



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

October 2019

President's Message

By: Ray Porter

The first mission of the North Shore Frogmen's Club is to serve its members. We did this by surveying the members to identify the events they were interested in and entered them into the club calendar. We also have a mission to support the education and training of divers. This mission is key to our commitment as a non-profit organization.

To meet this commitment, the NSF Club provides time, energy and resources to support two educational and training events. The Sea Rovers is the only educational and training conference and exhibition in New England. We support this event through our participation at the exhibition and attendance at the conference. The NSF also provides support to the Women's Hall of Fame Dive Day. We support this event through our commitment, in kind, of food for the event. This event supports the WOF scholarship fund to provide training to a new group of divers. I am pleased with the support the club gives to our members and the dive community. I hope you share this commitment.

Member Recognition

By: Ray Porter

Each month the President recognizes club members who have provided assistance that supports a club activity or event. Their assistance is critical to the success of the NSF Club. The Club officers can only do so much so I greatly appreciate the assistance I get from these members. I would like to recognize the following members and divers for their participation over the past several months:

- **July Member of the Month - Andy Martinez:** Andy provided a presentation from his trip to Figi. Speaker nights are always big nights at the club and it was great to have Andy share a bit about his trip.
- **July Diver of the Month - Susan Copelas:** It was a busy month for Susan as she led the Women Divers Hall of Fame Dive Day. The club supported Susan by providing a cookout for the participants. Susan also coordinated the Club's participation in the Great American Fish Count the week prior.
- **August Members of the Month - Jim and Linda Durso:** Jim and Linda hosted a fabulous Woodstock pool party. The weather was cool so not many swam in the pool, but the party was HOT!
- **August Diver of the Month - Annette Spaulding:** Once again, Annette hosted about 20 divers at her home in Vermont for a week of diving, kayaking and feasting. Her energy and excitement about diving along the Connecticut River and nearby lakes is infectious.
- **September Member of the Month - Daryl "Fin" Findlay:** Fin is a key player in the functioning of the club. He has been keeper of the video equipment, making it available whenever a speaker is on the schedule. Thank you Fin for all that you do for the Club.
- **Diver of the Month - Brianna Upton:** Brianna has not been with us long (new member this year), but it has been hard to keep her out of the water. Upon being certified as a PADI Open Water Diver, Brianna has been on a boat dive, the Vermont trip diving the Connecticut River, and beach diving in Rockport. On a trip to Aruba, she earned her Advanced Open Water Diver certification. Way to Go!

Meeting Summaries

By: Mary Howard

July 04, 2019

Happy Birthday America – no meeting.

July 11, 2019

Beach Meeting at the Egizis – great turnout!

July 18, 2019

No minutes submitted. Andy Martinez was the presenter.

July 25, 2019

Undersea Divers Photo Society – no meeting.

August 01, 2019

Attendance: 10 members + 1 guest. **New Business:** Ray mentioned 2020 Sea Rovers show and whether we wanted to have a booth again next year, and if so, could we okay \$325 pmt to hold our spot. This is the “early bird” price. Vinny made a motion to make the payment, and it was seconded and passed. The NSF President’s Banquet will be held on December 7th. Details to follow. **Old Business:** Women’s Dive Day was last weekend: 143 registered attendees. NSF dispensed 110 burgers and 70 sausages. Vermont week starts TOMORROW. First day is Friday (or later). Hops in the Hills is on Saturday. Annette has planned a lot of diving and kayaking for everyone. **Dive Talk:** John dove at Lane’s Cove: tangled flag; lots of lobster pots; John was skunked! Vinny dove at Straightsmouth Cove: he had compass issues; got lost; no bugs. Vinny and Adam dove at Castle Rock and found a nice dive spot. **Upcoming Events:** 8/2 through 8/9 – Vermont week; 8/8 – Dinner Meeting @ Danvers 99; 8/15 – Panel on Lobsters and Lobster Diving; 8/22 – “Fun” Meeting; 8/24 – Dursos’ Woodstock Pool Party; 8/29 – Photo Society, no NSF meeting; 9/15 – Club Picnic and BSC Treasure Hunt; 9/19 – Ed Uditis to speak on Wrecks; 9/21 – Seal Dive with Cape Ann Divers II. **Raffles:** Dollars Box- Jack Munro; Mystery Prize - Steve Leverone; Bug Bag - Jack Munro.

