The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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From the President's Slate

18-Feb-05 Greetings!,

I hope this month's newsletter fines everybody in Froggie Nation well and itching to get back in the water!

The months after the holidays are traditionally the time where one's interest in diving is at its lowest. Face it, the holidays have come and gone. If you got that special scuba toy, all you can do is look at it (or take it for a trial run in the tub). It really becomes a challenge to focus our attention on the sport we love so much. Fortunately, for this day and age, we have the internet to take us away to exotic locations or maybe drool at all the neat equipment we would buy only if we had the cash.

The winter season can actually be a blessing in disguise. It gives us an opportunity to rest and get ourselves back into shape for the exciting season ahead. Maybe those extra helpings of stuffing need to be coaxed off. Maybe that nagging ache in the shoulder needs to be looked at. Now is the time to do it.

And let's not forget our gear. Being slightly interested about being able to breath under water, it is a good idea to take in your gear for an annual checkup. If you got some new toys, try suiting up in the living room. You'll look foolish standing there with your gear, but better to do it there than down under.

The best way to sharpen your mind is by reading. There are some excellent diving books available now. If you haven't yet, you really must read *Shadow Divers*. This is one book that I could not seem to put down. *Buoyancy*, *The Last Dive*, and *Deep Descent* are just a few of the many excellent diving books. Although not a book about diving, I just finished *Sudden Sea*, a very well written book about the Great Hurricane of 1938.

If you really want to beat the winter blues, join us at the Franco each and every Thursday night. This past month

we had a couple of fine *Sea Hunt* videos presented by Daryl Findlay. Many of our members attended the Boston Scuba Show in Marlboro. Cathy Church gave a fine presentation on underwater photography comparing digital vs. film. The first Bay State Council meeting of the year was held in February. John Ferrier keeps the *schussers* in our club busy by organizing ski trips to the northern New England.

With March approaching fast, we start off with the Boston Sea Rover's show. Always a great take, this is the best way to meet with many representatives in the diving industry face to face. On Saturday evening there is the film festival which is always wonderful. This annual weekend is a pure diving extravaganza with a plethora of diving lectures, seminars, and just plain fun. If you haven't been, why not come down to the Copley Plaza and check it out?

Also coming in March, we will be having a special presentation on Antarctica by our own Susan Copelas. We can expect more exciting adventures of *Sea Hunt*, too. Why not sign up for one of the last remaining ski trips with John Ferrier? Everyone will be wearing the green at this year's St. Patrick's Day party at Mary & Ray's.

For the latest up to date listing of all the North Shore Frogmen's activities, be sure to check out the events listing in this month's issue of Air Bubbles. Of course, for the "freshest" listings, go online to:

http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html

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

27-January-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:06 PM Attendance: 4 Officers, 13 Members **Announcements**: Election tonight.

Committees:

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

Air Bubbles - March 2005

Old Business: John Sears had his 44th birthday.

New Business: Change of officers!!

New president Dave Smith took seat of outgoing president Michael

Donovan. New treasurer Ray Porter took seat of outgoing treasurer Rich Kinkade. Neither the new VP nor the new secretary could be at the meeting. Mary sat in for Dan Hering for remainder of meeting.

Dive Talk:

 Charlene Colella dove in St. Martin after Thanksgiving. Reefs dead after the hurricane, no marine life.
 60 ft

General Discussion:

- Mike's moments:
- CNN: survey ship USS McDonnel reports that water depths in shipping lanes around Indonesia and Malaysia have changed up to 3000 ft.
- John Ferrier: 8 Froggies skied Sunday River, Bill, Al, Don, Daryl, Dale, John, Myoung and Paul. Al wiped out and got a black eye.

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

Adjourn: 8:47

3-February-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:03 PM Attendance: 4 Officers, 14 Members **Correspondence:** Mike Turner had to live in a hotel for 3 weeks after the Florida hurricane. His house was fine, but they were without electricity for 3 weeks.

Committees:

- Secretary's Report: Dan Hering Accepted as read.
- Treasurer's Report: Ray Porter 2 more paid members.
- *Membership*: John Ferrier nothing to report.
- *Program*: Daryl & Mia See activities list.

New Business:

Mike Denneler requests list of membership join dates to honor 25year members.

