



Air Bubbles



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From the President's Slate

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Greetings to all my fellow divers!~

Many years ago, when I went for a job interview, the interviewer asked me what I felt were the key issues that would make or break a project. My response was "the three C's". After enjoying the inquisitive look that came upon his face, I proceeded to explain that the three C's of a project are Cost, Connectors, and Communication.

It is that one last word, COMMUNICATION, that I have seemed to have forgotten about.

This past month, we had another GREAT beach meeting with the exception of not having a grill. Our usual keeper of the flame, Dave Matrano, had emailed me to say that his grill would be available but somebody would have to swing by to pick it up. He would not be able to attend. For some reason only known to this writer, the message never got out and we didn't have a grill. My apologies to Froggie Nation for my miscue.

However, in true Froggie fashion, we had a great time never the less. It reminded me of the Grinch taking the tree but the town still had a great celebration!

Also this past month, we had the Great Annual Fish Count at Old Garden Beach. My dive buddy, Mia Peluso and I came across a whole killing field of dead skates. We stopped counting at 17. It looked as if somebody had tossed a bomb into the water. After our dive, we went to turn in our census sheets. This year's venue was at the Marine Heritage Center in Gloucester. They had TV crews filming the event and lots of good food.

As summer moves on, we can expect more great diving weather. I hope everyone can get out and enjoy the water.

To keep updated on the latest events of the Froggies, check out the complete listing of events in this issue. Also, go online at: <http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html> for a constantly updated listing.

We are eager to listen to any of your comments, concerns, and suggestions! Just send an email to: DiveTalk@hotmail.com and you WILL be heard!

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Dave Smith
President
NSF '05



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Meeting Summaries

26-May-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:22 PM
Attendance: 2 Officers, 8 Members
Guests: 1

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Absent, no report.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

New Business: Mia is planning a white water rafting trip.

Dive Talk:

- **Al Morris** – Demo Days dive in Dutch Springs in Pennsylvania. Got reprimanded for solo diving. Caught laryngitis from a borrowed regulator. 50°F at 67ft, 50 ft viz.

General Discussion:

- **Mia, Mary, Ray, John, Daryl, Susan, Paul S., Michael** went to see "Sharks 3-D" Imax at the Aquarium. All sharks filmed were listed as endangered. Fun had by all.
- **Mike's moments:**
 - Globe: 7 teenagers drown in riptide.
 - Salem News: Duke Energy (new gas pipeline owners) will pay \$5 million for artificial reefs as repayment for damage done.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Al Morris
Mystery Prize: John Sears
Bug Bag: ongoing

2-June-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 18 Members
Guests: 1 – Diane Anthony

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

Dive Talk:

- **Susan and André** – Did a refresher dive at back beach, 15 ft viz.
- **Steve Levy** – Dove at Folly Cove at low tide, 51° at 20 ft, 6 ft viz.

General Discussion:

- **Mary:** Reading Chronicle article on Jonathan Bird.
- **NH diver dies** helping a less experienced friend in Vermont.
- **Mike's moments:**
 - 44 year old diver impaled on 7" dive knife bleeds to death; west coast.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Steve Levy
Mystery Prize: Daryl Findlay
Bug Bag: Ongoing

9-June-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:14 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 17 Members
Guests: 3, Merideth Denneler, Diane Anthony, Candi Souza

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

Old Business: Mia had some white water rafting info.

New Business: SS Neptunes 50th anniversary party on August 20.

Dive Talk:

- **Dan, John F., Mia, Chris, André** dove at Old Garden on Sunday. 43°, 10ft viz. André lost a black fin. Dan got 2 keepers.
- **Jack:** U-352 in N. Carolina. Saw 15 or 16 sand tigers.
- **Mary H:** Biodiversity Days, with Amy at Plum Island. Saw nothing but sand. 5ft viz at 20 ft, 45°.
- **Daryl:** (1) Mirror Lake, Fort Devens, rebreather diving for his course. Broke another Force Fin. (2) Wednesday, Back Beach, no bugs, one flounder, low tide.

