
Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all my fellow frogmen.

We are already into our second month of what I hope is an exciting year for the club.

I would like to start off by naming Dale Findlay as our "Diver of the Month" and Rob Falk as "Member of the Month". Both of these men have put a tremendous amount of time and effort into establishing the groundwork for the up and coming web site. I think everyone will agree we should move on into the "electronic" age. The web site will bring the club in contact with untold numbers of divers who share the electronic highway. This is a positive step to increase our membership and let the world know who we are.

Just a reminder of what is coming up in the next several weeks. We will be holding our first "Full Moon" Dive at Back Beach on March 2nd. On the 4th, we will hold the Gear Swap at the K of C Hall before our regular meeting. This will be a good time to purchase some of the gear needed to replace our well used and sometimes tattered equipment. Lets support Maria with this event.

Our booth for the Sea Rovers is still in need of people for both Saturday and Sunday. Support the club and donate a few hours of your time.

Right now, I am planning a club trip to Bonaire from October 20th to the 27th. The price will be approx. \$1115.00 per person. When I get the flyers from the agency, I will make them available.

I would like to thank Meg Doyon for volunteering to chair the Program Committee and a big thanks to her for doing the Air Bubbles.

Dave Metrano

Membership Dues Are Due!!!

Annual membership dues are now due! Please get your check to Mary Howard as soon as possible. Dues are \$36.00 per person, or \$48.00 for a married couple.

If you have not paid your annual dues by the next Air Bubbles mailing, your name will be dropped from the mailing list.

Checks can be brought to a meeting or mailed to:

North Shore Frogman's Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 3604
Peabody, MA 01961

Deadline for March Air Bubbles

The deadline for submissions to next month's Air Bubbles is March 18th. Get those articles, recipes, and other items in early!

E-mail to meg.doyon@fmc-na.com preferably in Microsoft Word or simple text format.

For those folks not on-line, please submit any handwritten material at one of the weekly meetings.

Saturday, March 13 St. Patrick's Day Party

On Saturday, March 13 at 8 pm Dave Metrano will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day party at his house.

Dress in your favorite shade of green, bring your favorite snack and, as always, bring your own green beer.

Take Route 128N to exit 15. Turn right off the exit. Take your 4th left onto Lincoln Street, then your 2nd right onto Norwood Ave. Dave's house is #48 on the right hand side. Phone # is 978-526-1454.

New Member

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Rob Falk, to the club. Rob has been active in the club since he submitted his application. He has designed the NSF Webpage, and he's an active member of the NSF Program Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS!

DALE FINDLAY

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ROB FALK

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Seal Dive

When: April or May, 1999
Where: Boone Is., Isle of Shoals
Leave from: Newburyport (I will get the name of the marina later)
Boat: Salvage 1. Slow boat but large and stable with lots of deck space. Limit of six passengers. Large, heated cabin and hot shower.
Lunch is provided.
Cost: \$50
Time: Boat leaves the dock at 7:30 AM and arrives back at 6 PM or later.

The water will be cold and sitting still to attract the seals can be a chilling experience. A drysuit is recommended.

The diving is shallow and advanced certification is not necessary. Patience is.

Contact Bill Werner at bwerner@erols.com or 781-245-2692 if interested.

Gear Swap '99

On Thursday, March 4th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, the North Shore Frogmen will be hosting a "Gear Swap." For those who have never participated in one, this is where you bring any excess gear that you have and swap it for cash or bring excess cash and swap it for someone else's gear (or a little of both).

We expect to have BCDs, regs, tanks, fins, computers, drysuits, and more. Contact Maria Maggio at 617-923-9360 or mdm@dec.com to reserve your table space.

There will be no entrance fee or charge for the table space, but please do reserve in advance so I have an idea of how many tables to setup.

Maria Maggio

Recipe Corner Broiled Shrimp with Lemon Butter

1+1/2 to 2 lbs (0.75 to 1 Kg) uncooked jumbo shrimp, peeled (with the tail section left on) and de-veined
 2 Tbs (30 ml) coarsely crumbled hot pepper flakes
 3 to 4 cloves garlic, peeled and coarsely chopped
 1 cup (250 ml) peanut or vegetable oil
 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
 8 Tbs (100 g) unsalted butter
 1/4 cup strained fresh lemon juice

Rinse the peeled and de-veined shrimp and pat completely dry with paper towels.

Combine the pepper flakes, garlic, oil, and salt in an electric blender or food processor and process until the seasonings are pulverized.

