



# Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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## President's Message, February 2004

Hello Friends,

I hope that you all had a Safe and Happy New Year's Celebration last month (thanks Peter and Holly!!), and that you are looking forward to another year full of diving adventure and social activities with your fellow Froggies. Your North Shore Frogmen club officers and the Program Committee (AKA: The Daryl and Dave Show), with the help of other interested members (hint: please help!!), have been hard at work, putting together a tentative Calendar of Events for the coming year. I encourage all Froggies and their Friends to pay close attention to the Calendar Listings located in this newsletter to keep informed of future club activities in which you might be interested. As always, you are welcome to share your suggestions for club activities at any time. Please feel free to e-mail myself or the other club officers with comments/questions/suggestions, or come to a meeting to share your ideas with the membership.

I will leave the details of the potential activities up to the Program Committee to describe, but I wanted to mention that we have several activities from which to choose. We have members interested in Alpine and Cross-Country ski trips sometime over the next several months (See, Froggies can still have fun in the water even when it's frozen!!!) and we have others who mentioned that they might be interested in ice skating or roller-skating trips. We also have the opportunity to partake of one or more of the video offerings of IMAXFEST 2004 (it ends on February 8th; please see the Info Box in Air Bubbles pg. 3 for details). Don't forget the Boston Scuba Show in mid-February (featuring Capt. Spencer Slate who will discuss the sinking of the Spiegel Grove), and the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Boston Sea Rovers in early March (plan on attending the Saturday Evening Film Festival. Dr. Robert Ballard will be the MC, and will be discussing his latest work with

ancient shipwrecks found in the Black Sea). Mary and Ray are planning on hosting our annual St. Patrick's Day Party again, and a few brave souls might even be interested in running an Easter Egg Dive this year. Looking forward into the year, we are planning several boat dives; including a wreck dive or two, and a possible visit to the Isle of Shoals later in the season.

We are planning to continue last year's successful Video Night meetings, as well as to offer lectures and presentations of interest to the club from both club members and from others in the community. For instance, I know that Bob Michelson, from REEF, has expressed interest in offering another Fish ID class to our club for free, and that this year, he will be adding invertebrates to the lecture to prepare us for the future time when REEF will be requesting a census of marine invertebrates as well as fish. I suggest that we take advantage of such offers; education allows us to enjoy our time in the water more, especially if that education allows us to know just what we are looking at!! Well, I've rambled on long enough, but I want you to know that the year's Activities Calendar is not set in stone, and items can be added and removed at will, throughout the year.

There is a lot of fun in store for this year, so as they say, "Stay tuned, there's more to come!!"

Michael Donovan  
President  
NSF '04

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## Meeting Summaries

### **8-January-2004**

Meeting called to order: 8:07 PM  
Attendance: 4 officers, 12 Members

#### **Correspondence:**

- E-mail from Amy Maurer – e-mail from Bob Michelson promoting fish identification classes.
- Boston Scuba Show promotional card
- Boston Sea Rovers promotional flyer
- E-mail from Dodi Carvahlo – Frank recovering at Seacoast Rehab

Center. Secretary to bring card to next meeting for all to sign.

#### **Committees:**

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read. Dues are due: \$42. Bills: \$243.50 pizza, \$77.48 Air Bubbles Costs, \$85.25 Photo contest awards. Motion to pay bill made. Seconded. Accepted.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Nothing to report. Lots of junk mail in P.O. Box.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith – See Activity list.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Air Bubbles Articles needed.

#### **New Business:**

- Sea Rovers. Public Service Booth \$160. Show of hands to approve participation in Sea Rovers this year. Dave Smith and John Sears to coordinate w/ Bobby Boyle on Raffle Prize.
- Annual Banquet 2004. John Sears to coordinate with FAC on the Dec 4th date. TC and Torpedoes will play for the same rate \$1000. John Sears to coordinate \$100 dep with band.

#### **Dive Talk:**

- New Year's Day Dive. 5 Froggies in the water at Old Garden Beach. Dodi came by as shore support. Beach area completely rock covered as sand has been drawn out to sea. Difficult to get deeper than 20ft. Water temp 41 – 42oF, dive time about 30 minutes, depth 24 to 25 feet, Vis. 15 – 20 feet. No fish, crabs and small bugs and anemone on rocks. Daryl on scooter.
- Dawn Denneler in Hawaii. Dawn and Mike went to Hawaii to visit with Joe & Terri. Dawn dove for the first time since July 24, 1982 (22 years). Her last warm water dive was 28 years ago. Depth 20 to 40 feet.

