

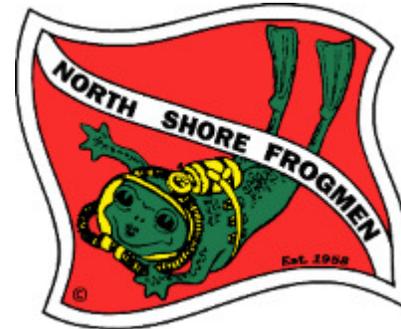
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# Air Bubbles

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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. Most of the "business" is accomplished at the first meeting of the month. The last Thursday of the month has no meeting - purely a social gathering (with dive talk, of course).

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

### **Wed Feb 10 - Il Volo Concert**

Il Volo will be at the Wang. Contact Bill Werner if you're interesting in going and joining up with other NSF members. Tickets start at \$40



## Thurs Feb 11 - Safer Dive Profiles by Alex Dulavitz

Alex will be discussing his diving and training history that lead to his DCI incident on July 4th. Specifically he will be discussing the details of the dive, the equipment and gasses he was using, and the profile he used on that day and how it compared to profiles he had used in the past. He will also be discussing how the signs and symptoms of the hit came on, at what point he realized he was bent, and how it was handled at that point. He'll wrap up the talk with follow up and how what he learned may help everyone in the room. We'll have a PFO discussion, talk about changes to behavior and getting back to diving.

Discussion will be around 8:30, following the regular meeting of the NSF at 8.  
Social gathering at 7:30

## Thursday February 18 - Pizza and Movie

We'll bring in pizza on the club, and watch a movie after a short club meeting - starting at 8

## Saturday Feb 27 - Danversport Marina

NSF will have a booth at the Danversport Marina event 9-12

Stay tuned for more info!

## Sat Feb 27 - Perhaps try a Ropes Course?

If there's enough interest, Bill Werner will be organizing an outing to a try your hand at a ropes course this afternoon. Let Bill know if you are in.

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## Save the Dates!

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

**Thu Mar 24: Cuba** presentation by Susan Copelas (a talk she'll be giving at Beneath the Sea).

**Sun Apr 10: Easter Egg Dive** (Salem Willows) followed by **party** at Vinny's in Beverly

**Thu Apr 28: Division** of Fisheries presentation by Matt

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## Member's Corner

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## Diver of the Month Graham Smith

For his Sunday Shore Diving and presenting  
'Graham's Gleanings' at meetings



## Member of the Month Ellen and Mike Garvey

For hosting both the New Year's Day  
after dive get together and hosting  
the yearly Planning event

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## Member Spotlight

by Susan Copelas





## Bill Werner

There is so much more than meets the eye... Bill Werner has been diving for the last 30 years! It all began in a lake in 1971 and then escalated to the course in 1985 taught by one of those overzealous Navy frogmen who required a free dive to 50 ft as part of the course! I guess that vis was so poor that day and they gave them a break to 30 ft. OMG still awesome in my book. His membership to the North Shore Frogmen began shortly after that and hasn't stopped since. After working his way up through Rescue certification he branched out to take a nitrox class which has helped with the bottom time as the details of marine life are where his passions lie. Bill is one to not let the grass grow under his feet and stays very active cross country skiing, rock climbing, and wood working. Despite his active life on the farm, he takes time out to really embrace life and "smell the roses."

Bill and I got to paddle together last fall when the Club kayaked the Ipswich River. One thing I found fascinating was his interest in rocks and minerals which actually used to be more of an active hobby back in the day. One of his favorite haunts is Harvard's Mineral Museum which might just turn up on the Club activity list in the near future.

Travel is in his blood and he has enjoyed diving in unusual places like the northern coast of California and the Galapagos. His next trip scheduled is this fall to Dominica where he is looking forward to repeat diving, jungle hiking and enjoying his favorites Clive Cussler and Richard Dawkins. What a man of many varied interests. Recently retired from his career as a clinical technologist, Bill is fortunate to live in Stow Ma with his wife and all the pets on the farm (notice the order). Enjoy!

