both a year older.
- **Mike D:** Bill Gannett had his second hip surgery the other day.

Dive Talk:

- Michael Donovan: (repeat discussion for those who missed previous meeting.) Belize is incredible. The reefs are pristine, lively, no discernable damage. The boat – Nekton Pilot – was luxurious; staterooms w/ private baths, unlimited fresh water, great food. Water temps in mid 70s, air 78-95°F, beautiful weather. Vis was 50-85ft. A dive instructor in the group Michael dove with liked wall diving so they did a lot of that. Nekton Pilot is a modified catamaran design – SWATH – 22 guests / 8 crew. Michael did 2 dawn dives and 2 night dives. Did not get seasick! Possible April presentation.

General Discussion:

- **Mike's Moments**
- BBC: Japanese scientists in 1997 described a humming in the ocean floor, they think caused by storms causing vibration in earth's crust.
- BBC: Some coral reefs seem to be resistant to warmer waters caused by global warming because of their association with a different kind of algae than others.
- 18 lb lobster caught off the Cape, sent to Pittsburgh where it weighed in at 22 lbs, then donated to Ripley's Believe It Or Not museum where it weighed in at 23 lbs by the time it died. Some thinking it might be 50 yrs old, not 100, if grown in good conditions.
- **Jack:** A friend sent him an article about a 102 yr-old submariner who qualified in subs in 1925, helped with raising of Monson. So Jack is NOT the oldest submariner alive!
- **Paul S.:** Received mailer from New England Fishery Management Council. They are looking for people to become members of the Recreational Fishing Panel which is

interested in conservation of resources.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mia Peluso
No Raffle Prizes

Adjourn: 8:45PM

10-March-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 13 Members

Correspondence: Card to be sent to Bill Gannett.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl & Mia - See activities list.

Old Business:

- Voted on Band for Holiday Party – TC & the Torpedoes.
- Ray: at Sea Rovers regulator raised \$430 profit. Booth did great, netted \$200; 7 prospects for membership.
- Dave and Mia met authors of *Shadow Divers* at Sea Rovers.

New Business:

- Dave Smith is planning another seal dive at Isle of Shoals with Captain Rob's Charters.

Dive Talk: none

General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments
- Sun Herald: Salvador Dali's lobster telephone on display in Philadelphia.
- Herald: fishing boat off BC hauls load of herring in its nets only to find about 100 sea lions feasting on the catch inside.
- Herald: Key West FL, 20 dolphins have died as result of beaching. Navy sonar is blamed, as is nitrogen narcosis (do they mean decompression sickness?) Sonar can scare marine mammals and cause them to surface too quickly.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Paul Sauvageau
Mystery Prize: Roslyn Smith
Bug Bag: Roslyn, *The Last Dive* audio book

Adjourn: 9:00PM
2 Episodes of **Sea Hunt** shown.

17-March-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:01 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 13 Members
Guests: 2

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering - minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – 2 prospective members.
- **Program:** Daryl & Mia - See activities list for info.

Old Business: Great party at Mary and Rays on Saturday. Good turnout, fun had by all in spite of the weather.

New Business: Mia is working on plans for club jackets, presented samples.

Dive Talk:

- Daryl continued re-breather training in 9ft pool, worked on buoyancy skills. Plans to finish in Florida this spring.

General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments
- CNN: Monterey CA Aquarium: great white attacked two sharks.
- CNN: Baby killer whale @ San Diego aquarium thrives in captivity.
- Sea Rovers under national indictment for underwater grave robbing. Claim to be returning objects taken.
- Salem News: Beverly woman wins 11 lb lobster.
- Salem News: Beverly Fire Dept dive team practices in Wenham Lake.
- Salem News: Growing seal population mauls lobster traps and steals bait.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Marlene Sutherland
Mystery Prize: Daryl Findlay
Bug Bag: Ongoing – book *Deep Descent*

OCEANIC RESEARCH GROUP Benefit

WHEN: Saturday, April 2, 2005

WHERE: Nevins Hall, 150 Concord Street, Framingham

TIME: Events begin at 6:30 P.M.

ADMISSION: Free. Donations will be gladly accepted.

A behind the scenes look at making “Sharks of the Ocean Desert” for National Geographic and an underwater 3D slide show highlight the third annual benefit for Oceanic Research Group, Inc. (ORG)

Jonathan Bird, president of Oceanic Research Group, Inc., will present a look at the making of his current film for National Geographic called “Sharks of the Ocean Desert.” The presentation will show finished segments of the film, and then Bird will discuss how these segments were filmed and produced using behind the scenes footage as well as slides.

