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# Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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## Upcoming Events

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

### Sunday Dives - Dive with a buddy!

Meet every Sunday at 8AM at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly.

### Meetings:

Usually Thursdays at  
Palmer's Cove Yacht Club  
74 Leavitt Street  
Salem, MA 01970

Meetings start at 8PM; Social gathering at 7:30. See website or upcoming events section of this newsletter for presentation and meeting topics.

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## Upcoming special events:

See [Calendar](#) for details on all these events

## Thurs Sep 3

After the regular club meeting at 8, we'll view the Nova episode "Sunken Ship Rescue". Efforts to secure, raise and salvage the Costa Concordia cruise ship which capsized off the Italian coast on Jan 13, 2012, killing 32 people.

While this is not specifically about diving, divers are present and play a large part throughout the documentary.

## Sun Sep 20 - Annual Treasure Hunt and Cookout

Underwater Treasure Hunt competition is an enjoyable family event providing an opportunity to meet new dive buddies, compete in a friendly environment and win prizes while supporting the Bay State Council of Divers. Registration is at 9am and there is a \$10 fee to participate in the Dive/Snorkle treasure hunt.

After the treasure hunt there will be a picnic. It will be a great time for your whole family. Club members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert; for non-club members, \$5 will be collected.

Please bring high protein non-perishable foods for a collection to donate to the Gloucester Food Pantry. They're specifically requesting the following:

- Mac & cheese
- Tuna Helper
- Mayonnaise
- Snacks
- Beef Stew
- Baked beans
- Cereal (unsweetened)
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned chicken
- Chicken soup
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Instant potatoes
- Canned ham
- Pork & Beans
- Canned fruit
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Juice
- Peanut butter
- Vegetable soup
- Clam chowder

## Stay Tuned!

There are a few other events that may be in the works (whale watch rescheduled from last year, dive on the NH).

Please note that the Richie Kohler, Diver Ed, Andy M, Nick F event is being rescheduled.

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## Member's Corner

### Diver of the Month

Vinny Egizi for not only doing lots of Sunday dives and his hunting skills; but mostly for his sincere expression of enjoyment of our sport. He just gets it.



### Members of the Month

Jerry Sutherland and Art Channell - some of the North Shore Frogmen original members. We enjoy chatting with you guys. Happy 57th NSF anniversary!



#### Art Channell

We're happy to hear that Art is back home. His daughter Diane reports that he'd love a visitor. Weekends seem to be very quiet for him, no visits from all the workers coming in and out. If you'd like to visit, contact Ellen or Mike Garvey who can put you in touch with Diane and she'll make sure he's home when you go.

#### Jerry Sutherland

Jerry is always present at our "outings" including the New Years' post-dive party and the Coast Guard demo this year. We'll look forward to catching up with him at the picnic.



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### Message from the President

[Jim Barbara](#)

Olá Froggies!

Morning found us calmly unaware  
Noon burn gold into our hair  
At night, we swim the laughin' sea  
When summer's gone  
Where will we be  
~Summer's Almost Gone by Jim Morrison and The Doors

I cannot believe that summer is quickly coming to an end already. To many of us, there is no diving season but the summer shore diving has been superb over the last few weeks! I hear the squid are out now and I am looking forward to some night dives. Hopefully, I will snap a few photos of a shoal of squid (why don't we call them a squad? doesn't a squad of squid sound better?). Exploring the marine life at night is such a different dive experience than it is in the daytime.