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## Message from the President

[Jim D'Urso](#)

*Calm or convulsed, in breeze, or gale, or storm,  
Icing the pole, or in the torrid clime  
Dark-heaving - boundless, endless, and sublime.*

Lord Byron, *The Ocean*

Hi Froggies

Tonight (1/30) about a dozen members will attend the movie "Finest Hours", a tribute to the Coast Guard crews that risk their lives to save others in some of the worst winter weather that the Northeast can bring.

January has been kind to us this year with relatively warm weather. We started the year with a nice New Year's Day dive at Fort Sewall, Marblehead, followed by an after dive get-together at Ellen and Mike Garvey's home which was well attended: good food, gracious hosts and even giveaways by Ellen of her glass creations, many with undersea themes.

This month we formed a closer association with our nearby dive shop Undersea Divers and had a successful Presentation at PCYC including movies and photos from a recent dive trip sponsored by Undersea Divers. I want to thank Whitney Boyle, Shaun McGuire, divers from the Cayman Trip, as well as Andy Martinez and other guests and our members for attending and a special thanks to our presenters

Steve Setzer, Phil Laffy, and myself.

About eight froggies attended the Undersea Photo Society meeting a few days ago with presenters Andy Martinez, Mike Garvey and Steve Setzer discussing use of strobes. Many of the NSF members took the opportunity to join the Photo Society. It was informative, enjoyable, and I can still see some of the great shots Steve entertained us with.

We started a new format for meetings: the first Thursday of the month will be our main business meeting with the next 2 or 3 meetings geared toward dive talk and presentations and last Thursday of the months a social get together only.

I have selected Graham Smith for Diver of the Month for his persistence in winter shore diving and for informative news of interest to the club with the initiation of 'Grahams Gleanings'.

I have selected the Garveys for members of the Month for their untiring devotion to keeping club activities on track and especially for hosting both the New Year's Day after party and the Yearly Planning meeting.

As I stood quite comfortable in my wet suit, on New Year's Day having poured hot water down my suit and drinking a cup of hot soup, I will not forget the look of the children and the adults as I told them about the dive and the thousands of sand dollars and hundreds of hermit crabs that were out there and showed them the few scallops I had returned with and told them about our club. Their enthusiasm was precious and at that moment I was proud to be a North Shore Frogmen.

Keep diving my friends.

Your President

Jim D'Urso

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## Letter from the Editor

[Ellen Garvey](#)



If you've attended a meeting recently you'll know we have a new section for "**Graham's Gleanings**" - Connections to watery, historical and interesting items. They will also be put into AB so you can catch up if you missed it, or maybe you want to read the whole article and watch the video again. Thanks Graham!

I've added a new section to the newsletters to list the dive travel opportunities led by our members. If you're leading a trip, please let me know so I can keep this up to date.

This issue's recipe is the Lobster Bisque served at the New Years Party. It's the culmination of a couple cookbooks and several experiments. Plan ahead if you're going to make this as it takes a while. Enjoy!

It's mea culpa time:

Last month I incorrectly recorded Vinny Egizi's name as "Egisi". Apparently I'm not alone; Vinny tells me he once had a sports article written about him and his name was spelled 14 different ways!

I also have trouble remembering how to pronounce Egizi so I got a lesson. If you have the same trouble, it's like this: "eh-gee'-tsee".

