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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:

'Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all'

Hellen Keller

Hi Froggies

I want to thank all members who set up and supported the President's banquet especially Adam, John Ferrier, Bill Werner, Vinny, Cheryl Moore. Thank you also to Mary for organizing the photo contest, Ray for raffles, Ellen and Mike for the year of photos and videos. Vinny did an excellent job as MC as I was tied up in rehab.

Special thanks to Adam for acquiring the Hall, keeping track of finances while continuing to support our winter dive program. For these reasons and the fact that he has served us well as Treasurer for past 4 years, he is my choice for diver of the month. My pick for member of the month is Roslyn Smith. She has managed to attend many of our events during the past year, while battling a significant illness, including pool party, Foster Park outing with Finatics, and our President's banquet to mention a few. Thanks Roslyn for setting an example for the rest of the membership. We wish you well.

This year we will have more presentations from members: Solomon Islands, Dominica, Maderia, Key West are on the agenda.

March 9th we will have Dr. Peter Buzzacott from DAN presenting to the club on Decompression Illness and hopefully he will have recommendations for the over 55 age group with precautions to help prevent an accident as happened to me. I will be there to answer any questions about the accident and subsequent Hyperbaric treatment and rehab.

Be safe and 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 8:30 AM 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 0197

- Wednesday, January 18th: Bay State Council Meeting
- Thursday, January 19th: Regular meeting at PCYC
- Thursday, January 26th: Photo Society meeting at USD. Social at PCYC
- Saturday, February 11th: Glass flowers at Harvard Museum 11 am, followed by late lunch
- Thursday, February 16th: Andy Martinez discussing digital version of his N. E. ID book
- Thursday, February 23rd: Photo Society meeting at USD, Social at PCYC
- Thursday, March 2nd: Regular meeting
- Saturday, March 4th: Danvers Port show from 10am - 1 pm
- Thursday, March 9th: DAN physician presenting on DCS
- Saturday, March 11th: Sea Rovers
- Sunday, March 12th: Sea Rovers

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

**Bay State Council of Divers
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January 15, 2017

Dear Divers and Water Sports Enthusiasts

The Bay State Council of Divers and the Massachusetts diving community are greatly concerned about the continuing loss of public parking in coastal communities making shore access difficult or impossible for diving. Most communities restrict parking access to residents-only and this prevents other citizens from using the public beaches and rights of way in these communities.

We believe this issue concerns many other water sports and recreational activities and we are seeking your input and support to remedy this situation. To this end we are hosting a meeting for representatives of interested parties at the Boston Sea Rovers Show on Sunday afternoon March 12, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel North Shore in Danvers MA.

We hope that by coordinating our efforts across user groups, we can reverse this situation and get greater access to our shores for all citizens to freely enjoy. Please respond by contacting the Bay State Council of Divers if you have questions.

Sincerely

Angelo Correnti, President

Bay State Council of Divers

EDUCATION SECTION

Harvard University Herbaria - The Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of

Plants....or more commonly called the Glass Flowers. If you have never seen these specimens, you will be amazed! These models are extremely detailed replicas of real plants. They were commissioned in 1886 by the first director of Harvard's Botanical Museum. The models were made by a father and son team, Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka, from 1887-1936. The collection is comprised of approximately 4300 specimens. See Harvard's website for more detail.

We have planned an excursion to see the exhibit on Saturday, February 11th at 11am with a late lunch to follow in Harvard Square for those interested. The address is 22 Divinity Street in Cambridge.

Northeastern Marine Science Center Lectures

Murphy Bunker, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908

Pursuing Sustainability a long Crowded Coastlines

Tuesday, February 21st at 7 pm

How Do You Like Your Carbon? I'll Take Mine Blue.