Combine the marinade and the shrimp in a bowl, and toss to thoroughly cover the shrimp.

Marinate at room temperature for 2 hours, or in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours.

Cook the shrimp over charcoal, or under the broiler, turning them over once, until they are pink and firm to the touch.

Meanwhile, melt the butter in a saucepan over moderate heat stir in the lemon juice.

Place the cooked shrimp on a serving platter and pour the lemon butter over them, or you may prepare individual servings and serve the lemon butter in small bowls on the side.

Serve at once. Serves 4 to 6.

Meg Doyon

Northshore Frogmen Web Site

The NSF website was discussed during the February 18th meeting. Dale Findlay has done some research about getting a more permanent address for our website.

Almost any variation of "NSFrogmen.org" is available for a Domain Name (except NSF.org).

Examples:

NSFrogmen.org
Frogmen.org
Frogs.org
NSFM.org
NSFroggies.org
NorthShoreFrogmen.org
NSFrogs.org

The web site can be hosted by 1st Choice International (<http://1stchoice~nt.net>) at \$18/month (with annual billing) or \$20/month (quarterly billing). There is a one time \$25.00 setup fee

1st Choice International provides the following services:

HardDisk Space - 25mb, Data Transfer, AllowanceBandwith/month 1Gigabyte (for downloading info)

1ea. Email POP account (to communicate with the WebMaster). E-mail Mailing lists are optional

The Domain Name must be established and registered with INTERNIC.NET initially for a two year period at a cost of \$75.00 the cost for the third year and all subsequent year renewals is \$35.00

Dale Findlay



Space Available on Sea of Cortez Trip

There are still (7) seven spaces available for the 8 day (Aug 20 -27th) liveaboard "Solmar V" in the Sea of Cortez leaving from Cabo San Luis on the southern most tip of the Baja (California) Peninsula.

The Cost is \$1600.00 plus 10% Federal Tax (Mexican). Airfare is separate and should be about \$600.00 round-trip.

Daryl Findlay, Bill Werner and myself from the Club are currently joining 5 others from MWDC on the trip.

Dale Findlay

New Lobster Regulations for the State of MA

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries
Notice to Recreational Lobstermen New
Regulations Enacted for 1999, and a Reminder
to Comply with Existing Rules

Effective February 1, 1999 there are new rules affecting the setting of lobster traps by recreational lobstermen. These new rules were enacted for a variety of reasons: to comply with the new interstate lobster management plan, to exempt non-commercial gear in 1999 from state trap tag rules required of commercial fishermen, and to bring non-commercial lobstermen's gear in compliance with the gear specifications of the federal Large Whale Take Reduction Plan to reduce the risk of entanglement. 1) New lobster plan rules apply to all commercial and recreational lobstermen:

(B) Prohibition on the harvest or possession of v-notch female lobster. V-notched - female lobster means any female lobster bearing a v-shaped notch in the right flipper adjacent to the middle flipper or any female lobster which is mutilated in a manner which could hide, obscure, or obliterate such a mark. The right flipper will be examined when the underside of the lobster is down and its tail is toward the person making the determination. - V-shaped notch means a straight-sided triangular cut without setal hairs at least one-quarter inch in depth and tapering to a sharp point.

(D) Fishing Zones. Commercial fishermen are required to choose which ASMFC approved lobster management zone(s) they intend to fish. However, noncommercial fishermen will be exempt from having to choose zones in 1999.

(E) New zone-specific regulations are being developed under the interstate plan with more expected in the future. Beginning in 1999, a

maximum size limit (5" carapace length) will be in effect for all lobster taken from so-called Area I (Inshore Gulf of Maine - excluding Outer Cape Cod) or by commercial lobstermen who've chosen Area I as one of their fishing areas. Noncommercial lobstermen fishing north or east of Cape Cod will be prohibited from possessing lobster larger than 5" unless they fish exclusively along outer Cape Cod and get their permit stamped by DMF with an appropriate exemption.

(F) Non-commercial lobstermen will be exempt from new trap tag requirements in 1999 but they will be required in the year 2000. Non commercial lobstermen will be required to add the letter "N" preceding the 4 digit permit number to the marking of lobster buoys, traps, diving flags, cars and boats as required by M.G.L. s 38 and 322 CMR 3.07.