Speaking of exploring, I have been curious about diving the beaches in Swampscott, MA. Like most of you, I love diving Cape Ann. Lanes Cove has become a favorite site for me (even though I slipped on the rocks during my exit last time). Pebble Beach and Old Garden Beach are great sites too. Oh and Folly Cove is like the Caribbean of the North Shore! But I cannot help but wonder about my own coastal town's beaches. I am pretty sure there is not much more than a sandy bottom across King's Beach. Fisherman's Beach is filled with boats in the summer. But Phillips Beach, seemed to me, to be a good place to dive. There is no nearby non-resident parking (a hot topic during our meetings lately) but I live in the town so I have no problems on that issue. The main challenge is that the good diving starts about 900 yards from where I park my car. On my first dive at this site, I opted to carry my gear about 450 yards down the beach, then enter the water and swim the other 450 yards to the rocks before diving down. I was pretty tired before descending, so I took my time and rested on the surface for a bit. A few swimmers passed by with a breathless and surprised greeting. Finally, I let the air fly from my BC and down I went into the sand below. A few dozen fin cycles east and I finally found the rocks which were plentiful, along with all the sea life. I immediately found a barely legal cull lobster and decided to let him go, thinking there were plenty more around. I then took a 210 degree heading and started moving along the bottom. I spied one short bug after another, as well as plenty of curious cunner, oblivious Jonah crab... but I did not see another legal bug. But for the record, it was too much work for what left me with about 30 minutes of good diving near Off Rock, and no motivation left for a second dive after I swam the 450 yards back to my second tank. I suspect if I could get my gear to the end of the 900 yards of beach without collapsing of exhaustion and enter the water closer to the rocks, I will have more time (and air and energy) to find some bugs around Off Rock. Next new diving destination for exploration is Eisman's Beach.

Our diver of the month this month is Vinny Egizi for not only doing lots of Sunday dives and his hunting skills; but mostly for his sincere expression of enjoyment of our sport. He just gets it.

Once again this month, we have a couple members of the month. These two gentlemen helped start this club "back in the day"... Jerry Sutherland and Art Channell. Records show they both became members of the North Shore Frogmen on September 1st, 1958. Art has attended a meeting this year and Jerry hung out with us on the beach at our Coast Guard event. I enjoyed chatting with Jerry about the event and I look forward to seeing him at the picnic. Mike Garvey has been able to visit Art recently and it sounds like he is in good spirits. Happy 57th Froggie Anniversary to Art and Jerry!

You friendly neighborhood Frogman,  
Jim Barbara

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## Letter from the Editor

[Ellen Garvey](#)



It was a busy month with a lot of people out of town, leaving meetings bit short-handed. I'm sure you'll be disappointed to learn that not all the meeting minutes are available in this issue of Air Bubbles (NOT!). We'll get it together next month

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## Fun stuff we did last month

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### Madeira

Tony Viera led a group of froggies diving in Madeira at the beginning of August. Looking forward to their presentation.



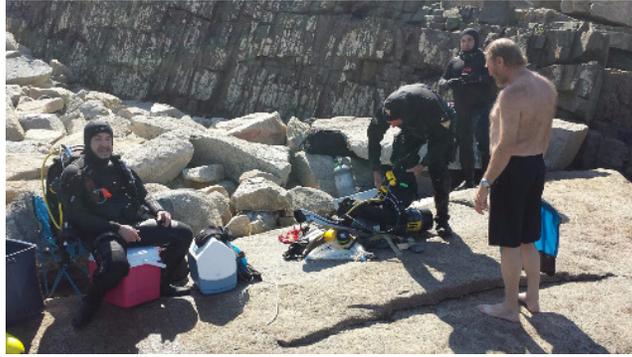
## Lanes 8/16

L-R:

Jim Barbara  
Bill Werner  
Greg Owren  
John Ferrier

Also there were

Ralph Arabian  
Daryl Findlay (photo credit)  
Adam Hartnett



Seven Froggies were there. Small torpedo ray (under 3') seen by Adam and Ralph in 20-25 feet. Saw a pipefish fairly deep as well at 40'. No one killed it bug wise but it wasn't a shut out by any means. Lots of divers overall - [East Coast Divers](#) had a group in the am and some [South Shore Neptunes](#) arrived for high tide.

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## Lembeh Straits Presentation 8/20

by Ellen and Mike Garvey



## D'Urso Pool party and Cookout 8/29

The third Annual Dos Equis Pool Party hosted by Jim and Linda D'Urso was postponed from the 22nd to the 29th, Good call! The 29th was hot and sunny so we were able to enjoy the pool. Once again, Linda outdid herself with food and everyone had a hard time saying no - even though we were already "stuffed to the gills".



