



Air Bubbles



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Vice President's Message: August 2004

Greetings!

I hope that this monthly president's message finds everybody health and WET as the summer of 2004 rolls on. First, let me share with you that this message is being written by your faithful VP *in absentia* of our fearless president Michael Donovan. Mike is presently recuperating from surgery. We all wish him a speedy recovery!

The months of June and July have been packed with activities both above and below the waves. Although Mother Nature has not been very cooperative at times, it has not stopped us from enjoying the sport we love. In June, my family and I traveled to Paradise Island in the Bahamas. We enjoyed all the amenities at the Atlantis Hotel and Casino. Close by is the Holiday Inn which features a "Bahama Divers". I had dove with Bahama Divers before and found them to be a very capable outfit. I had the pleasure of my two sons accompanying me. Scott just wanted to snorkel but Marc wanted to get down with dad. Marc is not certified so he had to take the "resort" course offered at the Holiday Inn. We dove a sight called Angelfish Reef. Although not very deep (20 ft tops), the variety of sea life here was astounding. Along with the usual tangs, parrots, and, of course, angelfish, there were conchs, brittle stars, and Christmas tree worms. We had about an hour of bottom time before we had to head back.

The next day was dad's day off. First up, the mailboat wreck. Sunk in 1988 as an artificial reef, the wreck lies upright on a sandy bottom at about 65 feet. Water temp both days I was there was in the upper eighties. I had a great time exploring all over the top deck and looking into the hatches. The wreck has split up so some of the pieces lie just a few yards off the main chunk (the stern). Lots of needle fish and the usual tropicals floating by. I had about half an hour here and then it was off to our second spot, a marine park. On this day, it was VERY crowded and we were diving at low tide. This was another "depth-challenged" location; about 20 ft at the most. Lots of snorkel boats were in the area. I managed to see a HUGE sea cucumber (the things you see AFTER you have run out of film!) and many small fish guarding their nests. We

only were given about 45 minutes here but it was a great dive never the less.

For all the beauty of tropical diving, there is no place like home. We had an enjoyable night dive this month. Jack Munro and Mary Howard joined me at Back Beach. For the middle of summer, the water lately has seemed unusually cold. I did "real" ("wet") diving. I was OK on the first dive but noticeably colder on the second. On the first dive, we were led to a field of ghost traps by a huge striper. This was just beyond and around the corner by the wall on the left. I figured there must have been a dozen and they had been there for a long time. On the night dive, I found a baby sea raven. The little guy was only a few inches long. Stripers seem to be coming in. We surfaced to a completely covered beach at high tide and a glorious full moon coming up over Bearskin Neck.

We had our first boat dive of the season this month. Dan Hering, Daryl Findlay, Mary Howard, and myself went out with Captain Fran aboard the Daybreaker. I also brought along a co-worker from bomb detection central; Kumsal Sezen. We went off House Island first. We were in search of the mighty scallop but we didn't find a whole lot. We searched along the sand for the first third of the dive and then headed back into the island to check out some of the underwater ledges. Our second dive was off Kettle Island. This was a shallower dive. Our quarry was lobsters and photos. I managed to bring home one lobster; upping my total FOR THE YEAR to THREE (yea! way to go!). If you ever get the chance, a dive aboard Daybreaker is a very enjoyable experience. Capt. Fran and his son do everything they can to take away any dive-related stress and let you enjoy your diving! Fresh cut cantaloupe, cookies, and hot water rinses for your wet gear are all standard. I hope you can join us on one of the remaining two dives; August 14th and October 9th. I can guarantee you will be back for more!

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We also had a very informative presentation by Lt. John Tulik of the Massachusetts Environmental Police. Lt. Tulik's presentation was on the changes to the lobster regulations that went in this year. One of the most important changes was the "zero tolerance" regulation regarding "V" notched lobsters. Before, the ruling was "any lobster with such and such a 'v' notch. This year, ANY marking on the first fin to the right is to be considered a V notch and cannot be taken. It doesn't matter what shape it is; circle, triangle, bump, an impression of Elvis's face, whatever. He addressed the membership on their concerns and also provided cooking tips!

