



# Air Bubbles



## The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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### Message from the President

Happy New Year Fellow Froggies! It is a great honor and privilege for me to assume the role of President of our wonderful club. I congratulate our incoming officers John Sears as Vice-President and Jim D'Urso as Secretary as well as our reelected Treasurer Adam Harnett. I look forward to working with this team to make 2015 a fun filled year for our members. Before looking ahead, I want to take this opportunity to look back (always a good idea when trying to navigate). Thanks to our former officers Laura Gallagher and Ellen Garvey for volunteering, planning, facilitating, equipping and working at our events, as well as fulfilling the administrative needs of this awesome club. All of your hard work has been invaluable to the Froggies. Thank you again!



Thanks to all those who contributed to our club in 2014, hosting parties, supplying food, doing a presentation, writing AB articles, as well as working for our events and

### Upcoming events

Calendar view and details on website [here](#)

#### Sunday Dives - Dive with a buddy!

Winter Hours: Meet at Undersea Divers, or Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly. Check with the website or with Jim Barbara for times location and time

#### Meetings:

Usually Thursdays at Palmer's Cove Yacht Club, 74 Leavitt Street, Salem, MA 01970  
Meetings start at 7:30; Social gathering at 7. See website or upcoming events section of this newsletter for presentation and meeting topics.

#### Upcoming special events:

- Jan 4 Sun** – event planning for the year. Contact Ellen Garvey if you're coming
- Jan 24 Sat** – Annual Banquet.
- Jan 28 Wed** – Bay State Council meeting, Quincy
- Feb 10 Tues** – Northeastern University Marine Science Center Lecture "ORGANIC POLLUTANTS IN THE

helping the officers and board with administrative stuff. Thank you all so much! I would be remiss if I did not mention a little something about Mary and the Air Bubbles newsletter. I have spent time reading issues of AB published over the last 10 years. The North Shore Frogmen has such a rich history and sense of community. Aside from the fascinating articles, I find it most interesting to read about all of the members who have done so much for our club over the years. Mary Howard has been publishing Air Bubbles for 12 years! Every month, she has managed to gather content, make edits, format it to the page and get it out to our membership in various electronic format. Thank you Mary for all of your time and effort! You have done a stellar job!

Looking at the path ahead, I am very excited about the upcoming year. Many of your favorite events will be on the 2015 calendar. Ideas for new events are welcome so please send them to me or another officer. As you think about our upcoming events, please consider volunteering to help out. There is all kinds of fun stuff for you to choose from. Here is a short list to choose from: write a paragraph or two for upcoming issues of Air Bubbles, be a dive coordinator for our Sunday dives for a month or more, find and schedule a presenter (or be a presenter!), help with the banquet/picnic, reach out to new divers to join us. Regarding that last one, more members means more help!

As your newly elected president, I have some goals in mind for this year. As mentioned above, obtaining members who participate is good for the club; therefore, membership is a high priority for me. Right now, ten more active members is my current goal for 2015. These additional active members can be divers or non-divers, new Froggies or ex-Froggies. As long as the potential Froggie members are interested in scuba diving and want to have some fun participating in our activities, then our club will continue to thrive. Another goal I have is to build on Ellen's work on a master list and schedule of tasks for major events and administrative stuff.

It is no secret that our mobilized online society has had an impact on diving clubs. The Froggies has taken advantage with our website, emails, buddy list, and of course, the newsletter. I want to continue to take advantage of both old and new technologies to facilitate clear and timely

OCEAN: HOW DO THEY END UP ON OUR DINNER PLATES?"

## Diver of the Month

Graham Smith



## Member of the Month

Bob Boyle



communication internally to club members and externally to the public. I want to explore some new ways of doing things and maybe retry some old things. I would like to succeed at every idea we implement; however, ideas are like guessing at the visibility of the water, you don't know how good or how bad the vis is until you take that giant stride in!

Here's to a wet and wonderful 2015!

Your Friendly Neighborhood Frogmen,  
Jim Barbara

### Letter from the Editor

Ok, now's the time to REALLY miss Mary as the Air Bubbles editor. You'll see that the format has changed – that way the “new” newsletter can't be compared with hers (you know – if you can't win the game, change the rules).



I'd appreciate any feedback you have – what's working, what's not, what might be changed. And I'd love it if you'd write an article, take some photos - maybe even offer to help with one of the sections (pretty please).



Will somebody remind me how I managed to take this on?

Ellen Garvey.  
Air Bubbles editor, somehow

### Meeting Summaries

#### 04-Dec-2014

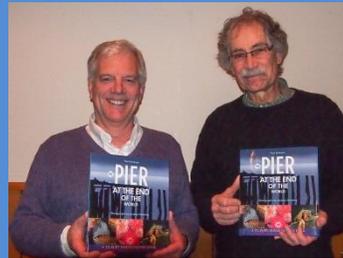
**Meeting called to order:** 7:45PM. 3 Officers, 20+ Members  
Photo and “most interesting find” contest!

Ballots were accepted for officers and diver/member of the year (voting will take place next week as well).

**Secretary:** Business portion of minutes read and accepted

### Recent Events

Dec 11: Paul and Andy's Book Presentation



Dec 18 Pizza Party!



Is it any wonder Laura won the “Ugly Sweater Contest”?

with amendment: We did not get the 401(c)7 but we're close. When Ellen spoke with the agent he indicated that it would take a week to go through his boss, then a couple weeks to issue it – so we should see it by next week! Note that as a 501(c)7 donations are not tax-deductible. In future we can consider re-applying as 501(c)3 – probably want to wait a couple years and perhaps update bylaws to go that direction.

Treasurer: Dues will not change for next year. Anybody that pays dues by 1/11 will get 10 free raffle tickets at the banquet.