## Lanes 8/30



Photos by Daryl Findlay

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## Interesting Articles

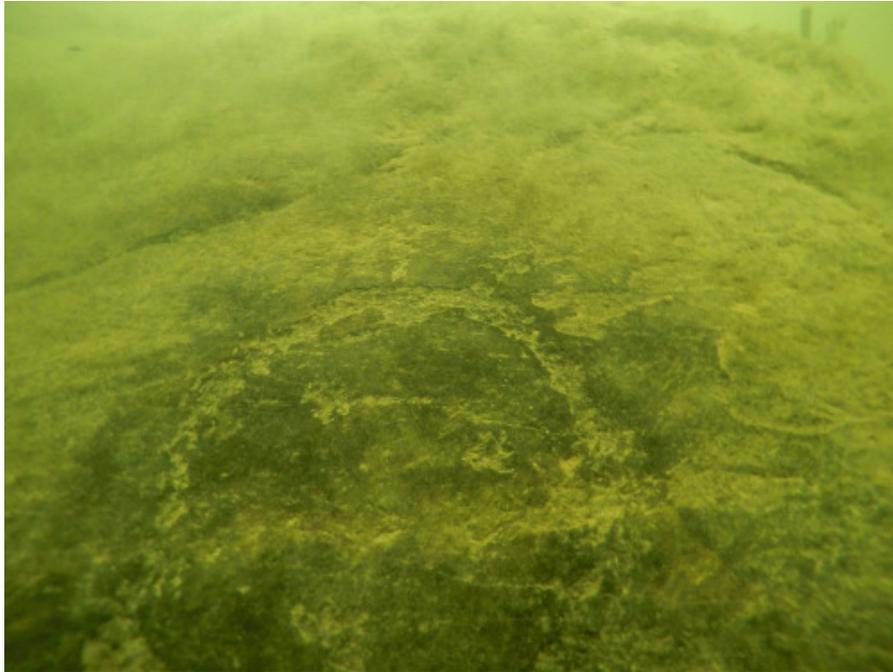
Some of these are repeats from the NSF FB page - for those of you who aren't on FB or missed these posts.

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## Annette Spaulding finds elusive carving in Connecticut River near Brattleboro

Check out this article in the "Berkshire Eagle" about Annette's famous find

[http://www.berkshireeagle.com/local/ci\\_28674286/diver-finds-petroglyph-submerged-connecticut-river-since-1909](http://www.berkshireeagle.com/local/ci_28674286/diver-finds-petroglyph-submerged-connecticut-river-since-1909)



"The petroglyph that Annette Spaulding has spent roughly 25 years searching for."

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[Biggest Shark ever filmed](#)

[Whale Shark in Dubai Marina](#)

[Coast Guard crews search for missing diver near Andrea Doria wreck](#)

[COASTSWEEP - The Massachusetts Annual Statewide Coastal Cleanup](#)



## Recipe for Linda D'Urso's Fish Bowl Drink

5oz Vodka  
5oz Malibu Rum  
3oz Blue Curaçao  
6oz sweet & sour mix  
1/2 cup Nerds candy  
3 slices lime  
3 slices lemon  
3 slices orange  
16oz Sprite  
16oz Pineapple Juice  
Sweedish Fish



Sprinkle Nerds candy at the bottom of the bowl

Fill bowl with ice & add Sweedish fish as you go

Add all above ingredients  
(Multiplied x 4 for a North Shore Frogmen's party)



## Meeting Summaries

Jim D'Urso, Secretary

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### August 27 By Adam Hartnett

Meeting called to order 8:00

One officer, 10-12 members, One guest from New England Aquarium Dive Club

One Business item Picnic Planning to be discussed next week

Dive Talk

Adam - 7 froggies went to Lanes - Ralph and Adam saw smaller torpedo ray. Jim Barbara got 3 bugs. Adam got 2

Faith - Snorkeled with Whale Sharks off of Isla Mujeres near Cancun - no drysuit needed!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 and Ellen and Mike present Lembeh Straits Critter Diving with awesome movies and pictures. .

Dollars - Mary  
Mystery Jack

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