

Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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Message from the President

Thanks to the Internet, I am able to write you a brief message while on Thanksgiving vacation in Florida. As we look forward to the upcoming holiday season, may you all enjoy safe and happy celebrations with your family and friends. I will be back next week and look forward to seeing you at election night as well as the club banquet.

Peter Cassidy

Election Night is November 29!

All members are requested to attend the Election Night meeting on November 29, and cast your vote for next years club officers and for Dive Club Member of the Year.

The Club Banquet is December 8!

The Banquet committee has been working hard to give you the best banquet ever. Please support the club by attending. We will be dancing to TC and the Torpedoes, a five-piece live band. The chefs at the Franco American Club will be preparing two great choices for dinner as well as appetizers and dessert. As always, there will fantastic raffle prizes and awards including the photography contest results. Photographs from the contest will be displayed. Get your tickets early by contacting any of the members of the Banquet committee: Nancy and Bill Gannett, Peter Cassidy, Mary Howard, Bill Werner and Rich Kinkade.

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Letter from Daryl Findlay 2001 Photography Contest Chair

The 2001 North Shore Frogmen's Annual Photography Contest and Exhibition went great two weeks ago. I would like to thank all the photographers who entered photographs in the contest: Jennifer Ferrier, John Ferrier, Ralph Arabian, Dave Smith, Linda Marshal, Linda Piehl, Roslyn Smith, Amy Maurer, and Dale Findlay: We displayed 89 photographs submitted by our esteemed and

Member of the Month

November 2001

Nancy Gannett

Member of the Month

December 2001

Mike Donovan

talented photographers. These works of art covered almost an entire wall of our meeting room. John Ferrier and I supplied additional lighting so that all the photographs could be viewed in their full glory. We also supplied many snacks and treats for the patrons of the exhibition. I do also admit to dumping some unused Halloween candy on the table too.

The actual meeting was brief so that members had time to vote on their favorite photographs. Turn out for this event was large compared to most events in the recent past, with about 32 members and guests in attendance.

I think the voting was one of the hardest things we ever asked our members to do. It seemed like everyone was

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having a hard time deciding between all the awesome works of photographic art.

Even with 32 people voting, there were many ties. Because of this I had a celebrity judge (a great underwater photographer who is not associated with any of our entered photographers) break the ties. I found he was very fair with his approach. So I didn't have a final winners list until late last Thursday.



Amy Maurer and Roslyn Smith admire the entries at the 2001 Photo Contest & Exhibition © 2001 Daryl Findlay

So, if I had the final winners list last Thursday, why haven't I notified anyone? The members in attendance during the last meeting decided that I should wait until the holiday banquet to divulge and present awards to the winners. I don't think they understand that many of the contest's photographers may not or are not planning to not attend the banquet.

If this is the case for you and you have photographs entered in the contest, please send me e-mail and I will tell you which of your photographs have won awards and arrange a time for you to receive your awards. Also I would like to get permission from all the photographers to display their entries at the banquet (unlike during the judging, all photographs will have the photographers name displayed on their identification tags).

With the exhibition now over, I still have many duties to perform. If you would like to help setup the photo-

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A Message from Dale Findlay President, New England Artificial Reef Society

Hello Everyone,

For those of you wondering if we were still in existence the answer is... of course! This past year we've attended a number of events to help swell our ranks and although most people think NEARS is a great idea they haven't as of yet signed on. However, we can make this work by getting things started and others WILL follow... I'm sure. Our first ever General Meeting is being held on December 12.

Whether you have joined, may join, or simply wonder who we are and what we plan to do, please come to this meeting!

Let me know if you're planning on coming. I hope to see you all!!

When: 12/12/2001 @ 7PM

Where: One Apple Hill
Suite 316
Natick, Ma. 01760

Directions

From the Mass Pike

Get off the Pike at the Natick/Route 30 exit.

Your objective is to get on Route 9 East

After passing through the toll booth stay left at the fork. This will put you on Rt. 30 east.

Stay in the right lane.

At the first traffic signal take a right onto Speen Street

Stay in the left lane.

Continue on Speen Street until you come to the Route 9 East on ramp (a left off Speen Street) - about two miles

When you get to the Route 27 overpass a few miles down Route 9 you will start climbing a hill (Note you are still on Route 9) [jump ahead to **You will be climbing**]

From Route 128

Get on Route 9 West.

In Natick you will come to the Route 27 overpass over Route 9

Go under this overpass and take an immediate right.

