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Air Bubbles

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Frogmen's Club

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DUES ARE DUE!

If you have not renewed your membership, this will be the last issue of Air Bubbles you will receive, and your NSF membership will lapse. Please don't let that happen!

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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.

March 3 - Evelyn Dudas Presentation



Evelyn Bartram Dudas, a world renowned wreck and cave diver, most notably known for being the first woman to dive the Andrea Doria, will be speaking at the North Shore Frogmen's meeting Thursday March 3 at Palmer's Cove Yacht Club in Salem Ma..

The Andrea Doria, a luxury Italian liner ship collided with the MS Stockholm on a foggy night in July 1956 off the coast of Nantucket. 52 lives were lost. She now sits in 240ft of water and is known as the "Everest" of diving.

Dudas first breathed compressed air in the early 1960's when the sport of scuba diving was newly born. After obtaining her dive certification at the University of Buffalo in 1964, she returned to West Chester PA and began diving off the Mid-Atlantic coast at every opportunity she had. During a dive trip in 1965 on the recently sunk tanker Stolt Dagali, she met John Dudas, and they became frequent diving partners. She is one of the first women to use



mixed gases, and the first to start a custom wet suit company where one could not be found commercially.

Her story has graced the pages of Skin Diver, Newsweek, National Geographic, Franklin Mint Magazine, and Harper's Bazaar to name a few. She appears in the DEMA/Jack McKenney video Scuba Dive America. Evelyn was inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame in 2000, and is still diving wrecks and caves to this day! Come hear how she and her husband retrieved the coveted compass from the luxury liner - along with many other fascinating stories - at the North Shore Frogmen meeting. Meeting starts at 8; come at 7:30 for a social gathering

www.wdhof.org

<http://www.dudasdiving.com/about-us/>

<http://www.xray-mag.com/content/profile-evie-dudas>

Mar 4-6: Sea Rovers

We'll have a booth. Please contact Adam Hartnett to sign up for a shift (no ticket required).

Tickets to the event are on sale now: bostonsearovers.com

Sat March 19 - St Patrick's Party

Mary Howard and Ray Porter will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Party at 4pm. Bring your beverage of choice and something to share!

Contact Mary or Ray (or an officer) for their address

Sat Mar 26 - Danversport Marina

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

Stay tuned for more info!

Save the Dates!

Thu Apr 7: Peter Lake Presentation. Peter will likely present his experiences as photographer for "Blue Water White Death" or as writer and producer of "Making of the Deep"

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

Member's Corner



Member of the Month

Susan Copelas

For her extraordinary effort this month in arranging for Evelyn Dudas to present to us.

Diver of the Month

Adam Hartnett

For participating in shore dives throughout the year (wet!) and for being at many of our events.



Member Spotlight

by Susan Copelas





Vinny Egizi

There is nothing like eating pizza and sharing a cold one to get to know this frog whisperer. So, it doesn't surprise me that after completing his Open Water course back in 2008 and advanced in 2011 that he would become a Froggy and an active one at that.

Perhaps the water interest started well before his diving career when he served in the navy as an lieutenant for 8 years working as a nuclear engineer, after graduating from Brown University on a track scholarship. Vinny was the first to go to college in his family and saved up working with his father as a butcher. I can totally see that can't you? He serves on the Board of Directors for the Alumni Corporation, and VP of the class.

Vinny loves local diving but the warm waters of the Caribbean hold one of his most memorable dives. It was a drift dive in Cancun and saw a Bull Shark! He had never drift dived before and loved the freedom of the current and having

hundreds of feet of visibility. "I felt like I was in an aquarium" but wondered how he was ever going to kick hard enough to get back to the boat. He was relieved once the safety sausage was deployed.

His most memorable moment with the froggies was a trip I was on diving the Ct river in Vt. I was just surfacing when Vinny shouts out he had found a live 20mm artillery shell and several bung holes. What a fun find.

Vinny stays actively involved in his three children's lives, spending time with his lovely wife and working as Director of Operations for a high tech manufacturing firm in Wilmington.



Message from the President

[Jim D'Urso](#)

President's Message
Hi Froggies

Past few weeks have been interesting for us cold water divers. Water temp 37-41. Air temps have ranged from -10 to mid 60's. A few of us have managed

to stay active and have been rewarded with nudibranchs, skeleton shrimp, and frilled anemones.

I attended the Finatics meeting this month and enjoyed their company. We will be arranging some cooperative dives, presentations, and events this year. They are a pleasant and fun group to be associated with.

