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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.

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## **Upcoming special events:**

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

### **Jan 1 - Dive and Party**

The dive this year will be at 10:30 Fort Sewell in Marblehead. In addition to the park parking, we can park across the street at the office park at 8 Doakes Lane. Please be discreet when changing.

Join the party at noon at Mike and Ellen Garvey's at 85 Monument Ave in Swampscott. Park on the street or the LEFT side of the driveway and come to the back door. Ellen's making lobster bisque; it would be great if you could bring food and/or drink to share.

### **Sunday Jan 10 - Plan the Year!**

We'll be meeting to plan the calendar of events for the year for the North Shore Frogmen. This is open to all members and has proven to be a fun and fruitful meeting. It's a great opportunity for all members to participate in the club and define what we'll be doing - or thinking of doing. And it includes

lunch!

The meeting will be at noon at Mike and Ellen Garvey's - 85 Monument Ave, Swampscott.  
781-595-4978. Park on the street or on the LEFT side of the driveway. We'll provide a hearty soup; if you want to bring something to supplement (food, drink to share) that would be great.

Put on your thinking caps!

## Thursday Jan 21 - Little Cayman Presentation

Jim D'Urso will be presenting photos and videos from his recent trip to Little Cayman Islands with Undersea Divers, including a side trip to wrecks off Cayman Brac.  
Presentation will be around 8:30 after the regular meeting.

## Saturday, Jan 23 Danversport Marina

NSF will have a booth at the Danversport Marina event 9-12  
Stay tuned for more info!

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## Save the Dates!

Thu **Feb 11**: Discussion on [Safer Dive Profiles by Alex Dulavitz](#)

**Mar 4-6: Sea Rovers.** We'll have a booth. Tickets to the event are on sale now: [bostonsearovers.com](http://bostonsearovers.com)

**Thu Apr 28**: Presentation by Matt from **Division of Fisheries**

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## Member's Corner

### Diver of the Month Jim Barbara

For his perseverance on Sunday diving.  
Look at the new drysuit!!!!  
We're going to miss the red "rescue diver"  
suit...



### Member of the Month Cheryl Moore

For these fantastic table centerpieces she  
created for the holiday party. See below for a  
picture of Cheryl in the "Member Spotlight"

# Member Spotlight

by Bruce Moore



## Cheryl Moore

Cheryl is a relatively new diver. She was certified in 2013 in the warm waters of the Florida Keys and the springs of Northern Florida.

She was born in Portland, Maine, grew up in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine and now resides in Amesbury, Mass. She has 3 adult children and 7 grandchildren.

She is married to Bruce Moore, also a NSF Member. As a native New Englander she has a love of the ocean, the beach, and anything water related. While she prefers the warm water dive sites and reefs of Key West, FL, the Blue Heron Bridge, and the waters off West Palm, Beach, Florida she also loves to dive Folly Cove and Back Beach. Cheryl has also enjoyed freshwater dives at Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, Rainbow Springs, FL and the famous Devils Den.

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## Out with the Old

## Thank you to our 2015 Officers

Jim Barbara, President

John Sears, VP 1st part of year, Ray Porter for 2nd part

Adam Hartnett, Treasurer

Jim D'Urso, Secretary





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## **In with the New**

### **Welcome our 2016 Officers**

Jim D'Urso, President  
John Ferrier, VP  
Adam Hartnett, Treasurer  
Vinny Egisi, Secretary



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## Speaking of Old

We'd like to recognize 3 people who became Life Members in 2015



Graham Smith



Mary Howard



John Sears

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## **New Life Members**

Congratulations are in order for 2 new life members this year;



Jim Follis



Ralph Arabian

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## Condolences

Life Member Jerry Sutherland's son David passed away on Dec 3 in a fishing accident.

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## Art Channell Update

In November, Art fell and broke his hip. He is in rehab at Essex Park Rehab (265 Essex St near the Beverly YMCA). Art is progressing well with physical therapy and enjoys visitors; stop by to see him (Room 244).

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## Message from the President

[Jim D'Urso](#)

“The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever.”-Jacques Yves Cousteau

Thank you membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as President for this coming year. I have been diving for over 40 years and logged over 1000 dives, including 25 in the past month, and appreciate the privilege of being able to enjoy the ocean both beneath and above the water. My advice to our members is to keep diving as long as you are able and if you can't then at least come to our meetings and enjoy the dive stories and presentations.

