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# Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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## Message from the President

We have had a steady flow of great presentations this year. Amy Maurer and the program committee have done an excellent job keeping them coming and have many more planned throughout the year.

Some of the recent speakers have given us updates on major upcoming events for divers. Several excellent slide presentations have awed and inspired us. Speakers have brought us up to date on important issues under water such as changes to fishing regulations, what divers weaknesses are and the importance of creating artificial reefs to enhance underwater habitats.

As you would expect, presentation nights are getting greater attendance by members and guests. There still may be a few spots open later this year and also the chance of a cancellation, so if you have an interesting presentation relating to diving that you would like to make to the club, contact Amy. Also let us know if you can suggest potential speakers that we may contact.

Thanks again to the program committee for arranging these great evenings and to the club for supporting them.

Member of the Month

February 2001

Mary Howard

## Jonathan Bird to Present Truk Lagoon

The North Shore Frogmen's Club will host a multimedia presentation by Emmy Award-winning underwater cinematographer and photographer Jonathan Bird, on Thursday April 26, 2001 at 8:30 PM.

Member of the Month

March 2001

Amy Maurer

Member of the Month

April 2001

Frank Carvalho

## Dive Times Effective January, 2001

Meeting times for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday night dives have been changed.

Sunday dives are now meeting at 9:30 and departing at 10:00 AM. This will be the schedule until April.

Night dives are now meeting at 6:30 PM - still at Back Beach, except only on Full Moon Nights.

## Bay State Council of Divers' Seminar

Date: Saturday May 12

Time: 1-4 PM

Location: Boston Public Library (Copley Square, Boston)

Cost: Free

Speakers: Dr Fabian of the Chamber at the Mass Eye and Ear

A representative from the US Coast Guard

Vincent Malkowski will represent the Division of Marine Fisheries

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## 14 Great Reasons to try Kayak Diving

By Rob Falk, PADI Kayak Diver Specialty Instructor

1. Because many of the best shore sites are often crowded or “fished out” With a kayak you can get to the places shore divers can’t get to and boat divers don’t come to.
2. Interesting shore dive sites may not be all that numerous or varied. With a kayak, you extend your range by hundreds of thousands of square feet
3. Shore Dives in this area tend to be fairly shallow. With a kayak, you will find many opportunities for dives within the 50 – 70 foot range and more, within easy paddling distance from shore.
4. Boat dives are expensive, on the average of \$50 per two tank trip. Kayaks are relatively inexpensive to own. There is no upkeep, storage or fuel. Your initial investment is made back in one season.
5. Kayak Diving is fun. Kayaking in itself is a water activity that is growing in popularity. It is fun, easy to do, and good exercise too.
6. There are no exhausting surface swims. Not only do you arrive at the dive site more quickly, but also, at the end of the dive, when you may be more tired, you have no surface swim in.
7. Your surface support is always near-by. The kayak provides a place for reserve gear, food and water. For example, you may leave a camera in the hold while you go bugging, and then leave the lobster in the yak while you do a photography dive.
8. The kayak provides a place to rest between dives. You do not need to come back to shore for your surface interval, thus saving time and energy, and allowing you to cover much more territory between dives.
9. There’s more social time during the dive excursion. Kayak divers are able to maintain conversations while paddling, without sacrificing speed.
10. It’s easy to bring back game or salvaged items. The kayak is a spacious and stable platform, has secure below deck storage areas, and provides good floatation as well.
11. You always have an ascent and descent line. Unlike diving with a flag, the kayak provides a stable descent line, upon which you may hang items, if necessary. Because you can haul in an anchor once you are back aboard the kayak, you can use a heavy or strong holding anchor, thereby providing you with a very stable ascent line when necessary.
12. The kayak allows the use of SONAR and GPS equipment. If you exercise care in loading and managing your kayak, even non-submersible instrumentation may be brought with you for use in the kayak.
13. Paddling provides the upper body workout that diving doesn’t. Not only do you save the strength and energy in your legs for the dive instead of using them during a surface swim, but you also develop and work a very neglected set of muscles.
14. This spring I’ll be offering a one-day, two-dive PADI certification course featuring my newly approved outline, at special Froggie group discounts. Drop me an email ([robalk@iname.com](mailto:robalk@iname.com)) if you want to find out about scuyakking.

