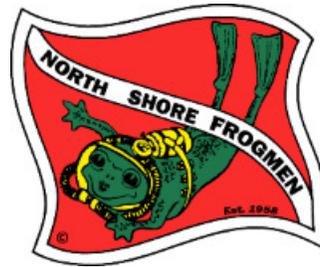


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## Air Bubbles

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 8:30AM at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly;  
depart for dive site at 9.

#### **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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## Thursday May 5 - Fisheries Presentation

Matt Ayer of the Division of Fisheries will present and lead a discussion about fishing regulations

## Thu May 12 - business items and short presentation on nudibranchs

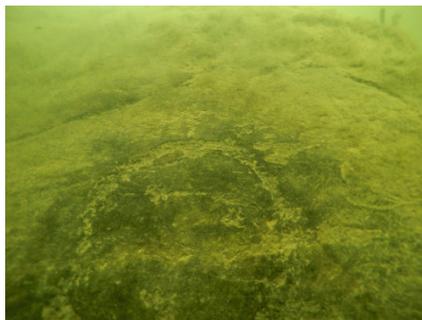
Since the first Thursday of the month has the fisheries presentation, the normal business meeting scheduled for that time has been moved to this date. In addition there will be a short presentation on nudibranchs, in preparation for...

## Sun May 15 - Nudibranch Safari to Pierce Island

Andrea Dec will be our guide for a nudibranch hunt at Pierce Island. This is a slack tide dependent dive and we must be in the water by 8:30 am.



This is a great site to see numerous large nudibranchs as well as other marine life.



## Thursday May 19 - Searching for Petroglyphs

Annette Spaulding will be presenting her adventures in search of Petroglyphs. You may remember reading this article in the "Berkshire Eagle"

[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)

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## Thu May 25 - Antarctica!

**\*\*\*\*\*STARTS AT 7:30 PM\*\*\*\*\***



Faith Ortins will be in town so she's going to give a presentation on her recent dive trip to Antarctica.

This will be a joint meeting with the Undersea Divers Photo Society.

**PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL START TIME:** her presentation will begin around 7:30. Come at 7:00 to socialize!

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### ***Don't Save the Date!***

The Scuba Show scheduled for Sunday June 26 needs to be rescheduled. Stay tuned.

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### **Member's Corner**



#### **Diver of the Month Jack Munro**

Hard hat diver, winter wet suit diver, Easter Egg hunt diver, float cleaner, and submariner. Thank you Jack for your service to the country and to our club.

#### **Member of the Month Vinny Egizi**

For hosting the Easter Egg Dive party, putting out the eggs, and participating in the dive - and of course he has been an active member of club as the secretary this year.



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## Welcome to all our new members!



**Peter Garchinsky**

**Debra and Tom Donahue**



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## Update on Art Channell

by Mike Garvey

Our thoughts are with Art Channell, one of the founding members of the North Shore Frogmen. Art was an officer of the Club for 25 of the 35 years that he was an active member. For many years he wrote a column entitled Air Bubbles for the Beverly Times newspaper.

As you may recall, Art was diagnosed with cancer in August 2015. He successfully transitioned to home care until he fell and broke his hip the following November. Art had recovered by mid-January and returned home.

Art is being well taken care of by Winnie, his wife of 59 years. He enjoys immensely the Air Bubbles newsletters. He looks back fondly on his years as a diver and as a member of the North Shore Frogmen. He says now that he's 80 he has a right to slow down some!

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## Peter Piemonte Diving Accident

Peter Piemonte died unexpectedly in a SCUBA diving accident off the coast of Gloucester on April 23, 2016 at the age of 61. While he was not a member of NSF, we're passing this information along as he is known to many in the diving community.

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Peter was the son of the late Kay (Kirchmier) & Joe Piemonte of Salem and was a long-time resident of Belchertown.

Peter had been employed as a corporate pilot for the Hudson's Bay Company and previously with the Tishman Corporation, but his real passion was diving. He was an accomplished adventure deep diver with more than 15 years of experience. Peter once said, "The idea of seeing something that no one has seen since it slipped beneath the waves is just fascinating. You're looking at a moment that's frozen in time."

