



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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President's Message: November 2004

Greetings Fellow Froggies,

As I write these words, the Boston Red Sox have successfully "Reversed the Curse" and won the Pennant over the New York Yankees. Best of luck to the Sox for this coming weekend's first games of the World Series!!!

As my time in office is winding down to the last eight weeks or so, I would just like to take a moment and give a great big THANK YOU to all of you who have helped and guided me during my term, and to those whose actions have benefited the club enormously over the past year. I couldn't have done it without you!! Even though this year's dive season is drawing to an end (at least for the few of us who still dive wet), the club still has several events planned to round out the year.

Weather considerations have just about blown out every scheduled night dive that we planned (darn hurricanes!!), but there is one more left this season: Wednesday, October 27th @ 5:30 PM is your last opportunity if you want to go night diving at Back Beach in Rockport. Night dives are a lot of fun at Back Beach, and since you would be diving late in the season, you won't be plagued by the hordes of mosquitoes that attack divers trying to suit up earlier in the season. If you get a chance to go, I highly recommend it! Do not forget that this year's Halloween Party is being held at John Sears' house at 7PM on Saturday, October 30th. All froggies are encouraged to come in costume and have a frighteningly good time!!!

Looking forward into November, don't forget that the Thursday, Nov. 4th meeting is the date set aside in the club bylaws to have nominations for next year's club officers. I hope that there will be strong attendance that evening, so that we will have the greatest pool of potential candidates to represent our club during the following year. I encourage all club members who have not represented our club before (or those who have not done so for a while), and would be willing to hold elected office in 2005, please stand up and be counted!! Our club depends upon voluntary participation to continue to remain an exciting and active club! November 4th is also the deadline for this year's photo contest; so if you have any potentially award-winning dive-related images to show

off, please submit your images to Mary Howard by this date. In addition, John Ferrier will be giving a video presentation of his trip to Bonaire that evening--yet another enticement to have as many froggies as possible show up and support their club!!

On November 18th, Jonathan Bird will be returning to the club to give another one of his spectacular presentations. From shipwrecks to sperm whales, Jonathan's incredible imagery (and entertaining commentary) will make you want to charter a flight to an exotic dive destination to catch a glimpse of his photographic subjects firsthand. We've always had a great deal of fun when Jonathan comes to share his latest work with us; so don't miss it!!!

Moving into December, ballots will be cast for next year's officers on Dec. 2nd, as well as voting for the best images in the photo contest. Do your (club) civic duty, and show up to vote! Saturday, December 4th is our long-anticipated Holiday Party @ 7PM at the Franco Club. Hopefully no blizzards will get in the way of us enjoying ourselves this time around!! Tickets are on sale NOW at a discounted rate; so support your club and purchase your banquet tickets today! See John Sears for tickets or contact the club officers if you cannot make it to a meeting and you want to purchase tickets.

Rounding out the year, there will be a video night on Thursday, December 16th and our year-end Pizza Party scheduled for Thursday, December 30th. And for you hardy souls out there, don't forget the annual New Year's Day Dive at Back Beach in Rockport @ 10AM!!!!!!

That's all for now!!

Take Care,

Michael J. Donovan

NSF President '04

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Thank You Kevin!

When the Frogmen first came to the Franco-American Club several years ago, Kevin was the Social Representative there. He went out of his way to make us feel welcome and at home. Nearly two dozen of our members joined the Franco because of him and his influence upon us.

He dubbed us the “DIVER DUDES” – yelled it out whenever he saw us – and got T.C. to play at our Christmas Banquet.

As divers, we’d dive Tuesday morning, have lunch at the Anchor, then spend an hour or two at the Franco with Kevin. We fondly remember the afternoon he cooked the fresh flounder we brought him; the Men’s Outing in 2003 when he fished without bait; and the afternoon Kevin and T.C. were trying on everyone’s hats at the bar. We laughed ‘til it hurt, and laughed more.

He was not just nice to us, but a genuine nice guy who enjoyed our company almost as much as we enjoyed his.

Kevin – we already miss you and the good times you shared with us. Tuesday afternoons will not be the same without you.



Thank You Kevin!

From

The “DIVER DUDES”



Photo Contest 2004

Submissions deadline: November 4

Voting date: December 2

Contest rules:

Photographs should be submitted as prints, maximum size to be no more than 8” x 11”. Please do not mount or frame your photos. These must be photographs taken since last December. There will be six categories for photos:

- (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
- (6) digitally enhanced photos

Mary Howard



Halloween Party

Where: The Sears Residence, 7A Hood Terrace, Danvers.

When: Saturday, October 30, 7PM to ??

Specifics: Costumes required.

Please bring a snack, munchie or dessert.

BYOB

Prizes for the best costumes!!!

Directions: From 128, either north or south, take exit 23S. Take your first right (pretty much immediately) onto Hood Terrace. 7A is the last house on the right.

