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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!

“As long as you live, keep learning how to live.” Lucius Annaeus Seneca!

Hi Fellow Froggies and friends,

Recently we had several interesting events. Susan Copelas had nitrox review day and certified 3 members. Dave Caldwell and Heather Knowles gave a presentation on wrecks of Sardinia. Tall Ships came to Boston. Jerry Shine had a book launch party for his latest: “A Year Underwater”. Nice turnouts noted for Sunday shore dives. Several divers were able to come on board my boat and come home with a good amount of scallops and on most recent boat trip, to our delight, lobsters had invaded the scallop beds and somehow 7 ended up in our scallop bags. Two of our divers also assisted in mooring work at a nearby yacht club.

This year I have been especially concerned about safe diving. A recent diving incident while diving from my boat had a good outcome. I suspect this was at least partially do to the diver using nitrox on one of his dives

and having quick application of oxygen which was available on my boat. The diver was a seasoned diver who did make a few mistakes. Lessons to be learned and reminders for us all: slow ascents, safety stops, avoid extreme exertion, practice neutral buoyancy, consider nitrox, and have oxygen available.

Diver of the Month is Ricardo Caivano. He has done well scalloping this month, assisted a distressed diver, and serenaded the crew while swimming back to the boat.

Member of the Month is Susan Copelas for her interest in getting members certified in Nitrox Diving and for her participation in preparing for Women Diver's Day coming up next month.

Hope to see many of you at Annette Spaulding's home in Vermont for a weekend of diving and camping next month.

Keep diving and stay safe my friends,

Jim D'Urso President NSF



As most of you are aware, we lost a valued life member after a heroic battle with cancer. Roslyn Smith was full of life and lived life to the fullest until the end. She had many interests - including diving, underwater and above water photography, kayaking, birdwatching, gardening, baking, visiting national parks, fishing, and others. As many of you know, she was a passionate baker who brought delicious cookies to many parties. Recently she snorkeled with manatees in Florida and visited Yellowstone National Park. She stayed positive and was still planning to go to Fiji next year. She was present at almost all NSF and Finatics parties and events. I'm confident the people who knew Roslyn have many fond memories of her and stories to tell. We will miss her.

Upcoming Events

Attention! Attention!

Undersea Divers has moved!

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

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

Bay State Council of Divers Information

Sunday, September 17th, is the date for the Bay State Council Treasure Hunt at Stage Fort Park. There are diving and snorkeling events and numerous great prizes.

This is also the date for our annual club picnic. The NSF, along with the MWDC, prepares a buffet BBQ - free for members of both clubs - for any interested participants for a suggested \$5 donation. We always have a great time! Volunteers are welcome and needed to make this event a success.

EDUCATION SECTION

Northeastern Marine Science Center Lectures

Murphy Bunker, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908

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

New England Aquarium – IMAX Films

- Galapagos 3D: Natures Wonderland
 - Great White Shark 3D
 - Amazon Adventure 3D
 - Saving Sea Turtles 3D
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Member's Corner



DIVER OF THE MONTH Ricardo Caivano

Ricardo has been actively diving, collecting scallops, assisting the Volunteer Yacht Club in Lynn with mooring repair and attempting to locate lost moorings. He also assisted a distressed diver and sang his way back to the President's boat.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH Susan Copelus

Susan is member of the month for a variety of reasons. She organized and taught a nitrox course with a nitrox review for those already certified. She is also organizing a fund raising event for the WDHOF at Stage Fort Park in July. Susan is a very active and engaged SCUBA diver and instructor.



The Great American Fish Count is scheduled for July 22nd. The NEAQ Dive Club is sponsoring the Massachusetts area event and looking for volunteers to monitor dive sites. Please see the web site for more information.

The after count celebration location is Stage Fort Park from 11 am - 1:30 pm for the picnic, group photo at 2 pm, followed by the raffle.

www.neadc.org/gafc

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). Each year WDHOFF 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

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.



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
**WOMEN DIVERS
HALL OF FAME**

SCHOLARSHIP & TRAINING
GRANT PROGRAM

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
Commemorative Book. Plus... **DOOR PRIZES!!**

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Coast Divers • Northeast Scuba • Discover Diving • United Divers • Aquatic Escapes • Bay State Council • Jonathan Bird • Andy
Martinez • Jerry Shine • North Shore Frogmen • Metro West Dive Club • Finatiks Dive Club • Glassy Lady • Cape Ann Charters •
Shark Bait Adventures • Stream2Sea • Sipline • Dive Flag Jewelry • Amyables Sea Glass Jewelry • Wood Treasurers • Easy Cut

For information and to sign up, visit www.facebook.com/WomenDiversDay/
or email celebratowomendivers@gmail.com

NSF club volunteers welcome to help set up tent/canopies, tables, food, etc. The grill is reserved and some of the food is purchased.