His adventurous spirit included off-road motorcycle racing (motocross) in his youth, competitive shooting and sport fishing. In the past several years, he also excelled at target shooting.

Peter leaves behind scores of friends in the diving and sport shooting communities and is survived by five siblings, a cousin and eight nieces & nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 2 pm at the Waterbury-Oxford Airport, 300 Christian St., Oxford, CT. Assisting the family with the arrangements is The O'Donnell Funeral Home, 46 Washington Sq., (At Salem Common) Salem. To share a memory or offer a condolence please visit [www.odonnellfuneralservice.com](http://www.odonnellfuneralservice.com)

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## Member Spotlight

by Susan Copelas



### Ray Porter



Ray once told me his job has to do with weather. I made the assumption that he worked with a TV station helping predict the weather. So...whenever the seas weren't reported properly I wondered what role did Ray have in messing my dive schedule up. How naive is that?

Ray is in the division of air quality and is actually a national expert on odor supply, monitoring and modeling. One of his largest clients is a firm from Canada right now. Ray feels strongly that one needs to start the process in your own backyard and serves on the Reading Climate Advisory Committee.

His 300 yr old historic home is used as a model for strengthening the value through energy efficiency, and being mindful of the world as a whole.

When he isn't working on the house, sitting on the town committee or running his own business, you will find him either in the garden helping Mary out, cycling, dancing or diving. Ray has been diving since 2000 and has his advanced and nitrox certifications. His most memorable dive was a trip with me to the Galapagos. We were snorkeling with the local seal population and he had a "close encounter" where the seal was super curious as to what he was up to and performed acrobatics in front of him. What great memories that trip held for all of us. Another fun trip that he was able to cross off the bucket list was with Jonathon Bird to the Philippines a couple years back.

If it wasn't for Mary he wouldn't have gotten involved in the sport and is certainly glad he did, and so are we!



## Message from the President

[Jim D'Urso](#)

“ Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.”  
Helen Keller

Hi Froggies

This month we are reminded that the ocean although fascinating and beautiful can be unforgiving. The diving community lost a well respected tech diver, Peter Piemonte, who died April 23rd while scuba diving. He died while doing something he loved. This is not a reason to give up diving but rather to be aware of its risks and try to mitigate them: stay healthy, check gear regularly, and have redundancy in our equipment. Rest in peace Peter Piemonte.

This is the time of year when many consider getting back in the water, although for some of us we have continued to dive throughout the year. Water temp is rapidly improving from 41 degrees at the beginning of month to 47 degrees at the float cleaning. It was great to see the turnout at PCYC April 24 for the float cleaning with new members Peter Garchinsky and Riccardo Caivano participating. Thank you PCYC for again providing a delicious meal.

The Easter Egg Hunt, Independence Beach, was fun although the current probably took most of the eggs so me and Bill Werner had to duke it out for four a piece. Vinny did a great job in hosting the event, putting out the eggs and participating in the dive and of course he has been an active member of club as secretary. So I have selected Vinny as Member of the Month.

Want to thank Peter Lake for an interesting presentation "Making of the Deep" and bringing some money from the Andrea Doria safe. We had over 40 in attendance.

We continue to add to our membership bringing in 3 new members this month. Danversport Marina monthly ocean show has been productive in spreading the word about our club.

It's been good to see Tony Vieira back at meetings and events. He is working along with Adam, Daryl, Bill Werner, John Ferrier and myself to make the upcoming Scuba Show, June 26th, starring Richie Kohler, a success.

I want to thank everyone who came to our somewhat lengthy business meeting this month. We passed bylaws, approved scuba show budget and approved agreements with other clubs for dues discounts. Want to thank especially those who spoke up including Dodie, Susan, Ray, Vinnie, Tony, Peter Chapman, Jennifer, Mary Howard.