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Meeting Summaries

23–September–2004

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 11 Members

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting minutes accepted as amended.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read. Bill of \$137 for food and \$23.37 for raffle item for picnic.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – nothing to report.

- **Program:** Dave Smith & Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Air Bubbles in production.

Dive Talk:

- **Dan Hering and Mia Peluso** - Sunday, water temp 62°F, calm, no surge. Big ocean pout. Dan got 2 bugs.
- **Dan Hering and Mia Peluso** – At Lanes Cove, saw big lobster, over gauge. Vis. 12 ft.

General Discussion:

- **Mike's moments:**
- Sunday Globe – Fisherman in Plymouth found a white lobster. Donated to the NE Aquarium that is doing research on lobster shells.
- CNN website – Lake Champlain, series of wrecks that can be dove that are buoyed. Wrecks are in 60 to 100 ft of water. Zebra mussels clearing the water.
- BBC website - Oceans are being saturated with noise (low frequency). Affects mammals many miles away.
- **Mia Peluso** – Discover Channel program discussed “flaws” in some of Leonardo De Vinci's inventions.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Anita Windeler
Mystery Prize: Paul Dumas
Bug Bag, Pony bottle: John Sears

30–September–2004

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 12 Members

Correspondence: Email from Jeannine Fabian of SSNs responding to Air Bubbles comment about damage to cars at Plum Cove.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Will send application to Mike Tyson.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith - See activities list.

Dive Talk:

- **Dan Hering** – Snorkling Sunday eve at ?? Cove. Vis 6 ft, water temp 60°F.
- **Jack, Paul B, Daryl and John F** in Bonaire. Saw Linda Marshall at the Divi Flamingo. Both multi-gas computers died during the trip. Camera also had numerous problems. Saw several 6 – 7 inch seahorses. Water Temp 83°F. Vis over 80 feet. Island prices are high. 17 dives total.

General Discussion:

- **Mike's Moments**
 - Shark down on Cape “stuck” in Naushon harbor.
 - In Ft. Meyers FL, a women was bitten by alligator and died.
 - Lobstermen report water temp is low, that is why the catch is down.
 - At Fins Restaurant, \$30 for a 1 lb lobster.
 - Theresa Sears named the Pink Elephant on Rt. 114. Her wining name was Pinkie
 - **Bike Ride & party** last weekend at Roslyn's – 7 members attended. Dave rode 25 miles, Ray rode 22 miles and Mary rode 14 miles.
- Raffles:** Dollars Box: Ray Porter
Mystery Prize: Dave Smith
Bug Bag, Bug Bag: Mia Peluso.

7–October–2004

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 19 Members
Guest: 1, Sis Despres

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** John Ferrier – No report.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith - See activities list.
- **Air Bubbles:** no report.

Dive Talk:

- **Dan Hering and Mia Peluso** did an evening dive at Lanes Cove Thursday. Surface water temp 60 –

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65°F. Water temp at depth 57°F to 15 to 20 feet. Vis about 8 to 10 feet with flat calm seas.

- **Al Morris.** Dove a week ago at Dry Salvages, great vis. Saw seals and cormorants.
- **Hans Hug.** Dove Jones Beach off Nahant Ledge on south side. Saw 90° arch of rock. Also, dove Brace's beach and Salisbury last week saw large anchors and a few fishing rods with reels.

General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments:
 - Rhode Island article telling that today's lobster catches are half of 2000. They are at an all time low!
 - Denver, CO – Fish found with both male and female parts or tissues probably because of pollutants in river or lake.
 - Boston Herald – Hampstead, NH has 47 lb brown turtle looking for someone to adopt it.
 - Kevin Cassidy, Social Rep of FAC, fell down stairs and died from his injuries. He was famous for calling all of us Froggies "Diver Dudes". He had very bad arthritis.
- Fish industry upset at George's Bank closure for yellowtail on 5/1/04.
- Lobster population decreased due to pollution of ammonia in runoff and hydrogen sulfides in water and not due to water temperatures.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Sis Despres
Mystery Prize: None
Bug Bag: None

14–October–2004

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 9 Members
Guest: 1 – Sis Despres.

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Meeting Minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Nothing to report.

Program: Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith
- See activities list. IMAX movie Friday, Nov 5, 8:30pm \$8.45 pp at NE Aquarium.

- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Articles due this coming Monday.

New Business:

- **Banquet** – Tickets on sale now.

Dive Talk:

- **John Ferrier** – Old Garden Beach – Poor Vis 8 to 10 ft, water temp 57°F - 55°F. One of the lobster traps pilfered. One other diver said they saw a bag of lobsters on the bottom. Lobsters hard to find. Bugs count 3 and 4 for the two dives. - Lobster limit of 15 exceeded on only 1 dive this summer, got 17 and put 2 back.
- **Dan Hering** – Lanes Cove Saturday Water temp 57-60°F. Vis 10 ft. Got 2 bugs. Sunday went to Lanes again. Got 1 keeper.

