



# Air Bubbles



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## From the President's Slate

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### Greetings to all my fellow divers!~

A few weeks ago, a friend of ours invited us to visit his cottage on the beach in Marshfield. Seizing any opportunity to be by the ocean, we drove the required two hours.

My friend had a cottage similar to one frequented by my grandparents in Gloucester when I was just a kid. I walked over the seawall to the ocean and a flood of emotions came flooding to the shore.

First, I remembered my Grandfather sitting in a cottage kitchen by the beach in Gloucester for breakfast. He would have one slice of toast, cover it with peanut butter, and then cut it EXACTLY into 4 pieces. When we went to Florida in the early '60's, my father would take one of those small inflatable floats and string it with clothesline rope so we wouldn't fall through the hole in the middle. One time, we rented a cottage on the Essex River and my dad and I would float down the river over the mussel flats for the longest time on rafts to the wooden bridge in Anisquam. I even remember coming to the rescue and finding my father's sand-colored frame glasses after they had gone to the bottom!

Most of all, the visit to Marshfield awakened the feeling of being by the sea. For my entire life, the sea has been, in some way, a part of my life. Whether going to the beach after school or "calling" off a dive and just enjoying the scenery, the sea always brings to mind such positive imagery.

Most recently, I had the fortune of attending a wedding in Gynea Bay, Australia. I was asked to do a "speech" for the newly married couple but, I must confess, I really had no idea what I would say for the longest time. I did one dive in Australia, but the only difference between New England and where I was in Australia was a thinner wetsuit. Visibility was poor

and surge was worse. So I sat out the second dive. In that time, while sitting by the bay at Bass and Finder's Point, the words and the images of what I wanted to say came surging through. I knew exactly what I wanted to say.

Many people, I know, have this same experience when they see some old Sea Hunt videos on movie night at the Franco. The early events of our diving lives come flooding through and we become immersed in the moment. We realize that it was destined that we should dive, become one with the sea, and help others see that diving is such a beautiful extension of life.

Why not invite someone to a club meeting and see if those very same emotions can be coaxed out of their soul? You may have helped to bring out your next dive buddy!

And don't forget to introduce all the activities and events of our diving family by checking the latest club activities in this issue for a complete update, or go online at: [www.northshorefrogmen.com](http://www.northshorefrogmen.com) or <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](mailto:DiveTalk@hotmail.com) and you WILL be heard!

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Dave Smith

NSF '05 President

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**Meeting Summaries**

**22–September–2005**

Meeting called to order: 8:08 PM  
Attendance: 2 Officers, 18 Members  
Guest: Anita Windeler

**Committees:**

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

**Old Business:** Mike Denneler brought his hats and shirts with NSF logo, and

lapel pins, patches and magnets to sell.

**New Business:** Discussion of the photo contest and format it might take this year. Suggestion to skip the contest and have only a display not well supported

**Dive Talk:**

- **Club Picnic: Dan & Pete Chapman** at Half Moon Beach at high tide. 6ft viz at 35ft depth. Dan got 1 bug. **Mia & Michael Donovan** at half tide, lots of jelly fish, 10ft viz at 25ft.
- **Hans** did 30 dives in Lake Winnepesauki. Found old steam-boat in 15ft of water, 35ft long. 73°F fresh water.
- **Daryl & John** at Turks & Caicos on Aggressor II. 5 dives a day; sharks, huge crabs, turtles, viz 100 ft. Daryl shot some photos and some video. Cheap nitrox, great diving, 89°F.
- **Daryl & John** did six dives in Lake Ontario with MetroWest. 30ft paddle wheeler, 80ft, 45°F.

**General Discussion:**

- **Mike's moments:**
  - **Globe:** The pipeline company might place artificial reef off Cat Island to replace habitat destroyed while laying pipes.
  - **ABC News: Mississippi** - last of the domesticated dolphins were caught.
  - **Globe:** American eel population is declining.
  - **Clobe:** Brenton Reef Lightship found off Marblehead during pipeline construction.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Amy Maurer  
Mystery Prize: Paul Dumas  
Bug Bag: on-going

**29–September–2005**

Meeting called to order: 8:09 PM  
Attendance: 3 Officers, 13 Members  
Abbreviated meeting format for presentation.