So I'm sitting at Hollywood Hits, last Tuesday, listening to presentations and movies of hard hat divers and the Squalus submarine rescue, sponsored by Jack Munro on behalf of the Dive Locker, and I learned that when I was a youngster preparing for nuclear holocaust from Russia with bomb shelters and school drills, Jack Munro was part of a submarine crew patrolling the waters off Cuba during the time when President Kennedy ordered naval blockade of Russian ships preventing them from delivering nuclear weapons to Cuba. Jack Munro, hard hat diver, winter wet suit diver, Easter Egg hunt diver, float cleaner, and submariner is my choice for Diver of the Month. Thank you Jack for your service to the country and to our club.

Keep Diving my Friends, stay safe,  
Jim D'Urso President

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## Letter from the Editor

[Ellen Garvey](#)



Well, I just couldn't get this out on the 1st of the month.

I've been holding myself to that date since I started Air Bubbles, but it just couldn't happen this month. We were away for 2 1/2 weeks in Apr and are still digging out from the "stuff" that life demands of you. Since it was a dive trip I feel somewhat vindicated. I've included a link to a video put together by our trip leader in the "interesting stuff" section.

Thanks to all the contributors to this month's issue

**Susan Copelas** for another diver profile - which she wrote in the Fiji airport while headed to a dive trip!

**John Sears** for the writeup on float cleaning (and for organizing the event); sorry I missed it.

**Mike Garvey** for the update on Art, and for visiting Art regularly on behalf of the club.

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**Vinny Egizi** for his writeup of the Easter Egg event (would have like to have been there too)

**Jim D'Urso** for Sunday dive description, photos, and of course President's Letter

**Daryl Findlay** for photos of everything

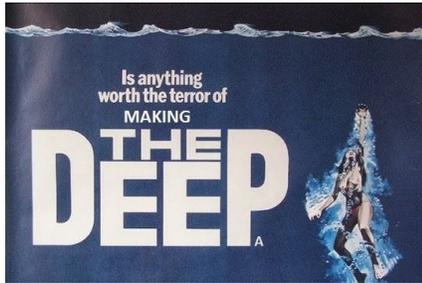
Keep those cards and letters coming!

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## Fun stuff we did last month

### Thu Apr 7: Peter Lake Presentation on "Making of The Deep"

Peter Lake presented his film on "Making of the Deep". It was fascinating what they went through to make this movie!



### Sun Apr 10: Easter Egg Dive and Party

by Vinny Egizi

The North Shore frogmen annual Easter egg hunt was held at Independence Beach in Beverly Massachusetts this year.



60 eggs were hard boiled and laid by Bill Warner and Vinny Egizi. Peter Chapman, Bill Warner, Jim Durso, Vinny Egizi, Jack Munro, and Daryl Findlay suited up in search of the eggs as the tides and currents moved them in and out of the eel grass.



In the end Bill and Jim tied for the most eggs and each received a prize.

The divers, other Froggies and guests proceeded across the street to Vinny's house for a typical fun NFL party with craft beer, homemade chili, and a fire in the backyard.

## Sunday Dive 4/17 Plum Cove

by Jim D'Urso

Extreme surge. Daryl shore support, Graham in the water for 15 minutes and I managed to wedge myself in rocks for 1 hr taking macros but got beat up by current even did a 360



flip unintentionally while filming a nudibranch.



## Sunday Apr 24 - PCYC Float Cleaning

by John Sears

On Sunday April 24, 2016 a group of 17 Froggies descended upon PCYC for our annual float cleaning project.

The weather was nice and sunny in the 50's and I am told that the water temp was 42F.





Twelve Froggies worked tirelessly scraping the growth off of the floats. Bill Werner and I did a survey of the floats looking for any large pieces of timber that may of fallen off in the past. I didn't find anything of consequence that needed to be removed but enjoyed seeing the many large bushy back nudies and clusters of white tunicates that where growing all over the place. It was a nice check out dive with a max depth of around 15 feet. If Joe Terra was still around he would have asked "can you eat it?" regarding the large bushy backs that were all over the place along with the mussel beds. The workers scraping the docks all gave themselves quite a workout performing their task.