Dive Talk:

- none

General Discussion:

- John F & Al skied at Stratton, 36°, sunny, flew like hell.
- Mike's Moments
- Salem News: Sea velssel explorer hit w/ 50 ft wave, 2 injured.
- Herald: Archeologists find remains believed to be of 17th century explorer Bartholomew Gosnold.
- Herald: fisherman dies at Cape hospital after being rescued at sea.
- Herald: fishing tragedy prompts repeal of scallop penalties.
- BBC website: sun bleached coral reefs. Ocean has a higher acid rate due to global warming; reefs will decline in 60-70 years.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mike Donovan Mystery Prize: Mary Howard Bug Bag: Ongoing

Adjourn: 8:43PM

Video: 2 Sea Hunt videos.

10-February-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:09 PM Attendance: 3 Officers, 12 Members

Committees:

- Secretary's Report: Dan Hering Minutes accepted as read.
- *Treasurer's Report*: Ray Porter Accepted as read.
- Membership: John Ferrier Absent.
- *Program*: Daryl & Mia See activities list.

Dive Talk:

- none

General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments
- BBC Website: Japanese submersible finds new life forms in Marianas Trench, 3,600ft.
- CBS Web: HMS Scott taking soundings off Southeast Asia. India plate has pushed up Burma plate 4,950 ft.
- ABC: Owner of US submarines begins production of undersea resort at 50ft depth in Bahamas.

- Dawn Denneler: Myth Busters raised a boat with ping pong balls.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Peter Cassidy Mystery Prize: Mike Denneler Bug Bag: none

Adjourn: 8:44PM

17-February-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM Attendance: 14 Members, Peter Cassidy filling in for Treasurer.

Committees:

- *Secretary's Report*: Peter Cassidy no minutes read.
- Treasurer's Report: Ray Porter –
 Accepted as read. Currently 22
 paid members. Discussed asking
 old members to renew.
- *Membership*: John Ferrier –
 Nothing to report.
- Program: Daryl & Mia See activities list for info on Sea Rovers, St Pat's party, etc.

Old Business: Sea Rovers planning discussed by Ray Porter. Sign-ups requested for volunteers at the club booth.

Dive Talk:

- Jack Munro did an inspection dive for the town of Rockport, a visual on the sewer outflow pipe! 37°, 40 minutes, took many pictures.
 About 450 ft off Bearskin Neck.
- Susan Copelas went to Antarctica via S. America. Did a couple of acclimatization dives in Falkland Islands, 50°F, and South Georgia, 37°F. Poor viz, lots of animal life. Huge seal population. Seals came right to her mask to check her out. Last guy out of the water was surrounded by 30+ seals. Also did a dive in 60' high kelp and got caught up trying to gather her fins, which she lost. Then to Antarctica. Most of those on board were u/w photographers, many of them shared their pictures with her so she plans to do a presentation for the club. Did some iceberg dives after careful selection of the "perfect" one. Ending her iceberg dive there was an emergency signal of engine revving from the boats.

Air Bubbles - March 2005

Wind had picked up causing convergence of icebergs on boat & divers. Susan had to overcome fear of diving with aggressive leopard seals. Water temps were 28° to 29°F.

General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments
- Animal rights people starting to go after fishermen. Some researchers say lobsters "don't feel pain."
- Pulverized shrimp being used for all sorts of "low carb" applications such as "Lobster Cheetos".
- Aircraft carrier as reef in Florida having trouble due to PCBs present.
- Two lobster fishermen fined \$17,600 for having shorts and eggers lost licenses for only 3 months!
- Dawn: Tom & Mary Murphy have just become grandparents.
- Six club members went skiing yesterday to Jay Peak, VT. Temp 40°F sunny & warm in morning. Sun went behind clouds at noon, temp dropped to 25° with 50mph wind.
- Five club members attended the Boston Scuba Show. Cathy Church was the featured speaker, talking about underwater photography and differences between film and digital photography.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Peter Cassidy Mystery Prize: John Sears Bug Bag: Ongoing –Genesis Reg donated by Bob Boyle



Al Morris at Magnolia Rocks

Boston Scuba Show

Five members of the North Shore Frogmen's Club attended Fred Calhoun's Boston Scuba Show on February 12 in Marlborough. After a panel discussion on the meaning of and training for "Technical Diving", we were entertained by a very lively discussion on underwater photography by Cathy Church. She discussed various subjects including digital vs. film photography, camera settings and how to use natural lighting, and placement of strobe lighting.

Dive Trip to Antarctica

On Thursday, March 24, Susan Copelas will give a presentation on her recent dive trip to Antarctica. This presentation will be right after an abbreviated meeting. This will be a presentation not to be missed!

Dues are Due!

Don't forget that your 2005 membership dues are due during the month of January. Any dues not received by March will be considered delinquent.

