

# Air Bubbles

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Frogmen's Club

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## Message from the President:

**Vinny Egizi**

Hello Froggies,

It is a great honor to have the opportunity to serve as your President during this milestone year. 2018 marks two anniversaries worth mentioning. First and foremost, this is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this great club and I look forward to seeing what the club members decide to do to celebrate our long history. I am sure the events will be well planned and attended, but remember, the club is only as effective as its members make it, so please attend our meetings, participate as much as possible, share the work load, and have your ideas become reality. Secondly, this marks my 10<sup>th</sup> year as a certified diver and NSF club member; the later I give full credit to Arnie Pettiglio and Paul Sauvageau, who both promoted the NSF as the group to be part of. Their advice was well justified and it has been a pleasure being a Froggie for the past decade as Treasurer, Secretary, enthusiastic diver, and now President.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jim D'Urso for serving as El

Presidente for the past two years and projecting a never ending enthusiasm for the sport. His passion in and out of the water was evident in everything he did for the club. Also, thank you to everyone who participated in planning a fun and successful 2017 Banquet and congratulations to our newest NSF Life Time Members; John "PBR" Sears, Mary "Always Contrary" Howard, Graham "Yes Ham" Smith, Jim Follis, Richard KinKade, and Ralph Arabian. Your annual dues will be missed, but remember the Dollars Box is still mandatory for members!

Let's make this a great year.

Vinny Egizi

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## Upcoming Events

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

### **Sunday Dives - Dive with a buddy!**

Meet every Sunday between 9:30-10 AM at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly; depart for dive site at 10 am. (Winter Hours)

Meetings:

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

- Thursday, February 8th: Ambon presentation by Ellen and Mike Garvey
- Saturday, February 24th 10am: XC skiing, snowshoeing, or hike (snow cover dependent)
- Thursday, March 8th: Diving Accidents and Nitrox presentation by DAN's Peter Buzzacott
- Saturday & Sunday, March 10-11: Sea Rovers
- Saturday, March 17th: Saint Patrick's Party at Ray and Mary's. Time to be confirmed.
- Thursday, March 22nd, 7pm: Dinner meeting at British Beer Company, Danvers
- Saturday, April 14th, 10am: Easter Egg Dive and Hunt, Stage Fort Park

- Sunday, April 22nd: Earth Day dive and cleanup at Niles Beach, Gloucester
- Saturday, April 28th, 10am: Dim Sum in China Town, then IMAX film or 2 at NEAQ

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.

**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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## **2017 President's Banquet**

### **Recognition of Members Who Made It a Huge Success!**

The 2017 President's Banquet was a great success. I hope all who attended agree. We had a great turnout with many Froggies in attendance along with a great group from Whitney and Undersea Divers and members of the North Shore Divers. Jim was very optimistic about high attendance numbers and he worked very hard to insure success.

The success of the banquet was due in large part to President Jim D'Urso's very hard work. Jim was very active in contacting people and encouraging them to attend. He also designed and ordered the wonderful towels used as MOM and DOM awards. He made many trips to check on awards and to select the dinner menu. (Linda and I helped)

Linda D'Urso also deserves recognition for her amazing contributions to the Banquet's success. Linda designed and shopped the components for the magnificent center pieces. She also single-handedly organized the displays for the raffles. (She repeatedly declined offers of help). Finally, Linda wrote and delivered the game of Right-Left for possession of the table center pieces. It appeared everyone enjoyed the game.

Ellen Garvey and Mary Howard also deserve recognition for the terrific work they each did on the video and photo contests. Both required a large

investment of time from each of them.

There were many other people who also deserve credit for the Banquet's success. The people who showed up early to set up the room and those who stayed late to clean up and put tables and chairs away. Thank you all! Finally, attached is a photo of the award given to President Jim D'Urso for all his contributions to the club for the past two years. I, as Vice President, selected his award but then I forgot to give it to Jim during the banquet...you know...when everyone was still there...

Bill Werner



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**PHOTOS FROM THE BANQUET**





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Ellen Garvey worked very hard to produce the video displayed at the banquet. The video was a summation, in photos and videos, of the events the club and its members participated in during 2017.

Please contact her if you would like a copy.

