



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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President's Message

It is satisfying to witness the sustained level of participation by the membership to our busy activities schedule. Kudos to our Activities co-chairs, Daryl Findlay and Dave Smith along with the other members of this committee who have planned and coordinated this year's calendar of events. Summary examples from the past month underscore the point.

On March 20, Director Vic Mastone and his Deputy David Trubey of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Archeological Resources gave an informative presentation on this state's submerged heritage. They had slides of many well-known and lesser-known wrecks off Massachusetts Bay. Vic also talked about Native American history and artifacts in fresh water environments. The presentation was well-attended and provoked lots of great questions from the membership.

Two events concluded the end-of-March calendar. On Tuesday, March 25 members attended the Boston Museum of Science, Omni Theater IMAX presentation of Howard and Michele Hall's "Coral Reef Adventure." The filming turned out to be even more spectacular than promised by the producers at Sea Rovers. Numerous club members turned out and we enjoyed a great dinner out at a Cambridge side Galleria Mall pizzeria following the show. Two days later on Thursday, March 27 was the last opportunity for some of us to enjoy Spring skiing conditions at Sunday River. Thanks to John Ferrier for coordinating this Ski Market trip for us.

The first weekend in April had the MetroWest Dive Club sponsoring the "Wrecks" symposium that has become an annual event. (See future article.)

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Our membership grew by three in April as the club voted in Kevin Beyea, Bob Seibel and Susan Copelas. Welcome all.

The Easter Egg Dive was a great success this year with John Sears's son John Patrick doing most all the egg laying, some 60 in all, in an inflatable boat. As it turned out Graham Smith won first place retrieving eight eggs including a special prize one from the 39-degree waters of Rockport's Back Beach. At least nine Froggies braved the chilly temperatures to participate in this annual "right of spring." And a news photographer for Community News and publishers of the North Shore Sunday witnessed the happenings and documented them with photographs. Thanks for this free bit of publicity goes to Dawn Denneler who contacted the news service in advance.

Participants soon warmed themselves with food, cheer and Frank's famous clam chowder as the Carvalhos hosted the après-dive reception yet again at their home in Rockport. What makes this gathering and the many New Years Day dives so successful and enjoyable is meeting up with scarcely seen Froggies who come out exclusively for these events. Arnie Pettiglio, rarely seen at regular meetings seldom misses these events. Another rare sighting was Joe Hindes whom this diver hasn't seen since the Palmer's Cove days. By sheer luck, an ex-member who saw us at Back Beach while driving by was Carl Hurst with his wife who joined us at Frank and Dodie's. With similar serendipity, Bruce Johnson, who goes way back as a member, drove past the base of Ridgewood Lane and spotted the dive flag. He and his wife stopped by late in the afternoon by the time most people left. It is always a treat to see old members.

April 17 was Presentation Night that came courtesy of Charles Mazel of NightSea. Charles holds a Ph.D. in marine science and is a research scientist for Physical Sciences, Inc. His talk and accompanying slide show on underwater fluorescent photography was as beautiful as it was unusual. This was another successful event for which we owe Mary Howard thanks for finding him at Sea Rovers.

We want to continue to be an active and involved dive club with dive-related as well as non-dive-related activities. For the month of May we have a Movie Night

on May 1 that will include the PBS Nova program “Deep Sea Invasion” the story of a genetically altered green alga that has invaded vast reaches of the Mediterranean Sea and has shown up on the west coast of the U.S. This means two “Activities Nights” for the month of May since Lieutenant John Tulik of the Environmental Police will speak to the club on May 15 on matters regarding lobster fishing and changes as well as proposed changes to current regulations regarding marine resources.

The first weekend in May, will have DUI setting up camp at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester for DUI Demo Days. Faith Ortins has invited the NSFC to participate with a booth to promote membership and enjoy the festivities these events have become famous for in recent years. Try out DUI dive gear that you have had your eyes on before you buy it. Enjoy the pig roast that Faith’s father will prepare. Have a great weekend at Stage Fort Park that has been selected as this year’s venue. We need volunteers to staff our booth and assist DUI representatives as dive masters and coordinators!

