



Air Bubbles



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From the President's Slate

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Greetings to all my fellow divers ~

This is the time of year when diving is probably the least likely of our thoughts. What with friends and family coming over for the holidays, the last thing we can probably do is think about diving.

Our country has had more than 200 summers since the Pilgrims dropped anchor in Cape Cod Bay. In that time, I wonder what kind of ocean the pilgrims would have had to explore had they been able to go under the waves, rather than spend their time on that little necessity called survival?

There are several accurate accounts of what Massachusetts Bay was like in those early years. Several paintings exist showing an incredible abundance of fish and marine mammal life jumping about in Cape Cod Bay. Interesting to note, the Pilgrims were looking for SOIL, but their real lifeline was in the sea.

Further to the north in Canada, lobsters were the problem. When every child came home from school, they had to go out and rake the lobsters off the beach before they could come home and do their studies. Many children complained that they had too much lobster to eat when in reality they wanted that baloney sandwich!!! In the prisons, an ordinance was passed making it unlawful to feed a prisoner more than 3 lobsters per day!

Today, as we know, it is a far different problem. Nowadays, we feel lucky to see that one big daddy bug on our dive, let alone crawling along some beach. Today we feel lucky that we can see that one huge striper! How did things get to be so bad that the most fish we see is in an aquarium???

The answer might not be that easy to find. Maybe it is that there are just too many people for the ocean to support. Maybe we just can't keep treating the ocean as if it were our own private waste dump. Whatever the reason, I hope you can take a few minutes this holiday season, to be thankful for all the wonderful sights you have seen under the waves this year. Shipwrecks, big fish,

even getting something back that you thought that was forever lost to the sea. Be thankful for what you have experienced this year.

Next, as the new year draws ever closer, make a commitment to yourself. Make that commitment to do that beach cleanup, recycle that glass jar that you would normally throw away, or just try to learn more about what made this land so plentiful to the people who had it in their grasp so many years ago. As divers, I believe we can set the standard and educate people so that our precious maritime resources can be there for generations to come. Always, the best way is by the example you set. Make sure all your catch is legal. Respect the private property abutting our dive sites. Always make sure that the only thing you leave behind is your footprints.

The oceans didn't get into their present condition overnight so certainly they won't get healthy again by next week or the week after. But every little thing we do, no matter how small, will help insure that our resources will be there for the next generation of divers.

And what better way to start building that next generation of divers than by introducing a new diver to all the activities and events of our diving family! Check out the latest club activities in this issue for a complete update, or go online to the club website.

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

NSF '05 President

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Meeting Summaries

20-October-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 17 Members
Correspondence: Email received from Dave Smith from Australia

Committees:

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

Dive Talk: none

General Discussion:

- **Mary** – Jonathan Bird's *Sharks of the Ocean Desert* program was a great time.
- **Dan & Mia** saw new movie *Into the Blue*, unofficial re-make of 1977 movie *The Deep*. Great dive flick.
- **Mike's moments:**
 - **Herald:** Ted Kennedy attempts water rescue, fails, calls Coast Guard.
 - **Globe:** Tagged great white shark swam from Australia to Africa and back, 13,000 miles.
 - **TV News:** in Ft Meyers, FL, surfer hit by shark, fought it off.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Susan Copelas
Mystery Prize: Peter Cassidy
Bug Bag: Peter Cassidy

27-October-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:13 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 11 Members
Guest: Heather Tierney of Undersea Divers

Correspondence: Ray Bates lecture scheduled for Nov 3rd at Salem Maritime Visitors Center.

Committees:

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

Old Business: Dawn asked question about prizes for Halloween party.

New Business: Al brought flyers about dive trips from Optiquatics in the Channel Islands in California.

Dive Talk:

- **Hans** dove in Dublin Lake on a scooter during rainstorm. 2 hrs, ½ mile out and back. 25 ft viz, 63°F temp. Found a few bottles; great dive.
- **Al** dove at Rawlins Lake, VA, for DUI Demo Days. Most divers there go for Megalodon teeth. He offered

to bring some in to a meeting sometime

General Discussion:

- **Mike's moments:**
 - **British 1812 era warship** found in Lake Ontario, 80 ft long. Found with sidescan sonar. Period coins also found.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Hans Hug
Mystery Prize: Paul Sauvageau
Bug Bag: ongoing

3-November-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:07 PM
Attendance: 1 Officers, 11 Members

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Absent, none read. Mary filled in.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Absent, no report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

Old Business: Banquet tickets available. See John Sears. \$25/ticket now, price will go up to \$30 after Nov 17.

New Business: Nominations open for officers for 2006. The following nominations were made:

VP – Dan Hering
Pres – Dave Metrano
Sec'y – Mia Peluso
Treas – Ray Porter

Dive Talk:

- **We have tried!** John, Daryl and John McColley tried OGB first, then Back Beach. There were classes who told them viz was 3ft.
- **Roslyn** and her mother, two weeks ago in Cliff Pond in Nickerson State Park on the Cape. Chilly in 3mm. suits. Large mouth bass. Viz not bad until hitting bottom.
- **Southern divers:** Susan, Mia, Dan got to Belize just after Wilma left, affected flight in and visibility. 10 ft viz, 80°F. 2nd day they did the Blue Hole, Mia did her deepest dive to 137ft. Saw sharks and stalactites. At Half Moon Cay Susan talked to the lighthouse guy and his bottle of rum about the hurricane. Next day they did a local dive w/ tunnels and channels, 35-40ft viz. Saw

whole pod of dolphins, spotted eagle ray, lots of sharks. The last day they saw lots of stuff, nurse sharks. Snorkeled the last afternoon in Shark Alley, played with morays. Water temp consistently 81°F. Also saw Mayan ruins.