The other mea culpa is that I neglected to enter the contest winners for the contests other than photo and video. Or should I say "winner" since it was a clean sweep - Jim D'Urso took all 3 categories:



### **Jim D'Urso wins all 3 categories in our 2015 contest:**

- most unusual find, an anchor shown here decked out for the holidays
- largest fish
- largest scallop



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## Fun stuff we did last month

### New Years Day Dive and Party

Photos courtesy of Tony Viera,  
Vinny Egizi. and Meg Tennissen





Lower right: Vinny Egizi and Graham Smith



Jack Munro and Tony Viera; Jim Durso



Mary Howard and Ray Porter; Jim and Alex Barbara



Bill Werner; Meg Tennissen



Jim D'Urso; Vinny Egizi



Tony Viera; Peter Chapman



Jim Barbara





Ron Blais and Dugie Russell (foreground); Mike Denneler, Jim Barbara, Ray Porter and others (background).

And Jack Munro who is apparently trying out for a pirate movie - WOW



Vinny's new fisheye lens at work

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## Jan 3 Sunday Dive

Winter Island

Check out the size of this oyster!



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## Jan 10 - Plan the year

We had about 15 club members gather to plan out our activities for the year (and of course have some good stuff to eat, including strange seafood Bill Werner brought from H-Mart). Check the calendar and you can see the results of our labors - presentations, special dives, movies, pizza, restaurants, etc etc. If you know of anyone that could do an interesting presentation for us, please let Tony Viera and/or one of the officers know. Or if there's an outing you'd like to try, talk with Bill Werner.



## Jan 21 - Little Cayman Presentation

by Jim D'Urso, Steve Setzer, Phil Laffy





## 1/30 Finest Hours

Group outing to see the movie

L-R Linda D'Urso, Vinny Egizi,  
Dodie Carvalho, Jim D'Urso, Bill  
Werner, Ron Blais, Susan  
Copelas

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## Sunday Dive 1/31

Daryl Findlay, Graham Smith, Jim D'Urso, Jim  
Barbara



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## Interesting

### Graham's Gleanings

by Graham Smith





Tales of daring do!

An obituary:

Lt. Commander David Balme led a boarding party onto the U-110 recovering an Enigma machine.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/12078997/Lieutenant-Commander-David-Balme-obituary.html>



Whale meat again:

NOAA archaeologists have discovered the battered hulls of two 1800s whaling ships nearly 144 years after they and 31 others sank off the Arctic coast of Alaska

Read more at: <http://archaeologynewsnetwork.blogspot.com/2016/01/remains-of-lost-1800s-whaling-fleet.html#.VpfKFvkrLRY>



Hanging around:

We now know the precise location where 19 innocent victims were hanged for witchcraft in Salem in 1692

<http://blog.oup.com/2016/01/memorial-gallows-hill/>

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**also**



[Giant Squid](#) in Japan



[RoboLobster](#) - undersea robots are a reality

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## Recipe - Lobster Bisque

Makes about 5 large servings. This was doubled for the New Years Party and over 20 people were able to sample.

- 2 lobsters (1 ½ lbs each)
- 1 cup diced peeled carrots
- 1 c diced celery
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ¼ c coarsely chopped shallots
- 2 T Italian parsley, chopped
- 1 tsp dried tarragon
- 1 tsp dreied Thyme
- 4 T Brandy
- 1 c Chicken stock

2/3 cup white wine  
3 T sherry  
2 cups half and half  
2 plum tomatoes, coarsely chopped  
1.5 cup clam stock  
Pinch of cayenne  
S & p to taste, but we didn't add any, not needed  
Butter and Flour for the roux - see recipe  
2 T Brandy

- Cook the lobster, remove the meat saving the shells and bodies (clean out gunk).
- Saute carrots, onion, shallots in about 6 T butter, Cook until onions wilt, 5-7 minutes. Do not brown.
- Add lobster shells and bodies, parsley, tarragon, toss well, cook over medium heat 5-7 minutes.
- Pour 4 T brandy over and ignite. When flame goes out, add 1 cup chicken stock and the wine.  
Simmer partly covered for 15 minutes. Remove from heat.
- Add tomatoes, cayenne, and clam broth. Cover and simmer for 1 hour
- Strain the soup, pressing down to extract all the juices.

