



Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

July 2020 (April, May, June Review)

President's Message

By: Susan Copelas

After so many weeks being apart, of uncertain tomorrows and unexpected spots of happiness, it is starting to feel like we are making a slow turn towards aspects of the life we used to know. I am not sure what tomorrow will bring and what the next four months look like, but there are still some "certains": the ocean is still there, we still love diving, and there's no required social distancing underwater. There have been some positives to this pandemic: our online meetings on Thursday evenings have enabled us to get some speakers we might not normally have been able to get due to proximity, busy lives, and travel schedules. We have seen footage from finding a wreck from the Spanish Armada in Scotland to a Civil War vessel. We heard from one of the original aquanauts who worked with NASA and has also invented a coral health monitor. We vicariously experienced shark dives from people who traveled all over the world and shared award-winning videos with us.... and all this from the comfort of our own homes! Now that the beaches and dive shops are open, and boats are allowed to travel with limited capacity, let's take the next step and enjoy local diving with our friends and club members. Our Sunday morning dives are on and several members and I gathered at Old Garden recently with members from other dive clubs. Looking forward to diving with you soon!

Member Recognition

By: Susan Copelas

April Diver of the Month – **Alexine** for her stories of escaping Honduras at the start of the pandemic.

April Member of the Month – **Daryl** for his wonderful, consistent FB posts and computer assistance.

May Diver of the Month – **Adam** was for his invaluable input and knowledge during meetings and being consistent in his weekly tales during dive talk.

May Member of the Month – **Ellen** for hosting the weekly Zoom meetings and for making the arrangements for the speaker (forgot his name) from the Spanish Armada talk.

June Diver of the Month – **Dylan** for his consistent hard work to become a good, safe, cold water diver

June Members of the Month - **Colleen and Joe** for perfect attendance at all the Zoom meetings and sharing their lovely home with us.

Upcoming Events

July 23rd Meeting – Gillis Park, Beverly – 7:00 PM



July 2nd
Meeting at
Gillis Park.
Photo by Daryl
Findlay

The July 2nd, in-person meeting was the first in months and a big success, so we will do it again! The park is located at 40 Porter Street and there is plenty of parking. Please note the 7:00 PM start time. BYO refreshments, chair, sweatshirt, and bug spray. Feel free to support a local business by ordering take-out. Social distancing will be practiced.

August 29th River Dive in Kennebunk, ME

Bill and Beth Wimsatt have graciously invited us to dive from their dock on the Mousam River. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

August 9th-15th VT Camping/Diving Trip

Due to an overabundance of caution, it has been decided that the
“2020 Vermont Camping/Diving Trip will be **CANCELLED**”

MA Division of Marine Fisheries 4/17/20

By: Adam Hartnett

Effective May 1st, recreational Bluefish and Striper (and other) regulations have changed! The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission has approved DMF recommendations to adjust the recreational possession limit for bluefish. Recreational anglers fishing from shore or a private vessel are limited to harvesting and possessing 3 bluefish per day. Recreational anglers fishing from a for-hire vessel during a for-hire trip are limited to harvesting and possessing 5 bluefish per day. These regulations reduce the recreational bluefish possession limit from 10 fish for all anglers to either 3 or 5 fish depending on fishing mode. This action is consistent with decisions of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to reduce coast-wide harvest in 2020 so as to not exceed the recreational harvest limit. Massachusetts' recreational bluefish season remains open year-round, with no restriction on the size of bluefish that may be retained. For more information, please visit the website: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/020720-winter-omnibus-public-hearing/download>.

Tips for Surviving Covid



Tips for Masks

By: Linda
Durso

When your ears hurt from wearing a mask for long periods of time, simply extend the length of the earpieces as pictured.

Tips for Diving

By: Vinny Egizi

The good news is that we can't catch Covid-19 underwater. Following are some Tips from PADI and DAN.

1. Use a mask defogging solution instead of spit.
2. Thoroughly clean and disinfect masks, snorkel, regulators, BCDs before and after use. (Don't just clean the mouthpiece.)
3. Pay particular attention to the disinfecting process when renting equipment.
4. Carry disinfectant wipes in scuba bag.
5. Keep up to date with the latest advice and regulations.

The next Air Bubbles will come out in October. Email submissions to
vangiemassagain@yahoo.com by September 30th.

Spread the Word

Submitted by: Ellen Garvey

Support Our Marine Monument

On Friday, June 5, 2020, the Trump Administration announced rollbacks to protections of the only national marine monument in the U.S. Atlantic Ocean, the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, allowing for commercial fishing in the area.

Roughly 130 miles southeast off Cape Cod, Massachusetts, the Monument protects three massive undersea canyons and four underwater seamounts. Hundreds of different species live in these protected canyons and seamounts, including dolphins, endangered sperm whales, rare beaked whales, and sea turtles, to name just a few.

