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Air Bubbles

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Upcoming Events

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

Sunday Dives - Dive with a buddy!

Meet every Sunday at 9:30AM 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.

Upcoming special events:

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

Thursday Dec 3 - Elections and Contest

Voting

Elections will be held at the regular meeting of NSF. Following the meeting, voting will take place for all the annual contests - photos, videos, largest scallop, largest fish, most interesting find.

Saturday Dec 5 - Annual Banquet

The NSF Annual Banquet will be held at PCYC this year. We'll have a DJ, catered dinner, raffle prizes, and contests awards. There might even be some speeches!



2014 Divers of the Month and Members of the Month shown at the annual banquet

2015 Banquet is Sat 12/5 7pm - 11pm at Palmer Cover Yacht Club 74 Leavitt St, Salem, MA 01970

Dress: Fancy or Festive

Events: Raffle prizes, dinner, dancing, music, and awards

Cost:

\$35 - 1 ticket

\$77 - 1 ticket plus 2016 dues (NOTE: includes \$10 of raffle tickets during the banquet FREE)

\$82 - 1 ticket, 2016 dues, and BSC donation (NOTE: includes \$10 of raffle tickets during the banquet FREE)

Tickets will only be available until 12/1/2015

Pay:

Cash or Check at any meeting or mailed to us (P.O Box 3604 Peabody, MA 01960 - make checks out to North Shore Frogmen)

PayPal - Send money to Treasurer@northshorefrogmen.com at PayPal

There is also a Paypal option to directly pay for tickets on www.northshorefrogmen.com

Thursday Dec 17 - Pizza Party and Yankee Swap

No meeting tonight - just pizza and a Yankee Swap. Bring a \$10-\$20 item for the Swap. Something fun, funny, and/or useful. It should be something you wouldn't mind receiving please.

Pizza is on the club, starting at 7:30

Save the Dates!

New Years Day Dive and Party

Details tbd - stay tuned!

Member's Corner

Diver of the Month JimD'Urso

For all his diving, oftentimes a few days a week off his boat. He's catching bags and bags of scallops and bugs. He's does a great job catching a few pic's of his diving adventures to fit into the club announcements.



Member of the Month Tony Viera

For some wonderful work for us securing some great prizes for our banquet and getting John Stella to do his wonderful presentation on finding 22 Ancient Greek Shipwrecks

Member Spotlight

by Susan Copelas





Mary and Mike Pagliarulo

Mary and Mike haven't been together for 7 years now and married for five. Their love for the water and ocean has been the focus of their latest adventure....they just LOVE scuba diving. They both became divers this summer and went out and bought a full set of equipment including tanks after their first pool session.

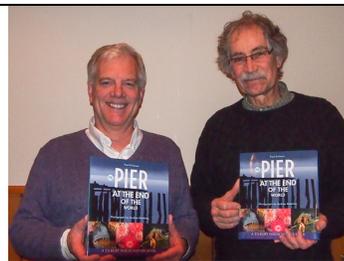
"We were hooked." Mary commented.

They certainly know how to do it. Their energy and love for the sport is contagious. For those who have been lucky enough to witness the event, they show up with folding chairs, mats, coolers, snacks and all the little accessories to make it fun to hang out. Every dive is truly an all-day adventure with these two.

As new divers, they decided to join the dive club just to be around people who knew what they were doing. It's like learning a second language with them. As much as they love diving, they do need to return to their day jobs on Monday morning. Mary is a CPA and works as a project consultant with a small firm and Mike is an oil truck driver. They are living their bucket list. Check.

Andy Martinez and Paul Erickson Congratulations!

Andy and Paul received some good news! The NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Committee has selected their book, *Pier at the End of the World*, to the Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12 for 2016 list, a cooperative project of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and the Children's Book Council.





Message from the President [Jim Barbara](#)

Thank you Froggies for making my year as your NSF President such a gratifying experience. The year was filled with goodwill, fascinating presentations, and, of course, plenty of diving. I did my best to "sling the gavel" during our meetings in as lighthearted a manner as I could, while taking the job seriously. I think I only hit two people with the gavel by accident. I owe a ton of gratitude to my fellow officers John Sears and Ray Porter as VPs, Adam Hartnett as Treasurer and Jim D'Urso as Secretary, who all shared the leadership load, as well as kept me on task and informed for our meetings. Also, Board of Directors members Ellen Garvey and Daryl Findlay were always ready and willing to get stuff done when it needed doing. Fulfilling all these roles can be a lot of fun, but just like anything that is rewarding, there is always parts of any job that is not as fun and feels like work. Working with this team of fine, flexible, focused, fabulous Froggies was...Fantastic!

