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Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore
Frogmen's Club

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**Message from the
President:**

Vinny Egizi

Dive, Dive Dive!!! It is that time of the year again when all Froggies should be getting into the water (not just the frigid few). This is a perfect time to dive as the water is warm enough for a good wet suit, visibility is good, and the kelp has yet to cover everything. So please join Jim Barbara and your other dive

buddies on Sunday mornings (meet at 8:30am at the Burger King parking lot), and dive.

Looking back to our April activities, the Easter Egg Dive at Stage Fort Park was well attended and was followed by a very fun party at Dodie's house; with lots of hot tub action. Susan Copelas gave a very interesting presentation on Martinique and gave the Froggies details and first option to attend the trip she is planning for next year. On Earth Day, we helped the planet by cleaning up the ocean and sand at Nile's Beach in Gloucester (collecting many pounds of trash), and the following weekend we helped Palmers Cove Yacht Club by performing our annual float cleaning.

We now look forward to our May activities, of Dim Sum in Boston, New England Aquarium iMAX film day, and the annual Canoe Trip down the Ipswich River. In addition, we continue plans for our 60th Anniversary Celebration on August 25th (save the date), and the annual VT Dive Week from July 28-Aug 4 at Annette Spaulding's (with another fun day at Hops In The Hill Beer Fest at Okemo Mt.). If you plan on joining us for all or part of this fun annual event, please let me know soon at vinnymass@yahoo.com so we can plan.

Upcoming Events

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

Sunday Dives - Dive with a buddy!

Meet every Sunday between 7:30 and 8 AM at Burger King on Rt. 128 in Beverly; depart for dive site at 8 am. .

Meetings:

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

- Saturday, June 30th, 9am: Canoe/kayak on the Ipswich River, Meet at Foot Brothers, 230 Topsfield Rd, Ipswich, MA. Rent or bring your own.
- Saturday, July 21st, 8am-Noonish: Women Divers Hall of Fame, Stage Fort Park
- Saturday, July 21st, 11:30am-3pm: Great Annual Fish Count, Stage Fort Park
- Monday, July 30-Sunday, August 5: Vermont Week of kayaking and diving with Annette.

Meetings start at 8 pm; 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.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER CRUISE

Save The Date – 25 August 2018

The 60th Anniversary Celebration planning is ongoing. We will be on the top deck of the Beauport Cruise Ship from 6-9 pm. We will be having a Buffet dinner.

Along with the 3 hour cruise (think SS Minnow), we have added a pre-cruise drink and appetizer gathering at the Topside Grill, located at 50 Rogers Street, Gloucester. Appetizers will include: Mushroom caps, crab cakes, chicken wings, bacon wrapped scallops, and a cash bar.

For those interested, we can return for a post-cruise social gathering.

Tickets and further details will be available as we get closer to the event so please stay tuned.

Bay State Council of Divers Information

EDUCATION SECTION

Northeastern Marine Science Center Lectures

Murphy Bunker, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908

Salem Sound Coast watch

Salem Sound Coast watch has many other activities listed on its website: www.salemsound.org

New England Aquarium – IMAX Films

Times for April 28th

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| • Galapagos 3D: Natures Wonderland | 12 and 3 pm |
| • Oceans 3D | 10am, 2pm, 4pm |
| • Pandas 3D | 11am, 1pm, |

Dim Sum with/without movies again?

Member's Corner



DIVER OF THE MONTH

April

Ricardo Caivano

Ricardo has been a very active diver in the club for a number of years. As the diving season has been getting underway, Ricardo has participated in each event and weekend diving, as well as the non-diving events. His very positive attitude makes every event enjoyable just being around him. At this year's Easter Egg Dive, Ricardo tied for first place with eight eggs.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

April

Dodie Carvalho

The Member of the Month for April is Dodie Carvalho. Although not around for the New Year's Day Dive party, Dodie did host a very fun party after the Easter Egg Dive. The party was well attended by the Easter Egg divers and the usual suspects, including a short visit by Jerry and Marlene Sutherland. Dodie and Ron served up a terrific clam chowder for all to enjoy and opened up the Jacuzzi for some late party relaxation. Thank you Dodie and Ron.