After we had finished our work we settled around PCYC for a fabulous lunch of beef wellington and a very tasty chilli. Most of us we surprised to see how nice the meal was that we were served.

We were each offered two drinks from the Commodore's locker and socialized around the bar and outside in the sun around the picnic tables.



Two past Froggies now PCYC members also lent a hand to help they were John Towey, and Fred Pfiel.



Dock support was handled by Mary Howard, Susan Copelas, and Tony Viera.

It was great to see Tony back helping out after all that he has been through. Thanks to new members Ricardo Caivano, and Peter Garchinsky for your float cleaning efforts. Other Froggie helpers where Vinny Egizi, Ray Porter, Peter Chapman, Adam Hartnett, Graham Smith, Jack Munroe, Jim and Alex Barbara, Jim D'Urso, Daryl Findley, and Bill Werner. See you in 2017.

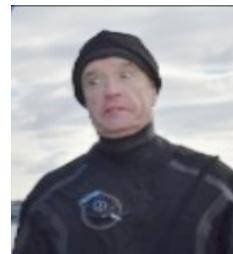
## Interesting Articles



[Solomon Islands photo and video](#) taken during DUI liveaboard last month. Our trip leader brought a drone and was able to capture amazing photos of some of our dive spots from that perspective - not one you typically see. A few of the photos and video were by Mike and Ellen.

## Graham's Gleanings

by Graham Smith



### Global Cooling

A look at the 'year without a summer' - 1816 brought devastating extremes of cold and wet weather to Europe, New England and beyond. No one knew at the time that this weather had been caused by the massive eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia the previous year.

As science and superstition jostled and crops failed, the climatic conditions

penetrated every corner of public and personal life: politics, religion and art. Its presence is there in the creation of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, Byron's poetry, and Turner's rain-soaked sketchbooks

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0769l3q>

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## Forgotten Wrecks of WWI

Forgotten Wrecks of the First World War is a Heritage Lottery Funded (HLF) four year project devised and delivered by the [Maritime Archaeology Trust](#) to coincide with the centenary of the Great War.

At the heart of the project is a desire to raise the profile of a currently under-represented aspect of the First World War. While attention is often focused on the Western Front and major naval battles like Jutland, historic remains from the war lie, largely forgotten, in and around our seas, rivers and estuaries. With over 1000 wartime wrecks along England's south coast alone, the conflict has left a rich heritage legacy and many associated stories of bravery and sacrifice

<http://www.maritimearchaeologytrust.org/ww1forgottenwrecks>

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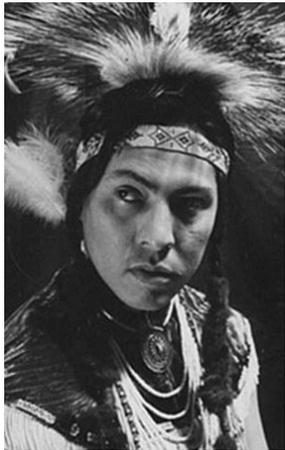


## Whale Graveyards

When whales die, they usually come to rest on the seabed. But sometimes, due to illnesses, whaling, or even toxic algae, whales die on dry land. From 20th-century whaling stations to prehistoric mass-stranding sites, here are five onshore sites where whales met their end.