You want to cross over the overpass (Route 27 south) and immediately get back on Route 9 east.

You will be climbing a hill on Route 9...

At the top of the hill (4/10 miles) is the Apple Hill complex.

Get off Route 9 at the first access road you come to. Stay left of the first building. Park on the left side of that first building - which is the building we are in. We are located on the 3rd floor in Suite 316.



Those divers needing "gas" or a "change of buoyancy" will need to look elsewhere, as the Burger King on Rt. 128 is now closed for renovation. We will continue to meet for the Sunday Dive in that parking lot. © 2001 Daryl Findlay

**Sunday Dive Times Remain: Meet at 8AM,
Depart 8:30AM Sharp**

**Check in advance with John Ferrier or
Daryl Findlay for last minute changes.**

**A note will be left on the light post opposite
the door if we leave before you get there.**

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VIDEOLIGHTS

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Critter Feeding

[Editor's Note: Roger Roth writes Videolights, a monthly column on diving, for his club, the Northern California Underwater Photographic Society. He has graciously allowed us to reprint his past and present columns on a continuing basis. He would appreciate your comments]

In Florida on Nov. 1, a vote was taken to make a final decision on a bill, which outlaws fish and shark feeding by scuba divers and snorkelers. (It does not ban fish feeding and chumming by fishermen and anyone interested in killing fish.) There has been a concerted effort by divers to speak their minds on this, but to no avail as the bill passed, possibly due to some ignorance of the decision-makers.

The seven-member Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stated that this bill, that takes affect Jan. 1, 2002, is solely aimed at assuring that the sharks do not become more dangerous. Opponents of "interactive diving" say the practice alters the animals' natural behavior and teaches the animals to associate people with food.

It is quite obvious that this bill has gained some momentum since the numerous shark attacks this past summer around Florida, although this has been denied by the commission. Some of these decision-makers have determined, in all their wisdom, that divers feeding fish and sharks contribute to the cause of these attacks. Not that more and more tourists are crowding the shark's habitats, including their migration routes, and over-fishing the shark's hunting territories. And no consideration seems to have been given to the fact that in the 30-year history of marine life feeding, there has not been a single attack on a swimmer within one

hundred miles of a feeding site.

This brings to mind the topic of critter feeding in general, and is one debated continually between extreme conservationists and realists. These conservationists feel that feeding fish, especially compressed cheese from cans, is not a way to conserve the natural balance and diet of these fish. They also state that it causes these fish to depend on divers feeding them and will lose their ability to hunt for their own food. (Will this really tame a shark? What a novel idea to solve man's everlasting "hatred" for sharks!)

The realists agree with the fact that the marine life needs to be fed food that's in their natural diets, and many do their utmost to teach this to others. Whether a conditioned response by this marine life of forgetting how to hunt and feed will ensue, has yet to be studied to any extent, but scientists don't think this will likely happen in general.

I, personally, see and understand many conservation reasons why some feeding is unnatural, but also see numerous benefits to allowing divers to do this in a conscient-

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Perfect Ten

by Ray Porter

This story is not about ten dives in one day (that would be an achievement) or ten drives in a week (busy week but not really a challenge). It is not about Mary. (She is a 9.5 but not a perfect ten.)

My dive at the Nubble Lighthouse over the Labor Day weekend was my tenth dive. Yes, tenth ever, including the training dives. I know some of you can not remember back far enough to recall your tenth dive. For me, this dive was perfect for several reasons.

First, there was no one there asking me to remove any equipment. I could keep my mask on, leave my weight belt tightened, and keep my BCD in place. These are important skills, to be sure. However, it was nice not to have to review them today.

Second, Nubble Light was someplace new. Not that I have explored all of the possible dive sites on Cape Ann, but I was nice not to be at Back Beach, again. This felt more like an adventure, traveling to someplace different, to see something new. Nubble Light has been a destination for many other divers. It was nice to be able to add this site to the "places I have been" list.

Third, I had my own gear. Much of it used, to be sure, but nothing that had to be returned on Tuesday. I was diving wet and had only one tank of air. At last, my notes on how much weight I was wearing or how cold I might be would have meaning for my next dive, as my

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Sometimes you get the bug, and sometime the bug gets you... Roslyn Smith, Dale Findlay, Paul Sauvageau and John Ferrier muster a smile despite being blown out of a dive on this Sunday Morning. © 2001 Daryl Findlay



Minutes of the Meetings

11-Oct-01

Meeting called to order: 8:12 PM

ABBREVIATED MEETING FORMAT; LOW ATTENDANCE

Attendance: Officers: 4 Members: 12 Total: 16

Guests/Visitors: 0

Announcements Pete Cassidy discussed the recent tragedy in Belize involving members of the Richmond VA dive club.

* * * * HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOE DONOVAN & MARY HOWARD!!! * * * *

Correspondence The club received an application for a credit card. It was filed appropriately.

Committees:

Membership:

No activity per John Ferrier.

Finance:

Rich Kinkade reviewed the numbers.

Program:

Mary Howard presiding.

Banquet Committee (Bill G, Nancy G, Rich K, Mary H, Bill W, and Peter Chapman)

Next meeting scheduled for 2 weeks (10/25). Tickets are \$25 pp up to 11/30. \$30pp after that.

Upcoming Events &

Presentations:

See calendar

Air Bubbles:

Next deadline for articles is

October 18th.

Old Business:

Bill Gannett: Passed out flyers for the end-of-season sale at Undersea Divers.

New Business None.

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tious way. The knowledge gained from such experiences of divers has surely been passed on to other divers, non-divers, school children, and even senior citizens. All of this creates a new sense of awareness of the beauty of the natural order in the marine environment.

It also serves to instill a curiosity that motivates us to understand this environment on a real level. The numbers of marine behaviorists are growing. Our knowledge is growing. Our interest is growing. All of this will positively contribute to our efforts to conserve this most precious resource.



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Each marine life feeding that I've participated in has taught me something new, and learning it first-hand has helped to imprint this knowledge. The first time I fed an eel, I had my fingers extended with the squid just past them. As the eel came out and quickly grabbed the squid, the tooth on its upper palate sliced through the knuckle and fingernail of one of my fingers. I learned to hold the squid in my fist and to let go quicker!

While feeding stingrays at Stingray City, I realized their tameness and the fact that their tail barbs are for defense. Feeding fresh fish to an anemone showed me how the anemone tentacles pass the food from one to another until it's passed to the mouth and disappears. Even a sand tilefish in Cozumel that I randomly fed fresh fish to, seemed to enjoy the encounter as much as

I, but I'm sure I didn't cause it to forget how to hunt.

During my first shark feeding encounter, I noticed that the sharks were more interested in the bait rather than divers as a source of food, and that they immediately left the area once the bait was gone. During subsequent shark feeds and dives, I began to recognize a hierarchy in the feeding, as some species of sharks will wait until other species have been fed and then back off.

After 20-30 hours of these types of dives in the same locations, I've begun to recognize individual sharks from years past by their scars. Yes, these sharks are recognizable, do seem to gravitate to these feeding grounds, and tend to remain in the group for years! And new sharks to the group learn the protocol from the "old hands." All of this lends credibility to a higher intelligence level of sharks that we probably were not aware of previously.

Is the value of this new found knowledge worth the infringement of an "unnatural" feeding? To me, it is. Being able to bring pictures and video proof that will enlighten others about the marine environment seems to be well worth crossing the conservation line, as long as it's done in a way that will not alter nor harm the marine life involved.

Do I think these shark feedings have caused the recent shark attacks in Florida to increase? No, I do not. Do I think that conscientious fish feeding will greatly alter the marine ecosystem? No, again. Prudent and thoughtful marine encounters can serve to not only enhance our dive experiences, but will also draw us closer to a better understanding of how to preserve a sustainability in our oceans. Let's all hope this precedent set by Florida lawmakers does not extend itself to other corners of the world! Sea Ya!

Critter corner: Dr. Samuel Gruber, of the University of Miami, has studied sharks for decades and has noticed that when Caribbean Reef sharks do attack divers, the sharks seem to most always attack towards the face of divers. He has determined that this is probably due to the likeness of a regulator to a fish hanging out of one's mouth. If you've ever participated in a shark feeding, you may have noticed some sharks going after a piece of bait hanging out of another shark's mouth!

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equipment would remain unchanged.

The dive itself was also perfect. The entry long the sloping rock ledge make for easy access. Sufficiently weighted, I slipped below the surface without having to grab the nearest large rock. The rocky bottom provided an wondrous landscape(?), seascape(?), oceanscape(?), world to explore. There were sea ravens hiding in the sea weed and crabs scurrying everywhere. Visibility was good (15 to 20 feet). The water was cool but comfortable, if I kept moving. We followed the rocky bottom downward to a depth of about 40 feet. A personal record depth. It was great to focus on the world below the waves and not be preoccupied with my equipment or my breathing.

