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## Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore  
Frogmen's Club

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### Message from the President

[Jim D'Urso](#)

President's Message!

"A great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."

Walter Bagehot!

Hi Froggies and friends,

Made 4 trips out on the boat past few weeks, taking divers out for scallops and doing some offshore fishing. I love the ocean. Hope to get back in the water myself by the fall.

April was busy for the club with Douglas Bryant, age 93, submariner presenting, Jerry Shine did a nice review of nudibranchs, 5 divers went in the water for clean up of Winter Island in Salem, and in first week of May we had a Nitrox course and review by Susan Copelas and our annual float cleaning at PCYC. Flounder spotted in Gloucester and Salem, goat horn found in water at

Winter island, and recent scallop dives should be a reminder of our annual contests: most interesting find, largest fish and largest scallop as well as annual photo contest.

Diver of the Month is Jack Munro, underwater at float cleaning for almost 2 hrs and using a humungous scraper. We had initiated a search for him before he popped up. Special thanks to John Sears who again organized the event. Member of the Month goes to life member Fred Pfeil who actually attended several meetings this month and supervised the float cleaning.

Looking forward to Wrecks of Sardinia Presentation by Dave Caldwell and Heather Knowles June 8th at PCYC.

Keep diving my friends,  
Jim D'Urso President North Shore Frogmen

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## 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

- Saturday, June 10th 8am - 3pm: **NEW DATE** canoe and kayak with cookout lunch on the Ipswich River
- Thursday, June 8th, 8 pm: Diving Sardinia Wrecks by Heather Knowles and David Caldwell
- Sat. & Sun., June 17 & 18: Collings Foundation Wings and Wheels

(see below)

- Saturday, July 15th, 8-12am, Women Divers Day, Stage Fort Park
- Friday-Monday, July 28-31: Vermont weekend with Annette for diving, kayaking, canoeing, etc.
- Sunday, Sept 17th: Baystate Council Treasure Hunt, NSF and MWDC picnic

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 as members.

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## Attention! Attention!

Undersea Divers is moving!

New location is:  
67 High Street unit 11  
Danvers, MA.

Opening day is May 31st

The new store looks great and the new location is much closer to 128. Parking will be much better.

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**Bay State Council of Divers**

# Information

## EDUCATION SECTION

### **Northeastern Marine Science Center Lectures**

Murphy Bunker, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908

***Cinema by the Sea: Ocean Frontiers III***  
***Tuesday, June 13th***

***Cinema by the Sea: A Plastic Ocean***  
***Tuesday, July 11th***

### **Salem Sound Coastwatch**

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

[www.salemsound.org](http://www.salemsound.org)

Marine Invasive Species Workshop  
Winter Island Function Hall, Winter Island Park, Salem  
Tuesday, June 13th, 6:30-8 pm

### **New England Aquarium – IMAX Films**

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

### **Museum of Science IMAX Films**

- Extreme Weather
- Shackleton;s Antarctic
- Extreme Weather

- Amazing Journeys

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## Member's Corner

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## DIVER OF THE MONTH Jack Munro

Jack shows up for most diving events and chores. He stayed down longer than anyone else at the float cleaning...and with a bigger scrapper. Jack was under scrapping growth for so long, we started a search to locate him. He is always there to lend a hand.

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH Fred Pfeil

Fred is a life member of the NSF. He is always the PCYC member who coordinates between our club and PCYC. Fred is also the member who guides/ assists us during our annual float cleaning - telling us what needs to be done and assigning special tasks. His presence at float cleaning is invaluable!



### **NSF Canoe and Kayak Day on the Ipswich River Saturday, June 10, 2017 @ 8 am**

The NSF is scheduling a day of canoeing or kayaking on the Ipswich River from a drop-off point on route 97 to the Willowdale Dam. This is about a 4 hour trip but will usually take longer at a leisurely pace and with a stop for lunch about 2 hours from the dam. The voyage takes us through a National Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, scenic wetlands, the Bradley Palmer State Park, and Willowdale State Forest. Many birds, turtles, and frogs can be seen along the way. Swimming is also available.

We meet at Foote Brothers Canoe and Kayak Rental, which is located at the Willowdale Dam.

Foote Brothers  
230 Topsfield Road  
Ipswich, MA 01938  
978-356-9771

Canoe or kayak rental is \$42, but a canoe will carry at least 2 people and more equipment.

Foote brothers will transport private canoes or kayaks for \$12.

See the website: <http://www.footebrotherscanoes.com> for additional details.

We will have at least 1 grill so bring something to grill for lunch if you wish.

Recommended items to bring are insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, clothing that dries

quickly and is appropriate for the weather, windbreaker, water or other drinks, food, camera, pfd (supplied if you're renting a canoe or kayak), coolers, dry bags, and perhaps extra dry cloths.