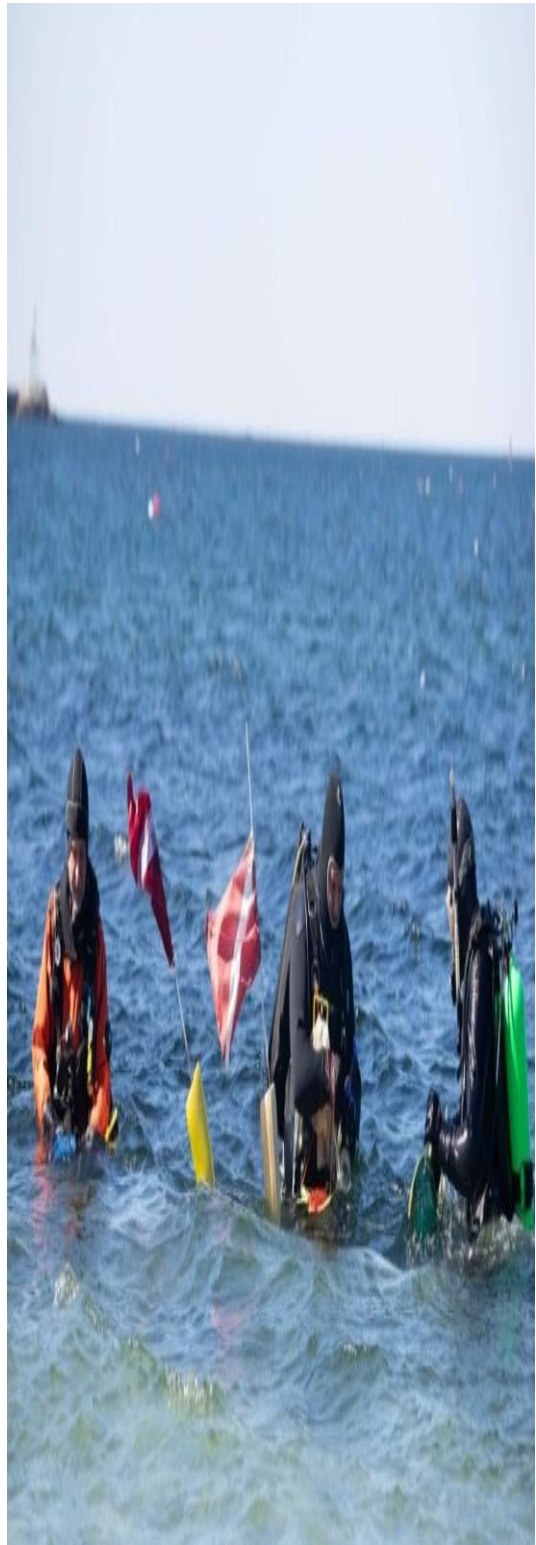


Fun stuff we did last month

Club members were involved in a variety of activities in April...

On April 14th, the NSF held an Easter Egg hunting dive off the beach at Stage Fort Park. After 48 eggs were laid in the ocean, 8 intrepid divers entered the cool water to search for said eggs.