#### **Meanwhile**

- Dice lobster about 1/2 inch
- Place in a small bowl and toss with the sherry.
- Make some roux with the butter and flour in a separate saucepan. I use about 2 T. Proportions are 6 T butter w/ 1/2 c flour.

#### **All the above can be done ahead.**

- Place the lobster meat in the serving bowls
  - Reheat soup if it was done ahead
  - Add half and half
  - Over low heat add bits of roux and reduce the soup until the right consistency is reached.
  - Mix in 2T brandy and ladle the hot broth over the lobster.
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# Meeting Summaries

Vinny Egisi, Secretary



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## Minutes 1/7/16

- Meeting Start Time: [8:01pm](#)
- Attendance:
  - Officers: 4
  - Members: 14
  - Guests: 1
- Presidents Opening Remarks
  - New format for meetings
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Thu of month – main business meeting
    - Other meetings are more “fun” focusing on diving talk and activities
    - Possibly eliminate last Thu meeting
- Secretary’s Report: Read and reviewed and accepted
- Treasurer’s Report:
  - Dues are due
  - Ray asked about 2015 financial summary Report. Adam said should be done next week
- Membership Committee:
  - Selected Mary and Mike Pagliarulo as Membership Committee Members
  - John Ferrier will be third member
- Program Committee:
  - Tony Veira selected as Program Committee lead
  - Bill Werner volunteered to be second member

- Bill Werner also selected as Social Events Coordinator
- Newsletter Committee:
  - Also known as PR (Public Relations)
  - Ellen to be Air Bubbles coordinator
  - Sue Copelas to be PR Media coordinator
- IT Committee:
  - Daryl and Markus IT committee
  - Ray discussed conversation we had at BOD meeting to move towards a standard template based Website. Go Daddy discussed as an option.
  - Daryl and Jim B discussed benefits of a more generic template based site. It would remove burden of Website maintenance.
- Correspondence:
  - Ellen – Jerry Sutherland sent a thank you note for the fruit basket for his son's passing
  - Fred Pagent – would like a DVD of the NSF year in review
- Old Business:
  - NONE – First meeting of new year
- New Business:
  - More Coordinated Effort with Undersea Divers
    - NSF members get discounts at Undersea Society and vice-a-versa
      - Undersea - \$40 (for life) vs. \$50
      - NSF - \$10 first year membership
      - Motion:
        - Straw Vote made for NSF Members to get \$10 off reciprocal memberships at one or more of Undersea Diver Clubs (Dive and Photo) and NSF if member joins multiple clubs for 2016.
      - The Undersea Society gives you 50% off rentals, free air on day of diving
      - Also clubs will coordinate mutual dives (Sunday, Wednesday, Night Dives)
      - Also cross promotion in newsletters
    - Announced MOM and DOM for January
      - MOM – Cheryl Moore
      - DOM – Jim Barbara
    - Upgrade Raffle Prizes
      - Better prizes
      - Display items better at meetings
      - NSF Members get 10% on Undersea items if for raffles (officers only)
      - President's Presence Present – raffle based on membership attendance

