
Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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Message from the President

In response to our club's recently approved bylaw change, I will be exercising my newly gained power by awarding an associate membership to many of this year's speakers. Remember this is a small increase in presidential power that allows me, and future presidents, to show more than token appreciation to non-members who go out of their way to give something of substantial value to us. Most of these speakers were not offering to give a presentation but instead were asked to by one of our club members. I am thrilled that the club endorsed this gesture and am confident that it will encourage future officers and program committee members to propagate more of these valuable presentations. Over the next two weeks, I will obtain some blank embossed certificates and design an appropriate announcement to accompany a letter that will be mailed to each recipient. For anyone who was not present at the meeting when the bylaws were voted on, any of these new "Associate Members" will be able to upgrade to a full membership by completing a membership application and presenting a certification card. All dues would be waived for the current year only. We hope that some of these awardees will renew their membership to our club.

Peter Cassidy

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Sunday Dive Times

The meeting time for the Sunday club dives is 8:00 AM. Meet in the Burger King parking lot on Rt. 128 in Beverly, and depart promptly at 8:30 AM. If you miss the group, a note will be posted on the light post with our itinerary. Also, you may call the

Dive Hotline, (617) 598-1047 x 1470

We will do our best to keep up to the minute information on this line each Sunday morning. Give it a try!

Member of the Month

July 2001

Rob Falk

Minutes of the Meetings

27-Jun-01

Meeting called to order: 8:13 PM

Attendance: Officers: 4 Members: 16 Total: 22
Guests/Visitors: 2 James Burt, Keith Soucy

Announcements:

Our fearless leader Pete Cassidy, will be gone for the next two meetings.

Correspondence: None

Committees:

Membership:

John Ferrier reports no candidates this week but 2 pending C-Cards.

Finance:

Rich Kinkade reviewed the numbers.

Program:

Mary Howard: Canoe trip: get your deposits in next week 6/28.

Upcoming Events & Presentations: See Calendar

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Bylaws:

Rob Falk (chr), John Ferrier, Dave Metrano, Pete Cassidy, Ray Porter, Rich Kinkade) No report Ongoing.

Old Business:

Bill Werner Happy 50th birthday!

New Business

Pete Chapman: Wakefield 7/4 Committee accepting float entries.

Dive Talk:

Al Morris: Spearfish tournament off Orient Point, NY 50 participants. Rookie beats the old timers!
 Mike Denler: Front beach. Clear vis & very warm.
 Road at Pebble Beach fully repaired but still fully closed.

Candi & Paul: Cape Hedge diving. Paul got 2 keepers! Warm water.

Roslyn Smith: Little Cayman and Grand Cayman Islands. Little Cayman Beach Resort. 18 dives. Great accommodations. Went to (the town of) Hell
 Pete Cassidy, Daryl Findlay, Dale Findlay, & John Ferrier did two dives at Old Garden Beach. Water getting warmer

General Discussion:

Dave Smith: "Diver's Down" on N. Andover AT&T Ch 51 (NESN)

Raffles:

Ray Porter, Dollars Box.

NOT TONIGHT, Reefmaster dive camera.

Notes for next meeting: None

Adjourn: 9:04 PM

28-Jun-01

Meeting called to order: 8:12 PM

Attendance: Officers: 3 Members: 23 Total: 27

Guests/Visitors: 1 Keith Soucy

Announcements

Please return all tables and chairs to their original position after the meeting. Thanks, FAC.

Correspondence None.

ABBREVIATED MEETING FORMAT; JOHN FERRIER MANTA RAY PRESENTATION

Committees:

Membership:

John Ferrier reports no candidates this week..

Finance:

Rich Kinkade reviewed the numbers.

Program:

Amy Maurer: Brief review of future events.

Upcoming Events & Presentations: See Calendar

Air Bubbles:

Next deadline is July 18th.

Bylaws Committee:

Rob Falk (chr), John Ferrier, Dave Metrano, Pete Cassidy, Ray Porter, Rich Kinkade

Old Business:

Bill Gannett: Meet for Tuesday AM club dives at 8 AM. Contact Bill Gannett for the destination of the day.

New Business None

Dive Talk:

Pete Chapman: Dove Saco River. Saw a couple of dead fish.

Faith Ortins: Dove the St. Claire river in Detroit on the USA/Canada border. 6-7 knot currents. Did a 12 foot giant stride. Followed a "diver's sidewalk" to a wreck. Lots of wrecks in this river. 20-30 foot visibility. Blue water bridge. Great Lakes Dive Center, Shelby township on Route 30.

Linda Marshal: Lanes cove. Water temp: 45 degrees.