I am always amazed of how many new and fascinating things there are to be discovered in the ocean. Many 'firsts' this year for me include experiencing a pod of spinner dolphins 30 miles offshore at Tilles, more deeper penetrations of wrecks and reefs, digging up a large surf clam totally engulfed by a moon snail and its baby, finding an ancient fluke anchor, uncovering a brass ship's compass, bumped by a large tarpon going after small fish in my video lights on a night dive, filming coral eating blood worms on a night shore dive, observing a rainbow parrot asleep on a reef with a large remora attached to its dorsal edge, in the water with a Monk seal off of Madiera, and last Sunday on a dive with outgoing President Jim Barbara, found the largest oysters I have ever seen - over 8 inches long - in Salem Harbor.

Sunday shore dives can be challenging with tide changes, wind, waves, cold weather, but one person who has persevered in his Sunday shore dives is Jim Barbara. In fact, he has made every Sunday dive in December and has been the only one on some of them; for these reasons I have selected Jim as Diver of the Month. Thank you Jim for your example, I hope to join you on many Sunday dives this winter.

For Member of the Month I have selected Cheryl Moore. This year when we were scrambling to complete banquet preparations, she volunteered to create centerpieces on a very minimal budget. The product, with an ocean theme designed and put together by Cheryl, was a nice accent to our Annual Banquet. Thank you Cheryl for your club support.

My goals for NSF this year include increasing membership, closer ties with Undersea Divers, more beach barbecues, more social events, and more dive talk and presentations at meetings. I would like to see members assist the BayState Council in their quest this year to improve public access of all beaches in the

state. Keep diving, there is a lot to experience in and on the ocean. Thank you again for this opportunity.  
Your President for 2016  
Jim D'Urso

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## Letter from the Editor

[Ellen Garvey](#)



Happy New Year! I hope to see you all on New Years Day.  
I usually have an "interesting articles" segment to Air Bubbles but I'm wimping out this month - busy making lobsta' bisque for the party. I have an idea - would somebody else like to take this one segment of Air Bubbles on. Could be fun, right?

Another place I'm wimping out for this issue is the lack of pictures for the banquet and the pizza part/yankee swap! I'll see if I can't scare them up for next month's issue.

If you would like a copy of the "NSF Year In Review 2015" Video which was shown at the banquet please contact me by Jan 5 if you haven't already put your order in. Let me know whether you want a regular DVD or a Blu-Ray. The DVDs are in production now.

The video includes all the pictures from the 2015 Air Bubbles, the photo and video contest entries, and Daryl's video of the Coast Guard Demo event.

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## Fun stuff we did last month

### Annual Banquet Dec 5

Many thanks to all who put this together, and to the generous donors for our great prizes:

**Grand Prizes:**

**Scubapro** donated a Chromis Computer - won by Adam Hartnett

**Undersea Divers** donated a Wetsuit won by John Sears

**Backscatter** donated a Flip 3.1 Filters for Go Pro won by Bill Werner

Other prizes and donors included:

Newleaf gift basket via Vange Egisi - Ron Blais

Hartnett car wash donated by Adam- Jim D'Urso

Osborn Tavern gift cert - John Ferrier

Lowell Repertory Theater - Tony V

Indian Food - Meg

Jillians - Tony V

Wallet - Jack

Mesh Bag - Ray

Amaretto - Bruce/Cheryl

Wine - Ray

Guavaberry Rum donated by Adam - Mike Dennealer

A good time was had by all

## **Dec 17 Pizza Party/Yankee Swap**

Who has some pictures from these events? I'll grab some from Facebook - any others?

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# Presidential Sunday Dive 12/27

Jim D'Urso and Jim Barbara  
diving  
with Adam Hartnett, Vinny Egisi  
and Tony Viera providing shore  
support.



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## Call for Video

Salem Sound Coastwatch has a video project in the works with Paul Van Ness (artist & owner of CinemaSalem) -- A series of 10 HD Videos: short (under 3 minutes), provocative, probably some will be sophisticated and will need a teacher discussion guide to prep viewing to set the context. Series creates an emotional arc that educates, motivates, creates stewards (you love it; you care for it) and a call to action - stewardship. Target audiences are: any adult; high school environmental science and marine biology; middle school science.