August 08, 2019

Vermont Week and Dinner Meeting at Danvers 99.

August 15, 2019

No minutes submitted. Lobster Panel.

August 22, 2019

Attendance: 14 members. **New Business:** Remember to bring non-perishable food to the picnic (no glass!) for the Gloucester Food Bank. Air Bubbles is scheduled to go out 9/30/19. Get your articles and photos to Vange Egizi ASAP. Two new member applications: Charlene and Michael Toohey of Salem, NH. Applications received by mail, all in order, including C-cards and payment. Bill Wimsatt made a motion to accept them as our newest members, seconded by John Ferrier, passed. Welcome Charlene and Mike! Mike Garvey brought in a couple of boxes of old Froggy documents given to him by Art Channel's daughter. Vinny will peruse the info and scan some of it for posterity. **Old Business:** The Club Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 15 at Stage Fort Park. This is a joint picnic with MetroWest Dive Club. This event is free for members of both Clubs. Non-members are asked to pay \$5 per person to partake. The Bay State Council Treasure Hunt is scheduled for the same day, in the morning. Consider participating, they have great prizes. **Dive Talk:** Vinny, Daryl, John F., and Adam met at Burger King. They went to Lane’s Cove where it was VERY low tide. East Coast Divers showed up with about 20 divers. John and Daryl stayed at Lane’s and Peter G was there. There was 5-6 ft viz., no lobsters. Daryl said it was a good dive, though almost trampled by ECD group. Vinny and Adam went to OGB,

it was murky with decaying kelp but they got 2 lobsters. Bill Wimsatt dove in Hawaii with Kauai Niihau divers. Saw endangered monk seal, gray shark, awesome wall with swim-throughs. The Group did some fun diving in Vermont in the CT River. Jack found an old steam whistle, Vinny found an ice saw. Susan dove at Spofford Lake with Ginny and they exited safely during a thunder storm. **Upcoming Events:** 8/24 – Dursos’ Woodstock Pool Party; 8/29 – Photo Society Meeting; 8/29 – Jill Heinerth will be speaking at the South Shore Neptunes’ Club meeting in Quincy; 9/15 – Club Picnic and BSC Treasure Hunt; 9/19 – Ed Uditis of Historical Dive Society speaking on the Squalus; 9/21 – Seal Dive with Cape Ann Divers II; 9/26 – Photo Society. **Raffles:** Dollars Box - Ellen Garvey; Mystery Prize - Mary Howard; Bug Bag - Bill Werner. **Entertainment:** After the meeting we watched a video on the underwater creatures in St. Vincent.

August 29, 2019

Undersea Divers Photo Society – no meeting.

September 5, 2019

Attendance: 10 members. **Announcements/Discussion:** Randy Jezowski, former member of the North Shore Frogmen’s Club, died on Sunday; Dawn posted information on Facebook. Dive Boat Tragedy in CA; the dive boat Conception burned over Labor Day weekend; 33 dive customers and 6 crew were on board - only 5 crew members survived. John Desmond is in the hospital with intra-cerebral bleed, occurred Saturday.

Mary gave brief update on status of the “Rockport Issue;” continue to update Jim Nannery with any information on confrontations, and with copies of any permits pulled; use \$2 bills with diver dollars written/stamped on them; Dave Stillman will see if he can find out about any more town meetings. Linda thanked everyone who came to the Woodstock Anniversary party, especially those in costume. **Dive Talk:** John F, Bill Werner and Daryl went to OGB. Looked like poor viz so John left. Bill and Daryl stayed to dive, Bill stayed in 80 minutes. Bill Werner was on Jim D’s boat with Ricardo last week. Cold at depth. Dove at House Island where Ricardo got 2 lobsters, and at Children’s Island he got 3 more, one about 4 lb. Bill went with his camera. John S. went out with Jim later in the week, water was warm, got a couple of bugs. Vinny dove in Hawaii, off Waikiki Beach, with Dive Oahu. Wreck dive to 108 ft on scuttled Chinese cargo ship. Second dive he saw five turtles, lots of fish, eels, not much coral. **Upcoming Events:** 9/15 – Club Picnic and BSC Treasure Hunt; 9/19 – Ed Uditis of Historical Dive Society speaking on the Squalus; 9/21 – Seal Dive with Cape Ann Divers II; 9/26 – Photo Society; 10/3 – Dinner Out; 10/5 – Possible Maine Hike; 10/17 – Bill Werner will give presentation on his trip to the Philippines; 10/18 – Possible Corn Maze Trip; 10/27 – Pumpkin Carving and Cookout; November – Nominations for Club officers; 12/5 – Elections and Photo Contest Voting; 12/7 – NSF President’s Banquet; **Raffles:** Dollars Box - Mary Howard; Mystery Prize - Al Morris; Bug Bag - John Sears.