#### Events

- Dec 11 – Elections, change of officers. Paul Erickson and Andy Martinez to present their book and additional New England photos
- Dec 18 – pizza party! It will be held at PCYC. We'll do a yankee swap and have an ugly sweater contest.
- New Years Day Dive. Ellen will add this to the calendar Tony is figuring out permits, heated tents. Party at Dodie's at 12 – open to club members and guests.
- Banquet 1/24 at ICC. Tickets on sale now; Paypal payments will be enabled shortly
- The video "Mission Blue" which was shown at Nahant was good – we can show it from Netflix – just need to confirm that will work OK with PCYC internet

Membership: We decided to send a letter to all past members inviting them to rejoin. We'll do a standard letter, and include the "tri-fold" brochure, and would like a member of the club that knows each person to put a personal note on it. We'll work through this in a future meeting. We might even have some of them come to the banquet.

Air Bubbles: Jim Barbara is looking into technology to make the publishing easier. Ellen is looking for somebody to help her compose the newsletter.

IT: Daryl will try to contact Markus tomorrow to get access to website

Correspondence: Neptunes newsletter is available. Facebook – Vinny knows the CIO at FB who will help us get



the page back once we get the trademark and non-profit status.

#### Old Business:

Vinnie presented sample sticker material and sizes. It will be about \$250 for 1000 stickers of the size already available. Jim and Susan will try one out on a tank to see if it stays on. We decided to vote on spending the money when we have the actual price and accurate representation (we liked the larger of the 2 "stock" sizes)

Banquet – caterer has been obtained; need to finalize menu. Hall has been obtained. DJ is in process. We will need to set up tables, do decorations, set up photo contest, set up stuff for sale, raffles.

#### New Business

- Suggest next year we change the "largest flounder" contest to "biggest fish while diving" (must be legal!!)
- Al Savageau passed away on Nov 11 from cancer.
- We discussed moving the meeting back to start at 8, with social gathering at 7:30. Also every week vs every other week, etc. Suggestion is that we'll address at the planning meeting, make a proposal, publicize, and do a vote after the first of the year.

#### Dive Talk

- Jim went to Fort Sewell with Dive Society on Sunday – 4 people. 45 degrees
- In 2 weeks Susan is doing a dive for EPA – to determine where the eel grass isn't – for pylon positioning of docks off M'Head
- Next week Susan will have 50 girl scouts in the pool in Melrose with ocean dive the following week – would welcome help.

#### Dive this weekend

- Weather looks bad. But otherwise plan 10AM at Bobby's.

#### General Discussion

- Mary is getting a spike award at Fred's show in Feb! We should all show up to support her. Ellen will add to NSF calendar.
- Reminder of Cashes Ledge public hearings in



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Gloucester – Wed Dec 17 at Mass DMF 6-8. Ellen will add to calendar – details in Air Bubbles Raffles. Dollars Box: John Marrin. Mystery Prize: Jim D’Urso

### 11-Dec-2014

**Meeting called to order:** 7:30PM. 3 Officers, 20+ Members, 2 guests

Ballots accepted for officers and diver/member of the year. Officers elected: Jim Barbara president; John Sears VP, Adam Hartness Treasurer, Jim D’Urso Secretary.

Great presentation by Paul Erickson and Andy Martinez on their book “Life at the End of the Pier” and photos of New England underwater life.

Mary Howard was awarded a gift certificate to Backscatter in thanks for all her hard work on Air Bubbles over the years.

Banquet tickets were available for purchase.

Raffles. Dollars Box: John Marrin

### 18-Dec-2014

The Pizza party was well attended, with “meat lovers’ pizza” being the most desirable.

Laura won the coveted “ugly sweater contest” hands down - despite the fact that her outfit was not even a sweater! But take a look at the picture in the side bar and you’ll understand.

The most popular yankee swap gifts were a turkey (!) and an extendible arm for taking selfies from a distance (who knew there was such a thing!).

Bay State Council

#### **Supporting and promoting the recreational diving community in Massachusetts.**

The Bay State Council of Divers (BSC) is a diver’s advocacy group. The BSC monitors local, state and federal regulations that may affect the recreational diving community in Massachusetts. When required, the BSC represents the interests of the diving community in these matters.

The BSC serves as a liaison between dive clubs and dive stores to promote recreational diving activity in Massachusetts. All divers are encouraged to support the BSC with an annual contribution of \$5. Your contribution will allow the BSC to continue to be a strong advocate for the recreational diving community in Massachusetts.

For more information: <http://www.baystatecouncil.org>

## Hearing on Habitat Amendment 2

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Mary Howard, Ray Porter, Jack Munro, Ellen Garvey, and Bill Werner attended the 12/17 New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) public hearing to solicit comments on Draft Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2 including proposed changes to Cashes Ledge. It was very well attended (probably 100 people), with the vast majority of them being those making their living in the fishing business. Many of the attendees had clearly been to other hearings on the topic. Ray was the only one of the froggies to speak, and supported the option to leave Cashes Ledge closed to fishing (which is not the recommendation of the Amendment). All of the fishing industry supported options to reopen or leave open various fishing grounds. The statement is available on the Council's website (<http://www.nefmc.org/library/omnibus-habitat-amendment-2>). Written comments must be received on or before Thursday, January 8, 2015. Comments should be sent to John Bullard, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 or emailed to: nmfs.gar.OA2.DEIS@noaa.gov (attention/subject line: "OA2 DEIS Comments").

## Blast from the past

In cleaning out some old stuff, I ran across this catalog from 1980. In upcoming issues of Air Bubbles, I'll share with you some of the equipment that was for sale "back in the day". Stay tuned! ...ellen



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