Dues for a regular single membership are \$42 per year, \$63 for a couple. Associate Member dues are \$21.

Check with Treasurer Ray Porter for your current status.

Your article could be published here in the April issue if you submit it before March 21

Treasury Notes

By Ray Porter

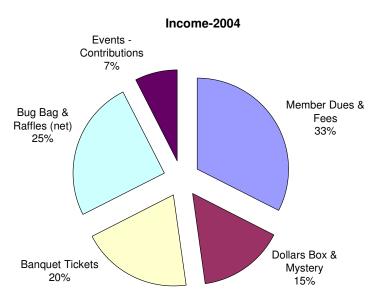
As the club's new treasurer, I have decided to write a series of messages related to the club's finances. I previously held the post of secretary, so maybe I still feel the need to make my monthly submittal to Air Bubbles. I still feel the urge to take notes when dive talk begins, even though I only need to write out the bank deposit slip.

First, I want to thank Rich Kinkade for his four years of service to the club as treasurer. He was a good steward of the club's finances. Rich attended nearly all club meetings and faithfully reported the club's account balances. As secretary, I did not record the amounts for they were said with such confidence and precision I was sure they were right. After reviewing the records for 2004 I am completely assured the office was in good hands.

I would also like to thank John Sears for his efforts last year with arranging for the Bug Bag Prizes and for coordinating the Annual Banquet. The Bug Bag Prize is a significant part of the club's income and the Annual Banquet is the largest event the club sponsors. So John's diligent efforts contributed greatly to the club's success.

Which of course leads to Bob Boyle of Undersea Divers. Bob's continued contributions to the club through Bug Bag Prizes and Annual Banquet ticket purchases are much appreciated. Undersea Diver has again this year provided the club with a regulator for raffle at Sea Rovers. Please return Bob's kindness by patronizing Undersea Divers.

The figure below shows the sources of income for 2004. Members, particularly active members, are what make the club a success. Dues alone only accounted for 33% of last year's income. The rest comes from the active members who attend regular meetings and contribute to the dollars box, participate in the raffles or engage in club events (canoe trip, seal dive or Annual



Last year the club had 60 members: 4 officers, 14 life members and 42 regular members. Your continued support is needed for the club to grow and thrive. Support the club not only with your dues, but join us at a meeting, club event or maybe even dive. If you have not been around in a while, please come by, we would love to hear about

Banquet).

Yes, dues are due. But, your

your diving adventures.

continued involvement is even more valuable to us. As our promotional flyer says, "Join Us for a Cold One."

Activities Calendar

March 2005 🐅



	*	1	2	3 8PM Meeting	4	5 Sea Rovers
6 Sea Rovers	7	8	9 Ski trip – Sunday River	10 8PM Meeting Video Night	11	12 St Pat's Party
13	14	15	16 Ski trip – Sunday River	17 8PM Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23 Ski trip – Stratton Mountain	24 8PM Meeting Antarctica presentation	25	26
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30 Ski trip – Killington	31 8PM Meeting	1	2 MWDC "Wrecks" ORG Benefit
3	4	5	6	7 8PM Meeting	8	9
10 Easter Egg Dive and Party	11	12	13	14 8PM Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 8PM Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 8PM Meeting	29	30

April 2005

Be sure to check out the Activities Website at:

http://www.geocities.com/ nsfrogmen/activities.html

Activities List

- <u>Mar 6-7</u>, <u>Sat & Sun</u>, **Boston Sea Rovers Underwater Clinic 2005** at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. Check out their website at <u>www.bostonsearovers.com</u> for information on the many speakers and events scheduled for this year's show. We will have a booth at the show; come support your club and help man the booth.
- <u>Mar 9, Wed</u>, Ski trip to Sugarbush with White Mountain Express Ski Tours. Cost is \$60/person for bus up and back and lift ticket. Bus leaves from West Gate Mall in Haverhill, Exit 49 off Rte 495. Meet at 6:00AM for 6:30 departures. Contact John Ferrier for more information.
- Mar 10, Thu, Video night: another great Sea Hunt episode!
- Mar 12, Sat, St. Patrick's Day Party at Mary and Ray's. See info page 7.
- Mar 16, Wed, Ski trip to Sunday River with White Mountain Express Ski Tours.
- Mar 23, Wed, Ski trip to Stratton with White Mountain Express Ski Tours.
- <u>Mar 24, Thurs</u>, Susan Copelas will give a presentation after the regular meeting on her recent <u>Antarctica dive trip!</u>!
- Mar 30, Wed, Ski trip to Killington with White Mountain Express Ski Tours.
- <u>Apr 2, Sat</u>, Metrowest Dive Club's "Wrecks" Symposium, Framingham.
- <u>Apr 2, Sat</u>, O.R.G. Benefit, Nevins Hall, Framingham, 6:30PM. Jonathan Bird will speak on *Sharks of the Ocean Desert*. See news release page 8 for more information.
- <u>Apr 6, Wed</u>, <u>Ski trip to Sunday River</u> with White Mountain Express Ski Tours, with cookout.
- <u>Apr 10, Sun</u>, <u>Easter Egg Dive & Party</u>. The party will be at Dodie Carvalho's house. Check next issue for time and location of the dive.
- May 1, Sun, Dive time change to SUMMER HOURS; show at 8AM, go at 8:30.
- Jul 16, Sat, 4th Annual Great Annual Fish Count at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester.

