



Air Bubbles



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From the President's Slate

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Greetings!

After a long winter, the month of April allows us to become reacquainted with our gear and with the water.

This month we enjoyed our annual Easter Egg dive and party. A great time was had by all. Once again, John Sears and his son "planted" the eggs off Back Beach. It was a little harder to come up with the cherished orbs this year because only a handful made it back to shore. After the dive, we all enjoyed an excellent afternoon at Dodie Carvalho's home. I want to thank each and every one of you for making the annual Easter Egg dive such an enjoyable event.

We also had an outstanding presentation on Antarctica by Susan Copelas. The scenery both above and below the water was breathtaking. Susan's narration was very entertaining and made us all feel like we were right there with all the penguins. Thanks, Susan for a great presentation!

Many of our members attended the MetroWest Wrecks Symposium and Jonathan Bird's O.R.G. Benefit Event. Although, as the TV ad suggests, "the map (directions) was a disappointment", everyone eventually made it to the shows.

I also want to pass some kudos' this month to our Presentation Team of Daryl Findlay for providing us with the all-important projection and sound systems and John Ferrier for lugging around the very large screen. Without these two important contributions, our video evenings

would be rather lack-luster! Thanks, gents for a job well done.

Coming up for this month, we have the start of another great boat diving season with Captain Fran and the *Daybreaker* out of Cape Ann marina. If you are interested in booking a boat dive, please let our activities committee know. We can give you all the information you need for a fun and enjoyable morning (or afternoon) on the sea.

We also have in May, a presentation by Jerry Shine on New England's Best Shore Diving. Jerry's presentation has been seen at this year's Sea Rover's convention. Be sure to catch this event and see the hidden dive gems in our own backyard!

As always, 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, the powers that be, 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!.

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Dave Smith
President
NSF '05

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Meeting Summaries

24-March-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:06 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 24 Members –
Tom Murphy came to the meeting,
life member now in Florida. Nice
to see you Tom!
Guests: 2

Committees:

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

- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Mia Peluso - See activities list.

Old Business: Mia had jacket samples to show.

New Business: TC & Torpedoes accept Banquet gig for same price as last year.

Dive Talk: None

General Discussion:

- **John F.:** Last call for ski trip to Sunday River and Bust and Burn cookout.
- **Mike's moments:**
 - Herald: Canberra, Australia, 20 ft shark tears man in half.
 - Sunday Herald: Mumbles Menino poses w/ spiny lobsters @ Boston seafood show.
 - WBZ Radio: Wreck of 400ft I401 WWII Japanese sub found off Hawaii. Cargo of fold-up bombers and a hold of rats & insects infected w/ cholera and bubonic plague meant to be dropped over US cities.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Rich Kinkade
Mystery Prize: Myoung
Bug Bag: Tom Murphy – copy of *Deep Descent*.

Adjourn: 8:28

Presentation: Susan Copelas showed slides of Antarctica trip.

31-March-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:08 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 11 Members
Guest: 1

Correspondence: Bank statement, and new checks arrived.

Committees:

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

Old Business:

- **Dave Smith** had a questionnaire for the website.

Dive Talk: None

General Discussion:

- **Globe:** On Florida's west coast, algae's poisons trouble lungs ashore.
- **Mike's Moments**
 - Tot-sized Canadian arctic Harp seal found in leaf pile in Middleboro front yard. 34lb seal swam 30 miles upstream from Taunton. He is recovering at UNE, Maine.
 - Herald: British cage diver nearly mauled when 20ft great white chewed through cage bars, off South Africa.
 - Globe: British surfer survives shark attack off South Africa. 13ft shark mailed his leg.
 - **"Sharks" in 3-D @ NE Aquarium.** Great show. 80% of shark population depleted. Sonic waves from regulators spook sharks.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Peter Cassidy
Mystery Prize: Daryl Findlay
Bug Bag: Mike Denneler
Adjourn: 8:25PM

7-April-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:07 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 13 Members
Guest: 1

Correspondence: Card to be sent to Bill Gannett.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Absent, no report
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Greg Sonek given an application.
- **Program:** Daryl & Mia - See activities list.

Old Business:

- Mia presented sample pack for club jackets.
- Dave: Questionnaire on website.

Dive Talk: Susan Copelas @

Barbados. Air temps 88-90°F. Stayed @ Divi South Winds. Lousy. Local monkeys stole chocolate eggs during Easter egg hunt. Did 2 dives, 1 wreck to 130ft, temp 82-88°F. viz

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47-65ft. Did other dive with daughter Sarah.