We have seen some things change this year, and some things stay the same. I enjoyed those little changes like sometimes having one big table where the members all sit around the table. Whose idea was that? Thanks to whoever did that the first time back in January! Sure, we had a few experiments that did not go as planned. For example, my idea on using a "Consent Agenda" for meetings (oops!). Then there were big successful changes, like Air Bubbles. To be a community, we need communication and Air Bubbles is our monthly means of getting the word out. A heaping helping of gratitude goes to Ellen Garvey for her work using new and innovative technology to get Air Bubbles out every month to our membership and the North Shore diving community.

The North Shore diving community lost some good friends this year, Bob Boyle and Fred Mozdziej. Fred Mozdziej joined the Froggies early this year. I dove with him on a few Sundays. Fred was very passionate about scuba diving, getting in 2 to 4 dives on a weekly basis. Sadly, Fred passed away last summer before his fellow Froggies got a chance to really get to know him. As for Bob Boyle, I felt quite close to Bob. He was not only my "dive shop" guy but also my friend and I miss him. He loved the Froggies and was a long time supporter of the club. His daughter, Whitney Boyle, continues Bob's legacy as the owner of Undersea Divers and continues to support the NSF.

Speaking of support, many Froggies do so much for the club. Please know that your efforts are felt by your fellow Froggie members. Now, with such a helpful membership, it is always hard for me to choose a Member of the Month. But, once again, Tony Vieira has done some wonderful work for us securing some great prizes for our banquet and getting John Stella to do his wonderful presentation on finding 22 Ancient Greek Shipwrecks... Fascinating! Thanks (again!) Tony!

And gosh, who's been diving? Jim D'Urso's been diving, oftentimes a few days a week off his boat. He's catching bags and bags of scallops and bugs. He's does a great job catching a few pic's of his diving adventures to fit into the club announcements. Jim is this month's Diver of the Month! Jim, I hope to see you on a few NSF Sunday shore dives once that boat is stored.

Your Friendly Neighborhood Frogman,
Jim Barbara

Letter from the Editor

[Ellen Garvey](#)



Wow - it's been a year since I started doing Air Bubbles. I know we all appreciated Mary's work to bring it to us every month, but now I REALLY appreciate that she kept it up for 12 years. Whew! That's a record that won't be matched. I promise.

I also have to thank many people who contributed articles and pictures to keep the content interesting: Daryl Findlay, Jim D'Urso, Jim Barbara, Adam Hartnett, Susan Copelas, Dodie Carvalho, and Mike Garvey. And Linda D'Urso shared her secret recipies. Thanks also to Mike Garvey for faithfully proofing AB for me every month - the editor's editor!

Please consider joining them in contributing to a future issue of "Air Bubbles"! Looks like by default I'll be doing it again!

Fun stuff we did last month

Nov 8 Sunday Dive

Divers at BK discussing windy conditions.





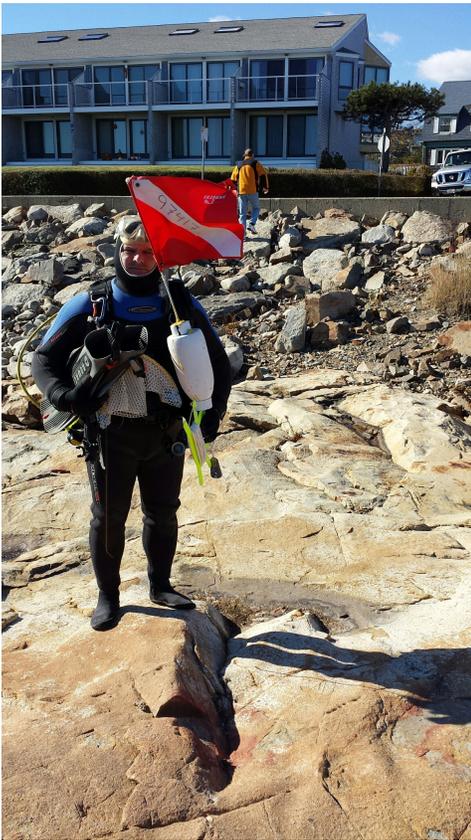
Nope nope.....Lane's Cove blown out.



Old Garden Beach is also rough.... Vinny says lets go that way, to Pebble Beach.

(Not shown) Pebble Beach is flat but too boring for us.

Bass Rocks is good for mountain goats. So the John and Vinny goat went-a-diving...



- End of the story with questionable morals.

Story and photos courtesy of Daryl Findlay

Thurs Nov 19 Presentation "Ancient wreck diving in Greece"

Presentation by John Stella of Scuba Pro on "Ancient wreck diving in Greece"



Read the article "22 ancient shipwrecks discovered around one Greek island chain of Fourni" [here](#)



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.