- Graham's Great Moments
- Dive Talk
  - New Year's Day Dive – 10 people in water, 43 degrees, 5' vis.
    - Vinny Egizi – Free flowing reg. Lost 1500#. After flow stopped, had 40 min dive at 20". 1 Scallop (mmmm), saw several shorts, saw 1 large lobster, many ghost traps and sand dollars.
    - Jim Barbara – Went with son. Son got very cold. 17 min dive.
    - Bill Werner – Dove with James Aaron. Vis bad.
    - John – First dive in 12 yrs. which was 20 yrs. ago. Too light.
    - Jim D'Urso – Warm wet suit. 1hr dive. Looking for Scallop bed. Many people (adults and kids) on shore asked Jim about diving when he returned to shore.
  - Sue Copelas
    - Panama Canal New Year's Day, 85 degrees, very low vis.
  - Watched pictures and videos from previous dives
- General Discussion
  - Jacques Cousteau boat is being saved
  - Aqualung Gloves – Splitting at seams. Warranty may replace them.
  - Aggressor is \$600 off cruises if booked in 2 weeks and through April
  - Art Channel is leaving rehab – going home January 7<sup>th</sup>. Will accept visitors at his house but should be considerate of number of people at one time.
  - Don't forget to renew your Lobster and Fishing licenses
  - PCYC does not take credit cards anymore
  - Dave Cunningham needed a little equipment to borrow from John Ferrier. Only needed mask, fins, reg, 4 tanks, computer, suit, et al. Essentially everything.
- Events
  - Planning meeting Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @1pm-5pm (Ellen and Mike's House)
  - Sunday Dive @ 10am Burger King (weather pending)
- Raffles
  - Dollars Box      Ray Porter (\$12)
  - Bug Bag          Bill Werner (Big Bug Bag)
  - Mystery Prize    Jim D'Urso (NSF hat)

Submitted by Vinny Bumbotz Bag of Donuts Egizi

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## Minutes 1/14/16

- Meeting Start Time: [8:10pm](#)
- Attendance:
  - Officers: 4
  - Members: 14
  - Guests: 1
- Dive Talk
  - Jim Durso
    - Grand Cayman and Little Cayman Islands with Undersea Divers (presentation next week – iMovie)
    - Shawn trip host (Little Cayman Beach Resort)
    - Great diving. Reef healthy. 60'-80' wall
  - Sue Copelas
    - Open Water Class (12 students from Gordon College)
    - New Discover Scuba classes upcoming
    - Adventure Scuba classes upcoming
  - Sunday Dive (Graham Smith and Jim Barbara)
    - Dogbar breakwater – waves too strong over breakwater
    - Cressy beach – washed out too
    - No Diving!!!
- Grahams Gleanings
  - Lt Commander David Baime – Recovered Enigma from U110
  - Reaming of lost 1800's whaling fleet
  - Gallows Hill – archeologist. 19 victims of Salem Hangings
  - Mary Howard – Whitman Professor at Brown Univ. article in Brown Alumni Monthly about Cashes Ledge.
  - Giant Lobster [*correction - squid*] (Japan)
- Presidents Opening Remarks
  - Discussed about pending vote on \$10 off membership for both NSF and Undersea Diver's
  - Possible offering to hold Photo Society at PCYC
- Secretary's Report:
  - Read and reviewed and accepted
- Treasurer's Report:
  - Membership up last year (94 member vs. 79)
  - 10% increase in paid membership

- Current 66 members
  - Showed Year over Year Review (2014 vs 1015)
- Membership Committee:
  - None
- Program Committee:
  - None
- Newsletter Committee:
  - None
- IT Committee:
  - None
- Correspondence:
  - None
- Old Business:
  - None
- New Business:
  - BOD discussion:
    - Two by-law change proposals
      - Lifetime membership options
        - 25 years total service or
        - 25 years continuous membership
        - 25 years paid membership
      - BOD minimum of 6 maximum of 8
        - If below 6 President can appoint someone else (current by laws)
    - Proposal if <8 members (others proposed by President)
      - Proposal raised by Mike Garvey to replace non-active BOD members with other members.
- General Discussion:
  - None
- Events
  - See google calendar
  - Easter Egg Dive – Vinny’s House (where to dive) – Salem Willows decided upon
- Raffles
  - Dollars Box – Vinny Egizi (\$13)
  - Bug Bag - John Marin (Pelican Float)
  - Mystery Prize – Jack Monro (Wine)