General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments:
 - USA Today – Lobster gauge size going up north of Cape Cod. - Postcard from DMF about increased minimum size for Outside Cape Cod, will bring it in line with the rest of the area.
 - A sailor on a foreign freighter fell off boat in Florida. Found 12 hours later, alive.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Mary Howard
Mystery Prize: Mia Peluso
Bug Bag: Lift Bag ongoing.
Bug Bag: Book " After the Storm" – Peter Chapman

21–October–2004

Meeting called to order: 8:08 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 13 Members
Short meeting format: showing two videos: "Making a Catalina Tank" (7 min), and "Introduction to Bonaire" (45 min).

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Not read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Not read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier - Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith - See activities list. Plans to

go see the Omni movie Galapagos at the New England Aquarium on Nov 12 at 8:30PM.

Dive Talk:

- **Chris Martinez** – two weeks ago, on Thursday, at OGB, doing photography. Lots of backscatter, but he got a couple of good pictures out of the two dives.

General Discussion:

- Undersea Divers is having their end-of-season sale Oct 30-31. If you need some gear, check out the sale.
- Mike D: Jerry Sutherland says Dodie is NOT going to have surgery on her shoulder.
- Peter Cassidy is doing well post surgery.
- Mike's Moments:
 - Climbers on Otter Cliffs in Acadia National Park, one lost a shoe into the water, then lost his life too trying to retrieve the shoe.



Raffles: Dollars Box: Mia Peluso
Mystery Prize: Peter Chapman
Bug Bag: Book: John Ferrier
Lift bag ongoing

Annual Club Banquet

The **2004 President's Banquet** will be held on Saturday, December 4th at the Franco-American Club in Beverly, from 7PM to Midnight. We will again have TC and the Torpedoes play music at the banquet for dancing until midnight.


See enclosed flyer for details!



Activities Calendar

31 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 9AM		October 2004		30 Halloween Party at Sears house 7PM
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7 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 9AM	8	9	10 Bay State Council 7:30PM	11 8PM Meeting	12 Omni Movie: <i>Galapagos</i> 8:30	13
14 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 9AM	15	16	17	18 8PM Meeting Speaker J. Bird	19	20
21 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 9AM	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving No meeting	26	27
28 Sunday Dive: Meet at Burger King at 9AM	29	30	 <h2 style="font-size: 2em;">December 2004</h2> 			

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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

- Oct 30, Sat, **Halloween Party** at the Sears house. Contact John Sears for more info.
- Oct 31, Sun, **Dive Time Change** to winter hours. Meet at 9, leave at 9:30AM.
- Nov 4, Thu, **Nominations for 2005 Club Officers begin.**
- Nov 4, Thu, **Photo Contest** deadline for submissions.
- Nov 4, Thu, **Slide presentation by John Ferrier** on Bonaire.
- Nov 10, Wed, **Bay State Council Meeting** at SSN Clubhouse, Quincy, 7:30PM
- Nov 12, Fri, **Omni Movie Galapagos** at the NE Aquarium, 8:30PM. See box below for more info.
- Nov 18, Thu, **Speaker Meeting, Jonathan Bird.**
- Nov 22, Mon, **Air Bubbles deadline** for December issue.
- Nov 25, Thu, **Thanksgiving**; no meeting
- Dec 2, Thu, **Elections for 2005 Club Officers, and Photo Contest voting.**
- Dec 4, Sat, **Club Banquet**, Franco American Club, 7PM.
- Dec 16, Thu, **Video Night** (Program TBD)
- Dec 30, Thu, **Pizza Night**, Franco American Club, 7PM.

Omni Movie “Galapagos” at NEAQ

On Friday evening, November 12, a group of us will be attending the Omni Movie “Galapagos” at the New England Aquarium. Please contact me no later than November 5 if you would like to attend and would like me to purchase your ticket(s) for you. Cost is \$10.45 per person. Movie time is 8:30PM, so we will meet in the lobby of the theater no later than 8:15. We will probably go out somewhere nearby (TBD) after the movie.

Mary Howard

**Member of the Month
October 2004**

John Ferrier

for relating his wonderful dive adventures when he comes back from Bug-Hunting and tropical paradises



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Activities Website at:

[http://www.geocities.com/
nsfrogmen/activities.html](http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html)

**Deadline for submissions to the
December issue of Air Bubbles is
Sunday, November 21**

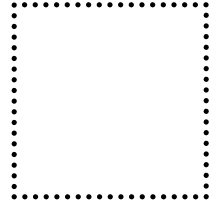
MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR THE BAY STATE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

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Upcoming Events!

- Oct 30: Halloween Party
- Nov 4: Officer Nominations begin
- Nov 4: John Ferrier slide show
- Nov 12: Omni Movie - Galapagos
- Nov 18: Presentation by Jonathan Bird
- Dec 2: **2005 Officer Elections!!!**



“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.