General Discussion:

- **Paul S:** Diving Belize article.
- **Mike's moments:**
 - Herald: Red tide now beyond Martha's Vinyard.
 - Herald: White house pushing for fish farming.
 - BBC Web: Cairibati – two fishermen adrift for 8 weeks ignored by passing vessels.
 - Herald: Woman sneaks tropical fish under her skirt; busted.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Bill Werner
Mystery Prize: Mike Denneler
Bug Bag: Bill Frank

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16-June-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:13 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 18 Members
Guests: 1

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

Old Business: John S., Bill Gannett, Bill Werner did great job cooking on canoe trip.

New Business: Susan Copelas has a trip to Belize in October.

Dive Talk:

- **Steve Levy:** 1 week in Bonaire. Rays, octopus, tarpon. Hung out w/ a marine biologist. 12 dives; 85-87°, 90 ft, 50 ft viz.
- **Hans Hug:** (1) Shore diving in Connecticut River and Winnepesaukee, Squam Lake with Annette Spaulding. (2) Brace cove, 15 or 20 eggers, 2 keepers, 55°, 15 ft viz, 52 feet.
- **Al, Graham, Candi:** at Lanes Cove. Al got 4 keepers.
- **Rich, Mia, Bill W., John, Mary, Paul and Daryl:** Sunday, Ipswich River to recover Daryl's lost camera. (Canoe dumped twice the day before.)
- **Daryl:** Monday, rebreather training on the Chester Poling, 100 ft, viz 20 ft. Ship sagging a lot.
- **Susan Copelas:** Adirondack freshwater recovery dive. Viz 6 ft, temp 51°, no hood, creepy.
- **John F., Paul S.:** Lanes Cove, 53ft, 43° in the channel. Big eggers, 3 keepers 1- 3 lb, 1- 4 lb, 1 chick.

General Discussion:

- **Mike's moments:**
 - Herald: Woman finds human leg in back yard that fell from an airplane.
 - Salem News: 3 clawed lobster found.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Steve Levy

Mystery Prize: Mia Peluso

Bug Bag: Rick Holloran

23-June-2005

Beach meeting, no business conducted

30-June-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:09 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 13 Members
Guests: 1 – Dave Lund, past member.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Ralph Arabian finally paid his dues.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

New Business: Joe Terra advised Lynn P.D. and F.D. on rescue diving after 2 people dive.

Dive Talk:

- **Dave and Mia:** dove at White Beach before cookout, saw stripers, short lobsters, sea raven, 57° at 23 ft, 15 ft viz.
- **Sunday: John, Graham, Mia, Paul S., Al** at Lanes Cove, low tide. John got 5 bugs, Al got 10. Temp 52°, 46° at depth. Paul lost his dive flag.
- **Monday: Dan** recovered Paul's flag at Lanes Cove.
- **Chris Martinez** found **André's** lost fin at Old Garden Beach.

General Discussion:

- **Mary H:** New buddy list out.
- **Mike's moments:**
 - Tsunami destruction was equivalent to 120 atomic bombs. 7th century city & temple surfaced in Indian Ocean.
 - North Pole: 2nd group of recreational divers ever to dive there had to cut through 15 ft of ice.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Ray Porter

Mystery Prize: Jack Munro

Bug Bag: Chris Martinez

7-July-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:14 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 19 Members
Guests: 2 – Dave Lund, Peter Easler

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

Old Business: Daryl looking for divers to help clean the *Friendship of Salem* on July 14.

New Business:

- Dave Lund's going out of diving sale, in house.
- Dawn Denneker: Labor Day Camp & Dive, see more info in this newsletter.