September 12, 2019

Attendance: 10 members. **Business:** President Ray brought up a couple of discussion items: Should we continue to have a photo contest despite limited submitters? Answer is yes. Suggestion made to include a non-member category to see if members of the Undersea Divers Photo Society would be interested in submitting photos. There could also be a category for photo-shopped images. Would these photos also be on the ballot? The Banquet is coming up. Vange made a reservation at Acapulco, and paid a deposit of \$250, to hold our banquet there again this year. Motion was made (Bill) and seconded (Susan) for club to pay that amount to Vange. The Picnic is this Sunday. John S. will get some bottles of “cheer” to raffle. Ray will man Vinny about also having some dive gear. Ray hopes to sell remaining T-shirts and hoodies. Bill is getting the grill, MetroWest will get the bulk of the grillable food, and there will be a double-burner stove. Bring salads, appetizers or dessert to share. Bring non-perishable food for the Gloucester Food Bank. **Dive Talk:** Brianna dove in Aruba where she had a great time, did 5 dives, and got her PADI Advanced Scuba certification. Vange was also her flight attendant on the way back to Boston! Bill. and Daryl, dove at OGB two weeks ago. It was warm, but they did not see the mola-mola. Alexine dove Friday at her favorite spot, Plum Cove. She saw 7 big lobsters with eggs. It was beautiful, just before Dorian (hurricane). **Upcoming Events:** 9/19 – Ed Uditis of Historical Dive Society will speak on the Squalus; 9/21 – Seal Dive with Cape Ann Divers II – sign up; 9/26 –

Photo Society; 10/3 – Dinner out – where? Maggie’s Farm, Ipswich Brewery, Ithaki Greek in Ipswich? 10/6 – Maine Hike; 10/10 – Bill W. will give present on the Philippines; 10/18 – Corn Maze; 10/27 – Pumpkin Carving and Cookout; November – nominations for Club officers for 2020; 12/5 – Elections and Photo Contest Voting; 12/7 – NSF President’s Banquet at Acapulco Restaurant in Beverly; Air Bubbles deadline is 9/15. Undersea Divers end of season sale is October 12 & 13. **Raffles:** none

September 19, 2019

Attendance: 20 members + 20 guests. **Raffles:** Dollars Box – John Ferrier; Mystery Prize – Scott Hartland; General – Joe Maletz. **Presentation:** Ed Uditis of Historical Dive Society lectured on the Squalus.

September 26, 2019

Undersea Divers Photo Society – no meeting.

Froggies Have Been Busy...

By: Vinny Egizi

July 11, 2019 – Beach Meeting in Beverly



20+ Froggies, family, and friends attended the July Beach Meeting at Independence Beach in Beverly. It was a fun meeting with a great view of Beverly Harbor, a grill for cooking, and snacks to share. We played cornhole and had great conversations. Once the sun went down and the mosquitoes came out, several Froggies went to Vinny and Vange’s house for a backyard fire and drinks.

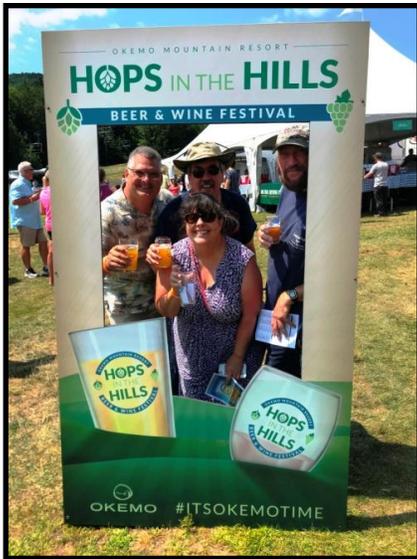
July 18, 2019 – Presentation by Andy Martinez on Figi and Tonga

Andy Martinez presented at our July 18th club meeting on his latest trip to Figi and Tonga. As always, Andy’s amazing photography combined with his inspiring presentation skills made for an enjoyable and informative evening.