**Committees:**

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

**New Business:** Mike Denneler has hats, shirts, etc for sale.

**Dive Talk:**

- **Mia & Michael Donovan** finished their rescue course they were taking from Susan C. Did not find the victim.
- **Sunday Club Dive** at OGB: **Dan, John, Graham, Jack, Paul, Chris, Amy, Mia, Roslyn.** John got 5 lobsters, Dan 1 (and large v-notched MALE), Paul 3, Jack 2. Calm water, viz 15-20ft, temp 50°F.
- **Peter Cassidy** brought his daughter Maddie to Susan's "discover scuba" class. She loved it!

**General Discussion:**

- **Mike's moments:**
  - **Globe/Herald:** Giant squid found by Japanese scientists, 26ft long.
  - **Globe:** Australians fed up about shark attacks.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Peter Chapman  
Mystery Prize: John Ferrier  
Bug Bag: Mia Peluso

**PRESENTATION:** John Ferrier's video of his 2004 trip aboard the Cayman Aggressor.

**6–October–2005**

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM  
Attendance: 3 Officers, 13 Members  
Guest: Tony Anthony

**Committees:**

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Absent, no report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list.

**New Business:** Banquet tickets are now available. See John Sears. \$25/ticket now, will go up to \$30 after November 17.

**Dive Talk:**

- **Sunday Club Dive** at Lanes Cove: **Dan, John, Graham, Paul, Daryl, Roslyn** and Jason Copelas. Jason caught and released "Lobzilla". Graham lost a knife but found a flashlight. 45°F at 40ft; kelp dying out.
- **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.

- **Night Dive** at White Beach, **Mia**, **Daryl**, **Dave Smith** (who?) and **Michael D.** No squid. Lost Dave, found Dave.
- **Mia** (doing dive master course), **Susan** and a student at Back Beach. Went well.

**General Discussion:**

- **Mike's moments:**
  - **Globe:** Python vs. Gator. 15ft python eats alligator, gator flexes and pops python's head. Both died.
  - **Globe:** had pictures of giant squid mentioned last week.
  - **Globe:** Among Ben Franklin's inventions, swim fins.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Mike Donovan  
Mystery Prize: Peter Cassidy  
Bug Bag: Ongoing

**13-October-2005**

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM  
Attendance: 2 Officers, 14 Members  
Guests: Tom Huff, Tony Anthony  
Abbreviated meeting format for presentation.

**Dive Talk:**

- **Jack Munro on a cruise.** He dove in Puerto Rico where he had 10ft viz. In St. Martin he dove on an old wreck from the 1700s. Warm, 80-82°F, 50-80ft viz. Dove in Bermuda on reef.
- **Chris Martinez** dove Wednesday at OGB. Calm, 58°F. Had a regulator leak so went to a neighbor for a wrench. Fixed the reg and went into the water with his wide angle lens on the camera. Water had pea soup viz, so he came out and changed to his macro lens. Finally did 2 nice dives.
- **Tom Huff** of Northeast Scuba in Chelmsford came to the meeting to discuss the situation of two divers from this area who went to Florida and had problems with a dive. Paul Theriault and Joe Augusto were at 190ft, returning to the upline when Paul had some kind of problem with his regulator and then went unresponsive. Joe made the

decision to skip his deco stops in order to bring his friend to the surface, but he and the captain lost Paul at the surface while trying to get Joe on board the boat. At meeting time Joe was still undergoing hyperbaric treatments at the chamber in Key Largo, and staying at the Mariners' Hospital. Both divers were trained technical divers, using rebreathers with trimix. Under normal circumstances they should have done about an hour of deco stops.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Al Morris  
Mystery Prize: none  
Bug Bag: none

**PRESENTATION:** whale video from Aggressor Fleet.

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## SALEM TROLLEY A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Anita Windeler has suggested a great holiday event for club members, the Salem Trolley version of A Christmas Carol.