### Air Bubbles Electronic Get it Online!

Air Bubbles Electronic Edition will make its debut in January 2001. When you sign up for ABE not only will you be among the first people on the planet to receive your copy of the club newsletter, but you will also be saving the club and the earth some valuable resources! When you sign up for ABE, we will stop printing your paper copy and stop mailing your copy, helping to keep both the planet and the

club budget in the green! To sign up, just send email to: [airbubbles-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:airbubbles-subscribe@topica.com) from the email account you want the subscription to go to. It's as simple as that! By the way, ABE is in living color!

### Email Address Information

Attention Members: Does the club have your email address? Is it correct? Please visit the website and check to see that we have your current email address. Last minute announcements are sometimes made by email. Your email address is password protected and only available to NSF members. If your address is not listed, or is incorrect, please send email to [webmaster@northshorefrogmen.com](mailto:webmaster@northshorefrogmen.com) with the information. Thank you.

### Photo Exhibition and Contest

#### Members: Attention:

**This event is in grave danger of being cancelled. We have not seen any member's photographic entries as of today, and we have seen limited to no interest in response to last month's call for volunteers. Please look over the following information, and see if there is any time or material that you can commit to this event.**

Our dates and places for all contest & exhibition events are as follows:

Franco American Club, 44 Park St. Beverly, MA  
Admission to all events is Free\*

You must be 21 or older, and either a club member or contest entrant to attend the cocktail reception.

Thursday, May 17 8 - ?? PM Grand Opening and Cocktail Reception: Live Music, Cash Bar, Hors d' Oeuvres Members, Entrants & Invited Guests Only

Saturday May 19 1 PM - 5 PM Exhibition & Judging. Everyone who attends will be able to vote

for their favorite photos!

Sunday May 20 1 PM - 5 PM Exhibition and Winners Announcement

Froggies: We have not yet requested any funds from the club in support of this event, except for a bartender for the evening. We hope that this event will be club / self supported.

We are asking all members for the following support:

1. \$\$\$ Contributions and pledges to go towards purchasing appetizers and decorations for this event. Please send your check to Rich Kinkade c/o North Shore Frogmen's Club, Inc., P.O. Box 3604 Peabody, MA 01961, or by cash or check in person at any meeting, and tell him its for the contest fund.
2. Volunteer to help set up on the afternoon of Thursday May 19. We will be hanging photos, loading in and setting up a jazz group, heating and setting out food.
3. Volunteer to expedite/waiter/waitress trays of Hors d'Oeuvres during the reception. We really need a few people to step up and take shifts for this!
4. Volunteer to help take down photos, etc. on Sunday evening - informal party to follow!

If you are willing and able to do any of the above, please let us know, either by email to [webmaster@northshorefrogmen.com](mailto:webmaster@northshorefrogmen.com), or message to the new club telephone: (617) 598-1046 EXT. 9976



Dick Says "Hi"

San Diego Oceans Foundation President Dick Long talks to Rob Falk, outside the HMCS Yukon

## Welcome Tadpoles



**Heather Nicole Doyon.**  
April 11, 2001, 6:30 PM, 6 lbs. 14 oz., 19"

## Wear Freddie With Pride

Patches (3/\$10), Baseball Caps (\$10), Polo Shirts (\$10), and Enamel Pins (\$10) are for sale at the FIRST meeting of each month. See Mike Denneler to purchase these goodies!

## For Sale

DUI Dry Suit. Ideal for 5'4", no more than 125 lbs. New zipper. Less than 20 dives. Very good condition. \$500. Call Patty at (978) 373-9381.

Two XL Akona Back Pack bags in new condition, never used to haul dive gear to dive sites. These were bags I used to carry samples. \$60 each or best offer. Contact Al Morris at Mycaal@aol.com

CF 200 Men's XLshort in great condition front entry color Red and Black (no rock boots) asking \$1000 or best offer.

Women's CF200 rear entry medium (about a women's size 8), black (no rock boots) asking \$1000 or best offer.