Foote Brothers opens at 8 am but we should be there earlier. A waiver must be filled out and can either be filled out that day or downloaded as a pdf file ahead of time.

Please reserve your canoe and especially a kayak about a week ahead of time.

Please call me with any questions.

Bill Werner

978-857-2920

billwerner55@yahoo.com

Note: I have called Foote Brothers and given them both my name and the North Shore Frogmen's Club name. Please reference one or the other when you reserve a boat.

### **Collings Foundation Living History Events for the North Shore Frogmen**

137 Barton Road, Stow, MA

[collingsfoundation.org](http://collingsfoundation.org)

The Collings Foundation - located in Stow, MA, - is a "living history museum" with beautifully restored cars, military aircraft, tanks, and many other antique items. The Foundation has 3 open-house events per year.

American Elegance: June 17 & 18, 2017 – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, \$15 adults, \$10 children

View 19 century and early 20 century automobiles, including Stanly Steamers and early electric cars, military hardware, airplanes, etc. See website for more details

Race of the Century: July 29 & 30, 2017– 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, \$15 adults, \$10 children

View races between, stagecoaches, horseback riders, steam powered cars, early electric cars - Races vary from year to year. Visitors can also tour the extensive collection of antique cars, planes, and military hardware. (UNFORTUNATELY THESE DATES CONFLICT WITH VERMONT AT ANNETTE'S)

Battle for the Airfield: October 7 & 8, 2017 – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, \$20 adults, \$15 children

View a reenactment of a World War II battle between allied and axis forces for control of an airfield. Over 300 reenactors, using fully restored military hardware put on a very interesting show. As with the other events, touring of the foundation collection is also part of the visit.

Food is also available.

If we coordinate a date or dates for visits, people are welcome to come to our home in Stow for a post Collings visit cookout.

Please contact me at [billwerner55@yahoo.com](mailto:billwerner55@yahoo.com) or 978-857-2920

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## ORGANIZED BY SUSAN COPELAS

Come join us in celebrating the first Annual Women Diver's Day July 15 at 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester MA. This is a great opportunity to dive with other likeminded women who love blowing bubbles, are passionate about the ocean and conservation.

Entrance fee is \$15 (includes free T-Shirt)

Free BBQ, doors prizes, raffles, & boutique shopping

All proceeds go to the Women Divers Hall of Fame Scholarship Program ([wdhof.org](http://wdhof.org)). Each year WDHOF awards scholarships & training grants that provide financial & educational support to individuals of all ages, particular those who are preparing for professional career in diving.

Our focus of this event is to embrace women divers & support the next generation of divers through the scholarship program, conservation efforts & public awareness.

PADI, NAUI, D.A.N., Women Divers Hall of Fame, Dive the World Adventures, Undersea Divers, Discover Diving, Aquatic Escapes, North East Scuba, Northshore Frogmen, MetroWest Dive Club, Finatics Dive Club, Slip Ins, Scuba Girls, Stream2Sea, Eezy Cut, Glassy Lady

If you have any questions about this event contact Susan Copelas (c) 617-416-1658 [celebratingwomendivers@gmail.com](mailto:celebratingwomendivers@gmail.com)

# Celebrate Women Divers!



**JULY 15, 2017 from 8 am - 12 noon**

**Stage Fort Park • Gloucester, MA**

**Cost: \$15 - includes a BBQ and free t-shirt.**

It's all about women divers bonding, so we welcome anyone who dives (warm or cold), loves a diver, snorkels, wants to meet other divers or just wants to hang out around divers. Clearly the more women the better!

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8:00 - 8:30 am ..... Registration for divers  
8:45 am ..... Orientation meeting  
9:00 am ..... Splash down  
10:45 am ..... Diving portion ends  
11:15 am ..... Raffle announcements / group photo  
11:30 am - 12 noon .. BBQ

**Note:** The harbor master will be at the event, plus we will have kayaks in the water for support, a rescue plan in place, and guides in water.



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HALL OF FAME**

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[www.wdhofo.org](http://www.wdhofo.org)

## GRAND PRIZE: A dive in the GOT at New England Aquarium!

**Tickets are \$30 each or 2 for \$50 or 5 for \$100.** You can purchase tickets at the following local dive shops beginning May 1

East Coast Divers, Natick • Discover Diving, Atkinson NH • Northeast Scuba, Chelmsford  
Undersea Divers, Beverly • Aquatic Escapes, Londonderry NH • United Divers, Somerville

**Other raffle prizes including:** • Sol BCD • 7mm Aquaflex Wetsuit • 300 Wrist Computer • Aqua Lung Black Diamond BCD  
• Scubapro Tylo Jet Fins • Henderson Thermaxx 3mm Wetsuit • Stream2Sea gift basket • Private dive with professional photographer  
Andy Martinez • Private tour ALVIN (submersible) Woods Hole Cape Cod • Squid dive with Jerry Shine • Women Divers Hall of Fame  
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For information and to sign up, visit [www.facebook.com/WomenDiversDay/](http://www.facebook.com/WomenDiversDay/)  
or email [celebratowomendivers@gmail.com](mailto:celebratowomendivers@gmail.com)

## Fun stuff we did last month

Club members were involved in a variety of activities in April and May

President Jim has his boat ready for the diving and fishing season - including having oxygen on board...just in case...