We have chosen to go on Tuesday, December 20 at 8:30 PM, with an option to go out beforehand for a bite to eat. Tickets are \$20/person, and so far we have 19 people signed up to go. This is a fun event suitable for families.

If you are interested in joining us but have not yet signed up, contact Anita or Mary (see below) to see if there might be more tickets available for that night.

Contact Anita at 978-535-8168, or Mary Howard at 781-944-1292 or [m.m.howard@comcast.net](mailto:m.m.howard@comcast.net).



## Halloween Party



Hi ALL,

**Dodie Carvalho** has graciously offered to host the **Froggy Halloween Party** at her house on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**.

**Party begins at 7PM.**

**Please bring a food/snack item to share with others.**

**BYOB**

**Costumes required!!!**



**Location: 6 Ridgewood Road, Rockport, MA**

**If you need directions, contact Dodie at 978-546-2566 or at [dodiecarvalho@yahoo.com](mailto:dodiecarvalho@yahoo.com).**



## 2005 Photo Contest

### Guidelines for submitting photographs:

Photographs are to be submitted as prints, maximum size of the prints may be no more than 8" x 11". Do not mount or frame your photos. Submitted photos must have been taken since November 2004.

There will be five categories: (1) above water, dive-related, (2) under cold water, macro or close-up, (3) under cold water, standard or wide-angle, (4) under warm water, macro or close-up, (5) under warm water, standard or wide-angle.

Label your photos as to **orientation** (i.e. UP ↑) and provide any photo **titles** you may wish to have displayed with your pictures. (I will not make up any titles!)

Please submit your pictures to me any time between now and November 10. This is the deadline!

Voting for the best pictures in each category will be held the same night as elections for new officers, December 1, 2005.

Please note that the Photo Contest display is a favorite attraction at the President's Banquet, which will be held this year on December 10 at the Franco American Club.

*Mary Howard*

### For sale:

## 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

## THE NORTH SHORE FROGMEN'S CLUB 2005

### PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

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

The band TC and the Torpedoes will provide the music again this year. The dinner will be catered by the Franco-American Club and will offer prime rib, stuffed chicken breasts and a vegetarian dish, with a cocktail hour and appetizers before dinner.



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! Get yours early at the reduced price of \$25 dollars per person. After November 17<sup>th</sup> the cost will increase to \$30. \$15 will be charged for non-dining guests. Contact John Sears for tickets.



## Club Officers

Nominations for Club Officers begin during the first meeting in November. I thought it might be useful for anyone thinking of running for office, or anyone thinking of nominating anyone for office, to be reminded about what the Club bylaws contain about this subject and to keep the bylaw requirements in mind.

The Club bylaws contain the following information:

**Article 4, paragraph 2:** No person shall be eligible to hold an elected office in the Club until such person has been a Regular Member in good standing for a period of one (1) year.

**Article 10, paragraph 6:** Any ballot with a write-in candidate shall be considered invalid in its entirety and will not be counted.

### **Article 12 – Duties of Officers:**

**1. The President, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, shall have the direction and control of the affairs of the North Shore Frogmen’s Club, Inc. and he may direct such orders as are not in conflict with the By-laws. He shall countersign his name on all checks issued and signed by the Treasurer.**

**2. The Vice President shall assist the President when called upon to do so, and, in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume and exercise the same powers and duties as the President. The Vice President shall keep a permanent record of all Club property and the location of such property and have it readily available when needed for any Club function. The records of such Club property will be turned over to each succeeding Vice President.**