Dive Talk:

- **Al, Mia, Paul S., Graham, John F., Mary and Daryl:** At Lanes Cove on Sunday, 7/3. Al: 9 bugs, Paul 4, John 10.
- **John F:** at Old Garden on 7/4, 10 bugs. 45° at depth, huge oversized bugs.
- **Paul S. & Hans:** at Nahant, rough seas, huge lobsters, 6 keepers, Hans got 8.
- **John S.:** Front Beach, 19 lobsters in 3 days, 3 dives. Lots of flounder.
- **Damian:** Mooring dives; Cocktail Cove 20 ft viz, Salem Harbor no viz.

General Discussion:

- **Mike's moments:**
 - Globe: Chef w/ lobster recipes.
 - Globe: Austrian tourist is 3rd shark attack victim in Florida.
 - Globe: Thailand 646lb catfish caught, 9 feet long.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mike Denneker

Mystery Prize: Dodie Carvalho

Bug Bag: Mia Peluso

Presentation by Daryl Findlay – "Digital Photography in a Snail Shell"

14-July-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:07 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 22 Members
Guests: 2 – Dave & James

Announcements:

- Susan Copelas's trips to Belize in October, and to Curaçao Feb 19-26.
- Daryl – 2nd cleaning of *Friendship of Salem* on Tuesday, 4pm.
- Paul Sauvageau – Great Annual Fish Count on Saturday at OGB.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – **Peter Easler voted in as newest member. Welcome!!!**
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

Dive Talk:

- **Dan H. & Jason Copelas:** 2 dives at Isle of Shoals (Happy 17th birthday to Jason). 20-25 ft viz at 50 ft. Stayed at Lungine Island with Susan, Tori, Sarah & owner Prudy Randall. Best time ever. Harbor seals, stripers, bugs galore.
- **Susan & Mia:** At Fort Devens, did a buoyancy class (no viz) and Back Beach (good viz, 15 ft.)
- **Daryl, John F, Al, Mary:** Sunday at OGB. Daryl did photo dive w/ rebreather, had a lobster come sit on his camera.
- **Paul, Daryl, Dave:** scraped hull of *Friendship* in Salem.
- **Damian:** Mooring dive, Salem, 1 ½ ft viz.

General Discussion:

- **Dave S:** Boat sunk for artificial reef that accidentally turtled, righted by hurricane Dennis. (6,080 ton ship.)
- **Bill Gannett:** Back from Alaska cruise; glaciers in Alaska receding.
- **Mike's moments:**
 - Channel 5: Fort Meyers shark bite.
 - Brocton pond: 5-6 ft gator, still one at large.
 - Globe: Inventor of "Charlie the Tuna" dies. Extensive obituary.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dave Smith
Mystery Prize: Mia Peluso
Bug Bag: John Sears

21-July-2005

Beach meeting, no business conducted

New Sunday Dive Time

The time for leaving the Burger King parking lot has been changed to 8:10 AM!!

Froggies who actually meet at Burger King on Sundays have found that waiting until 8:30 to leave for the dive site means that most of the parking spaces are taken by the time they get there. To give us a better chance of finding parking, plan to be at the parking lot *before 8 AM* in order to be ready to *leave by 8:10* or 8:15.

Jack Sears,
former member and president of the North Shore Frogmen's Club and father of our own John Sears, passed away on July 16.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to John and his family.

**WELCOME OUR
NEWEST FROGGY
PETER EASLER
VOTED IN ON 7/14/05**

**Labor Day Weekend
Camping & Diving**

Froggies will be camping at Beach Acres Campground in Wells, Maine, again this year, Friday September 2 through Monday September 5. To join those who have already booked their spaces, contact the Campground at 207-646-5612, or by email at beachacres@beachacres.com, and ask to reserve a site in Section "V", or as close to it as possible. (Website is www.beachacres.com.)

Some people will plan to dive at Nubble Light on Saturday, September 3. (Diving is not allowed there on Sundays or holidays.) People who dive but do not plan to camp are welcome to visit their friends at the Campground for the afternoon and stay for supper.

Diving at Nubble Light is great. The only high tide on September 3rd will be at 11:56AM, so diving during the morning should be pretty good.

A club contact person for the diving will be named in the September issue of Air Bubbles. Contact Dawn Denneler for more information on the camping/campground visit aspect of the weekend.