July 27, 2019 – Women’s Hall of Fame Dive Event

The second annual Women’s Hall of Fame Dive Event, organized by NSF member Susan Copelas, was held at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, MA in July and once again the Froggies volunteered to provide a BBQ lunch for the event. Although a lot of individual effort went into the preparation (getting the food, renting the grill, preparing side dishes, etc.), the impressive part was the coordination of the club members as they flawlessly and efficiently served sausages, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, watermelon, and salads to ~150 hungry divers and visitors at the event. The grilling show included a four person crew of Froggies vying for grill space as we toasted buns, flipped burgers, rotated sausages, and dealt cheese slices like a pro dealer in Las Vegas. This fun event was a good example of how the North Shore Frogmen work well as a team both in and out of the water.

August 2-9, 2019 – Froggie VT Week



Thank you all very much for making this year's NSF VT Dive Week a success for the 26 people who spent part or all of the week at Annette's house. The weather gods were looking over us for much of the time with good favor, but they did get angry a couple of times. However, we were able to get at least one dive in each day Sunday-Friday. The generosity of drinks, deserts, coffee, and bagels did not go unnoticed either. On Saturday, several Froggies attended the Hops in the Hills Beer and Wine festival at Okemo Mountain.



We were lucky to escape the midday sun by squatting in someone else's tent until they returned several hours later to reclaim their spot. Diving was very



diverse and interesting throughout the week. Except for the murky waters on Sunday's dive, there was clear visibility on all the other dives (sorry Brianna and Bill). Many artifacts were found from an old logging mill at Sumner Falls and many years of debris below the Bellows Falls Dam. We also recovered one of the Spofford Lake resident's mooring chain; part of a steam engine brass thingy; an old ice saw; and many other fragments. The *effort award* goes to Annette and Bill for using a 100-pound and a 50-pound lift bag to haul up a shaft and spoke assembly from the bottom of the Connecticut River, below the dam, as it was being pulled downstream by the current. Thanks to the Walpole Fire Department, we had a daily air fill station and the donation of \$5/tank went to a local charity. Lots of great kayaking for both divers and non-divers alike!

August 8, 2019 – Dinner Out at 99 Restaurant



For those who did not attend the NSF VT Dive Week, or had returned already, the club hosted a Dinner Night at the 99 Restaurant in Danvers.

August 15, 2019 – Lobster Hunting Forum

The club had an abbreviated meeting on August 15th, followed by a lobster hunting forum, chaired by Vinny Egizi, Adam Hartnett, and John Ferrier. Ray Porter followed an agenda which prompted questions and conversations regarding the rules, regulations, equipment, and techniques for capturing our favorite seafood. While today it's considered a delicacy, lobster was once a poor man's food. Because of its overabundance, people quickly became tired of the shellfish and only fed it to animals, prisoners, and indentured servants. However, lobster became a popular luxury food in the late 1800s and remains one to this day.

Aug 24, 2019 – Woodstock Party at the D'Ursos



September 15, 2019 – Bay State Council Treasure Hunt and Froggie Picnic



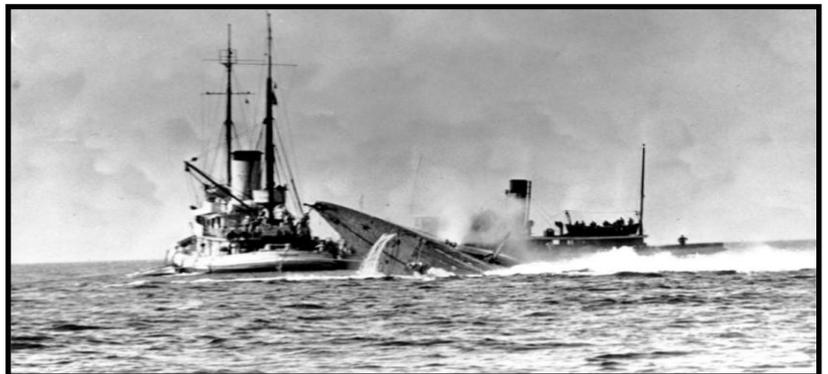
This year's combined Metro West and North Shore Frogmen combined picnic was a fun event. A big thank you goes to Bill Werner, who worked with Metro West to set up the tent and prepare the grill. Vinny Egizi and Mike



Qui handled the grilling of hot dogs, burgers, and sausages, while Ellen Garvey fought for grill space to toast her buns. While members of both clubs enjoyed a complimentary lunch, the \$5 collected for non-members covered all the costs of the event. During the BSC Treasure Hunt, Mary Howard provided surface kayak support, while newly advanced certified Brianna Upton participated in the event.