Bill Gannett has reserved the FAC for Friday, May 16 for our Club Night In. The theme will be discussed in forthcoming meetings. Amy Maurer heard from Bob Michaelson that The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary is to take the lead in the Marine component for The Massachusetts Biodiversity Days. The dates will be from May 30 through June 8, 2003. Also, stay tuned for upcoming initiatives from NEARS in May. See Dale Findley. Rich Kinkade will make deposits for eight canoes for the upcoming canoe trip later on this summer.

With so much happening, we continue to need members to organize, coordinate and volunteer for club activities. Please get involved. This is a great opportunity to make new friends from an increasingly diverse group of people who love to dive. This is your club!

See you diving,

Paul Sauvageau
President NSFC, 2003

2003 Dues are OVERDUE. Are yours paid?

Errata – On page 9 of last month’s issue of this newsletter, in the article titled **Boston Sea Rovers**, paragraph 5, it was **Howard** and **Michele** Hall who presented at the Saturday evening film festival.

Welcome New Members

At the meeting on April 3, the club voted in three new members! Susan Copelas of Lynnfield, Kevin Beyea of Lynn, and Bob Seibel of Newburyport.

Welcome to the club!

Jonathan Bird's New Book

by Amy Maurer

It's hot off the press! Jonathan Bird's new book, *Shadows and Light*, made its debut at Beneath The Sea just a few weeks ago. It will be available for purchase at the NSF meeting on June 19th, when Jonathan will be giving a presentation on one of his many exciting trips.

Shadows and Light isn't your typical artsy-fartsy book. Although it is artsy-fartsy, and it is a book, it is anything but typical. This is a work of stunning underwater photographs in black and white, capturing the often unnoticed subtleties of texture, detail and shape. It is a look at the ocean realm from an uncommon perspective.

This book is 80 pages, soft cover, printed on high quality paper with lacquer coating and has 73 images. If you'd like to take a peek, or you just can't wait until June to get your copy, check out the website. Also, watch for my full review in next month's Air Bubbles.

Website for *Shadows and Light*:

http://www.oceanicresearch.org/shadows_book.htm.

Sunday Dives

Now that the weather is maybe going to cooperate, and our Club Easter Egg dive went so well, let's plan to meet for regular Sunday dives. Until June 1, our regular meeting for Sunday dives will be: meet at Burger King on Route 128 in Beverly at 9AM, ready to depart for the agreed upon dive site at 9:30AM. If possible, a note should be left on one of the light poles (the one in the middle?), giving the date and the chosen dive destination (and maybe a cell phone number of one of the members planning to dive). Please realize that any destination chosen in the Burger King parking lot might not be found to be the best place to dive, either because of weather conditions or crowding, and another site may be chosen when sites are visited.

Meeting Summaries



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Members of the Month of

April

Frank and Dodie

Carvalho

who hosted the reception following the very successful Easter Egg Dive this year. Thank you both!

20-March-2003

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM

Attendance: Officers: 4 Members: 19 Total: 23

Guests: 4 (total) Guests – Kevin Beyea and Susan Copelas

Speakers – Victor Mastone and Dave Trubey of Board of Underwater Archeological Resources

Announcements:

- Guest Speakers – abbreviated meeting format

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting minutes for 3/6 accepted as read. No meeting held 3/13 - snow.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read. Mystery Prize cost \$12.50.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Susan Copelas received new member application.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay and Dave Smith - See calendar for coming events. Need speakers for April and May
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Next issue of Air Bubbles out next week.

Old Business:

- **Legal Services** – Final payment for legal services received. Motion made to pay the discounted balance made. Seconded. Motion passed.
- **Sea Rovers.** Summary of NSF participation at Sea Rovers was presented.
- 16 club members attended the event. 14 club members support the booth by providing material or greeting visitors. Guest book captured 14 visitors of these there were 6 “new” divers (less than 5 years of diving experience). Former club members and potential speakers stopped by the booth.
- The raffle of the regulator raised \$291. Angelo Correnti of BSC won the raffle.
- Mary Howard won the Sea Rovers raffle and will get to dive in the NEA Giant Ocean Tank.
- **Thanks** extended to Mary Howard and Ray Porter for hosting the St. Patrick's Day Party and coordinating activities at Sea Rovers.
- **Ski Trip.** Ticket count needed for the ski trip planned for 3/27. See John Ferrier.

Dive Talk:

- Shon Dubois and John Sears dove Front Beach. Vis 35 feet. Water temp 40°F.