We are most fortunate to have Lt. Tulik to our meetings. With the reduction in manpower at the MEP, his time is quite limited. He requested a change in protocol to go on stage first so he could get home and prepare for a court date the next day. The fact that Lt. Tulik took his time out to come talk to us is something that we as Froggies & divers are most grateful for.

As we continue our journey into the summer of 2004, we have many upcoming events to enjoy. We have the Great Annual Fish Count on July 17th, an exciting seal dive on July 18th, our second beach meeting on July 22nd, and the almost full moon night dive on July 28th. John Sears is heading up an outing to a North Shore Spirit's baseball game on July 31st. My hat goes off to my partner in activities Daryl Findlay for his help in organizing all these great club events, producing the Sea Hunt video shows and keeping me on track when I forget something [:]^). Check out the complete listing of events in this issue. Also, go online at:

<http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html>

for a constantly updated listing. We are eager to listen to any of your comments, concerns, and suggestions! Just send an email to:

DiveTalk@hotmail.com

and you WILL be heard!

In closing, I would like to wish our president a speedy recovery and he can get back into the water soon. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer both above and below the waves.

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Dave Smith
Vice President
NSF '04

Meeting Summaries

1 – July -2004

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM

Attendance: 3 Officers, 19 Members

Guests: 3 – Bonnie Wilson, John (w/Linda Piehl) and Dave Wooldrich (past member)

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting Minutes accepted as read
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Bonnie Wilson submitted application for membership. Motion to accept her for membership was made, seconded and approved.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith - See activities list.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Early deadline for Air Bubbles this month.

Old Business:

- Boat Dives - Get money in to Dave.
- Independence Day Dive – Yes, use Internet & e-mail to coordinate.
- Draft Buddy List Distributed – Pass corrections on to John Ferrier. Rich Kinkade to confirm membership.
- Website – Summary report on the website to be prepared by Ray and distributed through Air Bubbles. Pass any questions or comments to Ray for evaluation. Daryl has not received the Administrative Passwords.
- John Ferrier met with Rob after his surgery. Rob is feeling better.

New Business: Michael Donovan to go in for carpal tunnel surgery. Dave Smith to cover meetings.

Dive Talk:

- **Ray:** Mary and I dove White's Beach during the beach meeting. Water temp 57°F, depth 22 ft., vis 15 ft. Saw flounder, skate, cunner and crabs.
- **Mary.** Night Dive at Back Beach with Dave Smith. Water temps for the two dives were 47°F and 43°F, respectively. Mary got a soft shell lobster but did not take it. A 1 ft long striper was present.
- **John Ferrier, Daryl and Roslyn.** Old Garden Beach Water temp 48°F, vis 20 ft. Parking is limited. Parking is restricted to resident sticker at all Rockport Beach sites. Scott, the harbormaster, came by hourly. Reports he only catches cops and firemen with illegal lobsters.
- **Club Boat Dive (6/19).** Foggy morning. Almost full boat (one empty spot). (1) House Island dive site has a rocky shore and sandy bottom. Depth is 60 ft. Dan Hering had trouble clearing his ears. Daryl filled his dry suit half full of water, broke his split force fins,

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Meeting Summaries (cont.)

- and had a tank with 200 lbs of air. (2) Kettle Island consisted of boulders. The depth was 30 ft. Dan got a lobster.
 - **Linda Piehl:** Went to Halibut Point, current too strong and did not dive. Went to Folly Cove instead. Water temp 48°F, Depth 50 ft. Got in her dry suit. Lost weight over board, but was able to retrieve it.
- General Discussion:
- Frank Scali, founder of Sea Rovers, died. His son, Don Scali certified Michael.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Damien Mangini
Mystery Prize: John Sears
Bug Bag: None

8 – July-2004

Meeting called to order: 8:01 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 19 Members
Guests: None

Announcements: Lt. John Tulik made a presentation to the club about the new lobstering laws. His presentation was held first with an abbreviated meeting afterward.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – None
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read. Outstanding bills included \$8.40 for frame and \$21 for bug bag prize.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Nothing to report
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith - See activities list. Video options for future meeting include Sea Hunt adventures, Catalina tank manufacturing, or various videos by Chris.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Articles for Air Bubbles due July 16th.