After about 40 minutes we surfaced. The sloping ledge provided as easy an exit, as it had an entrance. Shore support helped gather-up fins and dive accessories. I lumbered under the weight of my gear to the car parked up the hill.

The day itself was delightful. The weather was sunny and warm. Friends were nearby to share the wonders of the dive and to enjoy the afternoon.

Notes from the Bay State Council Meeting, November 13, 2001

The Bay State Council met on November 13 in Quincy. Five North Shore Frogmen attended.

An article in the October issue of Diver's Digest published by the New York State Divers Association, reported that Jeff Nadler, PADI's representative to the UNESCO Convention, supports UNESCO's recommendation to make (certain) wrecks off-limits to divers. According to the article, Mr. Nadler believes that wreck divers are looters. It is suggested by members of the Bay State Council that this is an unfortunate position for PADI to take. A copy of a letter written by the secretary of the South Shore Neptunes was handed out to be used by those wishing to write a letter to PADI. Bruce states in his letter "We feel strongly that it is very unfortunate that PADI should be siding with a minority of individuals who are suspicious of divers."

There was a report on the artificial reef site work that the Bay State Council has been doing. Members of the Bay State Council and other dive clubs did do two transect dives this year with the help of the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, on June 10 and September 23. The two sites, both near Nahant, were found, on first inspection, to be silty and without a great deal of marine life. They might turn out to be clam beds, in which case they might be less desirable sites for artificial reefs that first impressions would suggest. The divers logged their finds along transect lines, and videos were taken on several dives. The GPS positions of the transect lines were logged.

There were suggestions made for some things to be done over the winter.

Have a transect-line making party for all the dive clubs so that each club could have their own sets of lines, making divers less dependent on the Dept. of Marine Fisheries when a dive is undertaken. This party – date to be determined – would be held somewhere with long hallways or a nearby park or parking lot to assist in the measuring and tagging of the 100 meter lines which are used for the transect dives. Pizza and beer will be the menu.

Think about what you would want to put down for the reef (i.e. – cobble, rock, preformed cement structures (reef balls), boats/ships).

Gather requirements for doing the survey dives. (Boats, divers, how to.)

It was pointed out that there are three parties working on this artificial reef project, the divers and the Bay State Council who are doing the surveys of the sites, the MA Dept. of Marine Fisheries who will do the required permitting for the sites, and NEARS which is working on fund raising and publicity for the project.

Vince Malkoski of the Dept. of Marine Fisheries reminded us of some ongoing issues:

Duke Energy is working on a project to build a 35-mile natural gas pipeline across the bay from the north shore to Weymouth, crossing Deer Island along the way.

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Under pressure, they are starting to do marine studies now. They are mapping the bay along the areas they plan to run the pipeline. "We" are looking for a higher resolution to the mapping, and maybe we will receive some benefit for the artificial reef project.

A private concern has plans to build 195 windmills on Horseshoe Shoals in Nantucket Sound. This seems like a great idea, as it proposes to provide 75% of the electricity for Cape Cod. But there are concerns from environmentalists. The windmills would be 21 feet across the base, and 300 feet tall, with 100 foot rotor blades.



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The shoal waters are about 5 feet deep, and are a tremendous resource area for marine life. A sandy area nearby is a known quahog grounds. It is also a flyway for migrating birds.

The MDC has plans for a major sand mining project to shore up the beaches of the town of Winthrop. Their plans are to harvest 1 million yards of sand to replace that lost as the result of poorly conceived jetties.

NEARS (The New England Artificial Reef Society) will hold their next general membership meeting (open to all!, not just members) on December 12th in Natick, at the office of Tony Blanchette. Contact Dale Findlay for more information. Dues are \$20 per year. Their web site is www.nears.org.

The next Bay State Council meeting is scheduled for

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Dive Talk:

Daryl Findlay: Showed up for AFM night dive at Back Beach. Nobody there! (Ed Note: It was posted on DiveTopica.com that the dive was canceled due to conditions. **Bill Gannett:** Front Beach with the Tuesday Dive Club. One huge bug that was laying eggs on the way IN to shore. Bummer! Water temp 55. Calm seas w/excellent vis.

General Discussion:

Rich Kinkade: Hiking with **Bill Werner**. Mt. Cardigan. 3 hour hike. Came down on wrong side of the mountain! **John Ferrier:** MetroWest w/Jonathan Bird presentation. **Pete Chapman:** On the Discovery Channel, "Raising the Kursk", 8pm, Friday 10/12. **James Burt:** Interested in ice diving. Suggested that he form a committee. Bill Gannett said that the club in the past has required a preparation meeting and some paperwork.