General Discussion:

- None.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Raffles: Dollars Box: Susan Copelas (Guest)

Bug Bag: Postponed to next week.

Mystery Prize: Jack Munro

27-March-2003

Meeting called to order: 8:22 PM by Michael Donovan

Attendance: Officers: 2 Members: 10 Total: 12

Announcements:

- Abbreviated meeting format – Ski Trip Week, low attendance

Air Bubbles – (April) May 2003

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** John Sears – Meeting minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - No report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay and Dave Smith - See calendar for coming events.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – March issue available electronically. Some paper copies available. Other copies to be mailed this weekend.

Old Business:

- **2003 Banquet.** Double-checking initial deposit to TC & Torpedos for the banquet. Bill Gannett to take care of.

Dive Talk:

- Shon Dubois and friend dove Front Beach. Vis 30 ft. 2 bugs.
- Paul Dumas, Anita Windeler, Bill & Nancy Gannett at Antigua. Snorkeled bone yard (dead reef and a couple of wrecks) – Nice Isle, Poor diving.

General Discussion:

- **Diver Magazine Article.** Graham Smith wrote article worth looking at.
- **Easter Egg Dive.** Reconfirmed details of Easter Egg dive – Meeting at 9:30 at Back Beach. Dive time starts at 10:00 AM. Need help with eggs.
- **Dolphins.** Talked about U.S. Armed Forces use dolphins for mine recovery in IRAQ. Recall movie years ago “Day of the Dolphin” with George C. Scott.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM

Raffles: Dollars Box: Rich Kinkade
Bug Bag: Postponed to next week.
Mystery Prize: Graham Smith

3-April-2003

Meeting called to order: 8:15 PM

Attendance: Officers: 3 Members: 15 Total: 18
Guests: 4 – (3 potential members and Janet Oliver, friend of Anita Windeler)

Announcements:

- WRECKS this weekend.
- Undersea Divers sale this weekend.

Correspondence:

- E-mail – DUI Demo Days information from Faith Ortins read by Paul Sauvageau

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account

balances accepted as read.

- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Applications for 3 new members received: Susan Copelas of Lynnfield, Kevin Beyea of Lynn (found us on the website) and Bob Seibel of Newburyport (PADI certified in Malaysia). Motion to accept the new members. Seconded. Motion passed.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay and Dave Smith - See calendar for coming events.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Deadline for next Air Bubbles is April 18th. Candi to provide article for Air Bubbles.

Old Business:

- **2003 Banquet.** Bill Gannett to meet w/ TC & Torpedos tomorrow night.
- **Thank you letters.** Letters sent to Vic Mastone for his presentation to the club and Bobby Boyle for his beneficent contributions to the club.

Dive Talk:

- Susan Copelas went to Turks and Caicos (Grand Turk). Diving was really fabulous. Island is quiet – 3 people including self on a 5-mile beach. During wall dive, pod of 13 dolphins went by. Snorkeled with humpback whales. Water temp 80oF, Vis. 135 feet, no more than 7 on a dive boat. 6 days, 15 dives, beach dives and night dives. Suggested a club trip in the fall.

General Discussion:

- **Daryl Findlay.** E-mail from other divers – no changes to Dept. of Marine Fisheries regulations.
- **Mike Denneler.** Colossal squid caught near New Zealand off Antarctica
- **Michael Donovan.** Invasion from the Deep – Invasive Alga – Mediterranean – now off West coast. 3PM Channel 44 (PBX/WGBX) Friday. “Cultivar” pretty in aquarium

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dawn Denneler
Bug Bag: Mary Howard – UW Camera.
Mystery Prize: Daryl Findlay

10-April-2003

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM

Attendance: Officers: 4 Members: 18 Total: 22
Guests: 1 – Sis Despres

Correspondence:

- E-mail - Jeanine Fabian, So. Shore Neptune, is hosting a raffle for the underwater rugby team to support USA World Championship competition
- E-mail – Faith Ortins appreciates the support by the club for DUI Demo Days. The club will host a booth at the Stage Fort Park location. (cont. on pg. 7)