Dive Talk:

- **Hans Hug.** Numerous boat dives along New England coast, bottle dives, scallop dives, and lobster dives. Depth is typically 60 ft. Water temp has been cool 44oF. Vis has been good.
- **Bill Frank, John F., and Daryl.** Old Garden Beach. Lots of lobsters.
- **John F.** Went to Magnolia Rocks. Forgot gloves. Bought some new ones. Then went to Old Garden instead. Water temp 44oF at 30 ft for 44 min. Vis was good. Weather was pouring rain.
- **John Sears.** Old Garden Beach. He had only 1100 lbs of air so surface swam to rocky area before going down. Got good lobster. Water temp – warm, Vis 20 ft. Depth 6 to 8 ft.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Rich Kinkade
Mystery Prize: Mike
Denneler
Bug Bag: Ongoing – Lift Bag

15 – July-2004

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 17 Members
Announcements: Video Night tonight featuring Sea Hunt adventures.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting Minutes accepted as amended
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Nothing to report. No e-mail.
- **Program::** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith - See activities list.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Air Bubbles deadline tomorrow. Next deadline August 23rd.

Old Business:

- **Send** thank you card Lt. John Tulik.
- **Website.** Ray to summarize the status of the website and report back to the club. If you have question or comments about the website pass them to Ray. The domain name may be in Dale's or Rich's name but can be moved if necessary.
- **Beach meeting.** Dave to make meeting and bring grill. Start at 6:00pm White's beach.

Dive Talk:

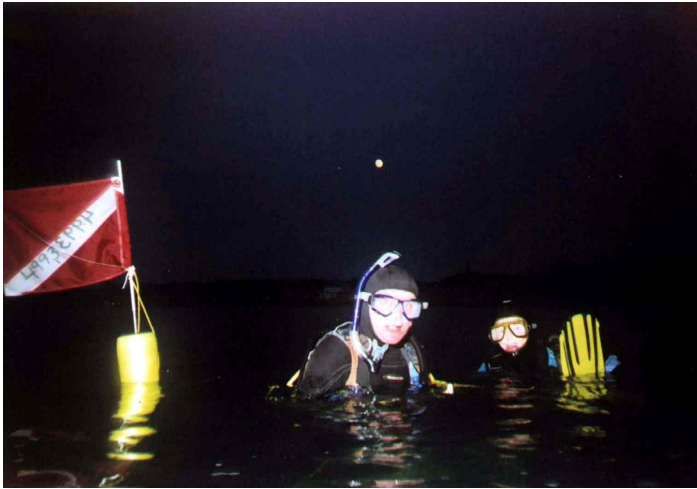
- **John F.** – Sunday (Roslyn, Charlene, Jack). Water temp. 50oF, 49oF – Vis. 25 ft low tide. One diver had and anxiety attack as he entered the water. Mass Divers unloaded a whole van while in the residential lot and were approached by the local police regularly.

General Discussion:

- **John Sears:** Salem News – Fisherman found poaching short striped bass.
- **Dave Smith:** USA Today: some restaurants are substituting skate for sea scallops. (continued on page 6)

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June 30th Afternoon and Night Dives



Jack Munro, Mary Howard, and "a bad moon rising"



"Listen carefully, drop the bag and nobody gets hurt!"

Dave's Recent Trip to the Bahamas



Happiness is being a diver dad.
Marc & Dave Smith in Nassau.



"One more conch like this one and we can have dinner!"

Wreck of the De La Salle Mail Boat



Nassau, Bahamas



All photos on this page,
compliments of Dave Smith

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Great Annual Fish Count – July 17th



Did you count that invertebrate for the fish count, John?