Deadline for submissions to the April issue of Air Bubbles is Monday, March 21

Boston Sea Rovers 51st Annual International Underwater Clinic

When: March 5-6, 2005

Where: Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston Times: Saturday seminars 9AM-5PM

Saturday evening film festival 8-10:30PM

Sunday seminars 9:30AM-5PM

If you have never been to the Boston Sea Rovers Clinic in Boston, you owe it to yourself to check it out this year. During the day on Saturday and Sunday there are seminars going on in three different halls. The topics of these 40 plus seminars range from wreck diving to free diving, from underwater photography to creating artificial reefs from decommissioned navy ships, and discussions of diving from Ireland to the south Pacific. Steve Drogin will be there to talk about his diving in Indonesia during the Tsunami!

While the seminars are going on in other parts of the hotel, one large ballroom is turned into an exhibit hall full of information and demonstrations. Exhibitors include dive gear manufacturers, dive shops, underwater photo equipment shops, dive vacation travel agents, etc. The local dive clubs – including yours! – will have their booths on the balcony overlooking this display. Come by for a while to support your club and help man the booth so others can attend some of the seminars.

The Saturday Evening Film Festival will feature Al Giddings, Norbert Wu and Stan Waterman. This show in particular is always spectacular, and event not to be missed.

Tickets are sold for the Saturday seminars, the Sunday seminars and the Film Festival, separately or in combinations. For prices and more information, check out the Boston Sea Rovers website at www.bostonsearovers.com. Access to the exhibit hall is free.

PS – This is where I won the Giant Ocean Tank dive a couple of years ago, and where Michael Donovan won the trip on a Live Aboard in Belize that he has just returned from. (He did return, didn't he???) So you might come away with more than just information!!!

Mary Howard

Saint Patrick's Day Party

Hi All.

I will be hosting the Froggy Saint Patrick's Day Party at my house again this year. It will be on the Saturday BEFORE Saint Patrick's Day, March 12, and the start time will be 6PM, to? I will provide Corned Beef and Cabbage, and will also plan to make some Irish Soda Bread. Please supplement this diet with salads, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and your own choice of beverage, and come "a-wearin' o' the green!" Be prepared to toast the "dead ancestors". Bring a dead ancestor (or, preferably an image thereof) to put on the mantle next to the Irish Whisky.

Address: 529 Franklin Street, Reading, MA.

Phone: 781-944-1292

Directions:

From 95/128 south: Take Rte 95/128 to exit 40/Rte 129. Follow the rotary somewhat less than half way around and follow Rte 129 (Mandarin Reading restaurant will be on your right, REI will be on your left) into Reading center. Pass the big white church on your right, and continue out of the center of town. At the first light after the town center (approx 1 mile), bear right onto Grove Street. In ¾ of a mile, turn right onto Franklin Street. Our house is the 4th one, antique colonial.

<u>From 93</u>: Take Rte 93 to exit 38/Rte 129. If you are coming from the south, take a left off the exit towards Reading. If you are coming from the north, you will take a right off the exit towards Reading. At the first light, take a sharp left onto Grove Street. In ¾ of a mile, turn right onto Franklin Street. Our house is the 4th one, antique colonial.

Mary Howard

13th Annual "Wrecks" Symposium

MetroWest Dive Club will host their 13th Annual "Wrecks" Symposium on April 2 at Keefe Technical High School in Framingham from 8AM to 4PM, with a "meet the speakers" gathering afterwards. The theme of this year's symposium will be *U-BOATS & SUBMARINES*. Speakers will include Paul Lawton, Scott Brooks and Michael Barnette, and will headline John Chatterton and Richie Kohler.