Right now we are looking for short clips of HD video:

- footage of school of a coldwater fish – could be cod, pollock, mendeden, striped bass
- footage of longfin squid
- footage of northern shrimp

Also, one video will be on Biodiversity of the Ocean - that the Ocean is not empty, but full of amazing creatures. So we are looking for underwater video showing the smallest to the largest animals; under the dock, on the bottom, swimming in the water column, floating near the surface.

You can reach them at  
[info@salemsound.org](mailto:info@salemsound.org)

978-741-7900

[www.salemsound.org](http://www.salemsound.org)

What a great opportunity for us to help educate others and share our passion!!!

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## Photo Contest winners

ABOVE WATER		
First Place	Dolphin in Front of Dive Boat, Madeira	Jim D'Urso
Second	Eastport Dive Site	Michael Donovan
Third	Treasure Hunt, Stage Fort Park	Jim D'Urso





WARM WATER		
First Place	Pretty	Ellen Garvey
Second	Makin' Love in the Afternoon	Mike Garvey
Third	King on the Mountain	Mike Garvey
Third	Mediterranean Monk Seal	Adam Hartnett





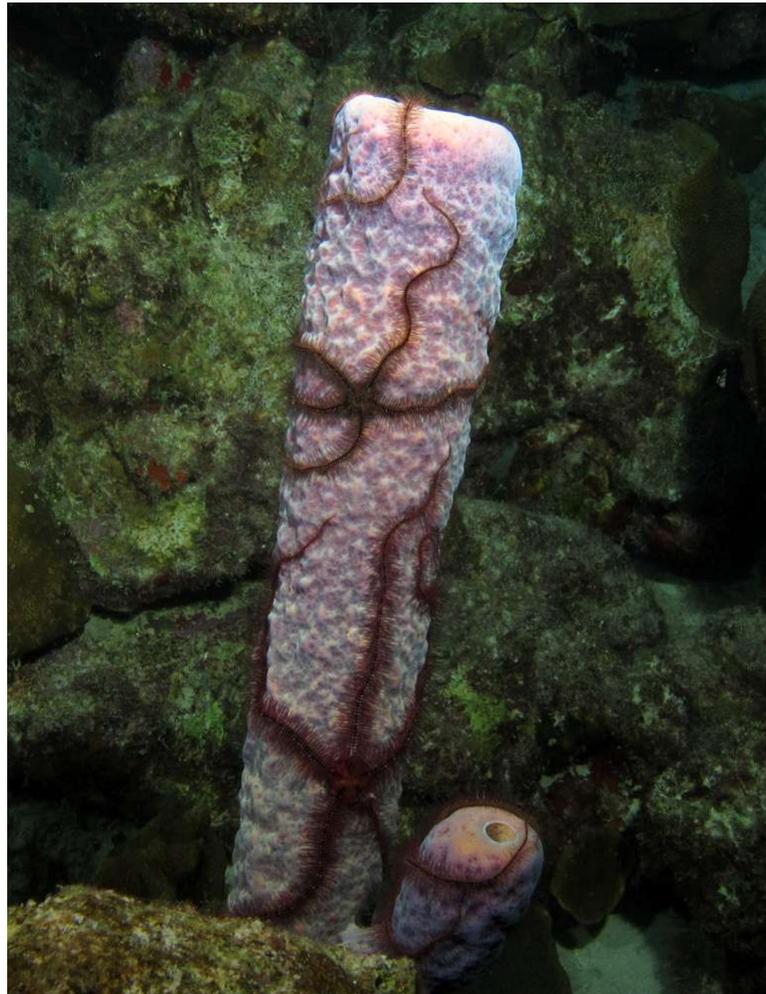
**WARM WATER – SPECIES INTERACTION**

First Place

Brittle Star & Arrow Crab Cohabiting in Sponge

Roslyn Smith

Second	Anemone and Cleaner Shrimps	Adam Hartnett
Third	Pederson Cleaning Shrimp in Anemone Home	Roslyn Smith





<b>COLD WATER</b>		
First Place	Rockport Night Dive	Michael Donovan
Second	Banded Anemone	Michael Donovan
Third	Quoth the Raven "Dive Some More!"	Jim Barbara





COLD WATER – SPECIES INTERACTION		
First Place	Squid and Hermit Crab	Michael Donovan



VIDEO CATEGORY		
First Place	Reef Love	Mike Garvey
Second	Steve's Shark Encounter	Jim Barbara
Second	I'm in Love with My Triggerfish	Jim D'Urso

Third	That was Close!	Ellen Garvey
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Hmm. Maybe next month I'll work on uploading them and giving you a link!