#### **General Discussion:**

- Pizza Party. Good job last week by new president Michael Donovan. Salads were a big hit.
- New Year's Day Party. Congrats to Pete and Holly Cassidy for hosting a great NYD Party.

#### **Raffles:** Dollars Box: Bill Frank

Mystery Prize: Mary Howard  
Bug Bag: Henderson Gold 3-Finger gloves - Ongoing

### **15 – January-2004**

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM  
Attendance: 4 officers, 11 Members  
Guests: 2 – Chris Martinez and Tom Easton (former Froggie president)

#### **Correspondence:**

Mary Howard – e-mail from Chris Simoneau said he will still hold the mini-rebreather course for winners at last year's Boston Scuba Show.

#### **Committees:**

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - No report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith – See Activity list. Boat Dives 3 w/ Cape Ann Charters, \$20 dep. required to reserve dive. Plus night boat dive and Isle of Shoals dive. Possible next speakers: Lt. John Tulik and Bob Michaelson.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – One article received more are welcome.

#### **Old Business:**

- Card for Frank available for signing.
- Boston Sea Rovers booth reservation submitted.

#### **New Business:**

- Roller Skating event in Beverly Roller mat suggested. \$300 to rent the place for 2 hours.

#### **Dive Talk:**

- Photo of a solo diver off Winter Island in Salem by Daryl.
- Lobster permits have been received. Can be obtained on-line.

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### General Discussion:

- Daryl scanned Dawn's picture from Hawaii and provided "digital enhancements".

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dawn Denneler

Mystery Prize: Peter Chapman

Bug Bag: Henderson Gold 3-Finger gloves – Mike Denneler

Aqua Lung Regulator - Ongoing

### 22-January-2004

Meeting called to order: 8:04 PM

Attendance: 3 officers, 15 Members

Guests: 2 – Chris Martinez & Amy Sklivia

### Committees:

- *Secretary's Report:* Ray Porter – Meeting Minutes accepted as amended
- *Treasurer's Report:* Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- *Membership:* John Ferrier - Nothing to report.
- *Program:* Daryl Findlay gave report. See calendar.
- *Air Bubbles:* Mary Howard – Air Bubbles Deadline Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Dive Talk:

- Paul Blanchette – St Martin & Saba Island trip - Dove rebreather. Airport security not a problem, got some extra attention, but rebreather (without air cylinders) came through as carry-on. Oxygen was ordered in advance and available when he arrived. Dive masters were firm about 40 minute dives. Photo on shark feed show other divers with plumes of air bubbles, while the water over Paul was clear. Diving is available at the pinnacles on Saba Island, but Paul did not dive there.

### General Discussion:

- Ski Trips. No one went on the last trip when air temperatures were –20oF
- John is willing to go on any of the Ski Market Wednesday trips, just give him a call.

Meeting ended for movie night.

Raffles:Dollars Box: Dave Metrano

Mystery Prize: Daryl Findlay

Bug Bag: Aqua Lung Regulator – On going

Deadline for submissions for the March issue of Air Bubbles is February 20.

2004 Dues are Due.  
Have you paid yours yet?

## IMAXFEST 2004

<http://www.imaxfest.com>

Volcanoes of the Deep Sea 2D (2003)

Oceanmen: Extreme Dive 2D (2001)

Ocean Wonderland 3D (2003)

Into the Deep 3D (2003)

Ghosts of the Abyss 3D (2003)

Dolphins 2D (2000)

Coral Reef Adventure 2D (2003)

January 8-February 8, 2004

Mugar Omni Theater at Boston's Museum of Science

Simon's IMAX Theater at the New England Aquarium

Comcast IMAX 3D Theater at Jordan's Theater in Natick

Member of the Month  
January 2004

Paul Sauvageau

I would like to extend congratulations to **Paul Sauvageau** for being nominated as January's Diver of the Month in recognition of his tremendous work as North Shore Frogmen's Club President for 2003. Paul has devoted a great deal of time and effort to making this club fun and informative, and we are indebted to him for making the club meetings and activities run as smoothly as they did. His efficient manner, organizational skills, and sense of humor make Paul a joy to work with. Thank you Paul!!