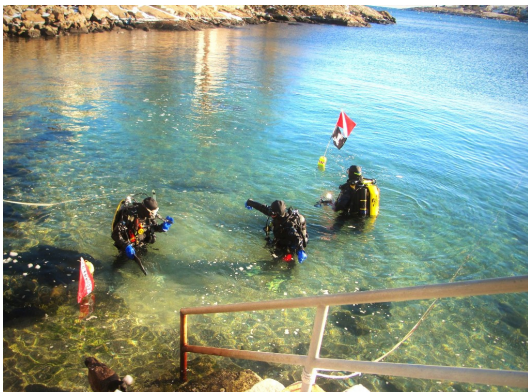
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## NEW YEARS DAY 2018

This year's New Year's Day Dive was a cold one. With 1°F air temperature and sub-freezing water temperature, it was one of the coldest by far. However, the sky was clear, the water was calm, visibility was clear, and the shore support was ready to help. Divers included Jim Barbara, Jack Monro, Daryl Findlay, Andrea Dec, and hopefully future Froggie Daniel Anaya, who all made it in and out of the water safely, albeit quite cold. Shore personnel were on hand to provide coffee, Munchkins®, and hot water to thaw out the fingers and toes. At the Garvey's after dive party, the hot lobster bisque and roaring fire helped thaw out both divers and support personnel.

What a great way to kick off the start of a new year.

Perhaps in the next issue of AB will include photos from the after-party...if any are available. This could be a case of "What happens at the after party stays at the after party"







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## Diving in Grenada, Hurricane Tragedy, Ocean Protection

by Susan Copelus

Every time I think about diving my heart flutters. When I am on the beach, my heart flutters and when I feel that first cold sensation on my ankles my brain says..."at last, what am I going to see today?" I feel like a kid in a candy store as the most popular saying goes. This fall I had a trip to Dominica planned with a group of 18 people. Due to the horrible hurricane that leveled the island, we rerouted to Grenada and what a pleasant surprise, it exceeded my expectations. I am still trying to decide what dive I liked the best...diving the reef and looking over to find the other divers surrounded by a school of squid, or surfacing after an hour dive and looking down as I waited for the boat, just to see a huge string ray with a baby just swimming out from underneath it and taking its first lap around its mother before settling on her back. Perhaps the dive that seemed lack luster at the beginning but then we arrived to an area where under every single shelf was either a shark tail, shy octopus, timid moray, or local crustacean. One of my favorite dives was the famous sculpture park. I had seen photos of it, gone to lectures about it and even spoke to the artist and installation expert at a lecture last year but it all pales in comparison when you are diving amongst life sized figures. What was the artist thinking, why was this piece of sculpture chosen, what might be the artists next creation?

One has to stop and say, we are fortunate to have these opportunities due to conservation efforts from others that all these treats are still here for us to see. But what are we doing as individual divers to make sure we are doing our part? I had the good fortune to visit St Georges University while I was there. The dive shop owner, Christine Fenny, co-owner of Eco Dive was giving a lecture to the school of vet medicine to a group of students who specialized in large marine mammals. The lecture was on the Shark and Ray 2020 initiative that the island is striving for. After seeing that huge ray and baby being born I was pleased to see that perhaps due to this initiative it had been spared or was it just a matter of time?

Right now Tonga, one of the neighboring islands, is #1 exporter in the Caribbean of sharks to Japan. Even though the prime minister of Grenada has verbally supported the initiative, Japan offered 13 million dollars to the island to let the sharks be poached after all. I am not sure how much if any went in his pocket and how much money was passed down to the locals, but don't people



realize that we have to work hand in hand to preserve these animals? It is a balance between using the oceans as a food source, maintaining people's livelihoods, and over fishing; which ultimately is drastically changing the eco-cycle that in turn hurts us as divers. If we stand at the side lines and watch others take shells, coral, over fish and turn our backs on what is happening, aren't we just as guilty as they are by doing nothing? There are a lot of organizations out there whose mission statement focuses on preservation of the environment; perhaps you could consider doing your part either through conservation efforts or financial support? If we want to see these awesome things when we dive, they aren't going to continue to be there if we don't personally take an active role in securing their safety.

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ON A SADDER NOTE: The North Shore Frogmen lost 3 past members in 2017...

Captain Dave Dodge  
Lonnie Letourneau  
Frank Sardone

May they rest in Peace

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## Bay State Council of Divers Information

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# EDUCATION SECTION

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

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

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

We have scheduled the date of Saturday, April 28th for an excursion to China town and The aquarium IMAX theater.

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## **Member's Corner**

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## **DIVER OF THE MONTH** **December** **Jim Barbara**

The December Diver of the Month goes to Jim Barbara (aka Sunday Dive Coordinator). Besides getting in the water during the frigid time of the year, Jim's ever informative weekly dive coordination, complete with weather, tide, and recommendation information, ensured all members were well prepared to enter the water. In addition, Jim's coordination and communication regarding the New Year's Day Dive was also greatly appreciated. Thank you Jim.

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**MEMBER OF THE MONTH**  
**December**  
**Linda D'Urso**

The December Member of the Month or "MOM" goes to Linda D'Urso, who acted like a wonderful class mom and helped El Presidente plan a terrific Christmas Banquet. Linda's contribution to the ticket sales, centerpiece creation, event set-up, and overall coordination was beyond outstanding. Thank you Linda for making this a well-attended and fun event.