Raffles:

Gear Bag Mary Howard
Mask Defogger: Nancy Gannett
Dollars Box Rich Kinkade

Adjourn: 8:48 PM

18-Oct-01

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM

Attendance: Officers: 4 Members: 12 Total: 16

Guests/Visitors: 0

Announcements None

Correspondence

Flyer for Search Team News.

Committees:

Membership:

No activity per John Ferrier.

Finance:

Rich Kinkade reviewed the numbers.

Program:

Amy Maurer presiding. Banquet Committee (Bill G, Nancy G, Rich K, Mary H, Bill W, and Peter Chapman) Entertainment will be provided by TC & The Torpedoes. Catering arrangements by the Franco Club. Tickets are \$25pp up to 11/30. \$30pp after that. ? price tickets after dinner? To be discussed.

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Upcoming Events & Presentations:

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Photo Contest:

80 entries to date. Photo judging on November 1st.

Air Bubbles:

Next deadline for articles is November 18th.

Old Business:

Bill Gannett: Making travel arrangements for the Black Beard's cruise through cheap tix.com.

New Business: None.

Dive Talk:

Paul Sauvageau: Old Garden Beach w/**Roslyn Smith**. Lots of flounders & some scallops. Great vis & weather. **Paul Dumas:** Tuesday morning dive club (10/9). Saw 3 ft shark. **Bill Gannett:** Watch out for suspicious characters hanging around your gear bag.

General Discussion:

Pete Cassidy: **Jules Pinheiro** looking for a dive buddy for his BOAT this weekend. **Dawn Denneler:** Discussion of the proper procedure for submitting articles into Air Bubbles. **Daryl Findlay:** Went on another hike with **Bill Werner** to Mt. Monadnock. **Bill Werner:** Winner of the Titanic trip was NE Aquarium. Would like to do a presentation in January.

Adjourn: 9:05 PM

25-Oct-01

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM

ABBREVIATED MEETING FORMAT; ROSLYN SMITH: CAYMAN ISLAND DIVING PRESENTATION

Attendance: Officers: 4 Members: 26 Total: 30

Guests/Visitors: 0

Announcements None

Correspondence Junk Mail

Committees:

Membership:

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Finance:

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Old Business:

Bill Gannett: Will be discussing Blackbeard's trip arrangements with those going on the trip.

New Business None.

Dive Talk:

John Ferrier: Lane's Cove with **Al Morris**, **Paul Sauvageau**, & **Dennis** ? . Crappy vis and cold. **Bill Werner:** The "City of Salisbury" . Nice big cod. Lots of copper pips and fittings. Wreck is near Grave's Light. Went out on the "Sea Lady" (North Shore



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Diver's boat). **Daryl Findlay:** Also at Lane's cove; although a totally different dive than John, Al, & Dennis. Warm (51F) and good vis. **Rich Kinkade:** Dove off Jules Pinheiro's boat. Did a scallop dive (only 6 taken) and a bug dive (1-six pounder).

General Discussion:

Bill Gannett: Recipe for Captain Apple: Heat 1 jug of cider 'till steaming (NOT boiling). Add Captain Morgan to taste. CHEERS!

Raffles:

BCD Life John Ferrier

Dollars Box Rich Kinkade, (2nd week in a row. Hmm)

Mystery Prize Ray Porter,; Froggie Bank & (2)

Aquarium Passes.

Adjourn: 8:40 PM

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Wednesday, February 13, 2002, at 7:30PM. It will be held at the South Shore Neptunes club house in Quincy. All are invited to attend!

Reminder! Diving for lobsters in Massachusetts would not exist without the Bay State Council of Divers. Consider renewing your membership. Dues are ONLY \$5.00. Help support the rights of recreational divers.

Send your check payable to:

Bay State Council of Divers

55 Sea Street

Quincy MA 02169

[] \$5 dues [] contribution ____

[] Free the Beaches Bumper Sticker (Free)

Include your name, address, phone number, and dive club affiliation (if any).

If you are denied access to any dive site, here is what the Bay State Council recommends:

- Politely tell the denying officer that you were under the impression there was a new state law allowing divers access.
- Ask for an explanation for the denial.
- Politely leave, after asking for the name of the officer.
- Promptly report the incident to the Bay State Council's headquarters.