Seal Dive – July 18th



Above right and right, "Seals in the mist"

Photos on this page counterclockwise from top are from: Bob Michelson, Dave Smith and Daryl Findlay

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- **Mike Denneker:** At the Grog in Newburyport, raffled Pinchy, an 11 pound lobster for a charity event.
- **Paul Blanchette:** Nova Scotia – U-215 is off the coast of Boston. Depth 120 or 200 depth. Will be on Sea Hunters on a future show
- **Dave Smith:** Fiberglass statue found by Gloucester police.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dan Hering
Mystery Prize: Darryl Rawley
Bug Bag: Lift Bag – Paul Sauvageau

Bonaire Dive Trip September 18-25

Some Froggies are organizing a trip to the Divi Flamingo in Bonaire N A, going through Undersea Divers since they know how it's done. Includes 2 morning boat dives and an afternoon boat dive, room, air fare, breakfast, and only 2 people per room. Deposit of \$500 needed ASAP, final payment due July 25. Total cost for the trip is \$1395 and or -\$150 on non-divers.

Dear Members I spent a week diving on the Island and loved it. So when it came time to organize a trip for later this year with some of the people we've gone to Hatteras with they said "Hey lets go warmer, Like Bonaire" since I loved it they figure it'll be worth it. Please feel free to contact Bobby @ Undersea Divers (978 927 9551) or myself (978 458 7397 or cell if its hot 978 930 7397) to ask any ?'s you may have.

Paul Blanchette

Photo Contest 2004

Submissions deadline: November 4

Voting date: December 2

I hope everyone is planning to take lots of good pictures for this year's photo contest since we are planning to hold this wonderful event again this year. I also hope everyone plans to come and view the contributions on election night as they are always wonderful!

Contest rules:

Photographs should be submitted as prints, maximum size to be no more than 8" x 11". Please do not mount or frame your photos. These must be photographs taken since last December. There will be six categories for photos this year: **(1)** above water, dive-related, **(2)** under cold water, macro or close-up, **(3)** under cold water, standard or wide-angle, **(4)** under warm water, macro or close-up, and **(5)** under warm water, standard or wide-angle, and the newest category **(6)** is for digitally enhanced photos. Please do NOT enhance any of the submission for other categories. Please submit your pictures to me by November 4, but you can start turning them in any time in October. This gives you plenty of time to plan, so there will be **no excuses or late submissions**. And it gives me plenty of time to prepare the display.

Voting for the best picture in each category will be held on election night for new officers, December 2, 2004.

Mary Howard

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Activities Calendar

<h2>July 2004</h2>			21 7:30 Bay State Council Meeting	22 6PM Beach Meeting	23	24
25 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 8AM Transect Dive	26	27	28 Almost full-moon night dive	29 8PM Meeting	30	31 7PM NS Spirit Baseball Game
1 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 8AM	2	3	4	5 8PM Meeting	6	7
8 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 8AM	9	10	11 Dark-side night dive	12 8PM Meeting Video night	13	14 Boat Dive w/ Cape Ann Charters 8AM
15 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 8AM	16	17 7PM Open Water movie & Kelly's	18	19 8PM Meeting	20	21
22 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 8AM	23	24	25 Almost full-moon night dive	26 8PM Meeting	27	28
29 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 8AM	30	31	<h2>August 2004</h2>			
<h2>September 2004</h2>			1	2 8PM Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8 Dark-side night dive	9 8PM Meeting	10	11 CoastSweep 10AM
12	13	14	15	16 8PM Meeting	17	18 Bonaire trip departs
19 Annual Club Picnic – Stage Fort Park	20	21	22 Almost full-moon night dive	23 8PM Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 8PM Meeting		

Summer Sunday Dive Times

Arrive at Burger King at 8:00, ready to leave for the dive site at 8:30AM.