September 19, 2019 - Presentation by Ed Uditis on Raising of the USS Squalus

Ed Uditis presented at our September 19th meeting on the tragic sinking of the USS Squalus submarine. In 1939 the Sargo-class submarine USS *Squalus* (SS-192) sank off the coast of New Hampshire during a test dive. On May 23rd, the diesel-electric submarine went down resulting in the death of 26 sailors; 33 survived. Ed described the events that led to the sinking, and the heroic process, equipment, and diving skill required to save the survivors and lift the submarine from the ocean bottom 240 feet below.





Got Hoodie?

The Froggie sweatshirts are a big hit. If you have one and are wearing it, you are making a fashion statement. If you are not, there are still a few left size L, XL, and 2 XL. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Please contact Ray or email officers@northshorefrogmen.com.



Bill Werner emerges from Old Garden Beach. Photo by fellow diver, Daryl Findlay.

Cool NY Times Article

By: Ellen Garvey

Creepy Anglerfish show an array of surprising behavior. The part about the males and mating is particularly weird. (Now I've got your attention!)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/29/science/anglerfish-bioluminescence-deep-sea>

NORTH SHORE FROGMEN'S CLUB, INC

Incorporated May 9, 1928
Amended:
August 17, 1968 April 12, 1981 April 19, 1981
Revised: April 2, 1993, April 1, 1997

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization is the North Shore Frogmen's Club, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. This organization shall never be affiliated with any organization or group which advocates the overthrow of any government or any other law or water regulations consistent with the training and experience of its members and for any other legal purpose.

ARTICLE III - AFFILIATION

Section 1. To train members in the technique of shallow water diving, the sport of underwater spearfishing, underwater photography, exploration, rescue and salvage, and the proper use of all associated equipment.

ARTICLE IV - POLICY

Section 1. The North Shore Frogmen's Club, Inc. shall at all times be and remain an organization of qualified sport divers.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The minimum age requirement for membership is the age of eighteen (18).

ARTICLE VI - DUES

Section 1. The annual dues of \$120.00 shall be payable on January 1st or March 1st. If full dues are not paid by March 1st, the Treasurer shall notify the member in writing the amount of his indebtedness, and payment not received by March 31st, such member shall be suspended from all regular meetings.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The government of this organization shall be vested in the Board of Officers.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS

Section 1. The annual election shall be held at the first regular meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings will be held at the discretion of the Board of Officers.

ARTICLE X - OFFICERS

Section 1. The following President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Officer, for sections rendered by the Board of Officers shall be given free dues for the term of their office.

ARTICLE XI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall have the direction and control of the affairs of the Club.

ARTICLE XII - OFFENSES, PENALTIES, AND PROCEDURES

Section 1. All charges must be preferred against any individual member of the North Shore Frogmen's Club, Inc. by the Board of Officers.

ARTICLE XIII - CLUB DUES, REGULATIONS, AND OFFENSES

Section 1. No member shall discipline. Penalty First Offense: financial donation of one month's suspension of membership for at least one month.

ARTICLE XIV - FINANCE

Section 1. All members responsible (21) or over shall be a financial, written document (personally executed and over by them) to the North Shore Frogmen's Club, Inc. from any liability whatsoever while and members, his or her membership to said organization.

ARTICLE XV - CHARTERS FUND

Section 1. A written application for membership shall be submitted to the President and Membership Committee and committee in the month of two or more members, each correctly holding an office within the club, approved within one month of the annual elections, their 3 months waiting period and membership application shall be submitted by the President and Membership Committee at the general membership meeting for a regular business meeting for a vote thereon.

ARTICLE XVI - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Any member requesting a Leave of Absence must apply in writing stating when Leave Absence must apply in writing stating when it will end. Said application must be approved by the Board of Officers for their recommendation before presentation to the membership.

ARTICLE XVII - RESIGNATION

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Blast from the Past!

Thanks to Mike Garvey, we now have many historical records, club information, and items of interest from the past from Art Channell. Art was a long term member of the club and Treasurer for many years.