Edd Jameson, world-renown underwater 3D photographer will show some of his best underwater images. The audience will wear 3D glasses to see the world from a fish’s perspective. From the tiniest invertebrates to dolphins and sharks, Edd’s 3D photography will really jump out at you!

There will also be raffles and silent auctions for many land and water based items.

The benefit is being held to raise money for the Streaming Video Project, which will make ORG’s library of award-winning underwater educational videos available free to schools and other educational institutions over the internet.

Oceanic Research Group is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, environmental organization dedicated to the conservation of the world’s oceans and marine life through education. Its primary activity is producing documentaries and educational videos for both the broadcast and the school markets.

ORG has produced twelve educational films for classroom use, including “CORAL REEFS: RAINFORESTS OF THE SEA” and “ADAPTATIONS FOR SURVIVAL IN THE SEA” that will be digitized and streamed on the Web. ORG has also produced three broadcast documentaries that are in domestic and international distribution. ORG has received three CINDY Awards, a CINE Golden Eagle Award, and a KIDS FIRST! endorsement for its educational films, and two New England Emmy Awards for its broadcast features on WCVB-TV’s *Chronicle*.

For more information on the benefit see:

<http://www.oceanicresearch.org/benefit.htm>

13th Annual "Wrecks" Symposium

MetroWest Dive Club will host their 13th Annual “Wrecks” Symposium on April 2 at Keefe Technical High School in Framingham from 8AM to 4PM, with a “meet the speakers” gathering afterwards. The theme of this year’s symposium will be *U-BOATS & SUBMARINES*. Speakers will include Paul Lawton, Scott Brooks and Michael Barnette, and will headline John Chatterton and Richie Kohler.

There will also be artifact, equipment and photo displays

Tickets are \$18 at the door. Visit the MetroWest website at www.mwdc.org for more information on Wrecks 2005.

Easter Egg Dive

Arrive by 9:30, to be ready to get into the water at 10:00AM

Back Beach unless conditions are poor, in which case we will meet at Pebble.

Be there or have a good excuse!

Easter Egg Dive Party

After 11AM at Dodie Carvalho’s house.

Clam Chowder prepared by Barry and Dee Weldon.

Bring a snack to share and BYOB.

Bring your family. Children welcome.

Warm up after the dive.

Directions: Take Rte 128 to the end in Gloucester. Take a left at the light, then take a right immediately after the parking lot for the Cape Ann Marketplace. At the bottom of the hill, take a left onto Rte 127A. Follow this for approximately 2 mi. Take a left onto Ridgewood Rd. Number 6 is up the hill, on the right. See if you can find a place to park.

If you get lost, Dodie’s phone number is 978-546-2566.

**Member of the Month
April 2005**

Susan Copelas

**For her excellent
presentation to the club on
her trip to Antarctica**

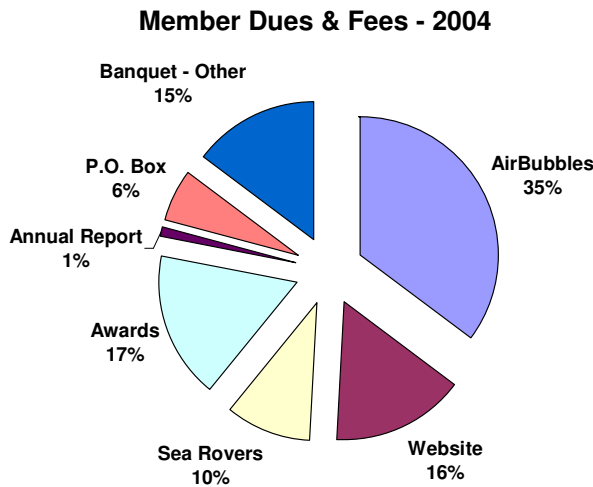
Treasury Note\$

By Ray Porter

One of the commonly asked questions is “Where do my dues go?” As I demonstrated in the previous article, Club dues account for only a third of the money received by the North Shore Frogmen’s Club treasury. But dues are an important part and help the Club meet its core obligations. See the chart for a breakdown of these basic expenses for 2004. A more detail discussion of each is provided below.