Fun stuff we did last month

Club members were involved in a variety of activities in May and June.

Another scallop dive on Jim's boat. Unfortunately, Jack misplaced a bag of scallops (I sympathize because I have done the same thing) and became exhausted searching for the bag. He was the first to utilize the oxygen - newly available on Jim's boat - as a precaution. Fortunately, Jack remained symptom free.

It is always great to have Alvin aboard because he is an excellent at shucking scallops. (He is also a nice guy)



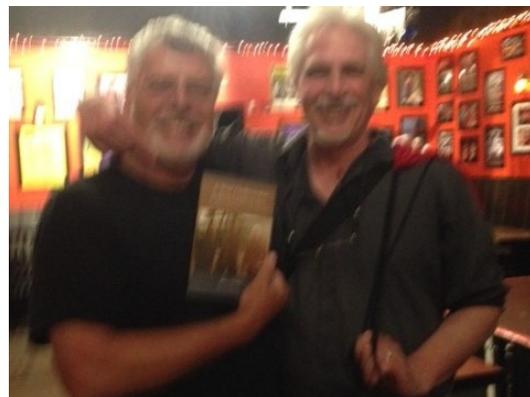
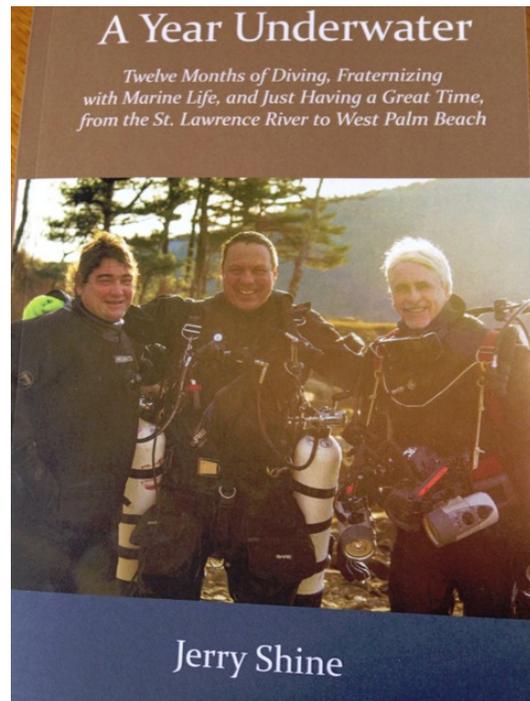
Divers getting out to hunt scallops, lobsters, and fish on President Jim's boat. The divers are doing well and harvesting a bounty.



As the weather has warmed, the number of divers showing up for Sunday dives has dramatically increased. Although there have been a few problems with equipment malfunction or loss there, at least, have been no injured divers. Hunting from shore is slowly improving. Unfortunately, I have no images from under water for this AB.

Other recent activities attended by some of our members were the launch party for Gerry Shine's new book, *A Year Underwater*. The reviews are great. Jim won a proof copy for answering a trivia question correctly.

Jim also attended World Ocean Day and modeled an antique diving helmet. He really brings out the best in the helmet. Angelo Correnti, from the South Shore Neptunes; and Jim Nannery, from the MWDC also attended. Details of the event will have to come from them.



A service story by Jack Munro

TULLIBEE

In 2003, Tullibee had its first reunion. Several people had tried to organize them before, but it was a no-go. My son-in-law, at the time, Paul Lambert, was very computer savvy and we managed to get in touch with many of the crew members and organize the first reunion. Now we hold reunions every 2 or 3 years, whereas before, they were every 5 to 6 years.

Between 1400 and 1500 people served aboard Tullibee from 1960 to 1992. I served from December of 1960 - November 1963; my first job was as a mess cook, replacing a guy who was killed in a motorcycle accident. I noticed, within the first hour of being aboard, that I had many bosses, given that I was an E2. The two cooks, DelRocko and Jamieson, were my bosses, but the real boss, was the Chief of the Boat (COB).

Chief Shelton (COB) took me around the boat to meet the crew. There were only about 12 or so there; the other 20-40, including the Captain and Executive Officer (XO) were away. We were in dry dock at the Sub base having a new sonar device installed and a few other miscellaneous repairs. In port, there was always cleaning and painting to do before going back to sea.

The COB and several chiefs showed me my first qualifications drawings and a list of things I would have to know to get qualified in submarines. After a week or so on the boat, I was introduced to Tullibee's engineering officer, LT.

Commander Wes Harvey, who looked an awful lot like my father. Later on in my qualifications, Captain Harvey showed me around the low level reactor compartment and introduced me to the nuclear engineer's back aft. Some months later, still during my qualifications, Captain Harvey was transferred to the USS Thresher SSN 593 in Portsmouth, NH.