General Discussion:

- Dan Hering went to "Wrecks 2005" in Framingham. Lousy directions. Met divers from "Shadow Divers" and got an autographed copy of the book. Wermacht artifacts mixed w/ Kriegsmarine artifacts. Some were repros.
- John F: went to Jonathan Bird's show. Hard to find.
- John, Dodie and Paul went to Sunday River Bust and Burn cookout. Mushy skiing. John won skier of the year. Congrats!
- Mike's Moments
 - BBC: South Asia: river dolphins dissected to gauge pollution levels.
 - BBC: Tanzania locals are paid to protect sea turtle nest sites on Mafia Island.
 - Sunday Globe: 3lb lobsters can lay 3 million eggs in 1 summer.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mike Donovan
Mystery Prize: Mike Denneler
Bug Bag: ongoing
Adjourn: 8:50PM

14-April-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:02 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 16 Members

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Absent, no report
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – **Greg Sonek accepted as newest club member. Congratulations!**
- **Program:** Daryl & Mia - See activities list for info.

Old Business: Mia presented finished jacket sample. Looks great!

Dive Talk:

- Easter Egg dive at Back Beach: John Patrick laid the eggs for us again. Beautiful weather. Water temp was ~ 41°F, viz okay. 4 eggs were found by three of the four divers: Graham, Mia, Daryl and Mary.

Mia lost her whole rig. Mia lost her whole rig. Graham and Daryl did a search but didn't find it.

- Thanks to Dodie for hosting the party again. As usual, we lucked out with the weather!!!
- Daryl and Mary did a search dive on Wednesday at Back Beach, did not find Mia's gear.

General Discussion:

- Japanese government wants to double whale hunting.
- Anti-infection drugs made from brittle stars.
- Northrop Grumman builds monitor replica.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Peter Cassidy
Mystery Prize: John Ferrier
Bug Bag: John Ferrier, copy of *Shadow Divers*

Adjourn: 8:31PM

21-April-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:14 PM
Attendance: 2 Officers, 16 Members
Guest: 1, André from Montreal via Danvers.

Abbreviated meeting

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl - See activities list for info.

General Discussion:

- **Mike's moments**
 - Blue Planet movie coming out in June: Deep Blue.
 - East Timor: German and Dutch firms will work together to salvage gold-laden ships.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Michael Donovan
Mystery Prize: Peter Cassidy
Bug Bag: John Ferrier, copy of *Shadow Divers*

Adjourn: 8:29PM

Presentation: Michael Donovan showed souvenir video of Belize trip on Nekton Pilot

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. The NSF logo will be embroidered on both sides so it will show whichever way you wear it. Price is coming in at about \$70. There will be an option to have your name embroidered on the flap above the pocket for a slightly higher cost.

The embroidered sample that Mia has shown us looks outstanding! Consider one of these great jackets for your wardrobe.

Contact Mia for more information.



**Member of the Month
May 2005**

Dodie Carvalho

**For hosting another
excellent Easter Egg Party
and for providing
wonderful weather again!**

Treasury Note\$

By Ray Porter

April concludes the annual membership renewal drive. We do, of course, accept membership renewals throughout the year. But with the completion of the Easter Egg dive, we now look to finalize the Buddy List and prepare for the dive season.

In an earlier time, the Club considered capping membership at 150 members. Many members had dual membership with the Metro West Dive Club, and there were fears that Metro West might take over the North Shore Frogmen. Over the past several years membership has dropped at all area clubs and a membership cap seems absurd. Today, the Club membership (as of the April 21st meeting) is 58. A few members still have dual memberships. Relationships between the clubs have become more cooperative.

Regular members are the heart of the club. Their support helps the Club meet its basic financial obligations and their active participation in club diving, meetings and events bring vitality. There are 39 regular members, including Mike Tyson and Greg Sonek who just joined this year (welcome to the Club!). Faith Ortins maintains her connection to the Club with an Associate Membership. We will look for her on DUI Demo Days.

There are 14 Life Members, people with 25 or more years of continuous membership. A few still attend meetings and participate in club events, but most we see only infrequently. A recent visit from Tom Murphy was a welcome treat. At the end of the year we will be adding a couple of more names to this distinguished list.

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.

Kevin Beyea
Shon Dubois
Bill McHugh
Steven Saucier

Paul Blanchette
Rob Falk
Jules Pinheiro
Mike Wilcox

Susan Copelas
Jim Follis
Darryl Rawley

Club Membership

58 Total Club Members
4 Club Officers
14 Life Members
39 Regular Members
1 Associate Member

(as of 4/21/2005)



Easter Egg Dive – April 10

Graham searching for eggs (left)
Mia and Mary going in (right)
John flattening the dinghy (below)
Photos courtesy of Daryl Findlay
(also diving)



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Activities Calendar

1 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:30	2	3	4	5 8PM Meeting Presentation	6	7
8 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:30	9	10	11	12 8PM Meeting Presentation	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 "Sharks 3-D" at NE Aquarium	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	<h2 style="font-size: 2em;">May 2005</h2>			
<h2 style="font-size: 2em;">June 2005</h2>			1	2 8PM Meeting	3	4 Canoe trip?? – check for date!!
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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