The New England Aquarium, along with Mystic Aquarium, provided the science that helped establish the Monument and its boundaries. We also regularly survey the Monument—in February we saw incredible biodiversity, including blue whales!

The Aquarium issued a statement denouncing the rollback of protections of the Monument. You can find our full statement [here](#).

Please join us in support of the Monument by signing a digital letter to your congressional delegation by going to the NEAQ website or cutting and pasting the following link:
<https://www.neaq.org/about-us/news-media/press-kit/press-releases/monument-support/>

Check Out This Nest

By: Ellen Garvey

Go to the following link: <https://ecga.org/osprev-cam> to see the nest right behind Lobsta Land. Gotta love it – the pair is named: "Anne" and "Squam." They have three chicks – a record! Two were born 6/14 and one was born 6/15. So now there's something to watch!

A Little Frivolity

By: Ellen Garvey

Enjoy!

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Froggies Have Been Busy!

Roatan Presentation by Dodie Carvalho and Alexine Raineri– April 2nd

Thank you to Dodie and Alexine for presenting on their recent trips to Roatan. Below is a summary on what they spoke about.

Roatan Trip and Shark Dive

By: Dodie Carvalho



I joined Susan Copelas and a group she was leading to Roatan from Feb 22nd to 29th. We were staying at Turquoise Bay Resort, a gorgeous site on the north side of the island, away from the crowded area where the cruise boats berth. It has a pool near the main building, and a long beautiful beach with hammocks, covered tables, bars, and individual cabanas on stilts in the water. Offshore is a long mangrove island which I kayaked around, and then all along the island off shore was a reef visible especially when we had



a storm at week's end. When we'd go diving we passed through an entrance/exit directly off the shore from Turquoise Bay. This was an all inclusive trip and I've got to assure you it included lots of wonderful food AND unlimited drinks. (I was a happy camper!) Off

shore is a reef which borders the whole north side of the island. Roatan has done one of the best jobs in preservation of its coral and they also are involved in coral restoration. They do have Lion Fish but have been actively trying to eradicate them from the area. I enjoyed a Lion Fish hunting course, getting my license to hunt or spearfish them and a spear to keep. The four of us who took the course then went on a hunt dive, and one of us got a lion fish. I got first shot but wasn't strong enough to fully pull the rubber sling to pierce its side. Fortunately another guy got it! The dive master got several as well and we got to eat or taste the fish on our last feast!



One afternoon I went horseback riding and had a tour of the resort. I was lucky and had no one else touring. I learned so much from the guide about the plants and water system for the resort, and enjoyed riding for the first time in 55 years. What fun! Others went mud running on 4-wheelers, and some played with monkeys and sloths. On our last afternoon 10 of us headed out for a shark dive. First we got a briefing of what to expect and directions of what to do and not do (like put out your hands toward the shark). Then we got in the boat. It was driving rain and wind. We had to wear our dive masks to protect our eyes. This boat was not an easy entry or exit for diving, and we had to climb up on the railings and



fall backward overboard. Once off the boat we grabbed a hold and went down an anchored line, lining up in a double row along a reef wall. At first a few reef sharks cruised in along with two kinds of big groupers, and then many more joined them. We then were encouraged to swim around with them. They cruised by us, but obviously were waiting for the free lunch ... not us! As the large groupers passed you could rub your hands along their sides. They were big ... I'd guess at least 18"! They seemed to be all part of a friendly pack. It surprised me that the sharks weren't going after them! They would make a delicious meal! After a period of time they signaled us to return to rows along the wall. The dive master then threw a five gallon camouflage-painted pail with a white lid on it into the sand and reef area. The sharks began circling it with great interest. Eventually one started to bite at the lid. They took turns attacking it and opening it. Once opened the show had me laughing so hard Susan could hear me under water. Several large sharks got the bucket stuck on their head, and they would then shake and shake until the bucket came off and they'd depart with their fish



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head with a few smaller sharks following as if to pick up loose bits. We were told to look for sharks teeth which would fall out as they attacked the bucket, so after the dive we went out to search and we all either found some or were given some by the dive master who found several. We also saw a large green moray and someone saw a seahorse too. This was a wonderful week of dives and fun activities. The resort's personnel are friendly, accommodating, and helpful. I recommend a trip there any day!

Roatan vs. Covid19

By: Alexine Raineri

I signed up for a group dive trip to Roatan about six months ahead of time. Awesome. I went there three years prior and had a great time. Yes, I'd love to go again! Just before the trip, a nightmare hit! You guessed it. The Covid19 came. Several friends contacted me and suggested that I don't leave the country because medical facilities out of the country are not as good as Boston. The trip insurance that I had would not cover cancellation due to the virus. I called my doctor, and the nurse called me back stating that I would probably be safer on that island than in the Boston area because there were no cases of the virus reported. Twenty people were signed up for the trip, but only sixteen people actually went.

