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The Newsletter of the North Shore
Frogmen's Club



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Message from the President

[Jim D'Urso](#)

President's Message

"From birth, man carries the weight of gravity on his shoulders. He is bolted to earth. But man has only to sink beneath the surface and he is free."

Jacques Yves Cousteau

Hi Froggies,

September brought us some interesting warm currents with water temp

jumping up to 64 degrees at 35 feet and now starting to cool off a bit. I was privileged to see a Fluke(summer flounder), a mola-mola(ocean sunfish) and offshore a breaching humpback whale. I love the ocean!!!

We had a few special events and I want to thank all those that contributed and a special thank you to Bill Werner for cooking and obtaining permit and grill for Annual Picnic and Treasure Hunt and for helping out at the Finnatic/NSF picnic at Foster Park. Special thanks also to Mary Howard for again being our Kayak safety person and to Ray Porter for cooking throughout the annual Picnic. Mary, Ray or both can be found at just about every NSF event and they are my choice for members of the month.

Wow, the NH wreck continues to give up its prized possessions. In the past five weeks several froggies visited the wreck: Ricardo, Andrea, Jack Munro, John Sears, Bill Werner, and myself. Under the watchful eye and instruction from the enthusiastic NH wreck diver, Jack Munro, we obtained some interesting artifacts: copper spike,

copper trundle pins, brass uniform pin and buckle ,brass pipe fittings, multiple intact bullets. Jack is my choice for diver of the month. I hope members are thinking about our upcoming contests and taking photos and looking for some special find and maybe considering a position as an officer in the club.

Keep diving my friends,
Jim D'Urso President NSF

Upcoming Events

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

Sunday Dives - Dive with a buddy!

Meet every Sunday at 7:30AM at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly; depart for dive site at 8.

Meetings:

Usually Thursdays at
Palmer's Cove Yacht Club
74 Leavitt Street
Salem, MA 0197

- October 6: 7 pm, Dinner meeting at Su Chang's, 373 Lowell Street, Peabody
- October 13: regular meeting at PCYC
- November 3: Susan Copelas presentation "Coral Spawning and Oil Rig Diving" in the Gulf of Mexico.
- November 10: Mike Lodise, of Back Scatter East, "Photo Equipment Update/Holiday Gift Ideas"
- November 17: Thursday: NSF contest entries due! This includes photos, videos, and largest scallop and/or fish. No fish tales though - actual documentation is required. (-:
- December 1: Thursday: Election and contest voting.
- December 3: Annual club banquet.

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).

NOTE: The last Thursday of the month is a meeting of the Photo Society at Undersea Divers. We have a number of NSF photographers and videographers member

[**"New" Ideas for future club activities**](#)

The Caterpillar Lab, in Keene, NH. If you enjoy the beautiful and strange shapes of nudibranchs, you may also enjoy these above water juvenile moths and butterflies. The specimens in the lab are or were native to New England. See a few photos below from a recent caterpillar show. The program is very interesting and informative.

The Harvard Museum of Natural History located on the Harvard campus in Cambridge has some fantastic collections. The glass flowers are unique to Harvard. The collection is too fragile to loan for tours. Other sections of the museum are equally compelling.

Museum of Science has exhibits on spiders, frogs and much more. IMAX theater currently showing movies on Dolphins, National Parks, and Wild Africa.

New England Aquarium always has great exhibits and great IMAX films. Currently showing Great White Shark 3D (I can only assume this is not JAWS 3D) , Galapagos 3D, and Humpback Whales 3D.

Zip Lining

Visits to local wineries or breweries

With any of these outings, lunch or dinner can be incorporated.

Other ideas welcome

Please provide feedback

Member's Corner



Diver of the Month:

[Jack Munro](#)

For his invaluable help with collecting trinkets from the New Hampshire, actively diving, and general willingness to help at all club functions and meetings.

Member of the Month:

[Mary Howard and Ray Porter](#)

Mary and Ray both are very active in supporting NSF activities and are extremely helpful. Most recently, both actively participated at the Bay State Council Treasure Hunt. Mary was the safety Kayaker and Ray was grilling to feed many hungry picnickers.