Michael Donovan

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### Diving Again-After 22 years!!

An overcast day in July 1982, with Mike holding our 5 month old daughter Merri in his arms, I dove on a club dive at Hoop Pole Cove in Rockport. Although I was unaware of it at the time, it became known as MY LAST DIVE. The next year our son Matt was born and although still active in the club, raising our children, rebuilding our house, continuing my professional, although part-time, career, and of course sun-worshipping and shopping, put diving off my priority list.

On January 2nd, 2004, on the sun-drenched volcanic sands of Hookenna Beach on the big island of Hawaii, diving rose to the top of my priority list. Gearing up with an integrated jacket BC ( I had learned with a horse-collar), mask, fins and snorkel...NO WETSUIT....I slowly backed into the surfers' surf at an area of the beach between the reefs. With Joe Donovan snorkeling above us, Mike and I dove the waters just beyond the surf line. The many types of corals, the black volcanic rocks and the colorful tropical fishes were spectacular in the clear 85 degree turquoise water.

Although 22 years had passed since my last dive and the equipment was considerably different, it was like I had met an old friend. It felt great to be back!! As we dove the reefs Mike and I passed a camera back and forth and posed for pictures to document my return to the sea and remember our adventure. Too soon my air supply was low and I found myself back on the surface paddling back to shore with Joe and Mike, my escorts, my dive over. Can you say "warm water diver"??!!! I think I've been converted!

Mike and I went to Hawaii and stayed as the guests of former Froggies Joe Donovan and Terry (soon to be Donovan) Jacobs for 10 days. During our visit Joe took us everywhere. Except for only 3 days off Terry had to work, unfortunately. We saw a huge sea turtle sunning on a jet black sand beach, saw two whales surface off the coast, and attended a dolphin show. We visited Volcano National Park and saw steam vents, sulfur deposits, lava flows and huge craters. On the windward side of the island, on the way to Hilo, we visited rainforests and spectacular

waterfalls. We went to South Point, the southernmost point in the USA. One morning we even went to "Pebble Beach", Hawaii version! Terry was fortunately able to join us for a couple days of sightseeing and a sunset luau cruise which was very cool! Joe and Terry have a beautiful home on get this...ALOHA BLVD....that address says it all!! They are about 2000 feet up the side of Mauna Loa on an old, very old, lava flow site. Being at that elevation, the weather is PERFECT! They were perfect hosts and we are most grateful for their hospitality and their friendship, and the chance of a lifetime!! Thanks guys!!

Dawn Denneler

NSFC -president 1979



*Photo of Dawn taken by Mike, enhanced by D. Findlay*



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1	2	3	4	5 8PM Meeting	6	7
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7 Sea Rovers	8	9	10	11 8PM Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17 Ski Trip/ Okemo	18 8PM Meeting	19	20
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### Winter Sunday Dive Times

Arrive at Burger King at 9:00, ready to leave for the dive site at 9:30AM.

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### Activities

(This page will be updated every month, some dates may change. Please check regularly.)

- **Feb 11, Ski Trip** to Sunday River with Ski Market. Contact John Ferrier.
- **Feb 11, Bay State Council Meeting** at South Shore Neptunes' Club House. Contact Mary Howard.
- **Feb 12, Movie Night**.
- **Feb 21, Boston Scuba Show**
- **Mar 6-7, Sea Rovers Show** at Copley Plaza, Boston.
- **Mar 17, Ski Trip** to Okemo. Contact John Ferrier.
- **Mar 20, St. Patrick's Day Party** at Mary Howard's house.
- **Apr 25, Easter Egg Dive** (and Party?).
- **May 5, Wed. "Almost Full Moon" Night Dive**. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- **May 15, Club Night In**. (Subject to change. Check schedule closer to date.)
- **May 19, Wed. "Dive on the Dark Side" Night Dive**. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- **May 31, Holiday Dive** (?)
- **Jun 2, Wed. "Almost Full Moon" Night Dive**. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- **Jun 12, Canoe Trip** on Ipswich River
- **Jun 16, Wed. "Dive on the Dark Side" Night Dive**. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- **Jun 30, Wed. "Almost Full Moon" Night Dive**. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- **Jul 5, Holiday Dive** (?)
- **Jul 14, Wed. "Dive on the Dark Side" Night Dive**. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- **Jul 17, Great American Fish Count**. Stage Fort Park.
- **Jul 28, Wed. "Almost Full Moon" Night Dive**. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- **Aug 11, Wed. "Dive on the Dark Side" Night Dive**. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- **Aug 25, Wed. "Almost Full Moon" Night Dive**. Back Beach. Time tbd.
- **Sep 3-6, Wells Beach Camping and Nubble Light diving weekend**.
- **Sep 6, Holiday Dive** (?)
- **Sep 11, Coast Sweep**. Contact Dave Smith.
- **Sep 19, Annual Club Picnic**, Stage Fort Park.
- **Nov 4, Nominations** for Club Officers start.
- **Dec 4, Club Banquet** at Franco American Club.