As usual the diving was really great. I'm sure that you don't need to be told what you will see in the warm waters of the Atlantic, but I will list a few things. We saw trumpet fish, butterfly fish, drum fish, star fish, rays, eels, corals, sea fans,



and a lot more. Most of the reefs are deep. The usual depths were 60 to 100 feet. Unfortunately, some of the activities were canceled due to the virus. They did the class on hunting lion fish. They taught us how to use a spring action spear, and we got to keep the spears. We were also scheduled to have a class about planting coral to help restore the reefs. I was looking forward to that. Unfortunately, that class was canceled. We were also scheduled to do a shark dive in a different area than we were staying. That was canceled too.



The government told all the dive shops on the island to close. Our dive company had special permission to stay open because our group was already there. The only problem was we didn't know when our flight back to the US would actually leave, the days and times kept changing!

A girlfriend back home kept texting me, keeping me updated about what was going on back home. She told me that our group was actually mentioned on WBZ radio. She also sent me an article in the Boston Herald about how we were stranded and unable to get back home. I was specifically singled out as I am a 67 year old senior with macular degeneration and without my eye injections, I would become blind.

When not worrying about Covid and getting home, we enjoyed our accommodations at the Turquoise Bay Resort. The people there were excellent. It was all inclusive. In addition to the room, it included three meals, a snack, and drinks at the bar. That's incredible! Every meal was buffet style too.

Initially, American Airlines postponed my flight by one week. That was fine with me because I didn't mind staying an additional week. Then American Airlines canceled all their flights because the island was closed to arrivals but not departures. The travel agent told me that the airline didn't want to lose money by bringing an empty plane to pick up passengers. They must have been thinking money was more important than people's

welfare. Then American Airlines wanted to give me a credit instead of refunding my money for the return flight. Yes, I gave them a fight, and I won, and got my money back on my credit card. Ultimately, United Airlines came to the rescue and got the divers off the island. Kudos to United Airlines.

I got home only two days later than originally scheduled. I missed my eye appointment because the hospital canceled my next two appointments. Finally, I was able to go and get my much-needed eye injection, and my future injections are back on schedule. Now, if we could just get some normalcy!

Presentation by Evelyn Dudas – April 9th

By: Vinny Egizi

On April 9th, the Froggies abided by the social distancing guidance, but still found a way to meet via Zoom and were treated to a wonderful video presentation by Evelyn Dudas. Evelyn presented from her home (with Mike, the videographer) and took us on a historical journey of her diving expeditions by showing us her huge collection of artifacts that she has collected over her Hall Of Fame career. The collection contained ships bells, compasses, a sextant, a rope ladder, numerous bottles, china plates, silverware, a soy sauce pot, and much much more. Her collection was nearly as impressive as her memory and recollection of where each piece came from.



“Last Breath” (A Review) – April 16th

By: Vange Egizi

Yes, I know I’m a non-diver so there is a lot I am not appreciating, BUT I felt cheated by the movie. The title had nothing to do with the story, and as amazed as I was that the diver survived, he did so mostly due to luck, and not due to anything extraordinary on his part or the crew’s. Mostly, I did not like that the movie made it appear as if the diver had died, and then lo and behold, he survived! I also did not like the fellow divers and one even remarked how the victim “was just another diver.” Yes, the crew went back for him (although was it as a recovery mission; not even a rescue mission) and it *was* miraculous that he was still alive, but overall the movie was just frustrating and full of cheap thrills.

Game Night – April 23rd

Who knew it could be so much fun to lie? After the meeting, we played a couple of rounds of “Fibbage” – thank you for facilitating this Daryl! Bill Wimsatt won Round 1 and Ray Porter won Round 2. We got to see all the trivia questions on our computer screens and then we answered on our phones – very high tech!

Presentation by Alina Szmant – April 30th



The club was treated to a wonderful, virtual presentation by accomplished diver, Alina Szmant. She spoke about her experiences as an aquanaut and about some of her studies such as on the survival aspects of smaller fish as well as the effects of sunscreen on coral. The link to the BBC video on the female aquanauts is: <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/stories-52198996/nasa-s-all-female-team-of-aquanauts>.

Presentation by Award Winning Videographer Michael Aery – May 7th

Michael shared five short videos and we got to see fascinating wildlife interactions with a manta, crocodile, sea turtle, moray eel, jaw fish, spotted ray, octopus, burr fish, trunk fish, dolphin, southern sting ray, and various sharks. Included in this beautiful videography was his prestigious, first place, Paralenz Award for best video.



