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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!

"The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever."

Jacques Yves Cousteau

Hi Froggies and friends

It's three am. I can't sleep. Nine months have passed since my decompression

hit and I'm still not totally recovered. Haven't been underwater since. Experts tell me never to dive again. I'm not so sure. I pick up Jerry Shine's latest book "A Year Underwater". I find myself face to face with a torpedo ray at Foley Cove, watch a Sea Raven engulf a crab, interact with a sea horse at the Heron Bridge. Hundreds of mating horseshoe crabs are at my feet in Delaware, giant sea stars and fields of Northern Red anemones are my companions in Maine, flashing fluorescent pink squid of Back Beach surround me! I finish the book at 5am. I feel better and I'm convinced that shallow, brief dives on nitrox will be in my future. I must return to the sea. Thank you Jerry Shine!

Diver of the Month for June is Susan Copelas. She brought together over 65 women divers in Gloucester. A successful event raising funds for Women Divers Hall of Fame scholarship fund. She continues to introduce and inspire many young women to develop a love of the ocean!

Member of Month for June is Bill Werner. He is always willing to help at every event, renting grills, buying food, cooking, washing dishes, doing some plumbing and finally realizing that he just does not fit in a 'pup' tent.

Diver of the Month for July is Annette Spaulding. What a great camping, diving, canoeing, kayaking, and snorkeling trip for the club she brought together at her home in Vermont. She was always planning events and she was attentive to everyone. She never sat for more than 4.5 minutes. Yes, Ray did time her.

Member of the Month for July is Vinny Egizi. Vinny, along with Ray, was instrumental in organizing the Vermont trip. He also has been a regular at most of the Sunday shore dives, demonstrating the quickest way from car to ocean. Quite limber for a big guy, eh!!

Keep diving and stay safe 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 between 7:30-8 AM at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly; depart for dive site at 8 am.

Meetings:

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

- Sunday, Sept 17th: Baystate Council Treasure Hunt, NSF and MWDC picnic
- Saturday, Sept 9th: 8 am at Foote Brothers, Canoe and kayak with picnic lunch.

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.

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

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

Member's Corner



DIVER OF THE MONTH JUNE

Susan Copelas

Susan organized the very successful WDHoF diving event at Stage Fort Park. Over 65 women divers attended...along with some very well known men who showed up to support them. It was a fun event. Thank you Susan!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH JUNE

Bill Werner

Helping out at events by renting a grill, cooking (with lots of help), and unclogging a toilet.





DIVER OF THE MONTH FOR JULY Annette Spaulding

Annette once again opened her home to about 20 Froggies and their families for a wonderful 4 day adventure in Vermont. We dove and kayaked at various locations in the Connecticut River.

Annette planned meals, purchased food, and prepared fine cuisine for us. She also planned the sites for divers. (We did help) Annette is opening her home to us again next year.

Thank you Annette!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH JULY

Vinny Egizi

Vinny is a frequent Date-at-8 dive participant. He more importantly was the primary organizer of the very enjoyable excursion to Vermont. He sent out many emails to encourage members to sign up, along with emails to let everyone know who was on the list. He is currently following that up as the collection coordinator for the "Thank you" gift for Annette. And he cooks too....