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### Great American Fish Count

Hi All,

It is time once again to plan on participating in the largest GAFC diving event in the USA for 2 years in a row – let's make it a 3rd!!

The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Sanctuary celebration event in conjunction with the Great Annual Fish Count on Saturday, July 17, 2004. This will be a joint event with the NEADC.

The event will be based at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. We have the porch from 10:00am-4:00pm. Divers will need to select which dive site they wish to survey and pre-register with me for one of the following dive sites prior to the event. These sites include: Folly Cove, Back Beach, Old Garden Beach, Magnolia Rocks, Cathedral Rocks, Halibut Shores and Nubble Light, York, Maine.

Divers will meet directly at their survey location and begin their survey dives beginning between 8 and 9am, depending upon what time site leaders call for. There will be a volunteer shore coordinator for each location to assist with parking, etc. I would appreciate volunteers to step-up for these positions. Alicia Lenci from NEADC has already volunteered for Halibut Shores.

All divers will then return to Stage Fort Park by 1pm for lunch and our equipment raffle which will be drawn at 2pm. The lunch and raffle are free to all volunteer divers who conduct at least one survey dive on Saturday 7/17/04.

Our raffle boasted over \$6000.00 in dive equipment last year. This years raffle is looking to exceed that amount. Divers will all receive one (1) raffle ticket, regardless as to how many survey dives they have conducted. Each diver will receive their raffle ticket when checking back in at the park after diving and turn in their completed scan forms. The divers will then select which grand prize they would like to win by placing their ticket in the appropriate bowl for that prize. All non-winning tickets will then be placed into a single bowl. Divers will select whatever they would like to take from the prize table in the order that each subsequent winning ticket is drawn.

This year we are looking for volunteers to help set-up in the morning, and clean-up and break down at the end of the day. Please let me know if you are interested in pitching-in.

We will have free booth space available for any dive club, or non-profit environmental group. Just let me know if you are interested so we can arrange for a table and chairs for your group.

Remember - divers need to pre-register with me prior to the event to qualify for the GAFC celebration and prizes.

Warmest regards,

Bob Michelson

SBNMS Fish ID Coordinator



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### *HMS Surprise*

Daryl Findlay

This is the *HMS Surprise* used in the movie "Master and Commander" (with Russell Crow). I toured the ship in San Diego with my brother and nephew. It's about the same size as the *Friendship of Salem* in Salem whose hull Dave Smith, my father and I cleaned last year.



This photo was taken January, 2004, by Daryl Findlay: Old Garden Beach looking more like Pebble Beach. Sand washed from beach means shallower depths for diving.



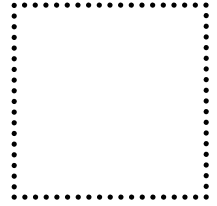
### CONTEST: Guess Who??

← Guess the proud owner of this new license plate. The thirteenth person to respond with the correct answer wins a prize! To place your bets, contact me (Mary Howard) by email ([mmhoward@us.ibm.com](mailto:mmhoward@us.ibm.com)) or by phone (781-944-1292, leave a message). Contest ends February 20. The winner will be announced in the March issue of Air Bubbles.





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## Upcoming Events!

- Feb 11,      Ski Trip to Sunday River
- Feb 11:      Bay State Council Meeting
- Feb 12:      Movie Night
- Feb 21:      Boston Scuba Show
- Mar 6-7:     Bay State Council Meeting



**2004 Dues are Due**

**Sunday Dives: Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly,  
at 9:00 AM, ready to depart for dive site at 9:30AM.**

**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.