Attended Bay State Council of Divers meeting also this month and want to remind our membership to be active in supporting their effort to improve access to the coast for the public. A special meeting will be held at Sea Rovers Show March 6th a 2pm in the Essex room to discuss this project.

Wow, Evelyn Dudas, the first woman to dive the Andrea Doria, will be here this Thursday March 3rd to present to us. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from a still active tech and cave diver. I appreciate the efforts of Susan Copelas to bring Evelyn here. She is even driving to Pennsylvania to get her! Susan is always helpful and pleasant and for her extraordinary effort this month I have selected her Member of the Month.

So this past Sunday, when Adam Hartnett got out of the 37 degree water at Old Garden in his wet suit after 50 minutes underwater, with no complaints and a good report, I knew he had to be our Diver of the Month. Adam shows up at most shore dives throughout the year and is at many of our events. He does the behind the scenes Treasurer's work for the club and we appreciate his time and effort. Thank you Adam.

Our membership should increase this week. At the Danversport Marina Show last Saturday we had several prospective members at our booth and last

Thursday at Undersea Photo Society several members were interested in joining our club. We will probably have 4-5 new members brought in to NSF prior to the Thursday Presentation.

Peter Lake, a co-producer of the Deep and Blue Water White Death will be attending this Thursday's presentation and will be Presenting to our club April 7th, so save the date. I hear he will have some Andrea Doria coins in his pockets this Thursday so don't forget to buy him a drink or two and maybe get a good deal.

Keep Diving my Friends,
Jim D'Urso your President

Letter from the Editor

[Ellen Garvey](#)



The categories for photo contests will be slightly different this year, in an attempt to clarify what "warm water" vs "cold water" means. Apparently not everybody agrees that anything lower than 80 is cold. So check out that section of the newsletter and keep that in mind all year!

2016 contests

The contests this year will be:

Photo Categories

- New England standard
- New England interactive
- Elsewhere standard
- Elsewhere interactive
- Above water
- Video clip

where "New England" is Long Island Sound to Gulf of Maine

Also

- Biggest Scallop (save the shell - both halves)
- Biggest fish (picture; must be taken diving)
- Most interesting find (object or picture)

Stay tuned - we may add something for flounder

Fun stuff we did last month

Feb 7 Dog Bar Sunday Dive



Photos by Jim D'Urso

Thurs Feb 11 - Safer Dive Profiles by Alex Dulavitz



Thurs Feb 18 - Pizza and a Movie - we watched an episode of Jonathan Bird's Blue World - Airplanes, killer clams, and lamprey. Busy night - no pictures!!!!



2/27/16
Danversport
Marina Booth
What's that signal Adam?

2/28/16 Old Garden Sunday Dive

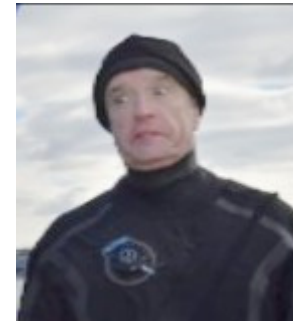


Jim Barbara, Adam Hartnett. Photos by Jim D'Urso

Interesting Articles

Graham's Gleanings

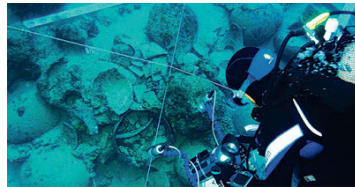
by Graham Smith



El Niño uncovers 'sex and sin' ship wrecked off California coast:

Mob owned party ship.

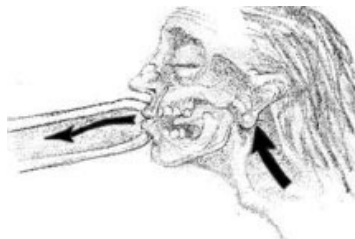
<http://legacy.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/metro/20070102-9999-1m2ship.html>



Underwater Archeology Park

Attica is to create a unique 'archaeological' scuba park featuring 26 well-preserved underwater shipwrecks open to visitors in the Gulf of Evia, the Greek Ministry of Culture has announced

Read more at: <http://archaeologynewsnetwork.blogspot.com/2015/12/archaeological-scuba-diving-park-slated.html#.VrNo0i5vDqk>



Do you didgeridoo?

From a Swiss study:

Regular didgeridoo playing is an effective treatment alternative well accepted by patients with moderate obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome.