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Activities

- Jul 21, Wed Bay State Council of Divers meeting, Quincy, 7:30PM.
- Jul 22, Thu Beach Meeting, White's Beach, Manchester-by-the-Sea, 6PM
- Jul 25, Sun Transect Dive with South Shore Neptunes.
- Jul 28, Wed "Almost Full Moon" Night Dive. Back Beach. Twilight dive 5:30/Night Dive 8:00PM.
- Jul 31, Sat Northshore Spirit Baseball Game, Fraser Field, Lynn, 7PM. Contact John Sears.
- Aug 11, Wed "Dive on the Dark Side" Night Dive. Back Beach. Twilight dive 5:30/Night Dive 8:00PM.
- Aug 12, Thu Video night: Will show videotape from Catalina Cylinder (tank) Manufacturer.
- Aug 14, Sat Cape Ann Charters Boat Dive, 8AM. See Dave Smith to sign up.
- Aug 17, Tue Open Water movie at Lowes Theater, Danvers, dinner at Kelly's. See Dave Smith.
- Aug 23, Mon Next deadline for Air Bubbles. Please have articles to Mary by this date.
- Aug 25, Wed "Almost Full Moon" Night Dive. Back Beach. Twilight dive 5:30/Night Dive 8:00PM.
- Sep 3-6, Fri-Mon Wells Beach Camping weekend. Contact Dawn Denneler for more camping details.
- Sep 4, Sat Nubble Light dive. Time TBD.
- Sep 6, Mon Holiday Dive (?)
- Sep 8, Wed "Dive on the Dark Side" Night Dive. Back Beach. Time TBD.
- Sep 11, Sat Coast Sweep. Location TBD, 10AM, contact Dave Smith.
- Sep 18-25 Bonaire Trip (via Undersea Divers), see Paul Blanchette.
- Sep 19, Sun Annual Club Picnic, Stage Fort Park.
- Sep 22, Wed "Almost Full Moon" Night Dive. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- Oct 9, Sat Cape Ann Charters Boat Dive, 8AM. See Dave Smith to sign up.
- Nov 4, Thu Nominations for 2005 Club Officers begin.
- Dec 2, Thu Elections for 2005 Club Officers, and Photo Contest voting.
- Dec 4, Sat Club Banquet, Franco American Club, 7PM.

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DIVE GEAR FOR SALE

(All gear is used unless otherwise indicated.)

Call David Lund at 978-468-5141 or email david@lundassociates.com

DUI CF200 Drysuit (men's), shoulder entry, custom made to order, will fit someone approximately 6'-2", 240 lbs., excellent condition, new seals, includes socks for rock boots, warm neck collar, hood, utility pockets. MSRP \$2,698.00 ASKING PRICE \$1,300.00

DUI Thinsulate Ultra Insulation 400 grams, size XL. MSRP \$418.00 ASKING PRICE \$200.00

DUI Polartec one-piece jumpsuit, size XL. MSRP \$458.00 ASKING PRICE \$200.00

DUI Warm Neck Self-Venting Hood, size XL (new) MSRP \$60.00 ASKING \$40.00

DUI Rock Boots, size 12 MSRP \$90.00 ASKING PRICE \$60.00

DUI Weight & Trim System Classic (large) including 46 lbs. of soft weights: a \$200.00 value for \$100.00

DUI Delta Wings BCD (without weight integration) MSRP \$550.00 ASKING PRICE \$300.00

Underwater Camera & Flash: SeaLife Reefmaster RC with case and SeaLife external flash with case. Combined MSRP \$400.00 ASKING PRICE \$200.00

Tanks: Two 120 c.f. steel tanks \$200.00 each.

Plus ...underwater lights, regulator & dive computer, dive flag, divers float with inner tube, etc., etc.

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



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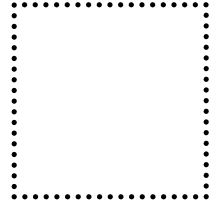
For Sale:

TLS Dry Suit

Diving is always more fun when you dive dry. We certainly have enjoyed diving a couple of years in this DUI TLS front entry suit. Men's medium short. You can enjoy this phenomenal suit. Make me a reasonable offer. Jules Pinheiro: 617-412-0004 or jpinheiro_us@yahoo.com.



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Upcoming Events!

July 21: Bay State Council Meeting
July 22: Beach Meeting
July 28, August 11 & 25: Night Dives
July 31: Baseball Game
August 14: Boat Dive
August 12: Video Night



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

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.