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				1 Movie night 8PM Meeting	2	3 DUI Demo Days Stage Fort Park
4 DUI Demo Days Stage Fort Park	5	6	7	8 8PM Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>BSC Meeting</i> Full Moon Dive	15 Speaker Meeting John Tulik Environmental Police	16 Club Night In	17
18 Bay State Council Treasure Hunt	19	20	21	22 8PM Meeting	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 Movie night 8PM Meeting	30	31
1 Transect Dive-SSN	2	3	4	5 8PM Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11 Full Moon Dive	12 8PM Meeting	13	14 Canoe Trip Ipswich River
15	16	17	18	19 Speaker Meeting Jonathan Bird	20	21 Boat Dive Cape Ann Divers
22	23	24	25	26 8PM Meeting	27	28
29	30	<h1 style="margin: 0;">JUNE 2003</h1>				

Activities

- **May 1, Movie night**
- **May 3-4, DUI DOG Rally and Demo Days** at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester. Demos of DUI dry suits, BC and Weight & Trim systems, as well as Sea & Sea Cameras, conducted Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-4. Lunch included for participants. Dinner Saturday evening, \$15. See flyer at meetings for more details.
- **May 14, Season's first FULL MOON DIVE.** Time still tbd.
- **May 14, Bay State Council Meeting**, Neptunes' Clubhouse in Quincy. Contact Mary for info.
- **May 15, Dave Tulik of the Massachusetts Environmental Police** will speak to the club on Massachusetts Environmental Laws, specifically rules governing the taking of lobsters.
- **May 16, Club Night In** at the Franco American Club.

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More Activities

- **May 18**, Bay State Council **Treasure Hunt Dive and Snorkel Events**, Rain or Shine. See flyer for further information on times and how to sign up.
- **May 29**, **Movie night**
- **June 1**, the South Shore Neptunes will be doing their first **Transect Dive** of the season for the artificial reef project. They will be accommodating other dive clubs on their boats in order to increase the number of transects that can be done. Contact Angelo Correnti if you would like to go along on some of these dives.
- **June 1**, **Mass Biodiversity Days**. Fish count dives to be conducted, coordinated with Stellwagen NMS. Contact Amy Maurer for more information.
- **June 11**, **FULL MOON DIVE**. Time tbd.
- **June 14**, **Canoe Trip on the Ipswich River**, with Foote Brothers Canoe Rentals. Time tbd. Sign up sheet available. "Dive" Coordinators: Peter Cassidy and Bill Gannett.
- **June 19**, Speaker Meeting: **Jonathan Bird** will give a presentation.
- **June 21**, season's first **Boat Dive** with **Cape Ann Charters**, with Fran Marcou on **Day Breaker**. Sign-up sheets are available at the meetings for these events. Sign up soon! Dive Coordinator: Dave Smith. Cost \$55 for 2-tank trip.
- **July 6**, South Shore Neptunes **Transect Dive**. See June 1 for details.
- **July 19**, at Stage Fort Park: **Great American Fish Count**. The North Shore Frogmen will have a table at this event. Make sure to come and register and dive. There will be a lot of great prizes to win, and your ticket to enter is your fish count form! "Dive Coordinator": Amy Maurer.
- **Aug 2**, **Boat Dive** with Cape Ann Charters on **Day Breaker**. See June 21 for details.
- **Aug 13**, **FULL MOON DIVE**. Time tbd.
- **Aug 17**, South Shore Neptunes **Transect Dive**. See June 1 for details.
- **Aug 30**, **Nubble Light Dive**. Time tbd.
- **Aug 29-Sept1**, Wells Beach Camping weekend. Information to follow.
- **Sept 21**, NSF **Annual Club Picnic** at Stage Fort Park.
- **Sept 21**, South Shore Neptunes **Transect Dive**. See June 1 for details.
- **Sept 27**, **Coast Sweep**. Come help clean up the beaches! "Dive Coordinator": Dave Smith
- **Oct 4**, Lexington Bike Trail **Bike Ride**. "Dive Coordinator": Dave Smith
- **Oct 11**, **Boat Dive** with Cape Ann Charters on **Day Breaker**. See June 21 for details.
- **Oct 25**, NSF **Halloween Party**. Host: Dave Smith
- **Nov 27**, Thanksgiving, **NO MEETING**
- **Dec 4**, NSF Elections
- **Dec 6**, NSF **Annual Banquet**
- **Dec 25**, Christmas, **NO MEETING**

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- (cont. from pg. 4)
- E-mail – Jonathan Bird has 5 openings for Eastport May 29 to June 5 \$220 for the weekend (\$100 dep.).