<http://www.hakaimagazine.com/article-short/whale-graveyards>

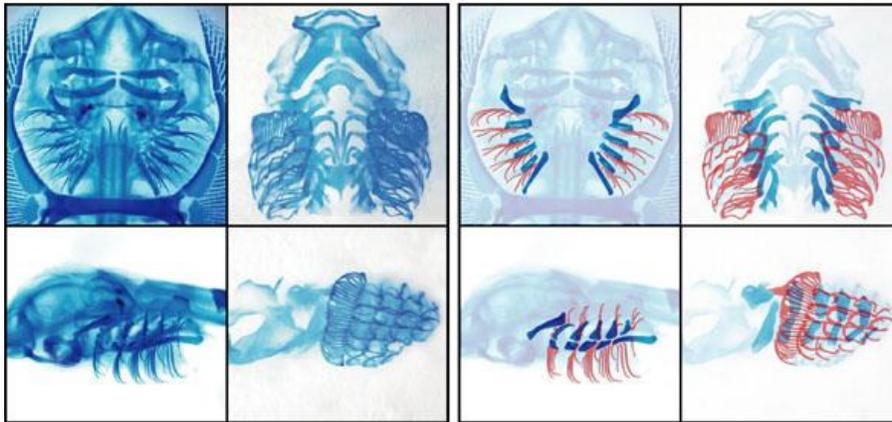
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## Joe Medicine Crow

Joe Medicine Crow, who has died aged 102, was a descendant of Lt-Col George Custer's favorite scout; a war chief and historian of the Crow nation of American Indians; and one of the last links with those who fought in the Battle of Little Bighorn of July 1876, when Custer and 263 of his men died in a "Last Stand" against the Plains Indians.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2016/04/05/joe-medicine-crow-american-indian---obituary/>



## Sonic Hedgehog Gene, Shark Gills and Human Limb Evolution

An idea first proposed 138 years ago that limbs evolved from gills, which has been widely discredited due to lack of supporting fossil evidence, may prove correct after all – and the clue is in a gene named for everyone's favorite blue hedgehog.

<http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/sonic-hedgehog-gene-provides-evidence-that-our-limbs-may-have-evolved-from-sharks-gills>



## 17th century silk gown found in Dutch shipwreck

A 17th century silk dress found buried in sand by divers in the Wadden Sea is one of the most significant maritime finds ever made,

experts said on Thursday.

The dress, other items of clothing and day-to-day artifacts such as a comb, books and a pomander, were found by divers in the wreck of a ship near the island of Texel.

<http://www.dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2016/04/88823-2/>

<http://www.kaapskil.nl/garde-robe.html>



## Meeting Summaries

Vinny Egizi, Secretary

## Minutes 4/8/16 - Peter Lake Presentation

by Adam Hartnett

Meeting called to order at 8

Members 17 Guests 14 Officers 3

Presidents welcome

Introduction of guests Peter Lake, Annette Spaulding, 4 prospectives

Announcements:

- Update on Tony - may be out in a day or two
- Joe Terra passed away 94 years young. Wake information - tomorrow Solomine's in Lynn 5-7. Funeral at St Joes in Lynn
- Mike visited Art Channel he is hanging in there

Upcoming events

- Easter Egg Hunt Independence Park
- Next business meeting
- Fisheries Presentation maybe 4/21 but 5/5
- Last danversport marina 4/23
- Float cleaning 4/24

Bug bag John Ferrier

Dollars Box Alvin

Mystery Prize Alvin

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## Minutes 4/14/16

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- Meeting Start Time: 8:05pm
- Attendance:
  - Officers: 4
  - Members: 16
  - Guests: 1 (Peter Garchinsky)
- Events:
  - Sue Copelas
    - Went to Beneath The Sea early April
  - Float Cleaning Roster
    - Jim D, Jack M, Sue C, Vinny E, Graham S, Al Morris, Peter G, Mike and Mary, Ray and Mary, Adam H, John S all have volunteered for float cleaning so far.
  - Other Upcoming Events discussed per the club calendar
- Dive Talk
  - Sue Copelas
    - Cozumel Trip – March 2016
    - Brooks School Diving Club
  - Adam Hartnett
    - Bimini Trip (Bahamas)
  - Easter Egg Dive
    - Jim D, Peter C, Bill W, Jack M, and Daryl F participated
    - 60 eggs were laid off of Independence Beach, Beverly, MA
    - Jim D and Bill W tied for most eggs with 4 each
    - Party followed at Vinny's house
- Secretary's Report:
  - Read meeting minutes from 3/3, 3/10/ 3/17 2016 meetings
- Membership Committee:
  - New member (Peter Garchinsky) voted in as a regular member
- Program Committee:
  - Kohler show
    - Budget for Scuba Show Kohler presentation:  
Total \$1500 approved for event – club agreed to
- Old Business:
  - By Laws voted on an approved as follows:
    - Article 2. Purpose
      - 2.1 Promote education of diving and the marine environment, promote safety in diving, promote environmental responsibility while diving, and contribute the skills of the Club membership for community benefit when needed and appropriate. Activities employed to achieve these goals include lectures, discussions, group outings, meet ups for diving, and providing a positive social environment for persons interested in diving.
  