The Thresher was in Dev. Group II with the Tullibee and had the same sonar equipment, amidships torpedo tubes, and sound-proofing equipment as each other. There was a group of 12-18 scientists who rood both boats since the Thresher was a new class of sub and Tullibee was the test boat for all new things; we shared both civilians and crew for many years and operated together. During my early days on the Tullibee, I had actually taken care of Captain Harvey's kids, as well as others. USS Thresher SSN-593 was lost in April 1963 with 129 crew and civilian. At this year's Tullibee reunion in Portsmouth, NH, Captain Harvey's son and daughter-in-law came and I had the chance to meet and talk with them. It was great thing after all these years, to

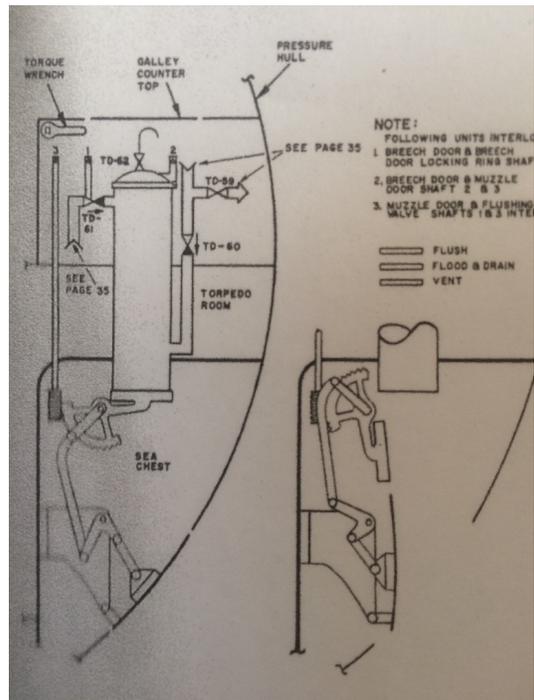
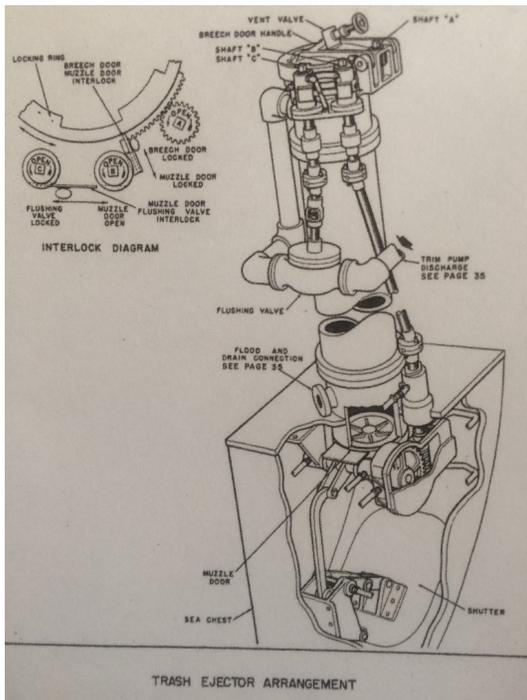
meet again.

**NOTE: Qualifications on submarines is a 6-12 months time frame in which you master all of the systems on the boat. Even though submarines are 365 to 530 feet in length and 34 feet in diameter, they are still called boats and the senior enlisted man is called Chief of the Boat (COB).*

Submarine crew and divers share many things in common; even after 50 years submariners still share events and stories of life on the boat. Compared to crews that work on surface craft, crews on subs are extremely close because they must learn all the systems to get qualified. Not only is it submerged, but a submarine is 50 times more complicated than a surface craft because of all of the systems they needed to be learned, all of the functions of the boat, and knowing where they are on the boat if an emergency happens. In short, we depend on each other for our lives and when something goes, we react immediately.

One such instance occurred one night, while out at sea. It was around 10 pm, the cook and I were finishing our chores for the night; the last thing for us to do was load the garbage into a weighted nylon bags and wire them shut. Subs have a small garbage ejector in the galley; a mini torpedo tube with an inner and outer door which gets opened after permission from the control room. We checked to ensure that the outer door was shut – we were at 150 feet – and we started opening the inner door. Before we opened it, water started pouring in and we, in turn, pushed against it with everything that we had, managed to get in closed, putting the locking bolts back in place. It happened so fast and water came in so quickly and we had to act together, in unison, to shut the lock and then notify the control room and auxiliary crew. When we came to the surface, we found part of an old bag jamming the outside door. Once that was removed, the Garbage Disposable Unit (GDU) was back in operation. This was a perfect example of why qualifications are a #1 priority on submarines.

See Jack for an explanation of images below - if desired.





Meeting Summaries

Mary Howard, Secretary



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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