John Ferrier, Roslyn Smith, Al Morris, Dale & Daryl Findlay, Linda Piehl, Mark Garniss dove Magnolia Rocks. One dive. Water quite rough. Lousy vis 25 ft. Water temp 49F.

General Discussion:

Dave Smith: Had lunch w/an engineer from Wood's Hole who gave an excellent overview of the data pods used in whale research.

Bill Gannett: Article in 6/28 Herald which says Nessy sightings in Scotland can be attributed to underwater seismic activity.

Raffles:

Bill Gannett, Dollars Box.

Paul Sauvageau, REAL dive knife.

NOT TONIGHT, Reefmaster dive camera.

NOT TONIGHT, Ladies U/W gloves.

Mystery Prize, Nautical cup & coaster set.

Notes for next meeting: None

Adjourn: 8:49 PM

5-Jul-01

Meeting called to order: 8:08 PM

Attendance: Officers: 3 Members: 18 Total: 22

Guests/Visitors: 1, Jack Monroe

Announcements None.

Correspondence None.

Committees:

Membership:

John Ferrier reports no candidates this week..

Finance:

Rich Kinkade reviewed the numbers.

Program:

Amy Maurer: Brief review of future Froggie events.

Upcoming Events & Presentations:

Air Bubbles:

Rob Falk: Next deadline is July 18th.

Bylaws Committee

Rob Falk (chr), John Ferrier, Dave Metrano, Pete Cassidy, Ray Porter, Rich Kinkade: Vote on amendments next week 7/12.

Old Business:

Linda Piehl: Has not received Air Bubbles; either electronically or hardcopy. Please correct.

New Business

Rich Kinkade: Note next week (7/5) on the (3) bylaws amendments. These amendments can be seen in Air Bubbles or on the club website. Club members are STRONGLY encouraged to attend next week's meeting for the vote!

Dive Talk:

Mike Turner, John Ferrier, and Mike Donahue:

Lane's Cove. Good vis. 48'F @ 48 feet.

Dave Lund: Pebble Beach. 1 dive @ 5 AM.

Extremis dive on Sunday @ Dawson's Ledge (110 ft) and Paddock Rock. Surfaced after _ hour to a BIG thunderstorm approaching.

Bill Werner: Morehead City, N. Carolina. Two U-Boats. Most dives less than 100 feet. Water temp 73-75'F. Vis 40-100 ft. Schools of barracuda, sand tigers, and hammerheads. Olympic Dive Center.

John Ferrier: Lane's Cove. Excellent PR job to placate an obviously upset lobsterman.

Al Morris, Diane Anthony, Linda Marshal, and Mark Garniss: Bass Rocks (just off) Ocean Point. Linda

bagged 4 bugs. Saw good size flounder. Water temp 53' F.

Bill Gannet: Loblolly "Flats" w/Tuesday dive club. (Reminder: Don't dive this location @ low tide)..

General Discussion:

James Burt: Dive rentals tough to come by.

Undersea Diver's compressor DOWN. Should be fixed soon. Bill Gannet: Gave an overview of this weekend's canoe trip. BYOB. Club will supply burgers & dogs.

Raffles:

Mike Wilcox, Dollars Box.

John Sears, Reefmaster dive camera.

NOT TONIGHT, Dive light

Bill Werner, Mystery Prize, Photo album w/trinket box

Notes for next meeting: None

Adjourn: 8:52 PM

Diving in Whittier, Alaska

By Peter Cassidy

A few weeks ago my family vacationed in Anchorage, Alaska. While visiting with my sister-in-laws family and touring sites around the local area including Homer and Seward, I discovered there was at least one place local divers frequented. Mind you I hadn't exactly heard rave reviews of diving in the Anchorage area but



I telephoned a local dive shop called Sunshine Sports that told me there was an excellent place to dive nearby in Prince William Sound. The spot where they did all of their training and open water certifications was a cove in Whittier, Alaska. Since it wasn't an every day opportunity for me to

dive in Alaska, I went to the scuba shop for more information.

They started by furnishing an underwater map of Smitty's Cove. It was complete with local area information, entry information and a detailed layout of the

underwater sights with point-to-point compass headings. It all seemed very professional. I thought some of the descriptions such as a 60' deep pipe dump where wolf eels were frequently spotted and a small airplane wreck might be interesting. They hooked me so I inquired about gear rental. They normally rented the usual gear but had to prepare a special package for me since I didn't even have a mask. Since it was a little pricey, I asked if I couldn't simply rent a wet suit instead of a dry suit. They said they wouldn't even consider renting wet suits



since they can only be worn about a month each year. They gave me everything from compass and knife to a dive computer. One hundred and eleven dollars later, I was all set to dive.