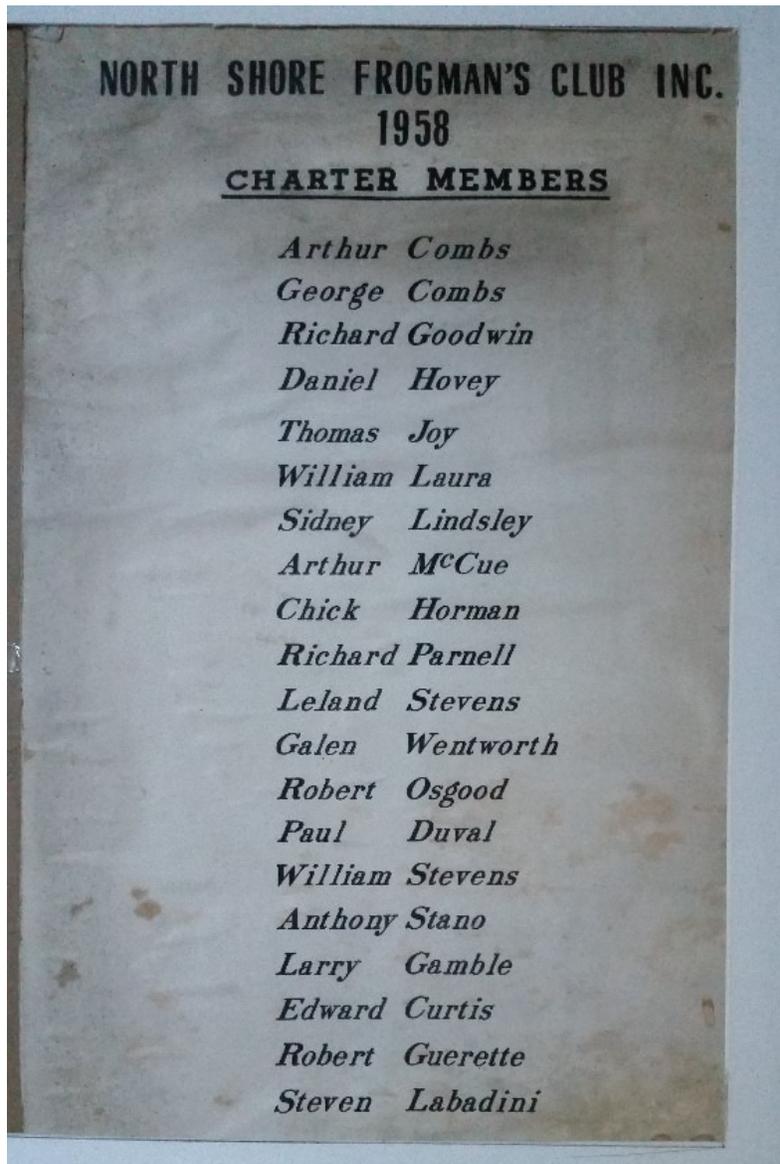


Welcome to all our new members!

Kathy Reid
Scott Reid
Mike Guglielmo
Dawn Guglielmo
Kim Kelly

From the Editor:

Below is a photo of the framed list of the original 20 NSF charter members from 1958. This club has a long history - 58 years and counting. For the club to be successful, we need actively participating members! Elections are fast approaching and volunteers are encouraged to step forward. We are a dive club - lets get out and dive.



Fun stuff we did last month

Club members were involved in a variety of

A number of members of the club were able to dive on the wreck of the New Hampshire and obtain souvenirs, such as spikes and trunnion rods. A fortunate two were fortunate enough to see (and photograph) a Mola Mola. The two lucky individuals were Jim D'Urso and Jack Munro.



Jim gets all the attention because he was the only Froggie at Niles beach - to actually dive. He did have Daryl and Jim D for moral support at least until he entered the water. At least with no competition, Jim was able to get one of the few lobsters available (perhaps) at Niles.

Most other sites were very rough that day and according to Jim B visibility was not great.



Jim Barbara has been taking some great underwater photos. He recently acquired a new macro lens and is putting it to good use!





On September 18th, the Bay State Council of Divers held its annual treasure hunt at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. This is a multi-club event and was reasonably well attended. We were fortunate that threatened rain held off until late afternoon-when we were done. For the past x number of years, the NSF and MWDC have been jointly hosting a picnic where members eat for free and guests eat all they can for 5\$. We grill hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages, etc. We also have salads, chips, dips, pasta, and other food. I believe Jim and Jack were the only Froggies to dive and/or snorkel.

The picture above shows the winners of the Froggie raffle. It seems everyone had a great time.



On September 8th, we were supposed to have a beach meeting with diving. However, due to a recent storm, seaweed was washed up on the beach and coating the water near shore. Visibility would have been terrible! Jim and Linda D'Urso were kind enough to host the meeting at their home as a pool party. Visibility was MUCH better in the pool.



On September 11th, the Finatics Dive Club held their picnic at Fort Foster Park in Maine. The picnic started out with a brief downpour but the weather quickly cleared and we had a great day. Many Finatics are also members of the NSF. As you can see in the group photo, both clubs were represented and recognized. The picnic site was well protected from the wind and a number of divers entered the water for a shallow dive. As with all these events, there was abundant good food and great company. The park is also quite interesting to walk around and would be a fun site to kayak or canoe...and have another picnic.



Meeting Summaries

Vinny Egizi, Secretary

NSF Meeting Minutes – 9/22/16

Start: 8:04pm

Attendees:

- Officers – 4
- Members – 12
- Guests – 5

General Business:

- President Obama Declared a Marine National Monument for the Canyons and Seamounts off of Cape Code, but not Cashes Ledge.
 - Local Diver Died
 - 38yo Vinicius Vianna died while diving off Nahant due to changing SE winds which sent him and his dive buddy far from the dive entry site and into the rocky shore. Dive buddy survived by a passing boat and both were brought ashore by the Harbor Master.
 - Annual Picnic was a success
 - Thank you to Ray P and Bill W for doing the cooking and set up
 - Thank you to Mary H for being the kayak safety patrol for the Bay State

Council scuba and snorkel treasure hunts.

- Jim D was the sole NSF participant for the snorkel competition. He put up a good challenge to the larger teams and even found a legal lobster in 10' of water.

Dive Talk:

- Jim D and Jack M – Mola Mola sighting (graves Island)
- Jim D and Jack M – US New Hampshire dive. Several large spike and pins found
 - John F – North Carolina trip with Jonathan Bird
 - Missed the big storms and only had rain with nice 6"-12" waves
 - Sand tiger shark dives off the Aeolus wreck (12-15 of them)
 - 82F at 120'
 - Adam H – Old Garden Beach
 - Flat calm, 52F, 48' dive left of the pinnacle
 - Lots of short lobsters

Presentation:

- Dan Distel, PHD, discussed local biology research in New England waters. He has been working on Starfish wasting disease.

Raffles:

- DB – Mary P
- BB – John M
- MP – Mary H

Adjourned: 8:45pm followed by presentation

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). **Current largest submission is 6.25"**
- Biggest fish (picture; must be taken diving). **Currently 17"!**
- Most interesting find (object or picture)

Dive Travel Opportunities 2016

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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