Reminder about other existing rules pertaining to lobster trap fishing Vessel Marking: Boats used for lobstering must display the licensee's buoy colors on each side of the hull (or upon panels attached to each side of the hull), or upon a single panel attached to the top of the bow or by mounting a buoy at least 1" long, 4" diameter with licensee's colors, upright, at least 6" above the roof of the boat. Color scheme on hull or panels must be a solid color strip 4" high, 18" wide. The rectangle or square resulting must be bordered on all sides with a black strip at least 1" wide. Marking for Divers: Divers must display their assigned number upon their air tank and a floating marker (upright single panel, at least 12" x 12", white background, black numerals at least 3" high, 1/2" in thickness or width of line on both sides of the marker). A group of divers may use only one floating marker listing the license number of each diver in the group. For more information contact DMF's Boston office at 617 727-3193

NSF Program Committee

We are still looking for members for the Program Committee. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus, preceding the meeting.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee, or just have some good ideas for activities, please stop by and join in.

Meg Doyon

Saturday, March 20 Shear Madness

The Program Committee is getting tickets to Shear Madness for Saturday, March 20.

Tickets are \$34 per person. The show starts at 9:30 pm and I will organize a group dinner before the show.

Please contact me at 978-658-3742 or meg.doyon@fmc-na.com if you are interested in going.

Meg Doyon

Are You On Line?

Mike Denneler has been constructing a list of dive club members with e-mail addresses. This e-address list has well over 3 dozen members listed. If you are on line, please send your e-address to Mike for this list. Mike can be reached at BucksBrew@aol.com.

Mike Denneler

Electronic Air Bubbles

If you would prefer to receive your issue of Air Bubbles by e-mail, please contact me at meg.doyon@fmc-na.com or 978-658-3742. I will be happy to e-mail it to you, saving the club money on postage and printing.

Thanks.

Meg Doyon

Wrecks '99

April 10th is the date for the "Wrecks 99" event. Last year close to two hundred divers (including about 10 froggies) attended.

It will be held at the O'Keefe Technical School in Framingham and the price will be about \$15.00 per/person.

For more information, contact Dale Findlay.

I am the coordinator for the event with the Froggies.

Dale Findlay

Sunday, March 21 Easter Egg Dive

On Sunday, March 21 the club will be hosting an Easter egg dive. This was a lot of fun last year.

Plan to meet at Pebble Beach, Rockport at 10 am for a great dive and a lot of fun!

Meg Doyon

Tentative Schedule of Events for 2nd Quarter 1999-North Shore Frogmen

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	Additional Info
Tuesday, March 2	Full Moon Night Dive	Back Beach	7:00 pm	
Thursday, March 4	Gear Swap	K of C, Wakefield	6 - 8:30 pm	Maria 617/9239360
Sunday, March 7	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Saturday, March 6	Boston Sea Rovers	Copley Plaza, Boston	8:30-10:30	
Sunday, March 7	Boston Sea Rovers	Copley Plaza, Boston	9:30-4:30	
Sunday, March 7	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, March 11	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sat, March 13	St Patrick's Day Party	Dave Metrano's house	8:00 pm	
Sunday, March 14	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Wed., March 17	New Moon Night Dive	Back Beach	7:00 pm	
Thurs, March 18	Meeting/speaker night	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sat, March 20	Shear Madness	Boston	9:30 pm	\$34/ticket Meg 978-658-3742 Meg 978-658-3742
Sunday, March 21	Easter Egg Club Dive	Pebble Beach	10 am	
Thursday, March 25	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, March 28	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Wed., March 31	Full Moon Night Dive	TBD	7:00 pm	
Thursday, April 1	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, April 4	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, April 8	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Saturday, April 10	Wrecks '99			Dale Findlay
Sunday, April 11	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, April 15	Meeting/speaker night	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Friday, April 16	New Moon Night Dive	TBD	7:00 pm	
Sunday April 18	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, April 22	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, April 25	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, April 29	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Friday, April 30	Full Moon Night Dive	TBD	7:00 pm	
Saturday, May 1	Sat. Evening Event	TBD	TBD	
Sunday, May 2	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, May 6	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, May 9	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, May 13	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Saturday, May 15	New Moon Night Dive	TBD	7:00 pm	
Sunday, May 16	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, May 20	Meeting/speaker night	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, May 23	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, May 27	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, May 30	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Sunday, May 30	Full Moon Night Dive	TBD	7:00 pm	
Thursday, June 3	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, June 6	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, June 10	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, June 13	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Sunday, June 13	New Moon Night Dive	TBD	7:00 pm	
Thursday, June 17	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, June 20	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	
Thursday, June 24	Club Meeting	K of C, Wakefield	8:30 pm	
Sunday, June 27	Club Dive	Burger King	9:30 am	