Mary Howard

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graphs during the banquet or help with awards, just send e-mail to me. We currently have about 26 awards to ready for presentation to their deserving recipients and all 89 photographs need to be rearranged on the display boards to accommodate larger information tags and easier viewing.

So, if you made it to the exhibition I hope you had fun. If you missed the event, then come and see the great photographs during the holiday banquet. Please come and have a great time.

Once again I would like to thank the contest photographers and supporters, they're all winners to me.

Thank you.

Pumpkin Carving Recap

by Rob Falk

Congratulations to Mary Howard, the 2001 NSF Underwater pumpkin carving grand champion. She earned her title at Stage Fort Park on Saturday, October 27, rendering a happy looking little squash with little more than a dive knife, a few seashells, and sheer grit and determination. In the event that she is unable to fulfill her duties, Roslyn Smith was named the first runner up, finishing just a coin toss ahead of Ray Porter. Rob Falk, Brenda Doyon-Wenetta and Paul Dumas also wielded sub-aqua cutlery. Mike Denneler was present as a cheerful onlooker; sadly, a shoulder injury is keeping Mike dry these days. Amy Maurer made it by in time for the judging. Al Morris was seen to be cruising by in a convertible, spouting some gibberish about college roommates and football games as an excuse for not immersing himself in comfort.

Jeannie Rahilly served up excellent hot dogs, candy, cider, hot chocolate and candy for all, while John McColley cruised the 55 degree waters with his Rubbermaid shark, and a waterproof cassette recorder playing the theme from Jaws.

The weather was excellent; it's a rare day when I'm not too hot AND Jeannie's not too cold all on the same day!

Its only a shame there weren't more Froggies on hand for this fun and challenging diving event.



2001 Pumpkin Carving Divers and their self portraits. (L -R)Ray Porter, Roslyn Smith, Mary Howard, Brenda Doyon-Wenetta, Rob Falk and Paul Dumas. © 2001 Jeannie Rahilly

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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 Times Vary: See Below

Date	Event	
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 6 (Thursday)	Club Elections	
December 8 (Saturday)	Banquet	FAC
December 20 (Thursday)	Installation of Officers	
December 26 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive	6:30 pm at Back Beach
December 27 (Thursday)	Pizza party (no business)	

SEWING BY JEANNIE

Drysuits, wetsuits, Jeannie Boots/Undergarments, Seals, Zippers, etc.

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Excellent condition! Very little use. Like NEW! less than 40 dives on it. Does not leak. Size Medium/long, blue and black Neoprene seals. self-donning diagonal front zipper with zipper guard. Oversized CF200 knee pads for durability. Inside suspenders. This suit retails for \$2250 Will sell for \$1150

DUI CF200X DRYSUIT

Size Medium, blue and black. New Latex wrist and neck seals, tested leak free. Self-donning diagonal front zipper with zipper guard. Oversized CF200 military knee pads for durability. Warm Neck collar for added warmth. Suit also includes gloves and hood. \$799

For either of these Crushed Neoprene suits, Contact Ralph Arabian (978) 749-9536 or ralphdiver1@juno.com

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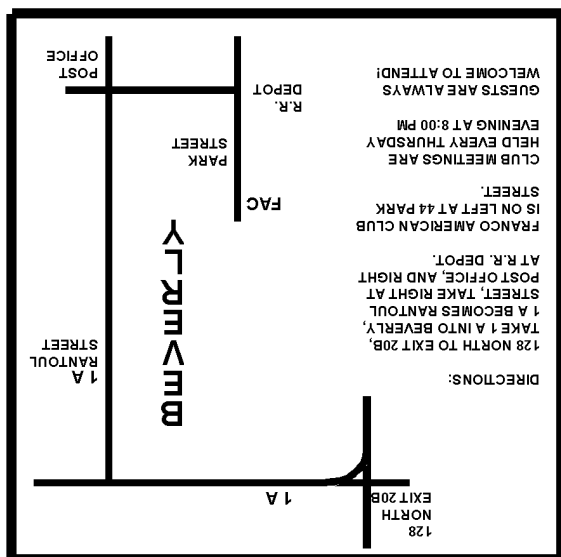
Club dives are held every Sunday morning—meet at the Burger King on Rt. 128 starting at 9:30 AM. Depart at 10 AM sharp.

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

Upcoming Night Dives:

11/28 Back Beach 6:30
12/26 Back Beach 6:30

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.



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Thursday November 29, 2001

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