    - Article 4. Officers
      - 4.1.3 If the number of eligible officers serving on the Board of Directors is less than 8, the current President may

nominate a past officer(s) to fill the vacancy (ies). The nominated past officer(s) shall be ratified by a majority vote at a regular club meeting.

#### Article 7. Life Members

7.1 Any member who has been a Club Member in good standing... for a cumulative period of 25 years will be awarded Life Member status.

#### Article 18. Finance

18.7 Any vote on financial matters which requires a vote of the Club membership and involves a sum greater than \$1000 must first be approved by the Board of Directors then announced to the membership at least 5 days prior to the vote: the announcement may be via email. The results of such vote shall be distributed to the membership via email within 2 days of the vote.

- New Business:
  - Collaboration with other dive clubs:
    - Salem State University Students that are members of the Salem State Dive Club to be accepted as members to NSF for 1/2 price of current dues.
    - Salem State University Graduates to be accepted as members to NSF, for the remainder of the year in which they graduate, for a membership fee of \$10
    - Finatics members to be allowed to join NSF at a \$10 discount, NSF member to be allowed to join Finatics at a \$10 discount.
- Correspondence:
  - Evelyn Dudas sent thank you note to allow her to speak.
- Grahams Gleanings:
  - Global Cooling
  - Forgotten Wrecks of WWI
  - Whale Graveyard
- Raffles
  - Bug Bag - John Ferrier
  - Dollars Box - Al Morris
  - Mystery Prize - Mary Pagliarulo

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## Minutes 4/21/16

- Meeting Start Time: 8:10pm
  - Attendance:
    - Officers: 3
    - Members: 13
    - Guests: 2
  - Presidents Opening Remarks:
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- Welcome
- Events:
  - DanversPort Marina Event – 9:00am – 12:00 noon (DanversPort Marina) – Saturday April 23rd
  - Float Cleaning – Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> (10:00am)
    - 15 people confirmed
  - Special Maritime Films Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, @ Hollywood Hits Theater, Danvers 1:00pm
  - Photo Society and Social Meeting Next Thursday – April 28th
  - See NSF Website Calendar for future events
- Dive Talk
  - Vinny E – Dove off the Beverly Marina Docks. Found part of a gun under the Beverly Salem Bridge. Turned it into Beverly Harbormaster. Also saw lots of nudibranchs, tunicates, and muscles.
  - Jim D – Gloucester Plum Cove. Free parking until 5/1. Trying to get waiver for divers to park more often.
- Membership Committee:
  - New Members
    - Tomas Donahue and Debra Donahue new members
    - Both PADI Open Water
- Program Committee:
  - Kohler show scheduled for mid-June. Need to make tickets and get vendors
- Secretary's Report: None
- Old Business:
- IT Committee: None
- New Business: None
- Correspondence: None
- General Discussion: None
- Newsletter Committee: None
- Grahams Gleanings: None
- Treasurer's Report: None
- Raffles
  - Dollars Box – Jim D
  - Bug Bag - Ricardo
  - Mystery Prize – Vinny E

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## 2016 contests

The contests this year will be:

### Photo Categories

- New England standard
  - New England interactive
  - Elsewhere standard
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- 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

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## Dive Travel Opportunities 2016

Jul 23-30 Newfoundland. [DUI](#)

Jul 30-Aug 6 Madeira, [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-Apr 2 Ambon, Indonesia. [Undersea Divers](#)/Andy Martinez

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