Fun stuff we did last month

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

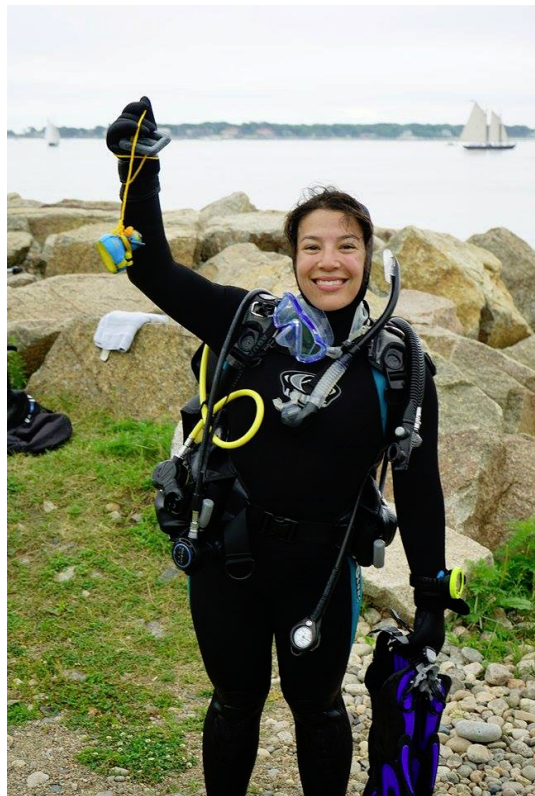
WDHoF Event 2017

The Women Divers Hall of Fame sponsored fund raising events to raise money for their scholarship fund. Susan Copelus organized the local event held at Stage Fort Park on July 15th. The event was supported by the NSF providing grilled food, salads, fruit (gotta try to keep it healthy), and desert. We rented a grill and with the support of John Pelosi, Ray Porter, Mary Howard, Jim and Linda D'Urso, Bill Werner, and Jim Nannery (I hope I did not miss anyone); we managed to feed everyone. Thanks to Donna Jansky and John Pelosi, we were able to purchase most of the food from a Restaurant supply warehouse. President Jim and Linda also purchased desserts, watermelon, and other stuff.

The MWDC also provided support and donations. Thank you Jim Nannery. The event was also supported by our local celebrities, Jonathan and Christine Bird, Andy Martinez, and Jerry Shine.

Ellen Garvey had a tent filled with some of her beautiful hand made glass pieces and Ron Blaise had a separate tent with his incredible hand made pens.

The turnout was great, with many divers in the water. The photos show just some of the activity. Susan really did a tremendous amount of work to make this a very successful event.





Vermont 2017

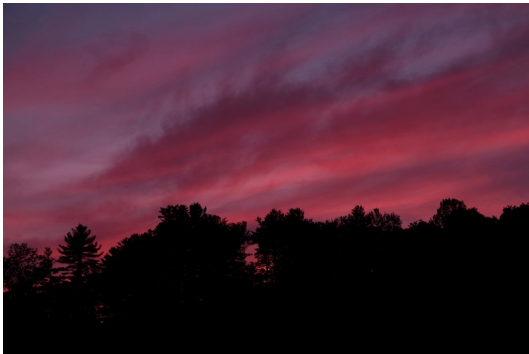
For 4 days at the end of July, about 20 Froggies, family and friends went up to Annette's home in Vermont. There, many of us camped out in tents, or roughed it in trailers or even in actual bedrooms. Where ever we stayed, we had loads of fun! Annette is a fantastic host. She planned dives in the Connecticut River, kayaking, and fabulous meals. She even let other people help...although with some resistance. After diving or kayaking, we went back to Annette's to prepare dinner and hang around a campfire to tell jokes and tall tails among other things. Of course, what transpired in Vermont stays in Vermont!

The divers can describe their adventures. The dives are not deep and consist of searching for antique bottles, Petroglyphs - in some locations, remains of old bridges, landings, or other structures. Most of the bottles pulled from the water are recent and considered trash...but the rare finds can be beautiful antiques and worth a lot of money. Either way, it is fun for the divers.

For those who do not dive, there are other activities such as kayaking or canoeing. This allows exploration of remote areas to see wildlife such as various birds, turtles, frogs, and beavers. The beavers becomes aware of us long before we see them and we only catch a glimpse of them as they dive into the water.

Many more pictures were taken but there is only limited space in AB.





Actual Local Diving

We did have divers in the water. Below, we are at Lanes Cove. This is a beautiful and popular site. It can be a dangerous entry without cautious attention to footing. The rocks are slippery, especially at low tide with the tide going out. Jim Barbara is smart and now wears Yak Trax which actually still allow him to fit his fins over them. This is a great site for lobsters - John can attest to that, but those who follow John might disagree... It is also one of the sites where it is not too uncommon to see a Torpedo ray and even the occasional Goose Fish.





Above: divers meeting at Burger King at the Sunday Date-at-8. Divers after a successful day on the ocean on President Jim's boat. Jim may not be able to dive currently but he still loves being on the ocean. When not fishing, he works even harder than he did when diving helping the divers he takes out on this boat!



Meeting Summaries

Mary Howard, Secretary



I will catch this section up in the next issue...

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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