A pair of Genesis double100's oxygen clean need VIP used four times. Asking \$800 or best offer.  
Miscellaneous Regulators  
Contact Rodney @ Rokfish2@aol.com

## New FreddieWear Available Now

You saw it at DEMA and you saw it at Sea Rovers. Now its here for Froggies of all shapes and sizes.



From the "Classic Bomber" seen at left and the "Lounge Pants" pictured below, these high style "Chammyz" garments are sure to please. Available for order now through Amy Maurer, Roslyn Smith or Rob Falk at any meeting, or by visiting the

website, these perfect pre- and après dive wear items allow you to show off your club affiliation with pride. Your choice of 9 styles, 2 logos, 13 colors, and sizes from Tadpole through Bull ensure that all frogs will be satisfied. Be sure to check out the newest garb on the dive scene, at any NSF meeting.

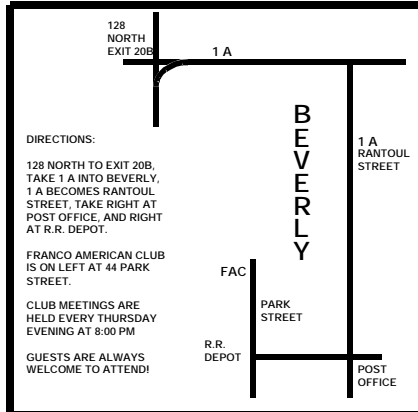


### Activities Calendar

April 26 (Thursday)	Presentation: Jonathan Bird on Truk Lagoon
April 28 (Saturday)	Club night in (Tropical Paradise) 6pm at FAC
April 29 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 10am departure
May 2 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive Back Beach
May 4 (Friday)	Gear tune-up pool party & pizza out 7:30pm at Lyden Pool, Danvers
May 6 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 10am departure
May 13 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 10am departure
May 17 (Thursday)	Photo contest cocktail reception 8-10 at FAC
May 19-20 (Sat-Sun)	Photo contest judging & exhibit 1-5 at FAC
May 20 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 10am departure
May 20 (Sunday)	Bay State Council Underwater Treasure Hunt Stage Fort Park
May 24 (Thursday)	Presentation: Holly Martel-Bourbon on Diving with Sharks in South Africa
May 27 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 10am departure
June 2 (Saturday)	Bay State Council Used Equipment Sale Quincy
June 3 (Sunday)	Summer Kick-off Sunday dive 8:30am departure
June 6 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive 9:30pm entry at Back Beach
June 9 (Saturday)	Extremis boat dive (must sign up) 1:30 Beverly
June 10 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 8:30am departure
June 16 (Saturday)	Catch the Wave 7:00pm in Natick
June 17 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 8:30am departure
June 23 (Saturday)	Canoe trip on Ipswich River
June 24 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 8:30am departure
June 28 (Thursday)	Presentation: Daryl Findlay New England diving
July 1 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 8:30am departure
July 4 (Wednesday)	Full moon night dive Back Beach
July 8 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 8:30am departure
July 8 (Sunday)	Extremis boat dive (must sign up) 8:00am Beverly
July 15 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 8:30am departure
July 22 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 8:30am departure
July 26 (Thursday)	Beach meeting
July 29 (Sunday)	Sunday dive 8:30am departure

Club dives are held every Sunday morning– meet at the Burger King on Rt. 128 starting at 9:30. Depart at 10 AM. Night dives are held on the Wednesday before the Full Moon of each month. Meet at Back Beach at 6:30 PM.

**Club meetings are held every Thursday evening at 8:00 PM at the Franco American Club in Beverly. Guests are invited to attend the meetings! Directions: 128 North to Exit 20B – take 1A into Beverly, 1A becomes Rantoul Street. Take a right at the Post Office and a Right at the Depot. F.A.C. is on the left at 44 Park Street.**



#### UNDERSEA DIVERS

BOB BOYLE  
42 WATER STREET  
BEVERLY, MA 01915  
978-927-9551

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Private or group sewing lessons available

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**P.O. Box 3604**  
**Peabody, MA 01960**

Easter Egg Dive

This Sunday, April 22

Back Beach, 10 AM

Party at Frank & Dodie's

11:30 AM

Jonathan Bird on Truk Lagoon

Thursday April 26 at 8 PM