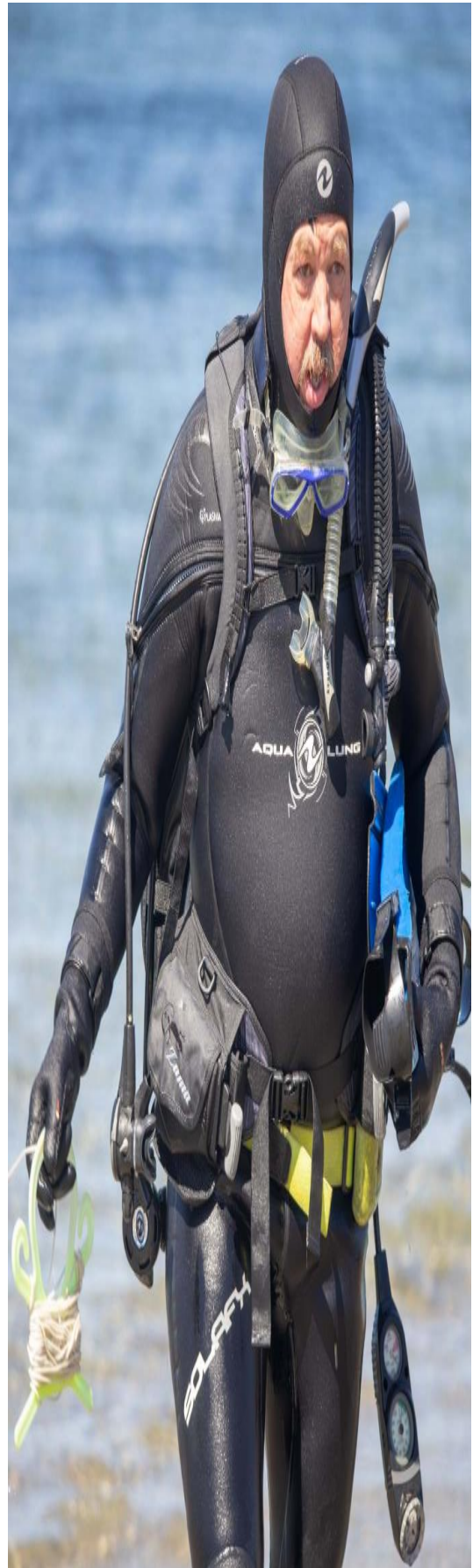






April 22nd was Earth Day. The NSF participated in a beach cleanup, including underwater, at Niles Beach. The AB editor was not able to attend this worthy cause but I understand it was quite successful with divers and shore support collecting a large quantity of trash for proper disposal. It appears someone either found a treasure chest...or trash. Great job participants!









On April 28th, the NSF members were at PCYC to scrape accumulated growth off the underside of some of the docks. Due to the short notice for the event, we only had 4 divers in the water and members who provided topside support. The weather was great and we did have fun. As usual, PCYC took care of us for lunch and drinks.













A Day to Remember by Susan Copelas

Yesterday started like all the other dives this week, meet at 830am hop on the boat, get to the dive site, get a briefing and hop in to see what the wonders of the sea will offer. I had no idea that my dream since I was a little little girl would become a reality, this day, this moment. Just as the DM was done with the briefing, the boat hand yelled WHALE SHARK!! Remember when Gramps did that when we were on the boat trip on the Lady Angela? I looked in the water and yelled GRAB YOUR MASK as I dashed (more like flew through the air) and jumped in. You only have about 3 seconds before they leave and I didn't want to miss those three seconds. Little did I know, we had a cute 18-20 ft. whale shark that must have stumbled on a good feeding area and loved our bubbles and wanted to play. We all played for about 1/2 hr. We weaved in and out of the snorkelers and came right up to my mask to max 8-10 inches from my face before turning to the side....several times!! He got so close to people we actually had to move out of its way as he was too close for comfort for some people....it was amazing... then he left, our moment was over. We were all yelling and high fiving and just living in the moment. BUT...just in case it was below, we quickly got on the scuba gear, and jumped in with the hopes of seeing him again, he greeted us as we took the plunge and stayed with us off and on most of the dive. The poor Dm was pointing out these little critters and we were all looking up, in hopes of seeing the big shadow. Little did we know, as we were doing our three minute safety stop, he made another appearance and frolicked in all our bubbles as we off gased. A dream come true. We hopped back on board and said good bye as he traveled out to sea. As we were in the bow of the boat having lunch and sharing stories I asked the DM if they thought the whale shark would come to the next dive site, she said they

have never been seen there and they only come maybe once every three years to the Tioman area so probably not, they have all just passed through on route she said and we talked about their routes and the best time to dive in this location. I knew my moment was over.....then the boat captain yelled WHALE SHARK and it came right for us! The whale shark pulled up alongside the boat (all is this is on the surface and came right up to me....like one foot away and opened his mouth like he wanted to join us for lunch. I once again yelled GRAB YOUR MASK and back in the water we went! We repeated the playing on the surface for about 20 min then got our scuba gear on and he joined us in the water for the second dive as well. At this point I became very concerned as it just isn't their nature so I began looking for fishing line and perhaps it was looking for help...but no, he just wanted to play.