Since high tide was later that day, an 8 PM dive was recommended. An hour's drive from Anchorage ended by piercing a mountain through a newly converted train tunnel that was 2-1/2 miles long. My brother-in-law, Darin, drove me to the site and literally parked his truck at the bottom of the boat ramp entry spot so I didn't lump my gear more than five feet. Since it was daylight-bright at midnight this time of the year, 8 PM was a daylight dive, not a night dive. Although I usually dive with a buddy, I made an exception, as this was a flat calm site where beginners dove on a regular basis. Not that he could do much but it was comfortable knowing Darin was at least watching my bubbles. I also had a detailed underwater map that I attempted to memorize since it was not waterproof.

Although I had tried everything on in the store, I purposely overestimated the amount of weight I would wear since most of the dive would be in the 20' range. After suiting up, it was an uneventful entry. All the gear fit fine and of course my brother-in-law was recruited to pull the dry suit zipper tight.

I'm pretty good with a compass so I managed to see 5 of the 6 items on the map. The only item I totally

missed was the airplane wreck. My memory had me about 5 degrees of course for that item. Had the visibility been better than 10-15 feet, maybe I would have spotted it.

I didn't see much life other than huge elephant ear sized kelp. I never saw a wolf eel. I did see pretty sea stars. They varied from large to small and had many more legs than the ones I'm used to seeing. The air temperature was low 70's, the surface water temperature was 50 degrees and at my deepest point, 57', it was 39. Overall the water was very turbid and the bottom extremely colorless. There was also grayish glacial silt that covered the bottom and all of the kelp. After last week's dive talk, several members told me that there is better diving in Alaska if one is not in a glacial runoff area. There were several large glaciers in the Whittier area.

It wasn't a great dive but I left with three positives: I can now say that I dove in Alaska. I am also convinced beyond a doubt that the split Scuba Pro fins that were standard rental from the Anchorage dive shop were a leap in diving equipment improvements. After returning to Massachusetts and diving last weekend with the club at Cape Hedge in Rockport, I greatly appreciate the wonderful and very colorful water we sometimes take for granted in our own back yard.

Projector Wanted

An Audio-Visual committee has been formed. Their primary goal is to seek out the possibility for the club to acquire a projector that could handle VCR and computer outputs. This would enable wider possibilities for our monthly presentations. If any one has any ideas as to how we could get one, please contact Dale Findlay. Also, contact him if you work for or know of a company, which might be in a position to donate and older model as a tax-deductible donation to a non-profit organization.

Meet A Froggie



Name: Daryl 'Fin' Findlay
Hometown: Salem, MA
Birthplace: Salem, MA
Occupation: Systems Engineer
Date Certified: 4/1996

Certification Level: PADI Master Diver, TDI Trimix Diver , PADI Research Diver

Number of Dives: 225+ Joined Froggies In: 1998

Dive Interests: photography, ice diving, wreck diving, kayak diving, Videography, Scuba Technology

Favorite Local Site: Lane's Cove, Chester Polling

Favorite Destination: British Columbia

Fantasy Dive: Any place untouched by man

Most Memorable Dive: Queen Charlotte Islands in British Columbia from the Clavela. These are protected islands controlled by the remaining Hida tribe members. It was a wall dive at about 80+ fsw with Graham Smith (then president of the frogmen). You would truly be heartened by the plight of the oceans if you experienced the beauty and splendors of such an untouched and mystical place.

Factoids: I had been interested in the ocean, since the day I first saw it. When I was very young I remember trying to save up to buy this heavy US Divers mask (the one with the three glass panes and thick metal frame). I also remember converting a generic household flashlight so I could use it to peer into the many underwater niches I would explore. When I was in high school, I would participate in Civil War reenactments during summer months. I went to UMass Lowell for Electrical Engineering, and designed/built several interesting devices during that time. I enjoy snowboarding and mountain biking. I have skydived, and flown a plane.

Hobbies: Videography, photography, Scuba Technology

Favorite Food: Chicken Vindaloo or Thai food

Fish I like Best: All fish are great to play with and watch.

Favorite Club Memory: My first video presentation and when the club honored me with the opportunity to help develop a photography contest for them.

Your Own Question: Why are you passionate about our oceans?

Its Answer: Because they have given so much to us, and it is about time we give something back.

Canoe Trip Wrap Up

The annual canoe trip on the Ipswich River was held on Saturday July 8. As evidenced by the photos, a good time was had by all.