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**DIVER OF THE MONTH**  
**January**  
**Jack Munro**

The January Diver of the Month is Jack Munro. It is less of an honor and more of a certification of insane behavior as Jack braved the 1°F air temperature and sub-freezing water temperature as the only wet-suit diver on New Year's Day. Jack mentioned that he used to get paid to do things like this but now does it for fun. Thank you Jack.



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**MEMBER OF THE MONTH**  
**January**  
**Ellen and Mike Garvey**

The January Member of the Month goes to both of our warm weather members; Ellen and Mike Garvey. During the month, the Garvey's opened their



beautiful home and offered their hospitality to the club by hosting both the New Year's Day Dive Party (complete with Lobster Bisque) and the Annual Planning Meeting. It is great to have such dedicated and organized members such as the Garvey's who always step up to help. Thank you Mike and Ellen.



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## Fun stuff we did last month

Club members were involved in a variety of activities in October and November...

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# Actual Local Diving

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There were a few stalwart divers who braved the cold winter temperatures and ventured into the water on the Sunday dives. Daryl and Jim B have been the most consistent. As noted above, 4 divers entered the water on New Year's Day.



## Meeting Summaries

### Mary Howard, Secretary

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#### **NSF Minutes – January 18, 2018**

8:01PM to 9:17PM

Attendance: 13 total members, including 3 officers

#### **Events schedule:**

- 1/20 – Celebration of life for Dave Dodge – Margaritas at 79 Main St, Keene, NH 2-5PM
- 1/25 – Photo Society meeting. Member will show photos of his safari trip to Botswana.
- 1/27 – Planning meeting at the Garvey's house 1PM, soup will be served.
- 3/8 – Peter Buzzacott – DAN Director of Injury Monitoring and Prevention – 3 possible topics: High altitude physiology; Lessons from the first 500 accident reports; Inherent risks of mixed-gas diving; Thrill of the Hunt, lobster hunting. Jim will get back to him, find out what he's talking about at Sea Rovers.
- 3/9 – Dive with Peter Buzzacott. All are welcome.
- Sea Rovers, March 10-11

**Secretary's report** for 1/11 accepted as read.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

- Jim is working on year end data, still has a few things pending.
- Has taken on a few membership duties: welcome letters to new members, has been taking membership applications. Will try to find out why previous members don't re-up.

- Reminder to do the annual tax forms.

#### IT report:

- Daryl is requesting submission of more stuff for Facebook page. Send info to him.
- Daryl wants to get more updated photos on the webpage.

#### Committees:

- Note that Events committee and Air Bubbles committee are low on the “committee” aspect.

#### Old Business:

- Need to be thinking about prep for Sea Rovers. Daryl has a 27” monitor for video or slide show. Follow up with Whitney about possibly joining forces.
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – still need to check on cruise options. Will get back to the Club.

#### New business:

- Ellen received an email about a special price for hoodies. Interested right now? Probably not. We’ll put more effort into something for the 60<sup>th</sup>.
- Waivers? Jim B. is interested in requesting everyone sign a waiver. Since he is acting as the dive coordinator, he would like us to do that. Susan can get the Club a copy of her professional waiver that we can check for options.

#### Dive Talk:

- Sunday: Daryl – the storm brought a huge lot of debris to the Dog Bar, the parking lot was washed out and no sand on the beach, loose rocks hard to traverse. Dock parts/large timbers in the water, lots of stuff still floating, low viz, didn’t see much. Jim B said it was “not my best dive.” He got caught on debris, tangled in a loooong shoelace-like string. Air 20°F, water 36°F, 22 min dive, windy, cold out of water after dive. (Undersea went to Niles where the viz was said to be 25’.)



- Ellen and Susan went to Martinique, just got back this afternoon. 81°F!  
They had a good time, stayed at a hotel and used a couple of dive shops. Good diving: lots of morays, octopus (most chill ever!), unlimited bottom time, great colors, huge turtle, arrow crabs, drums, surprisingly full of life and color, no trash anywhere. It is a French island, so benefits from being “part” of France. Direct, cheap flight from Providence. Susan is working on setting up trips.

Raffles:

\$\$ box – Ellen Garvey

Mystery – Meg Tennissen

Bug Bag – Jack Munro

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## Dive Travel Opportunities

February 24-March 3, 2018	Bonaire with Undersea Divers
March 24-April 3, 2018	Fiji with Undersea Divers
November 3-10, 2018	Bonaire with Undersea Divers
December 1-8, 2018	Little Cayman with Undersea Divers
January 17-26, 2019	Maldives Live-aboard
March 2-9, 2019	Bonaire with Undersea Divers
June 8-20, 2019	Tubbataha to Atlantis Dumaguete

Please contact the trip provider for full details and sign up.

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