[Myrtle gets an entire stalk of Brussels Sprouts for Thanksgiving](#)

[Transient orca punts a seal 80 feet into the air near Victoria, BC!](#)



Meeting Summaries

Jim D'Urso, Secretary

Nov 5

November 5, 2015 NSF meeting called to order 8 pm 16 members including 4 officers present

Prior mtg minutes read and accepted

President read letter of gratitude from Joe Wolfe
Old business: Banquet issues reviewed
Donations for prizes certificates from restaurants recommended
car wash certificates will be available.
Someone should check with Whitney Undersea Divers for donations.
Scuba Pro John Stella usually donates prizes Stella donation scuba pro
Ricky will be DJ from last year
Cost of tickets same as last year notices went out
PayPal pop up for Banquet ticket Daryl to set up
50 dollar for decorations recommended
new Business: new time for Sunday dives
9:30 am
Meeting Adjourned 9 pm
John Ferrier dollar box
Jim B mystery bag
Jack Munroe bug bag
Submitted
Jim D'Urso secretary NSF

Sent from my iPad

Nov 12

19 members including 4 officers, called to order 8:10 pm
Committees no new info
Old business:
Banquet
banquet table decoration Cheryl Moore volunteered
John Stella of Scuba Pro will be donating
Restaurants: recommended that members ask for gift certificates
Salerno's will be catering
Photo contest, deadline next week Mary and Ellen away Adam will accept
photos and videos
Contests bring in picture or item Dec 3 bring in at least 15 minutes
before meeting
Bill Werner will be in charge of contests, unusual find, largest fish,
largest scallop
Election of Officers
Slate of officers nominated:
Jim D'Urso president
John Ferrier Vice President
Adam Hartnett Treasurer
Vinnie Egizi secretary
Board of Directors makeup discussed
Pres and vp last 2yr plus new officers would make 8 max for Board of
Directors
Will need to check with John Sears and Laura if able to serve on Board
New Business:
Tod Randall and Jim D'Urso working on completing Coast Guard DVD

New Year's Day dive: Tony to coordinate and check with Dodie for after party, one recommendation was Ft Sewall, Marblehead

News: Art Channel had fall and is recovering from hip fracture

Dive Talk:

Sunday Daryl Graham Vinnie Tom and John Ferrier went to Bass Rocks parked on Moreland Street 12 ft vis 3 lobsters taken by John Ferrier, Vinnie found sea clams, Tom did not dive had air fill from 14 yrs ago, 53 deg water

Saturday Old Garden viz 20 ft way out temp 50, 1 keeper by Adam, Graham support person on shore

Jim D and Bill Werner Tuesday boat dive off of Marblehead 3 bags of scallops and 1 lobster vis 15 feet temp 49

Ellen Garvey reported she showed her underwater DVD to homeschoolers age 6 and was surprised how much they identified including frog fish and mimic octopus

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Bug Jack M

Dollar John Marren

Mystery Bill Werner

Submitted by

Jim D'Urso secretary NSF

Nov 19

22 members present including 4 officers and presenter John Stella, meeting called to order 8 pm

IT committee Daryl reports bug in Events calendar has been fixed

Old Business

Photo contest Dec 3 rd, Mary arrived before end of meeting to collect photos, Ray and Mary had just returned from Paris safe after terrorist attacks there

Videos go to Adam or Ellen

Late entrees to be accepted up til Sunday night

Requested unusual find, largest fish and scallop entrees email Bill Werner with title of find and witness to fish and scallop by Sunday night Nov 22

Awaiting confirmation of prizes for Banquet, Undersea

Divers, Backscatter, Scubapro

Chery Moore to find table decorations

Officer slate to be voted on at Dec 3 rd meeting

Jim D'Urso Pres

John Ferrier Vp

Adam Hartnett Treas.

Vinnie Egizi sec

No additions or changes proposed

Dive Talk:

Susan Copelas attended DEMA show in Florida met Clive Cussler, Richie Kohler, Evelyn Duda

Susan did some diving Key Largo and West Pam Beach

Jack Munro and Graham dove at Old Garden viz 2-5 ft small lobsters and crabs

Jim D'Urso and Bill Werner boat dive Monday 2.5 bags scallops and a couple

of lobsters and second dive in the water at 4:20 as sun setting essentially a night dive a couple of lobsters and Jim D lost spear, Marblehead HarborMaster visted boat about 5 pm after call from Marblehead resident concerned about boat in same place for over 3 hrs with dive flag, harbormaster just checking that we were ok
Jim D'Urso and Ralph Arabian boat dive Wed, Jim 2 bags of scallops and lobster first dive and Ralph 1 full bag of scallops, second dive at Marblehead Rock Jim did search for spear unable to find but picked up 2 lobsters and brass boat artifact not yet identified and Ralph found 5 keeper lobsters
Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm followed by an excellent presentation by John Stella of Scubapro on Ancient Greek Wrecks
Submitted by
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