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## Meeting Summaries

Jim D'Urso, 2015 Secretary

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### December 3, 2015

22 members 3 guests 3 officers, meeting called to order at 8:15 pm

Minutes of nov 12 and 19 read and approved

Committees no new info

Correspondence: Art Channel in rehab

Events reviewed

Old business

tonight photo contest, election of officers, voting for diver and member of the year, unusual find contest and more

Dec 5 th the Annual Banquet all preps ready, special thanks for Cheryl Moore for creating ocean theme center pieces

Dec 10 th changeover mtg for new officers

Final slate for voting tonight

Jim D president

John Ferrier vp

Adam treasurer

Vinny sec

Dec 17 pizza party and Yankee swap 10-20 dollar gifts

New Years Day Dive possibly at Sewall park

Dive Talk

Sang Lee went out with Boston Scuba for another successful scallop dive

Jim D and Bill Werner out on boat last Tuesday windy viz 1-3ft

Anchor did not hold dragged a few hundred yards, after securing anchor Jim followed path of anchor to original site and found scallop bed, second dive at Marble head Rock poor viz lots of surge, but overall nice last day on the boat 2 bags of scallops and 3 lobsters

Jim D reported last Wed successful sea clamming at Devereux beach and dug up a 6 inch clam totally engulfed by a Moon snail adult with a very small moon snail also attached to the clam all, were about 6 inches below the sand

Sunday dive meet at 9:30am

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

John Marren dollar box

Submitted by

Jim D'Urso secretary NSF



## Meeting Summaries

Vinny Egisi, 2016 Secretary

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## Minutes 12/10/2015

- Meeting Start Time: [8:05pm](#)
- Officers: 3
- Members: 11
- Secretary's Report: Read and reviewed and accepted
- Treasurer's Report: Banquet broke even or made a little bit of money
- Membership Report N/A someone needs to change dive meetings on [divebuddy.com](http://divebuddy.com)
- Upcoming Events Jim Barbara discussed pizza party and New Year's dive
- Correspondence
  - Email correspondence with Joe Wolfe. He was not able to discuss diving New England with his dive club as he was cut off as time ran out. Disappointed him.
  - Ray/Mary/John Sears went to wake for Jerry's son.
- Old Business:
  - Contests - any comment on contests? Looking into having new categories such as New England and Non-New England Photos vs. current categories (Warm Water, Cold Water, Etc.).
  - Banquet Feedback - Food was good. Jim had two pieces of red velvet cake. Is DJ overkill. Missed life members and outgoing officers for recognition. Break up banquet in pieces - opening speech, apps, social, dinner, awards, social, presidents raffles, social.
  - Board members - Discussion of board members - 4 officers, Jim B, Ray/John, Daryl, Ellen
- New Business:
  - New officers assumed the positions at the table.
  - Adam to contact Deli House for pizza for pizza party.
  - Recognize DOM not at banquet Graham Smith and Greg Owen
  - Ray recommended having planning meeting in January.
    - Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> or Jan 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Sea Rovers
    - Have prize
    - Need to continue planning
- Dive Talk
  - Jim Barbara – Borrowed dry suit from Undersea Divers. Went to Old Garden Beach. Could not pee as there were no leaves on trees and a road race going on. Flat glassy water. 46F. Got 1 lobster. 46 minutes. Vis 5-10 ft.
- General Discussion
  - NH fisherman are suing about NOAA monitoring of fishing boats. Jess Leslie performs this job function in Florida.

- Prizes
- Dollars Box - \$13 Jack Munro
- Mystery Prize – John Sears window art and squid bag
- Bug Bag – N/A

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