Air Bubbles is the largest expense. Serving the needs of our members is the primary mission of the club and the Air Bubbles newsletter is our primary communications tool. For those who receive Air Bubbles electronically, we thank you, for the cost of producing and distributing Air Bubbles by mail would otherwise double. This savings can then be used for other forms of communication. If you are receiving Air Bubbles by regular mail now, but would like to receive it electronically (the color pictures look better), please let us know and we will add you to the e-mail list.

The savings from electronic Air Bubbles supports the Club website. The website is intended to be an interactive means of communication with members about dive sites, dive gear and issues of interest. It is also the Club’s means of reaching out beyond the club to the larger dive community. People from around the world have logged onto our Club website and commented on its contents. Guests are invited to Club meetings, to view the upcoming activities and to download the latest issue of Air Bubbles. Several new members over the past couple of years have joined the club after finding the website on the internet and coming to a meeting. The fee charged by service providers for hosting the website has dropped. We hope to reduce the cost of the website in the coming year. If you have comments or suggestions as to how the website might be improved, please let me know.



The Club is a volunteer organization. We depend on members offering their time and talents to function. At the Annual President’s Banquet, we recognize those individuals who have contributed to the Club’s success, served as Club officers and won the photo contest. The awards are often modest, but the cost for these awards is shared by all members, whether they attend the banquet or not. The majority of the banquet costs are supported by those attending the event or by fund raising activity during the year. The portion of the dues set aside for the banquet and not used for the awards is applied to the banquet expenses.

The annual Sea Rovers Clinic is the largest scuba diving event in New England. The Club has been a regular exhibitor in this show, as

have other area dive clubs. Attendance at the show allows the Club and its members to connect with leaders in the dive industry locally, nationally and internationally. The Club booth is visited by many people. From some we gather contact information and invite them to attend or speak at a future Club meeting. The cost for exhibiting is offset (in whole or in part) by a raffle held at the booth. Whether or not a raffle is conducted, connecting with the larger dive community in the New England area is an important mission of the Club.

Maintaining the Club Post Office box and filing with the Secretary of State’s office are not major expenses, but they are important requirements to maintain our charter as an incorporated club.

The Club is smaller than in years past, as is true with other dive clubs in the area. Active members bring vitality to the club. Regular members, even if they are not active, help us meet our basic Club commitments. If you are a distant member, consider an Associate Membership. If you are, or have been a regular member, we welcome your support.

Activities Calendar

April 2005

					1	2 MWDC "Wrecks" ORG Benefit
3	4	5	6	7 8PM Meeting	8	9
10 Easter Egg Dive and Party	11	12	13	14 8PM Meeting	15	16
17 Sunday Dive meet 9, leave 9:30	18 May Air Bubbles deadline	19	20	21 8PM Meeting	22	23
24 Sunday Dive meet 9, leave 9:30	25	26	27	28 8PM Meeting	29	30
1 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:30	2	3	4	5 8PM Meeting	6	7
8 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:30	9	10	11	12 8PM Meeting	13	14 DUI Demo Days
15 <u>DUI Demo Days</u> Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:30	16	17	18	19 8PM Meeting	20	21
22 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:30	23	24	25	26 8PM Meeting	27	28
29 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:30	30	31	May 2005			

Be sure to check out the
 Activities Website at:
[http://www.geocities.com/
nsfrogmen/activities.html](http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html)

Activities List

- Mar 30, Wed, **Ski trip to Killington** with White Mountain Express Ski Tours. Cost is \$60/person for bus up and back and lift ticket. Bus leaves from West Gate Mall in Haverhill, Exit 49 off Rte 495. Meet at 6:00AM for 6:30 departures. Contact John Ferrier for more information.
- Apr 2, Sat, Metrowest Dive Club's "**Wrecks**" **Symposium**, Framingham.
- Apr 2, Sat, **O.R.G. Benefit**, Nevins Hall, Framingham, 6:30PM. Jonathan Bird will speak on *Sharks of the Ocean Desert*. See news release page 8 for more information.
- Apr 6, Wed, **Ski trip to Sunday River** with White Mountain Express Ski Tours, with cookout.
- Apr 10, Sun, **Easter Egg Dive**. Join us for one of the first club dives of the year. Divers will meet at **Back Beach at 9:30AM** and be dressed and ready to enter the water at 10AM. Bring your catch bag because it might be your lucky day! There will be prizes for those who come out with the most eggs. **Alternative site**: If Back Beach is too rough, divers will meet at **Pebble Beach** instead.
- Apr 10, Sun, The **Easter Egg Party** will be at Dodie Carvalho's house beginning at 11AM. BYOB and a snack to share with the other club members.
- Apr 18, Mon, Deadline for submissions to the May issue of Air Bubbles.
- May 1, Sun, Dive time change to **SUMMER HOURS**; show at 8AM, go at 8:30.
- May 14-15, Wknd, **DUI Demo Days** at Stage Fort Park.
- Jul 16, Sat, 4th Annual **Great Annual Fish Count** at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester.
- Dec 10, Sat, President's Banquet at the Franco-American Club.