Here is a copy of the North Shore Frogmen's Club, Inc. By-Laws amended in 1967 with some handwritten notes in the margins.

Section 2. The appointive officers shall be composed of the following: Public Relations, Judge Advocate, Sergeant-At-Arms, House Manager and Dive Master.

Section 3. The Board of Officers shall consist of all the elective officers.

Section 4. The Secretary shall have the direction and control of the affairs of the Club.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall have the direction and control of the financial affairs of the Club.

Section 6. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings and perform such other duties as are required by the President.

Section 7. The Judge Advocate shall act as legal counsel of the corporation to all divisions of law concerning the By-Laws, generally manages the club's quarters, with reference to classification, club supplies and general upkeep cost of the funds allocated to him by the body. He is accountable for all the funds in the performance of his duties and

must submit accurate reports at all meetings. His records shall be audited upon the termination of his office by the President and Vice President.

Section 8. The Safety Officer shall supervise and direct all safety measures for the club members. During emergencies of any type and at all public demonstrations, he shall have full and sole control of supervision of the activities of all the club members, and is empowered to issue and enforce all orders consistent with the emergency at hand. He shall appoint a Dive Master who will control and supervise the Club Dives and during emergencies or Public Demonstrations will collaborate with and be subject to the orders of the President.

Section 9. The House Manager shall be responsible for the maintenance of the club quarters and shall have a talk at least once a month at a regular business meeting on any subject pertaining to diving safety or related information.

Section 1. All charges must be preferred against any individual member of the North Shore Frogmen's Club, Inc. by the Board of Officers.

Section 2. All charges must be signed by not less than three (3) members in good standing, unless preferred by the President whose signature alone shall be sufficient. All charges shall be verified before one qualified by state law to administer oaths.

Section 3. Charges may be preferred against an individual member of the club for any of the following:

- Violation of the obligations contained in any oath taken by reason of the member's affiliation with this organization;
- Breach of trust reposed in a member by reason of his acceptance of office, either elective or appointive;
- Conduct unbecoming a member of this organization;
- Conduct the probable effect of which is to bring discredit to this organization;
- Conviction of a felony under the laws of any state;
- Refusal to obey the lawful orders of any other officer, or an order of the Board of Officers;
- Failure to attend or participate in club activities during Club Dives and activities.

Section 4. All other reasons and amendments to be marked Article XII.

Section 5. Charges based on any of the grounds enumerated herein before shall be instituted and prosecuted in writing and in clear and concise language the facts alleged to constitute a violation and the facts alleged by the President. Charges against the President shall be filed with the Vice President. The President's charges shall be placed in the U. S. A. copy.

Post Office, registered and a return receipt requested of the person shipped.

Section 2. All charges shall be heard before the Board of Officers who shall sit in a judicial Commission and who shall have all and full authority to decide and render judgment on any and all charges against any member of the Club. Advocate shall act as legal counsel and trial attorney for the Board of Officers at such hearings on charges.

Section 3. The accused shall have the right to be present and to be heard by the Board of Officers. The accused shall have the right to be heard by the Board of Officers. The accused shall have the right to be heard by the Board of Officers. The accused shall have the right to be heard by the Board of Officers.

Section 4. When diving with a partner and you become separated for a distance of two minutes you must both surface and remain so if Diver A does not surface within two minutes after Diver B surfaces, Diver B must then proceed to the surface first if he is able to do so. The bottom and surface time should then be started by the two men with the diver who surfaces first. The diver who surfaces first is responsible for the actions and safety of their group. Both divers must be present at the surface. The diver who surfaces first is responsible for the actions and safety of their group. Both divers must be present at the surface. The diver who surfaces first is responsible for the actions and safety of their group. Both divers must be present at the surface.

Section 1. The minimum age requirement for membership is the age of eighteen (18).

Section 2. Any person shall be eligible for membership in the club who is at least 18 years of age, both parents and legal guardian, and also furnishes a residence in the club area.

Section 3. No member shall be charged with the maintenance of his or her membership dues or dues that may come to said minor charges pending the termination of his or her membership in any of the activities of this organization.

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Section 2. The initiation fee for new members is \$50.00 and will be submitted with the application for membership. Dues commence with the first dues paying month after applicant has been accepted to membership. After applicant has been accepted to membership, the initiation fee shall be paid in full at the time of acceptance.