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Dues received. Bob Siebel's C-Card received. Pamphlets are now at Bob's Undersea Divers and Atlantic Divers. (Atlantic Divers moved to Saugus.) Two "hits" from website received inquiring about membership – will follow-up.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay and Dave Smith - Sunday Dives – Shore dive coordinators needed, current times are: meet 9:00AM, depart 9:30.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Wrecks article to be written by Paul Sauvageau. Compliments received about recent editions of Air Bubbles. Readers got a good sense of what has happened during meetings.

Old Business:

- **Easter Egg Dive.** Joel Beck of the No. Shore Weeklies will attend the Easter Egg Dive. Dawn Denneler arranged for the coverage by the paper.
- **Nova.** The story about the Mediterranean Alga taking over the sea and is now on the West coast was very interesting and would make a good Movie Night presentation (1-hour long).

Dive Talk:

- Daryl Findlay trying out a new camera housing
- No problems reported in getting gear serviced for the coming dive season.

General Discussion:

- **Dept. of Marine Fisheries.** No change in regulations reported. Proposed changes were to take effect by July 1st.
- **Speaker for August.** Mark Gannett to speak on Underwater Photography.
- **Speaker for July.** Mark Miller a possible speaker. Ray Porter spoke with him at Sea Rovers and he was willing to speak some time in June or July. Mark has done a lot of research on scallops and hake.
- **New e-Mail Addresses.** Conversions from AT&T Broadband to Comcast. Mary Howard now at mmhoward@us.ibm.com. Paul Sauvageau now at paul.sauvageau@shawgrp.com, at least for now.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM

Raffles: Dollars Box: Frank Carvalho
Bug Bag: Postponed to next week.
Mystery Prize: Mike Denneler

17-April-2003

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM

Attendance: Officers: 4 Members: 23 Total: 27

Guests: 3 – Charles Mazel, speaker, Don Goulart and Mike Lambert

Announcements:

- Guest Speaker – abbreviated meeting format.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay and Dave Smith - Sunday Dives starting soon – need dive coordinators. Sign-up sheets available for boat dives need a few more people to sign up to reserve boats. Club Night In – Theme needed for event. Bob Michelson is leading Biodiversity Days fish count as part of the Stellwagen Bank Marine Fisheries Sat. May 31 to June 1. Any site is OK just need to let Bob know when and where.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Articles for current issue of Air Bubbles due.

Old Business:

- **Ipswich River Canoe Trip.** Canoe reservation is \$10/canoe. 8 canoes have been rented during past events. Sign-up list to be made and \$10 collected for each canoe. Motion made for Club to reserve 8 canoes (\$80) to be reimbursed by people as they sign-up for the canoe trip. Seconded. Motion passed.

Dive Talk:

- **Easter Egg Dive.** Back Beach, Rockport. John Patrick Sears planted 5 dozen eggs from and inflatable raft. Nine divers and 10 shore support people were present. Air Temp. 48oF, Water Temp. 36 to 39oF Vis. 8 to 12 feet. Conditions – Slight chop and surge. Winners were Graham Smith (Ikelite Super 8 Dive Light), Kevin Beyea (10 air fill card) and Dave Smith (Henderson Mitts). Gifts provided by Bobby Boyle of Undersea Divers. Dawn Denneler arranged for North Shore Sunday to provide photographic coverage of the event. Frank and Dodie Carvalho hosted the after party gathering. The weather improved to the mid- 50's and mostly sunny skies, the chowder was excellent and many past club members.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Raffles: Dollars Box: Kevin Beyea
Bug Bag: Unknown
Mystery Prize: Graham Smith

Easter Egg Dive and Party

Dodie Carvalho

The NSFC celebrated Spring with its annual Easter Egg Hunt. On April 13th over 30 members met at Back Beach in Rockport for the egg hunt. John Patrick Sears (the son of John and Theresa) played the role of Mother Hen, “laying” the eggs by rowing offshore in a rubber boat and scattering about 5 dozen eggs. Mike Denneler,



John Patrick Counting His Eggs (Photo by Dodie Carvalho)

with a support crew of about 8 people, acted as shore coordinator.

Nine members entered the water at 10:00 for a one hour search for eggs. Due to rough conditions and low visibility only about one dozen were recovered by the divers: Daryl Findley, Paul Savageau, Mary Howard, Ray Porter, Kevin Beyea (2nd Prize), Dave Smith (3rd prize by a drawing), John Sears, Graham Smith (1st prize), and Shon Dubois. The winners got wonderful prizes.