Although he is not diving himself yet, he has taken Jack and Ricardo out to dive. They have collected scallops and fish. Ricardo found what has tentatively been identified as a goat horn.





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This year we had a beautiful day for float cleaning. We had a decent turnout as seen in the group photo. We had 7 divers in the water and a good number of people for moral and shore support. Divers included: Adam, Graham, Jack, Ricardo, John S, Bill, Ray. Surface support included: Mary, Pete C, Alvin, Vinny, Jim B, Fred, Linda and Jim D, Virginia and grand daughter. Unfortunately, Daryl, Ricardo, Virginia and their grand daughter had to leave before our group picture. Sorry if I missed anyone.







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It was a beautiful day at the Dog Bar breakwater in Gloucester. Even if you don't dive, it is interesting to walk the breakwater with Gloucester harbor on one side and the Atlantic on the other. Jim B, Daryl, and Graham made a dive. Bill tried but was too buoyant and had a leaky mask. This site is a great place to

see nudibranchs and it is often calm when other sites are blown out.

Jim D, Mary, Meg, and Peter were there to enjoy the day above water.





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Salem Massachusetts held a harbor cleanup day and a number of Froggies participated by cleaning up at Winter Island. Great Job! Sorry I could not participate.





## Meeting Summaries

### Mary Howard, Secretary

Minutes 5/11/2017 NSF! !

The meeting began at 8:12 with Bill Werner at the helm. In attendance were 13 people, 2 officers, 1 guest and we had one very interesting guest. Jessica Morrison is an accomplished diver that began her career in 1999. She dives off the Gauntlet with frequency and is an avid dry suit diver. She recently went to Sardinia and hopes to be part of the upcoming presentation on June 8 that Dave Caldwell is doing.!

Susan Copelas acting secretary for the evening, talked about the upcoming

mega event on July 15, Celebrate Women Divers event at Stage Fort park. The club is in charge of the BBQ, see Bill Werner for sign ups. If anyone would like to assist in the water as a dive guide or in a kayak, please see Susan. Raffle tickets just went on sale for a dive in the GIANT OCEAN TANK. See Jim for tickets. Members of the Women Divers Hall of Fame will be attending and it is an event not to be missed!!

Vinny spoke about the upcoming Vermont weekend this year which is Friday July 28 - Monday July 31. Please plan on arriving Thursday pm if you can. Diving will take place on Friday, Sat and Sunday and kayaking and closing up on Monday. All are welcome and it is a really fun time!!

Air Bubbles will come out when Bill is ready to put it out. In it will be the June date for this years canoe and kayak down the Ipswich River!!

Dive Talk- Last weekend was the float cleaning at the club. 7 people were under the dock with scrapers and 8 were on the top telling them how to scrape. Jack Munroe was the only one who was lucky enough to find his own area and avoid guidance. He once again was the longest in the water at 1.25 hrs and scared the heck out of everyone else looking for him. Grahams highlight seemed to be the pelican on the float. Now one would think he was suffering from nitrogen narcosis but we have photos to prove the pelican truly was not plastic and was joining in the fun. He was not offered pizza afterwards as he didn't actually help clean the floats but added to the dirt with the deposit he left.!

Ricardo went diving in the Galapagos and was only person without a camera. Ricardo and Jack had a successful scallop dive off Jim's boat although only 2 foot viz.!!

Faith talked about her recent dive to Newport Oregon with the aquarium and what a great kelp forest she dove in, rock formations, and the area was riddled with wolf eels that were in heat and getting quite friendly. This dive came after a wonderful excursion to Cuba on the Aggressor. She updated us on the advancements that are being made down there to extend the dive area to include an area that hasn't been dove in about 50 years. We were told the shark populations and variety will be the main attraction.!!

The official meeting was adjourned at 9:30 and continued in the pub. Al Morris

won the  
raffle and Peter Chapman won the dollars box!  
submitted by Susan Copelas!  
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## Dive Travel Opportunities

### 2017

November 4-11, 2017	Dominica with Undersea Divers
December 2-9, 2017	Bonaire with Undersea Divers
February 24-March 3, 2018	Bonaire with Undersea Divers
March 24-April 3, 2018	Fiji with Undersea Divers
January 17-26, 2019	Maldives Live-aboard
June 8-20, 2019	Tubbataha to Atlantis Dumaguete

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