The whole encounter lasted close to three hours with lots and lots of footage from the go pro (thank you Nick Woodman). My third dive was with a friend of mine on the other side of the island looking for a certain type of goby that are less than an inch long...yes; I was blessed once again with witnessing firsthand the wonders of the sea.

I hope the whale shark is still there for all the other dive boats that are headed out there today to be able to experience what the 12 of us got to see. What a great way to end my lovely stay at B&J Dive Resort on Tioman Island in Malaysia. Until next time.

Actual Local Diving



Meeting Summaries

Mary Howard, Secretary

NSF Meeting, April 5, 2018

Start: 7:59PM to 9:08 (including presentation)

Attendees: Guests including Mike MacDonald and girlfriend Annie, Luigi, Louis, for a total of approximately 26 attendees, including 3 officers

Program:

April 14: Easter Egg Dive at Stage Fort Park, with party following at Dodie's

April 22: Niles Beach clean-up and dive for Earth Day. Finatics will be diving at the Dog Bar, but maybe they will join us for the beach clean-up.

Dive Talk:

Louis was diving in Antigua, saw ugly fish, pretty fish and tasty fish!

Andrea has been diving! Today at Folly Cove, great viz. Last Saturday dove at Cathedral and Folly.

PRESENTATION: We had a great presentation by Andrea Dec with her gorgeous pictures of nudibranchs, and by Mike MacDonald about gear and photography and diving at Pierce Island.

Raffles:

\$ box – John Marren

Mystery Prize – Meg Tennissen

Bug Bag – Ray Porter

NSF Meeting, April 12, 2018

Start: 8:15 to 8:45PM

Attendees: 10 members, including 2 officers

Program:

- April 14: Sat - Easter Egg Dive and Party – in water at 10AM
- April 19: Thu - Susan and Ellen – Presentation on Martinique
- April 22: Sun - Beach clean-up and dive for Earth Day at Niles Beach
- April 26: Thu - Photo Society
- April 28: Sat - Float Cleaning at PCYC, 10AM in water

Dive Talk:

Daryl dove Saturday with Andrea and friend. Went to Cathedral, but it was too rough, so dove at Folly Cove which looks much different after the storms which have changed the beach and the access. Low tide. Lots of life!! 15 nudis, stalked jellyfish, sea raven, horseshoe crabs. No lobsters. There were about 6 other divers there because it was the only quiet place.

No raffles:

NSF Meeting, April 19, 2018

Start: 8:07PM End: 8:17PM NOT including presentation

Attendees: 19 members, including 3 officers

Program:

- April 22: Sun - Beach clean-up and dive for Earth Day at Niles Beach
- April 26: Thu - Photo Society
- April 28: Sat - Float Cleaning at PCYC, 10AM in water -- Dim Sum previously scheduled for this date will be rescheduled!

Dive Talk:

- Ray, Jack, Vinny, Bill, Ricardo, Meg, Daryl and Jim B dove for eggs last weekend and had a good time. Party at Dodie's was GREAT as usual.
- Adam was in Barbados two weeks ago, did 6 dives, didn't bring his camera. Dove two wrecks, masts covered in sponges. On the last dive they saw humpbacks so Adam got in water without scuba. 30 ft whale went by about 10 feet below him, and there was a baby with her! NO CAMERA! Whales migrate through there between 3/15 and 4/15. Food and diving not cheap.

Susan and Ellen gave a nice presentation of their scouting trip to Martinique. Great pics by Ellen. – Susan has a trip scheduled to go back with a group. Let her know if interested.

Raffles:

\$ box –

Mystery Prize –

Bug Bag –

Dive Travel Opportunities

November 3-10, 2018

Bonaire with Undersea Divers

December 1-8, 2018

Little Cayman with Undersea Divers

January 17-26, 2019

Maldives Live-aboard

February 10-17, 2019

Martinique with Susan Copelus

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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