Submitted by Vinny Bumbotz Bag of Donuts Egizi

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## Minutes 1/21/16

- Meeting Start Time: [8:10pm](#)
- Attendance:
  - Officers: 4
  - Members: 17
  - Guests: 14
- Old Business:
  - Topic to be voted on:
    - If a person joins both the North Shore Frogmen Club and an Undersea Diver's club (Dive or Photo Society), they will get \$10 off each membership for 2016
  - Motion has passed 33 - 0
- Presentation
  - Cayman Islands
    - 22 People went on the trip sponsored by Undersea Divers
    - Presenters
      - Jim D'Urso
      - Steve Setzer
      - Phil Laffy
- Raffles
  - Dollars Box – John Marin
  - Bug Bag - John Ferrier
  - Mystery Prize – Jan Nanau

Submitted by Vinny Bumbotz Bag of Donuts Egizi

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# Bay State Council Meeting Minutes

Mary Howard



## Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2015

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:35-8:47 PM

### Attendees:

John	Blackadar	SSN
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Teresa	Czerepica	SSN
Ken	Hayes	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Ross	Kessler	DMF
Vin	Malkoski	DMF / Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State University
Victor	Mastone	BUAR
Joe	McAndrew	SSN
Mike	Vaughan	SSN
Jeannine	Willis	SSN
Carl	Yngve	SSN

### Organizations represented include:

MA Board of Underwater Archeological Resources (BUAR)

MA Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF)

MetroWest Dive Club (MWDC)

North Shore Frogmen's Club (NSF)

Old Colony Amphibians (OCA)

Salem State University

Sea Rovers  
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

### **Beach Access issue**

Guest tonight is Ross K. Kessler, Public Access Coordinator for the Recreational Fisheries Program of the Division of Marine Fisheries for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. His role is more for the fishing public than divers, but access issues for divers would also impact recreational fishermen.

John Blackadar described the access issue as it relates to divers. He used to go to town meetings and ask to be able to dive, and that worked. Then we had the free the beaches court case. But since then, there have been more problems. Pegotty beach has signs for four parking spaces for non-local use, which sometimes are removed. There are a lot of rich people and politics now, so we have a hard time getting rules changed. But we have a lot more people in the state who do not live on the beaches who should be able to use the beaches. If there is federal funding for sea walls, etc, then people should have the right to access. It is not right that individuals do not have access to beaches.

Ross: The easiest ways to water are public access ways. Then no parking signs go in, so you cannot park. Rockport has a "mile path" with access along the beach. Park somewhere and then drop gear, etc. Chatham does not want money because they don't want to allow people access. Often there are no trespassing signs that look real, but are only for one property. Sometimes towns or residents don't maintain public access points so you can't tell where they are.

John: It will take a lot of work. We need to get people concerned, then get them to a meeting to discuss how to approach the problem. The problems won't be solved overnight.

Ross suggests getting together with Mass Bass, surfers, birders, public citizens groups, as well as divers. (Scott Morris is from a beach buggy group.) Will need to get politicians involved. Best thing he can do is give us contact info for other groups.

Next phase will take place at Sea Rovers. See if we can encourage representatives of these groups to attend a meeting there.

### **Town Plat Maps show public access sites**

Suggestion: Bring plat maps with you to every dive site. They show public access sites, etc so if you have it with you and run into difficulty with local residents or police, show them the map, show them you know you have a right to be there.

Put copies on club websites.

Many towns have all this information on their websites.

CZM may have published a book of maps. Victor, Vin and Ted will look into this book.

### **Action Items related to Beach Access:**

Mary to send minutes to Ross Kessler

Ken Hayes will contact Hull and Weymouth.

John Blackadar will talk to Pembroke

Ted will look for the CZM book

Mary will check Rockport website

Ted will talk to Jim D'Urso about checking websites since he is now retired.

**Other Items of Interest**

SSN's party is Jan 30; it is their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

There is a reef going in off Harwich, using remnants of the old high school, 1000 tons of stuff, about 30 + feet deep, re-permitted Yarmouth tire reef (NO MORE TIRES). – It will not be restricted. 1/3 of fishing license money goes to Ross's division for public access and fishing.