Section 3. Membership renewal will require payment of an initiation fee plus full payment of dues for current year.

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Woodstock 2019

By: Jim & Lisa D'Urso

Our Vasgur's Farm at 22 Sheffield Drive, Peabody was invaded by a bunch of hippies on August 24th. We were excited that so many came to celebrate a great summer's day and the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock. We had about 60 hippies; approximately 40 were Froggies and their families. The others were friends and several members of the North Shore Divers Club. We were delighted to see the many tie-dyed shirts and various 60's attire; even the food was designed with various Woodstock symbols. Creative

food award goes to Becca for the VW Bus fruit & the Peace watermelon fruit bowl. Everyone wore Woodstock era outfits but special honors goes to Dodie & Ron with their unique 'hairdos.' We shared the generous supply of food that many brought as well as our own lobster mac & cheese and eggplant parmigiana. We ended the evening around the fire pit as the day cooled down and had a hose ready to protect Dodie's 'hair,' *just in case*. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did. Peace and love to you all!



USS Squalus Presentation

By: Susan Copelas

On May 23, 1939 the United States Navy launched their latest masterpiece, the USS Squalus only to end up on the ocean floor within two minutes after starting their practice drills. Ed Uditis, board member of the Historical Dive Society, came up from CT with a car loaded full of artifacts associated with the event to share his Navy issued video and talk to us about the “inside scoop.” This particular story has always been a fascinating one to me, not just because of the “firsts” that were needed to rescue the crew but the back-side story I had heard years before this one by Prudy Randell, owner of the only cottage on Lunging Island, part of the Isle of Shoals, an oasis where I would take my children for a week every summer to share her precious island gem. Over many freshly caught mussel dinners, as the sun was setting and we would light the candles due to lack of electricity, she shared her island experiences...she was there the day this happened, she was actually there in her boat, watching and praying that the sailors would get out. She was there to hear the shouts of victory when they opened the doors of the rescue bell for the first time containing the rescued men. I heard her back stories of the heroic efforts, the constant attempts to raise the sub, how she helped the men, the role she had as a land owner on the neighboring island. This is the first time I put two and two together. Uditis had an original Munson Lung for us to see the simplicity of it, he had pictures of the configuration of the rescue bell invented by Lieutenant Commander Chuck Munson and Commander Allan McCann for us to see, he talked about the improvement in dive equipment for the last 70 years and how we now have rebreathers and can be in the water safely for hours at a time. He set the tone and brought us back to the late 30’s when this happened. Jack Munroe and Alvin Williams brought a model of the helmets that were used during the rescue from the Dive Locker Museum in Gloucester, so we could see how heavy and cumbersome they were. It is truly amazing how far the equipment and field of diving has come. We have gone from the the Munson lung, to rebreathers that have gone to close to 1000 feet and rescuing teams of soccer players lost in a labyrinth of caves. I think it important, that we all stop and press pause, and spend time thanking our predecessors for the advantages we have today. Afterall, “when you take a bite of fruit, ju st remember who planted the tree.” Ed, Jack and Alvin, thank you for your participation and making this evening, truly a memorable one.



Celebrate Women Divers Day July 28 2019, Massachusetts

By: Susan Copelas

The 10-day weather forecast is out...partly cloudy, mid 70's a cheer goes up...perfect weather for the Celebrate Women Divers Event in July... HORRAY!! Pre-ticket sales were strong so if all goes well, we might break another world's record and WE DID!! We had 5 countries participating this year, FIJI, Dominica, Grenada, Malaysia and of course USA. It was great to see so many newer divers and more cold-water divers as well. Two-time scholarship recipient Breezy Grenier explorer extraordinaire, was slated to do the inspirational kickoff talk but due to a last-minute family emergency, Mary Connolly resident of Women Divers Hall of Fame did the honors of reading her inspiring words. Then all the divers started gearing up and heading to the beach. Marissa Marcoux owner of Cape Ann Charters with husband Matt and 2 yr. old son waving good bye, donned her rebreather after delivering her second child a month earlier. "Nothing was going to stop me from being a part of this historic record setting event." This is exactly what this day signifies...women empowerment! We ended up raising over \$5200 for the WDHOFF Scholarship and Grant Program due to the overwhelming support of our sponsors. The newer divers were hoping to win the Souli3 BCD East Coast Divers so generously donated; the more seasoned divers knew the value of the Aqualung LX Regulator that Undersea Divers donated, and went for that. Faith Ortins not only had a women's only trip as a fund raiser herself but also gave us a \$1000 gift certificate to support her home town New England event. The Atlantis Resort in the Philippines offered a week's trip as one of the grand prizes along with the New England Aquarum donating a very sought-after item.... A dive in the Giant Ocean Tank. North Shore Frogmen came in with another super successful BBQ complete with dogs, sausages and many salads. There were 7 members who did everything from set up the