- May 1, Sun, Dive time change to **SUMMER HOURS**; show at 8AM, go at 8:30.
 - May 5, Thur, **Presentation**: Michael Donovan will show slides from his trip to Belize on the Nekton Pilot.
 - May 12, Thur, **Presentation**: Jerry Shine will speak to our members about New England's best shore dives.
 - May 13-15, Wknd, **DUI Demo Days** at Stage Fort Park. For more information go to http://www.dui-online.com/dog_stagefort_2005_diver.html online.
 - May 20, Fri, Club trip to see "Sharks 3-D" at the New England Aquarium.
 - Jun, Sat, **Club Canoe trip on the Ipswich River**. June 4 or 11. Contact Daryl or come to a meeting for more information and to sign up.
 - 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.
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**Please welcome
our newest club
members:**

**Mike Tyson (12/9/04)
and
Greg Sonek (4/14/05)**

Also welcome back
**Steve Levy (Dec '04)
and
John Bonazoli (Feb '05)**

**Deadline for submissions to the
June issue of Air Bubbles is
Monday, May 23**



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DUI DOG Rally and Demo Days
Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA
May 13-15, 2005

This is a unique opportunity to try DUI drysuits, divewear insulation, Buoyancy Control Systems, and Weight & Trim Systems. We also have technical seminars, a special program for Public Safety Divers, door prizes and more. Most everything you'd like to know about the event is listed below. If you have any additional questions, please contact DUI's Customer Service at CustomerService@DUI-Online.com or 800.325.8439.

Your event ticket entitles you to participate in all aspects of the demos, enjoy a barbecue lunch, and participate in the raffle. Admission to the facility 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.

Schedule of Activities

Demos: Demos will be conducted Saturday from 9am-5pm and Sunday from 9am - 4pm. Each demo will consist of a dive briefing, equipment sizing, and an opportunity to ask questions after the dive. As soon as there are 2-3 people ready to go in the water, an experienced drysuit diver or instructor will escort you on your dive. If you are a certified drysuit diver, you are welcome to dive with your own buddy. You can do as many dives as you wish. With numerous suits there usually is little wait, though you may need to wait a short time for the specific type of drysuit you want.

Barbecue Lunch: This is served to all participants from 11am -2pm. Lunch is included for participants. Family members of participants can enjoy the lunch for \$5. Small children are free with a paid adult.

"How to" Seminars: Informative and fun "How to" seminars will be taught throughout the weekend. Topics for these 20 minute seminars will include but are not limited to Insulation Strategies, Proper Weighting, Why Women Get Colder, and When to use Dry Gloves and/or Argon. A schedule with more detailed information will be posted in the tent.

Field Repair Seminar, Sunday 11am-12pm: We will demonstrate seal replacement, changing valves and overall tips on maintaining drysuits. Space is limited and pre-registration is recommended. To register contact DUI Customer Service directly at 800.325.8439 or CustomerService@DUI-Online.com.

Public Safety Diver Seminar: A special seminar on Friday, May 13th from 1pm-5pm will be open to all public safety divers and instructors. This program entitled Exposure Protection for Public Safety Divers is designed to address questions about which type of drysuit is appropriate for different types of public safety diving. Diving in contaminated water is a major topic. All divers will be given the opportunity to do test dives in DUI products as well. See the Public Safety Fact Sheet for more detailed information.

Underwater Photography and Videography: Other seminars on photography will be offered by Joe Wysocki from Optiquatics. Optiquatics offers a full range of photography and videography equipment from basic point and shoot cameras to high end digital systems.

Saturday Evening Dinner & Program: This is a great opportunity to talk with dive industry leaders, have a great dinner and talk diving! The dinner will be held in the DUI tents at the park. The entire evening is only \$10 per person and begins at approximately 6pm.

Door Prizes for All Participants: All divers who complete the demo will get a commemorative DUI TEST DIVER hat and have their names entered into a drawing for more prizes. DOGs can get a hat upon presentation of their DUI equipment.

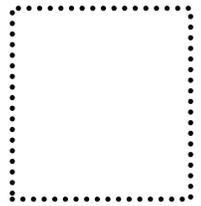
Special Opportunities for DOGs: In addition to the free test diver hat for DUI owners, DOGs who bring a friend with them to test dive DUI products will receive a FREE DOG Commemorative pin

If you have any questions whatsoever, please see your DUI dealer or contact DUI Customer Service!

We hope to see you there!

For more information about DUI or the DOG Rally and Demo Days, check out the website at <http://www.dui-online.com>.

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Upcoming Events!

- May 1: Dive time change!
- May 5: Belize Slide Show
- May 12: Jerry Shine: Best NE Dives
- May 13-15: DUI Demo Days
- May 20: "Sharks 3-D" at NEAQ



Your 2005 dues are overdue

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.