Club members Dave Smith (far left, neat hat) Bill Werner (back row, right) and Amy Maurer (just in front of Bill, to left) mingle with their newest buddies.



Al Morris diving off the rail bridge just before the end: 9.5, 9.4, 9.6, 9.6, 10.0, 10.0. (It is believed the last two scores were from the German and Japanese judges)



New wreck to dive on: The Mary H!
Went down after striking a submerged object.
All hands saved. Loran coordinates unavailable.
Advanced certification not a requirement!
Thanks to Rich Kinkade and Dave Smith for the photographs



Hey You! Is That A Frog I See, Or A Bump On A Log?

Don't be a bump on a log! Send your pictures, stories, accounts, yarns, anecdotes, fables, myths, musings, fairy-tales, exaggerations and spare change to Air Bubbles. The more you participate, the better it gets for all members! Did you enjoy this issue? Help someone else enjoy next month's. Send in a picture or article TODAY!



NSF Activities Calendar 2001

Regular club meetings are at 8:00 every Thursday at the FAC unless otherwise noted,
 Sunday dives meet EVERY SUNDAY at Burger King on Route 128N in Beverly. Now Through September 30 Meet at 8 AM, Depart at 8:30 AM
 October 1 – April 30 Meet at 9:30 AM Depart at 10 AM
 Night dives meet at Back Beach in Rockport

Date	Event	
July 26 (Thursday)	Beach meeting	
location TBA		
August 1 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive	Back Beach
August 4 (Saturday)	Extremis boat dive (must sign up)	4:00 pm departure from Beverly
August 23 (Thursday)	Beach meeting	location Singing Beach
August 26 (Sunday)	Extremis boat dive (must sign up)	1:30 pm departure from Beverly
August 29 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive	Back Beach
August 30 (Thursday)	Presentation: Daryl Findlay	New England diving
August 31 - September 3	Labor Day camping weekend & dive	Wells/Nubble Light, ME
September 15 (Saturday)		
[rain date: September 22]	Coast Sweep	10 am at Niles Beach contact Dave S.
September 16 (Sunday)	Picnic	Stage Fort Park, Gloucester
September 22 (Saturday)	Extremis boat dive (must sign up)	8:00 am departure from Beverly
September 26 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive	Back Beach
September 27 (Thursday)	Presentation: TBA	
October 7 (Sunday)	Sunday dive TIME CHANGE	10 am departure
October 25 (Thursday)	Presentation: TBA	10 am departure
October 27 (Saturday)	Pumpkin carving dive & party	Stage Fort Park, Gloucester
October 31 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive	Back Beach
November 22 (Thursday)	no meeting	Thanksgiving
November 28 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive	6:30 pm at Back Beach
November 29 (Thursday)	Presentation: TBA	
December 8 (Saturday)	Banquet	FAC
December 26 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive	6:30 pm at Back Beach
December 27 (Thursday)	Pizza party (no business)	

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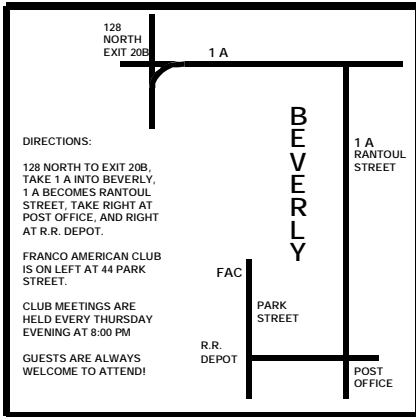
Club dives are held every Sunday morning– meet at the Burger King on Rt. 128 starting at 8:00 AM. Depart at 8:30 AM sharp.

Night dives are held on the Wednesday before the Full Moon of each month. Meet at Back Beach.

Upcoming Night Dives:

August 1 – in the water at 8 PM sharp. Sunset 8:04 PM

August 24 – in the water at 7:15 PM. Sunset 7:24 PM



Club meetings are held every Thursday evening at 8:00 PM at the Franco American Club in Beverly. Guests are invited to attend the meetings!
Directions: 128 North to Exit 20B – take 1A into Beverly, 1A becomes Rantoul Street. Take a right at the Post Office and a Right at the Depot. F.A.C. is on the left at 44 Park Street.

North Shore Frogmen's Club

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Welcome Tadpole!

David Charles Turner
Saturday July 21, 2001
5 lbs. 3 oz. 10:06 AM

Beach Cleanup Saturday September 15

Niles Beach, Gloucester
Pitch in and show them that divers care!

Annual Picnic

Stage Fort Park, Gloucester
Fun for the whole family!

Via First Class Mail
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