A photographer from the North Shore Sunday Magazine was on the beach taking pictures and interviewing members. His article and photos will appear later in the Spring in any of 30 weekend magazines distributed in newspapers on the North Shore. Bobby Boyle was at the beach cheering the divers on. Jerry Sutherland was taking video pictures of the event as well.

Following the dive everyone returned to Frank and Dodie Carvalhos’ house in Rockport to enjoy Frank’s famous chowder, hot mulled wine, and many delicious treats brought by club members. It was a relaxing

afternoon of sharing and reminiscing on the deck with bright sunshine in the afternoon. Several past members who either saw the club diving, or the dive flag set up to guide new members to Dodie and Frank’s house, joined us for the party. It was nice seeing Carl and Claire Hurst who live in Gloucester still, and also Bruce Johnson who is now in New Hampshire. Joe Hindes, who is now a “lean mean machine”, joined us and is ready to get back into diving.



Maddie opening one of her eggs (Photo by Dodie Carvalho)

There were four children at the party. Carmen Henriques’s two “little bunnies” left early, so Maddie Cassidy and John Patrick Sears were left to search for the eggs around the yard. These two “Easter rabbits” took their candy and Easter treats home to enjoy later.



Talking over "Days of Old" (Photo by Dodie Carvalho)

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Dive Talk

(Photo by Dodie Carvalho)

Easter Egg Dive Log

Sunday Morning, April 13, 2003

Back Beach, Rockport

Air Temperature 48°F, Partly Cloudy

8:30 John Patrick Sears (John's son) plants 5 dozen Easter eggs from an inflatable boat.

9:00 9 divers start showing up along with 10 shore support personnel and 4 children.

9:15 "North Shore Sunday" photographer Mark arrives, is given club information, and talks with divers.

9:30 Divers are photographed suiting up (photographer stayed until 11:30!).

10:00 Divers off and swimming: Visibility 8-12 feet, water temperature 36-39°F, slight chop to the water.

11:00 ALL divers return... results follow:

Grand Prize - Ikelite Super 8 Dive Light: Graham Smith - 8 eggs, one with special markings.

Second Prize - 10 Air Fill Card: Kevin Beyea - 3 eggs.

Third Prize - Henderson Mitts: Dave Smith - 1 egg.

Shon Dubois - 1 egg, Mary Howard - 1 egg, Paul Sauvageau (Mr. President) - 1 egg, Daryl Findlay - 0 eggs, John Sears - 0 eggs, and the only 'REAL' diver (in a wet suit) Ray Porter - 0 eggs.

Bobby Boyle visited us at the beach. (Special thanks to Bobby and UNDERSEA DIVERS for the great prizes at the discounted price – we more than appreciate your generosity!)

Shore Support: Peter and Maddie Cassidy, Becky Dubois, Bill Gannett, Carmen, Connor & Christopher Henriques, Carl & Claire Hurst, John Patrick Sears, and Jerry & Marlene Sutherland.

Thank you to Mary Howard & John Sears for preparing the eggs, to Dawn Denneler for arranging for the "North Shore Sunday" photographic coverage, and to John Sears for purchasing the prizes at UNDERSEA DIVERS and setting up the dive.

12:00 Party at Dodie and Frank Carvalhos' home: Air temperature in middle 50's, partly sunny. (Thanks Dodie & Frank!)

Watch for an upcoming edition of "North Shore Sunday" to see Mark's pictures of this club event!

Submitted by Mike Denneler, Dive Coordinator



I found one!!

(Photo by Daryl Findlay)



MA Biodiversity Days Fish Surveys

The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary will be taking the lead of the Marine component for the Massachusetts Biodiversity Days. They are asking their volunteer fish counters to schedule fish AND ALL OTHER SEALIFE surveys as part of this state-wide effort. Sanctuary staff will then tally and report the data to MA authorities and then forward the scan forms down to REEF. Bob Michelson will be joining one of the survey dives so he can acquire still and video images of the fish survey activities for promotional purposes for the Sanctuary. The images will appear throughout New England and national print and broadcast media.

The NSF dives will be Sunday, June 1. If you are interested in participating, please contact Amy Maurer.