**Next meeting: January 20, snow date Feb 3, second snow date Feb 17**

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**Bay State Council of Divers**

Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2016

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:50-8:50 PM

**Attendees:**

John	Blackadar	SSN
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Ken	Hayes	SSN
Teri	Hayes	SSN – terih@mit.edu
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Vin	Malkoski	DMF / Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State University
Mike	Vaughan	SSN
Jeannine	Willis	SSN
Carl	Yngve	SSN

**Organizations represented include:**

MA Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF)

North Shore Frogmen's Club (NSF)

Old Colony Amphibians (OCA)

Salem State University

Sea Rovers  
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

**Beach Access issue**

**Hull:** Ken went to town of Hull town manager and conservation commission. Con com had already started to put together a public access map. They are looking for a letter from BSC requesting a map of public access points so they can direct their new appointees to put together this info. They have issues with people using old access points, and having police come along and stop them even though they were in the right. Hull has allocated funds, but now they need a request to actually get the work done. It would be good to have letters from others also. The letters need to request access points, restrictions, and parking locations; parking should be noted somewhere. We are looking not just a map of boat ramps, rather complete information on an easily accessible online site. The town has the information but it is not easily available, in hard-copy archives. It would be good to do this along with Mass Bass. Letter needs to be done ASAP request an accessible map, readily available from a website, showing access and parking that all user groups can access.

Blackie noted that **Marshfield** residents on private roads don't want others using the access points to the beaches.

**Rockport** has a Rights of Way Committee. Mary brought info from their website, including meeting minutes and links

Mike Vaughan attended a **Mass Bass** meeting, met Patrick Paquette lobbyist ([basicpatrick@aol.com](mailto:basicpatrick@aol.com), 781-771-8374) and Mike Jones, president of Mass Bass (508-524-1363). Mike and Blackie could go to one of their meetings and bring up about writing a letter to town of Hull.

**Watersport Users:** Ted brought a list of kayak, paddleboard and surf shops in MA. We need to draft a letter to send to these people and Mass Bass.

**Sea Rovers Forum:** Ted and Vin will draft a letter of invitation to attend Sea Rovers to send to user groups, shops, etc. Mary to send out letter in 1<sup>st</sup> week of February.

**Objective** of meeting at Sea Rovers: to kick off a campaign to the public to make them aware of the lack of public access to the ocean. Need to get as much info as possible from people who want access.

**Goal** is to get volunteers to join a committee to find out as much beach access information from their towns as possible, to gather contact information so as to set up future meetings. We have a workshop room for Sunday afternoon at Sea Rovers. BSC can coordinate the effort, rather than have people/groups go their own ways. May even get a lobbyist.

South shore rep for CZM is Jason Burtner out of Scituate.

**Action Items:**

Mary will generate and email BSC letterhead to Ken and Teri. (done 1/23/16)

Vin will send Mary time and room for the event at Sea Rovers

Ted will email Mary list of Watersport User Groups and Shops (done 1/21/16)

Ken will draft a letter to Hull based on the Rockport website info.

Ted and Vin will draft invitation letter for BSC event for Mary to send out first week of Feb.

**BSC Treasure Hunt** Sept 18, 2016

**Other Items of Interest**

**NSF presentation** on diving in Cayman Islands, Bloody Bay Wall, tomorrow night – Salem.

**Neptune Banquet** is on Jan 30 (60<sup>th</sup> anniversary), contact Ken Hayes 617-462-3920, text or phone, \$30 per person.

**Next meeting: Feb 17, snow date Feb 24 or Mar 2.**

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## Dive Travel Opportunities

### 2016

Feb 12-Mar 6 Antarctica. [DUJ](#)

Mar 5-12 Bonaire. [Undersea Divers](#)

April 9-19 Wakatobi, Indonesia. [Susan Copelas](#)

Apr 12-22 Solomon Islands. [DUJ](#)

Apr 16-23 Roatan. [Undersea Divers](#)

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