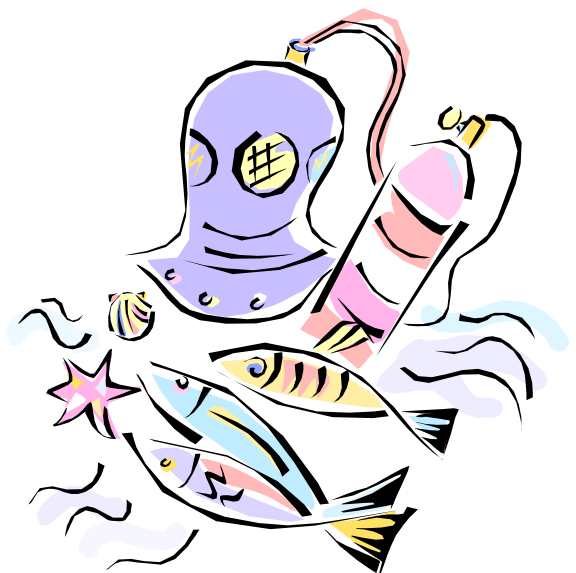
**3. The Secretary shall mail notices of special meetings, handle correspondence when directed, and keep accurate and permanent records of the minutes of all meetings held by the organization. All motions, rules, and regulations that are passed during the course of business during the year shall be listed and appended to the bylaws as a permanent record as required by law. The said listing shall state the motion, its date, and shall contain the notation that it was passed.**

**4. The Treasurer shall issue notices of dues payable and be responsible for the collection thereof; keep an accurate financial accounting of all business and social transactions, issue checks of the corporation when countersigned, deposit all funds in the corporate depository, and shall report in detail at the meetings, and at other such times as directed relative to the financial conditions of the organization. The Treasurer’s records shall be audited upon the termination of his office by the President and Vice President.**

**5. It shall be the duty of all officers, at the end of their terms, to transfer all files, records, correspondence, etc., to the newly elected officers of the Club within a period of seven (7) days from the change of officers.**

There has been some evolution of these positions over time. This means, in part, that in recent times the Vice President is expected to acquire raffle prizes and have them available at club meetings for fundraising purposes. The Secretary has been expected to provide a mystery raffle prize for meetings, and the Treasurer is expected to have available the necessary equipment for the “dollars box”.

*Mary Howard*



## Activities Calendar

<b>October 2005</b>	<b>29 - Sat</b> Halloween Party 7PM	<b>November 2005</b>				
<b>30 - Sun</b>	<b>31 - Mon</b> Halloween	1	2	3 8PM Meeting Begin officer Nominations	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 8PM Meeting Photo Contest deadline	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 8PM Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <b>Thanksgiving – no meeting</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30			
<b>December 2005</b>				1 8PM Meeting Elections	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 8PM Meeting	9	10 <b>Club Banquet</b>
11	12	13	14	15 8PM Meeting	16	17
18	19	20 Salem Trolley – Christmas Carol	21	22 8PM Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 8PM Pizza Party	30	31

### Activities List

- **Oct 28, Sat**      **Halloween Party** at Dodie Carvalho's (see article page 3)
- **Nov 3, Thurs**    **Nominations** for officers are opened
- **Nov 10, Thurs**   **Deadline** for submissions to 2005 **Photo Contest** (see page 4)
- **Dec 1, Thurs**     **Election** of officers, **Photo Contest** voting.
- **Dec 10, Sat**       **President's Banquet** at the Franco American Club
- **Dec 20, Tues**     Salem Trolley's "A Christmas Carol" (see article page 3)

**Do you know anyone interested in Discover Scuba??**

Susan Copelas will be hosting a Discover Scuba session at the Andover Y on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Susan at 617-416-1658.

She has a special \$20 rate for Froggy friends and family.



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**Member of the Month  
October 2005**

**Dave Metrano**

for  
arranging the parking and  
cookout permits for the  
summer outings and  
inviting the Froggies for  
pizza at the Manchester PD  
for post-dive camaraderie.

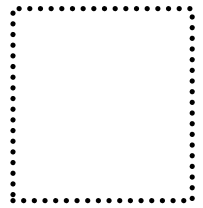
**Deadline for submissions  
to the November issue  
of Air Bubbles is  
Thursday, November 17**

Be sure to check out the Activities  
Website at:

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

## Air Bubbles – November 2005

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## Upcoming Events!

- Oct 29: Halloween Party
- Nov 3: Officer Nominations open
- Nov 10: Photo Contest Deadline
- Dec 1: Elections
- Dec 10: President's Banquet



### **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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