<http://www.didgeridoostore.com>
[/didgeridoo_sleepapnea_snoring.htm](http://www.didgeridoostore.com/didgeridoo_sleepapnea_snoring.htm)



Meeting Summaries

Vinny Egizi, Secretary

Minutes 2/4/16

- Meeting Start Time: 8:02pm
- Attendance:
 - Officers: 4
 - Members: 10
 - Guests: 5
- Presidents Opening Remarks
- Dive Talk
 - Guests Arron and Eli went to Hawaii
 - Stuff you won't see around here
 - Whales, eels
 - Water temp 80F
 - Lava Tubes

- Graham, Jim B, Daryl, Jim D— Back Beach
 - 36F
 - Daryl with Rebreather testing it out
 - 50 min
 - Anchor Found (fluke sticking out)
 - Grahams Gleanings
 - Casino Boat Crashed
 - Greeks are Opening Scuba Diving Park
 - Sleep Apnea – Tightens up your soft pallet and helps
 - Events
 - Social Event
 - Il Volo – Feb 10th
 - Next Presentation – Alex Dulavitz
 - Inner ear issue
 - Normal Dive Profile
 - Feb 17th Bay State Council
 - Feb 18th Pizza Night
 - Feb 27th Danversport Marina
 - 3 hrs
 - Need setup plans
 - Feb 27th Perhaps try a Ropes Course?
 - Jordan's Furniture
 - Mar 4th- 6th
 - Sea Rovers
 - Dudas TBD
 - Annette may give talk on Petroglyphic
 - Secretary's Report:
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- Read meeting minutes from 1/14 and 1/21 – accepted as read
 - Treasurer's Report:
 - Discussed membership and payments of dual membership with Undersea Divers
 - Membership Committee:
 - No Update
 - Program Committee: Ignored this week
 - Discussed POOL NIGHT
 - Test gear, tryout equipment, practice your camera
 - Twice per year
 - Club sponsored event \$50/hr fee
 - Open it up to guests, practice o-ring replacement, etc.
 - Newsletter Committee:
 - Air Bubbles published
 - Old Business:
 - Bylaws – to be tabled and discussed later
 - IT Committee:
 - Passwords to be sent to President and Secretary
 - New Business:
 - Sea Rovers – Need to sign up
 - Need people to volunteer for actions
 - Finatics Dive Club
 - Low in membership
 - Bringing up in their Feb 12th meeting if viable
 - Maybe join NSF???
 - Already 5 member area part of NSF
 - More details needed
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- Correspondence:
 - Thanked Marblehead officials for new year's day dive
- General Discussion:
 - Contests continuing for the year
 - Largest Fish
 - Largest Scallop
 - Art Channell Still Doing OK
 - Mike Garvey visited and delivered Air Bubbles
- Photo Contest – Topics TBD
- Raffles
 - Dollars Box – \$11 John Marin
 - Bug Bag - John Ferrier - Shears
 - Mystery Prize – Ray Porter

Submitted by Vinny Bumbotz Bag of Donuts Egizi

Meeting 2/11/16

Submitted by Adam Hartnett

Members 12

Guests 1

Officers 3

Called at 8:09

Dive talk - Jim b. Jim D Adam wet to dog bar breakwater Sunday 41 degrees

20-25' visibility 4 nudibranchs. Hydroids and anemone fest.

Events for next few weeks - went over with them.
Presentation by Alex Dulavitz on safe diving profiles,
Dollars - John marren
Bug Bag Jim D'Urso
Mystery jack munroe

Dive Travel Opportunities 2016

Mar 5-12 Bonaire. [Undersea Divers](#)
April 9-19 Wakatobi, Indonesia. [Susan Copelas](#)
Apr 12-22 Solomon Islands. [DUI](#)
Apr 16-23 Roatan. [Undersea Divers](#)
Jul 23-30 Newfoundland. [DUI](#)
Jul 30-Aug 6 Madiera, [Tony Viera](#)
Aug 17-28 Azores. [DUI](#)
Oct 29-Nov 5 Grand Cayman. [Undersea Divers](#)
Nov 5-12 Dominica, [Susan Copelas](#)
Dec 3-10 Bonaire. [Undersea Divers](#)

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Jan 26-Feb 4 Cuba. [DUI](#)
Mar 23-Apr2 Ambon, Indonesia. [Undersea Divers](#)/Andy Martinez

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