- **Dodie dove in Oahu, HI.** She dove the “carwash” to watch fish cleaning turtles. Lots of great swim throughs, better than the Great Barrier Reef.

General Discussion:

- Service for Paul Therriault will be held on Saturday. Joe Augusto will be out of the hospital tomorrow. Tom Huff and Paul Blanchette will have info for those interested in attending service.
- John Sears – thank you Dodie for hosting the Halloween party.
- **Susan** has a Curacao trip scheduled for Feb 20-27
- **Mike’s moments:**
 - **Michael Donovan brought article from Alaska paper:** 90% of coral reef in Puerto Rico is being bleached.
 - **Globe:** 350 lb leatherback turtle stranded, ended up being brought to NE Aquarium for care.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Dawn Denneler
Bug Bag: John Ferrier

10–November–2005

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 14 Members
Guests: Sally George, Sandy, Matt Denneler.
Abbreviated meeting format for presentation.

Old Business: no new nominations, but those nominated and not present previous meeting accepted nominations.

Dive Talk:

- **Dan** – Tuesday at Lanes Cove. Viz 12 ft, 54°F, rough seas.
- **Club Dive Sunday** – John, Daryl, Mia at Lanes Cove. 50°F, 6 ft viz. John lost his catch bag w/ catch.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Pete Chapman
Mystery Prize: Dave Metrano
Bug Bag: John Ferrier

PRESENTATION: Turks and Caicos on the Aggressor.

Restaurant Review

Sunday Brunch at the
Sylvan Street Grill
By Mia Peluso

Instead of going diving on Sunday, November 20th, some of us opted to do brunch at The Sylvan Street Grill. The price was \$11.00 for the buffet, and included juice, coffee and tea.

They had various pastries, bagels, and make your own Belgian waffles. There were also various fresh fruits and canned peaches.

For all you meat lovers they had plenty to choose from (bacon, sausage, ham), along with different kinds of eggs, including Eggs Benedict, scrambled eggs and breakfast burritos, and there was a chef who made your omelets to order. There were crepes with apples wrapped inside.

It all looked and tasted so yummy. I would recommend if you go there that you bring your appetites; lots of food for not that much money. Out of a possible 5 fork (5 being the best and 0 being the worst), I give this restaurant a:



**Member of the
Month
November 2005**

Dodie Carvalho

for
graciously
hosting the Club
Halloween Party

Thank you!!

**Member of the
Month
December 2005**

John Sears

for
doing most of the work
to organize the
Annual Club Banquet

Thank you!!

THE
NORTH SHORE FROGMEN'S CLUB
2005

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

The North Shore Frogmen's Club 2005 Annual President's Banquet will be held at the Franco-American Club in Beverly on the evening of Saturday, December 10th.

TC and the Torpedoes will provide the music. The dinner will be catered by Canosa Caterers of Lynnfield. The menu will include baked stuffed chicken, roast beef, oven roasted vegetables and potatoes, and vegetarian baked ziti; desert will be a cake donated by Flavors to Savor.

Five different appetizers will be served during the cocktail hour beginning at 7 PM; and dinner will be served at 8.

The Photo Contest pictures will be available for viewing at the banquet.

There will be great raffle prizes, both dive gear and non-dive related.

Invite your friends, bring your dancing shoes and plan for a great time!!! As Barb Crisman used to put it when she organized the banquet, "this is our one dress-up occasion!"

Tickets for the Banquet are on sale and available now! Price is currently \$30 dollars per person. \$15 will be charged for non-dining guests.

Contact John Sears for tickets.



FROGGY WEAR

Mike Denneler has a collection of fine Froggy Wear for sale which he will be bringing to all the meetings between now and Christmas. The clothing items all have patches with Freddie swimming across a dive flag. The lapel pin is a very handsome addition to any outfit.

REASONABLE PRICES!

GREAT GIFT IDEAS!

Lapel pins:	\$10
Hats	\$10
Polo shirts	\$15
Patches	3 for \$10
Magnets	2 for \$10



Polo shirts, hats, lapel pins and patches or magnets



Halloween Party, October 29, 2005

At Dodie's



Activities Calendar

December 2005				1 8PM Meeting Elections	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 8PM Meeting	9	10 Club Banquet
11	12	13	14	15 8PM Meeting Video night	16	17
18	19	20 Salem Trolley – Christmas Carol	21	22 8PM Meeting	23	24
25 Christmas Hanukkah	26	27	28	29 7PM Pizza Party	30	31 New Year's Eve
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 8PM Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 8PM Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 8PM Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 8PM Meeting	27	28
29	30	31	January 2006			

Activities List

- **Dec 1, Thurs** **Election** of officers, **Photo Contest** voting.
- **Dec 10, Sat** **President's Banquet** at the Franco American Club
- **Dec 15, Thurs** Video Night, **IMAX** film **Galapagos**
- **Dec 20, Tues** Salem Trolley's "**A Christmas Carol**"
- **Dec 29, Thurs** **Pizza Party**, 7PM at the Franco, in place of the meeting.

Deadline for submissions to the January 2006 issue of Air Bubbles is Thursday, December 22, 2005. Please have all information and articles to the Air Bubbles editor by that date.



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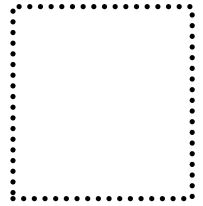
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Be sure to check out the Activities Website at:
<http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html>

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Upcoming Events!

- Dec 1: Officer Elections
 Vote for Member of Year
 Photo Contest Voting
- Dec 10: President's Banquet
- Dec 15: Movie Night
- Dec 29: Pizza Party



“Winter” Sunday Dives: Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly, by 9:00AM 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.