Dues Deadline Past!

Don't forget that your 2005 membership dues were due during the month of January. Any dues not yet paid are now past due.

This will be your last issue of Air Bubbles if we do not receive your dues by the next newsletter deadline (April 18th)!! (Contact Treasurer Ray Porter if you are not sure if you are paid up)

Dues for a regular single membership are \$42 per year, \$63 for a couple. Associate Member dues are \$21. Make check out to NSF.

Boston Sea Rovers 51st Annual Underwater Clinic

By: Ray Porter

The annual Boston Sea Rovers event includes workshops and training sessions, seminars on a wide range of topics, and exhibits by equipment providers and local dive clubs. The Saturday evening film festival is the highlight of the weekend. In all, 17 NSF members attended the event. Some, like Dave Metrano, refreshed their training certifications. Others attended seminars on rebreathers, photography, videography, underwater research activities or investigations of shipwrecks. Some just roamed the exhibit area examining the latest in underwater gear.

Among the exhibitors on the balcony overlooking the exhibit floor were the dive clubs. The North Shore Frogmen's booth was prominent among them. Thirteen club members supported the booth by contributing to the display or greeting people that visited the booth. Pictures from the Club's photo contest were on display along with a large lobster claw provided by Rich Kinkade. Daryl Findlay's Swedish Fish were also a main attraction as was his slide presentation, which played continuously at one of the tables. NSF Flyers and copies of the current issue of Air Bubbles were available to visitors. Half pint water bottles with the Club name and logo were distributed to those that came by the booth.

Eleven people signed our guest book of which 5 are new divers (less than 5 years experience). Other guests included former club members and people who may be future speakers at our dive club meetings. Dave Dodge paid his dues at the booth, as had been his custom for the past several years.

A Genesis OZ Titanium regulator was raffled off on Sunday. John Ferrier strongly urged visitors to buy raffle tickets; after all you always need a backup regulator. Over \$470 dollars were raised. Wayne Bedore of Vernon, CT was the winner.

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday evening film festival. Prominent underwater cinematographers discussed their most recent projects and showed clips from some of their work. Mike deGruy was awarded Diver of the Year for his exploration of benthic hydrothermal vents. Norbert Wu presented amazing videography from his work "*Under Antarctic Ice*".



Above: two views of the NSF booth at Sea Rovers (M.Donovan)

Below: (left to right) Rich Kohler, John Chatterton and Robert Kurson signing copies of their book "Shadow Divers" at the Sea Rovers show in Boston on March 5th. (D. Smith)





Dawn celebrated a major birthday

Many club members enjoyed themselves at the St. Patrick's Day Party.

Gaea hoped someone would give her corned beef



NSF Jackets!

Mia Peluso is working on getting an order going for NSF jackets. She has brought samples to a couple of club meetings and the consensus appears to be for a reversible shell-fleece design that comes in navy. An NSF logo will be embroidered on both sides so it will show whichever way you wear it. Price is coming in at about \$70, and there will be an option to have your name embroidered on the sleeve for a little more. More details to follow. See pictures at right.



Antarctica Presentation

On March 24th, Susan Copelas gave the club a wonderful slide presentation of her trip to Antarctica in January. She flew first to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and then traveled south to Patagonia where she hiked on glaciers in Ushuaia, Tierra Del Fuego. There she boarded the ship for the main part of her trip. They stopped and did some acclimatization diving in the Falkland Islands, where the water temperatures were 50°F, and in South Georgia where the temperatures registered a balmy 37°F. Here they saw thousands of penguins of several types and seals, and dove in kelp forests. From there they went on to Antarctica where the water temps were a seasonable 28-29°F and they did some iceberg diving and met up with leopard seals.

We had a really good turnout for this presentation, and Susan's pictures and descriptions were fascinating. It certainly was a trip of a lifetime for her!

NSF Website Information

Rob Falk

The web site is what it is, no more, no less. The best way to see what it does is to visit it.

Among the things the website has, on the front page:

Starting on the left: In the very top left is a menu bar which never disappears. If you scroll down a page, it follows you. If you move to another page, so does it.