There will also be artifact, equipment and photo displays

Tickets are \$15 if purchased prior to March 22, \$18 at the door. Visit the MetroWest website at www.mwds.org for more information on Wrecks 2005.

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For Immediate Release
DATE February 1, 2005

Contact: Jonathan Bird Oceanic Research Group 59 Old Andover Rd. North Reading, MA 01864 (978) 664-9091 jbird@oceanicresearch.org

MAKING OF "SHARKS OF THE OCEAN DESERT" FOR NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL AND AN UNDERWATER 3D SLIDE PRESENTATION TO BENEFIT OCEANIC RESEARCH GROUP

WHEN: Saturday, April 2, 2005

WHERE: Nevins Hall, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, Massachusetts

TIME: Events begin at 6:30 P.M.

ADMISSION: Free. Donations will be gladly accepted.

A behind the scenes look at making "Sharks of the Ocean Desert" for National Geographic and an underwater 3D slide show highlight the third annual benefit for Oceanic Research Group, Inc. (ORG)

Jonathan Bird, president of Oceanic Research Group, Inc. will present a look at the making of his current film for National Geographic called "Sharks of the Ocean Desert." The presentation will show finished segments of the film, and then Bird will discuss how these segments were filmed and produced using behind the scenes footage as well as slides.

Eddd Jameson, world-renown underwater 3D photographer will show some of his best underwater images. The audience will wear 3D glasses to see the world from a fish's perspective. From the tiniest invertebrates to dolphins and sharks, Eddd's 3D photography will really jump out at you!

There will also be raffles and silent auctions for many land and water based items.

The benefit is being held to raise money for the Streaming Video Project, which will make ORG's library of award-winning underwater educational videos available free to schools and other educational institutions over the internet.

Oceanic Research Group is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, environmental organization dedicated to the conservation of the world's oceans and marine life through education. Its primary activity is producing documentaries and educational videos for both the broadcast and the school markets.

ORG has produced twelve educational films for classroom use, including "CORAL REEFS: RAINFORESTS OF THE SEA" and

"ADAPTATIONS FOR SURVIVAL IN THE SEA" that will be digitized and streamed on the Web. ORG has also produced three broadcast documentaries that are in domestic and international distribution. ORG has received three CINDY Awards, a CINE Golden Eagle Award, and a KIDS FIRST! endorsement for its educational films, and two New England Emmy Awards for its broadcast features on WCVB-TV's *Chronicle*.

For more information about Oceanic Research Group, Inc. please view our Web site: http://www.oceanicresearch.org

For more information on the benefit see: http://www.oceanicresearch.org/benefit.htm

Wednesday Ski Trips

Almost every Wednesday until the beginning of April, White Mountain Express Ski Tours will be taking members of the NSF to New England slopes. \$60 covers lift ticket and bus ride up and back. Bus leaves from West Gate Mall in Haverhill, Exit 49 off Rte 495. Meet at 6:00AM for 6:30 departures. Contact John Ferrier for more information, or call Mike Akstin and Wally Reardon at (978)346-8667

Schedule:

Mar 9 Sugarbush

Mar 16 Sunday River

Mar 23 Stratton

Mar 30 Killington

Apr 6 Sunday River

For Sale: SeaQuest "Predator" BC size "M".

Great shape! \$100 or BO. Call Dan Hering: 978-921-2796

North Shore Frogmen's Club Members may advertise in this newsletter for free. Send information on your items for sale to the editor at m.m.howard@comcast.net or contact by phone at 781-944-1292.



Member of the Month March 2005 John Ferrier

For organizing the ski trips for the club, enjoyed by many members.

MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR THE BAY STATE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

The BAY STATE COUNCIL of DIVERS is a non-profit organization representing the organized divers of Massachuset Activities of the Council focus on diving related legislation and the promotion of recreational diving in the Commonwealt Membership dues are \$5/ year. Please mail your dues today, to: PO Box 518, Quincy, MA 02169
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Upcoming Events!

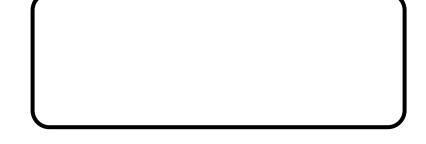
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Mar 10: Video Night

Mar 12: St. Patrick's Day Party
Mar 24: Presentation: Antarctica!

Apr 2: "Wrecks" Symposium

Apr 2: O.R.G. Benefit



Your 2005 dues are due

"Winter" Sunday Dives: Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly, at 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.