Tuesday, March 21st at 7 pm

Salem Sound Coastwatch

“Imagine a World Without Clams: How Our Coastal Waters are Becoming More Acidic”

Dr. Matthew Leibman

Abbot Public Library, 235 Pleasant St, Marblehead, MA

Wednesday,

January 25th, 7-8:30 pm

MantaRay – Advancing Research on Marine Debris

Ethan Edson, research technician

Abbot Public Library, 235 Pleasant St, Marblehead, MA

Wednesday,

February 22nd, 7-8:30 pm

Salem Sound Coastwatch has many other activities listed on its website:

www.salemsound.org

New England Aquarium – IMAX Films

- Galapagos 3D: Natures Wonderland
- Great White Shark 3D

- Humpback Whales 3D

Museum of Science IMAX Films

- Extreme Weather
 - Dolphins
 - National Parks Adventure
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Member's Corner



DIVER OF THE MONTH ADAM HARTNETT

Adam has been very active in support of the club as an active diver, treasurer for the past 4 years, and strong support at the banquet.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH ROSLYN SMITH

Roslyn has attended many club events during the past year despite battling a significant illness. To list a few: pool party, Finatics picnic at Foster Park, 2016 President's Banquet. "Thanks Roslyn for setting an example for the rest of the membership. We wish you well."

Fun stuff we did last month

Club members were involved in a variety of

New Years Day 2017, the sun was shining and it was a nice but windy day. The two sites originally chosen for the annual New Years Day Dive were too rough to permit a safe and enjoyable dive. Back Beach in Rockport was calm and was the site of the dive for the 4 intrepid Froggies who made it into the ocean. Daryl, Jim B, Jack, and Graham were the brave souls. Many other Froggies showed up to offer shore support and photograph the event and participate in the group photo. Graham did not even make it into the group photo because he spent more time in the water than anyone else but he is seen in the water with his yellow inner tube dive flag float. Jack is seen walking out of the water in his gear. He was diving wet - the only one - and he said this is his 17th year doing the New Years Day Dive. Way to go Jack! Most of us can't keep up with him.





Dottie and Ron were gracious enough to host us for the after-the-dive party. The party had many more participants than the dive. Thank you Dottie and Ron for once again opening your home to us. It was a beautiful day with lots of sun, mild temperatures, and a little wind. Everyone had a great time. We had plenty of great food and company. Dottie was looking festive in her Lobster themed holiday shirt.



Meeting Summaries

Vinny Egizi, Secretary

Vinny has relinquished the Job of secretary to Mary Howard for 2017. Thank you Vinny for your reports and weekly/monthly updates.

NSF Minutes - 12/15/2016 - 8:10PM to 9:15PM

16 Members including, 4 current officers (total 18?)

Meeting run by John Ferrier and Bill Werner

No secretary's report

No treasurer's report documented

Program

12/22 – no meeting

12/29 – Pizza party and white elephant Yankee swap.

1/1/17 – New Year's day dive scheduled for Pebble Beach, with Plum Cove as backup. Party afterwards at Dodie's

Old Business:

56/100 shirts have been sold, so club has made its money back.

DOM/DOY awards to give out

Women Divers celebration in planning stages. NSF to provide BBQ.

New Business:

2016 Officers (John F and Vinny) abandoned their posts and were replaced by the 2017 Officers (Bill and Mary H)

BSC has a new facebook page. Please link to it, "like" it. – Which dive sites should be featured for lack of access? Plum Cove, White Beach, Chandler Hovey. Next BSC meeting is Jan 18.

Correspondence:

Ricardo is coming back from Africa and will be at the pizza party.

Dive Talk:

Graham checked out all the beaches 2 weeks ago. There were too many runners (1/2 marathon)

Jim D: Nov 19 was his last boat dive day. He had 70 ft dive w/ 20 ft viz, 35 min bottom time and was left w/ 7 min no deco; came up slowly and did 2 min safety stop.

Prizes: ??

Dive Travel Opportunities

2017

Jan 26-Feb 4 Cuba. [DUI](#)

Mar 23-Apr 2 Ambon, Indonesia. [Undersea Divers](#)/Andy Martinez

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Mar 11 and 12: Sea Rovers

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

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

Sat March 18 - St Patrick's Party

Mary Howard and Ray Porter will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Party beginning at 1 pm. Bring your beverage of choice and something to share!

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

Sat Mar 4 - Danversport Marina

NSF will have a booth at the Danversport Marina event 10am to 1 pm
Stay tuned for more info!



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