Mary and Mike Plourde lend a hand at the Women Divers Event in July. They were former students of Susan and she says they are always full of love and energy.

tent, cook the meat and toast the buns." Too many cooks in the kitchen" rang true so several members shuffled over to pinch hit organizing the raffle table...Metro West Dive club once again donated their large tent and a check for \$250 for the scholarship program. We had almost 80 divers in the water which was the largest we have ever had. Next years event will be July 18. Thank you ALL for supporting such a wonderful cause.



2019 Photo/Video Contest “Rules”

By: Mary Howard

Photo Contest Rules

- Submissions are to be made by members of the North Shore Frogmen’s Club *only*.
- Submissions to Mary Howard must be made no later than November 24, 2019.
- Submitted photos must have been taken since October 1, 2018.
- Photos are to be submitted as prints, maximum size no more than 8.5” x 11”.
- Submitted photos may not be matted or framed.
- Please label photos as to orientation (i.e. UP ↑), as there is no guarantee that this will be clear to Mary.
- Note the category on the back of each photo (see categories below).
- Provide any photo titles you may wish to have displayed with your pictures. (Mary will not make up any titles, and titles really add a certain something on the ballot!)
- Maximum of 8 submissions per category per photographer.
- Voting for best photos will be held at the meeting on December 5th.
- Photo Categories:
 - HOME (New England) Underwater
 - Inter-Species Interaction in HOME (New England) Water – does a member of one species live within, eat, move because of, play with or tease another species?
 - DIVE DESTINATION Underwater
 - Inter-Species Interaction in DIVE DESTINATION Water – does a member of one species live within, eat, move because of, play with or tease another species?
 - Above Water category **MUST BE DIVE RELATED**, not just a pretty picture from a dive trip, but must have signs of diving in the photo.

Video Contest Rules

- Length and quantity per submitter to be determined by the person/persons taking on this task. Mary is not qualified. More information to follow.

Photo-shopped Rules

- More information to follow.

Non-members Rules

- More information to follow.

We are looking forward to seeing some fantastic photos from Club members!!

Rockport Issue Update

By: Ray Porter

Not much has changed with Rockport with respect to divers needing permits to dive, although the issues mainly are centered around Back Beach. As a Club diver, when approach by a police officer, be respectful and courteous. Report that you are diving with a buddy. If there is an interaction with a town official or conflict with a town resident, please report that to rockport@baystatecouncil.org, as well as a NSF officer.

Welcome New Members

Charlene and Michael Toohey



WE WANT YOU!

Club election time is nearly here with all four slate positions open for 2020. Per section 10.1 of the NSF Bylaws: Nominations for elective office will be opened with the first regular Club meeting in November and will be closed one week before elections. Any regular member in good standing with at least 1 year of membership is eligible for an officer position. Please consider a leadership role in this great club. Positions available are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. You may nominate yourself or other members of the club. Please attend any upcoming meeting to state your nomination or email to officers@northshorefrogmen.com.

The club can only work with your participation. If you have been a member in good standing for at least one year (as of December), please consider taking a leadership role.

Dinner Out

Thursday, October 3rd @ 7:00PM

A&B Burger – Beverly, MA
(vegetarian options)

Please RSVP by October 2nd

vangiemassagain@yahoo.com

(The Restaurant is requiring a final headcount.)

2019 Annual President's Banquet – Dec 7th **Save the Date**

This year's Christmas Banquet will be at Acapulco's Restaurant in Beverly, MA. Mark your calendars. More information regarding ticket sales will follow.

Next Air Bubbles – January 1st

Please submit newsworthy items by December 15th to Vange Egizi at vangiemassagain@yahoo.com.

The North Shore Frogmen's Club

has business meetings and presentations every Thursday, except the last Thursday of the month, at Palmer's Cove Yacht Club, 74 Leavitt St., Salem, MA. Meetings begin at 7:30PM. There are also social events and weekly Sunday dives!