A Frog Beneath the Sea

On March 29th I was invited by John Desmond (president of the North Shore Diver's Club) to go to the "Beneath the Sea" scuba show at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. Our tickets into the exhibitor area were free (using a coupon from Nekton Divers), so the expense of seeing the show was the cost of fuel to drive down for the day. We were able to make the drive down in about four and a half hours, but the drive back was a little bit more due to the normal New York traffic and accidents.



This was my first time to this show. I have been to our local Sea Rovers show many times so I base my comments on that. Many of our Dive Master and Instructor members have commented about another scuba show in the past, the DEMA show. From their and my observations, I would say that the "Beneath the Sea" show was about ten times the size of the Sea Rovers show in Boston and that the DEMA show is about 2-3 times the size of the "Beneath the Sea" show. There were close to a hundred exhibitors, seminars, and events to see, hear, and do during the day.

At the show I met a few of our current and past members along with many friends I had made from other clubs and dive organizations. Al Morris, Faith Ortins and Susan Long Holland were at the DUI Dry Suit booth. Paul Blanchette was seen scoping the exhibitors for new gadgets for his rebreather.

We spent the day wandering around the exhibitor booths talking about upcoming scuba products and dive destinations. There was so much to see and do, just in the exhibiting hall. One booth was promoting Divers Tea. That's right... an herbal tea for divers stamina. At another booth for a tropical dive destination, they were passing out small bottles of rum and many other free samples. A unique service being promoted at one booth was scuba-wedding ceremonies.

As far as any new dive gadgets I saw at the show, there were a lot more companies making stronger

titanium dive knives, masks with LED lights built in, full face masks with communication systems and rebreather connections, a few rebreathers (nothing truly new in this



Susan Long Holland and Faith Ortins - DUI booth (Photos D. Findlay)

category), mask mounted color video cameras (recorder mounts to tank or harness), new dry suit glove systems, new thinner warmer wet suits, dive computers with more computing power and games built-in for those long decompression hangs, large powerful video lights, a housed MP3 music player good to 200 feet (once again for those long decompression hangs), louder underwater signaling devices (we must already sound like a Boeing 777 airplane landing to most Marine life, just wait for now we have underwater air horns), and the usual new fin/mask/snorkel designs.

Another cool thing at the show was all the artists. They all had beautiful and interesting thing for us to see and buy, from metal sculptures to paintings and many things in between. One artist actually paints on the canvases underwater while diving, I joked with him if he needed huge double tanks to paint the large 3x4 foot paintings he had on display.

I had a lot of fun at the show and hope to go again next year.

Daryl K. Findlay

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Attention all divers! Bring your family, friends and fellow divers to the 18th annual B.S.C. Treasure Hunt. It's a chance to get back in shape, meet other divers and win great prizes. The event is sponsored by the Bay State Council of Divers.

Date: Sunday May 18, 2003 (Rain or Shine)
Time: 8:00 AM to 4:PM
Place: Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA
Fee: Advanced Registration \$8.00
 Day of Event \$10.00

Registration: 8:00 to 9:30 AM
SCUBA Event: 10:00 to 11:00 AM
Snorkel Event: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Trophies and Prizes: 1:00 to 2:00 PM

The day will include picnicking, an underwater treasure hunt (scuba and snorkel events) and lots of prizes. Here's how it works: Bring your own food and beverages (no alcohol allowed), cooking OK. Bring your own grill. Take out available.
Required Equipment: For SCUBA Event: Wet or Dry Suit with buoyancy compensator, tank, regulator with pressure gauge, weight belt, mask, fins, snorkel, knife and catch bag. For Snorkel Event: All of the above except tank and regulator.

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Yes. I want to participate in the 2003 BSC Treasure Hunt. Enclosed is my \$8.00 advanced registration fee (non-refundable).

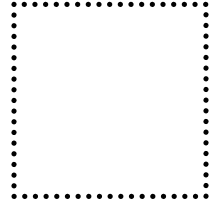
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Upcoming Events!

- May 1: Movie Night
- Apr 3-4: DUI Demo Days
- May 14: First Full Moon Dive
- May 15: Speaker: John Tulik
- May 16: Club Night In
- May 18: BSC Treasure Hunt



Sunday dives: Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 at 9AM. Depart for dive site at 9:30AM.
See page 2 for more info.

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.

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