'Ghost of Charron Lake' found in watery grave

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[CBC News](#)

A museum's long search for a bush plane that crashed in northern Manitoba 73 years ago has finally met with success.

The Western Canada Aviation Museum has been searching for the plane known as "the Ghost of Charron Lake" for three decades.

The plane is a Fokker Universal, a model widely used for cargo transport in the 1920s. The plane in Charron Lake is thought to be the only one of its kind still in one piece.

While flying supplies for prospectors from Winnipeg to Island Lake in December 1931, the plane ran into bad weather and made an emergency landing on Charron Lake. The ice was still soft and the plane began to sink immediately.

"Keep in mind that in the '20s and '30s, these pilots were flying with maps that had large expanses of white paper with the word 'unexplored' written across them," said museum spokeswoman Shirley Render. "They were flying with little if any radio aids or other [navigational] aids."

The pilots survived, but the whereabouts of the wreckage remained a mystery. Even using the most sophisticated technology available, the plane eluded nine search teams over 30 years.

But then a crucial break helped the museum locate the plane: the grandson of the fur trapper who found the stranded pilots in 1931 came forward with new information.

"When he was five years old, Mr. Belanger, the fur trapper, took him and showed him where this plane landed," explained Annette Spaulding, a diver with the search team.

"We used that information, the weather report, and ... more sophisticated equipment. We knew right where we wanted to start [searching] this year – and talk about being right on target."



The Fokker Universal

'It's very emotional'

The target showed up on the bottom of the lake 11 days ago as a ghostly image on the team's sonar equipment.

"How do you describe the moment of finding the last remaining aircraft of this type in the world?" said Pat Madden, who's also with the search team. "You can't describe it. It's a moment of elation, excitement and relief. It's very emotional."

Like most early bush planes, the Fokker was made primarily of wood and fabric; Render said the fabric is certainly gone, but the museum is assessing the condition of the rest of the plane.

The next step is to figure out how to lift the delicate wreckage from the waters of Charron Lake and safely bring it to its final resting place at the aviation museum.

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Activities Calendar

31 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:10	1	2	3	4 8PM Meeting Digital Photog.	5	6
7 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:10	8	9	10	11 8PM Meeting	12	13
14 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:10	15	16	17	18 8PM Meeting	19	20
21 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:10	22	23	24	25 8PM Meeting	26	27
28 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:10	29	30	31	<h1>August 2005</h1>		
<h1>September 2005</h1>				1 8PM Meeting	2 Wells Beach Camping Weekend	3 Nubble Light Dive
4 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:10	5	6	7	8 8PM Meeting	9	10 CoastSweep Beach CleanUp
11 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:10	12	13	14	15 8PM Meeting	16	17
18 Sunday Dive Club Picnic	19	20	21	22 8PM Meeting	23	24
25 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:10	26	27	28	29 8PM Meeting	30	

Activities List

- Aug 4, Thu, "Digital Photography in a snail shell" part II. Daryl Findlay.
- Sep 2-5, Wells Beach Camping weekend. Contact Dawn Denneler for more info.
- Sep 3, Sat, Nubble Light Dive. Tbd.
- Sep 11, Sun, CoastSweep Beach Clean-up. Time and location tbd.
- Sep 18, Sat, Club Picnic at Stage Fort Park.
- Dec 10, Sat President's Banquet at the Franco American Club.

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February 19-26

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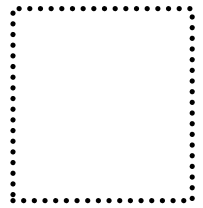
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Upcoming Events!

- Aug 4: Digital Photography Part II
- Sep 2-5: Wells Beach Camping
- Sep 3: Nubble Light Dive
- Sep 18: Club Picnic



NOTE: DIVE TIME CHANGE JULY 2005

**“Summer” Sunday Dives: Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly,
by 8:00AM ready to depart for dive site at 8:10AM.**

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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