In a Box on the left: A Cape Ann weather forecast, which if clicked on brings you to the weather underground, where extended forecasts and marine forecasts can be found. The opportunity to see live weather radar map of New England by clicking on a link, a graphic image of the day's moon phase, the daily tides and sun and moon information for Rockport, MA, and a link to a more detailed page where weather, tide and sun information may be obtained for any future date.

In the Center: If you have never visited the site before, it welcomes you, invites you to a meeting, and asks you to sign the guest book. If you are a visitor who has been to the site, it continues to greet you, with a welcome back message, and urges you to come to a meeting. If you are a member, you are never greeted with guest information, and your menus and links behave differently.

If you have visited the site before and allowed the site to set "cookies" the front page will also let you know, with flashing yellow stars and red text, what has changed since your last visit, with a direct link to each thing. This is customized to each surfer, showing only what is new to that person, not just what's new since something was updated.

If you visit the site on the anniversary of a date that a ship wrecked off the northeast coast, you will be greeted with that information.

Everyone who visits on Wednesday or Thursday is told there is a meeting at 8 on Thursday, and offered door-to-door directions. There are also birthdates of famous or notorious characters (factual & fictional) which are acknowledged. If it is a Saturday or Sunday, information is offered about the Sunday dive, with a link to more information.

There is also a "Freddie Says" quotation, which is served at random from over 150 pieces of diving wisdom and wit, ranging from the sublime "You Can Learn Something from Every Dive and Every Diver" to the ridiculous "you should consider a scuba tune up if, when beginning your ascent, you think to yourself, 'I bet I can hold my breath all the way to the surface..'"

There is a link to the world famous "Ultimate Save-A-Dive Kit" as mentioned in Rodale's.

There is an opportunity to sign up for the "DIVE" mailing list. This is a good way for those who are actively on email to keep in touch and updated on current dive plans.

Beneath the Center: There is a list of scuba related headlines, aggregated by the Reef Exploration Network, updated many times per day, all of which link to the full articles if anyone is interested in reading them.

On the Right side: There is a box with 10 scuba related articles gathered by a different news aggregator, moreover.com. Like the REN headlines, the links lead to full articles, but unlike REN the news is gathered from general news sources, so the results, though sometimes inaccurate, are often times very informative or interesting, as the stories are from a non-scuba angle.

At the very bottom is a scrolling area which could contain links to more interesting aspects of the site, or to newer material.

Finally people probably know that there is a **News page** and a **Dive Talk page**. Anyone may post a comment on anything there, just by clicking the "post a comment link." Even a comment like "Oh really?" would help keep the sight looking active. The Dive Talk page allows for posting, commenting on posts, an automated dive report composer, and the ability to just

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“phone it in,” seriously. Complete instructions are on the page. Any member can get approved to post to Dive Talk. The instructions are on the dive talk page.

Bulletins and upcoming events will get posted and updated regularly if they are emailed to me at webmaster@northshorefrogmen.com as an individual, text only message. Let me know what it is and where it should be posted. I can do that in a minute, and will do it very quickly. Any officer or committee chair can have their own access to the News and Activities page.

For Sale: SeaQuest “Predator” BC size “M”.
Great shape! \$100 or BO.
Call Dan Hering: 978-921-2796

North Shore Frogmen’s Club Members may advertise in this newsletter for free. Send information on your items for sale to the editor at m.m.howard@comcast.net or contact by phone at 781-944-1292.



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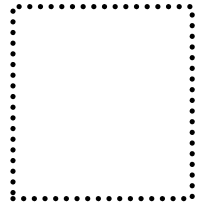
MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR THE BAY STATE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

The **BAY STATE COUNCIL of DIVERS** is a non-profit organization representing the organized divers of Massachusetts. Activities of the Council focus on diving related legislation and the promotion of recreational diving in the Commonwealth. Membership dues are \$5/ year. Please mail your dues today, to: **PO Box 518, Quincy, MA 02169**

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Air Bubbles – April 2005

The North Shore Frogmen's Club Inc
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Upcoming Events!

- Apr 2: "Wrecks" Symposium
- Apr 2: O.R.G. Benefit
- Apr 10: Easter Egg Dive
- Apr 10: Easter Egg Dive PARTY



Your 2005 dues are due

NOTE: DIVE TIME CHANGE MAY 1ST

**"Summer" Sunday Dives: Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly,
at 8:00AM ready to depart for dive site at 8:30AM.**

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.

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