Presentation on Discovering a Spanish Galleon Off the Coast of Ireland – May 14th

By: Ellen Garvery



The ship went down in 1581 and was discovered in 1971

On May 14th, North Shore Frogmen hosted Charlie Perkinson who was the Dive Officer of the “City of Derry Sub Aqua Club” in 1971 when they discovered the Spanish Galleon “La Trinidad Valencera” which had sunk in 1588. Charlie is from Virginia, and was living in Derry, Northern Ireland along with a dozen other American families – including mine – while they supervised the startup of a Dupont factory there. Charlie was an avid diver and instructor, and joined the recreational club as they pursued the search for wrecks, lobsters, and other underwater activities.

Charlie described the club as a group from diverse backgrounds (sound familiar?) including a priest and a British soldier – and this during the time of “The Troubles”! Charlie mentioned that much of their diving was in the Republic of Ireland, where the soldier would have been very unwelcome. Most of the members made their own wetsuits, over which they wore coveralls to protect them while diving for lobsters. The club went diving every weekend year round – sometimes from shore, sometimes from boats.

La Trinidad Valencera was the 4th largest ship in the Spanish Armada, and was known to have gone down in a storm in Kinnigoe Bay. The club had been looking for it for 2 years, along with other clubs and commercial divers. One lucky day they spotted a cannon sitting on the sand in 30’ of water 100 yards from shore! Charlie theorized that a storm had recently uncovered the cannon and they were just lucky enough to find it while it lay uncovered.

The club knew it was important to keep the find a secret until they could determine the proper fate for the discovery. They managed to claim it for all divers, and over a decade, the club members-turned-archeologists recovered several bronze cannons, and a myriad of ships parts, implements, and personal items. Of particular note were 2 wagon wheels for land artillery – indicating the Armada was prepared for land battle – a discovery which changed history.

Charlie shared the photographs he took above and below water as items were recovered. While many of the items were temporarily stored in Charlie’s garage, and holding tanks were built by the club to keep the cannon in salt

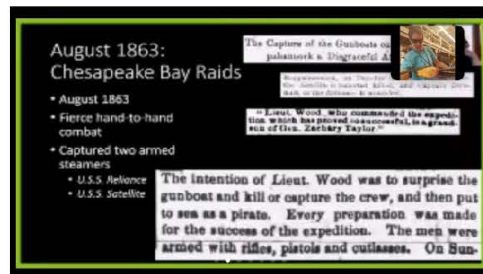
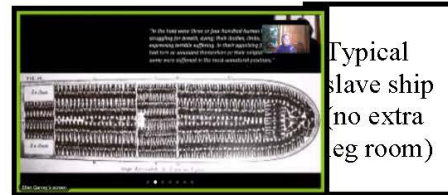
water to prevent deterioration, their final home is now in the “Derry Tower Museum”. Charlie is still in touch with several of his diving buddies, and travels back to Northern Ireland to speak at the museum.

A year or 2 after the discovery, the BBC got involved to make a documentary. Charlie shared more personal stories about the negotiations with the BBC for equipment and access to the wreck. The documentary is available on YouTube in 5 parts – just search for “La Trinidad Valencera”. While Charlie is present in some of the footage he is not featured as he returned to the US before much of the excavation was done. In addition to YouTube, there is a book written by David Atherton - one of the dive club members; the title of the book is – wait for it - “La Trinidad Valencera.”

Unfortunately we had some technical difficulties with the presentation over Zoom, but those who managed to stay with us were rewarded with a first-hand account of an astonishing find.

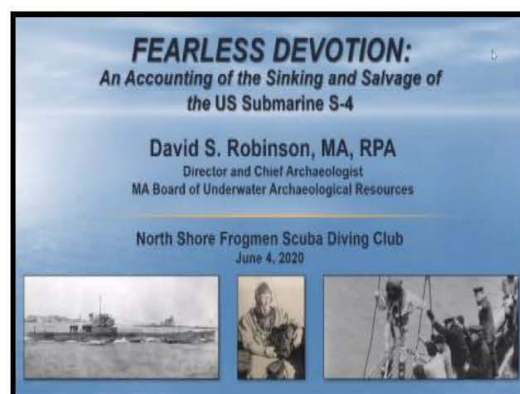
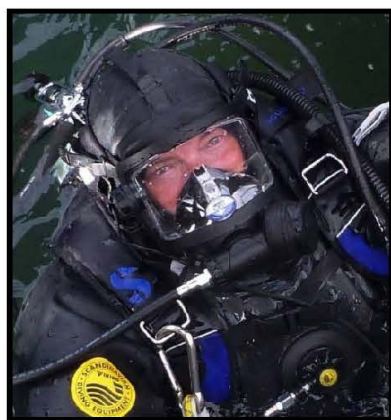
Presentation on the Finding of the Confederate Steamship Tallahassee – May 21st

John Noonan and a team of divers recently discovered Tallahassee's largest prize in the waters off Long Island. In 1864, Lt. Jonathan Taylor Wood's Confederate steamship, Tallahassee, raided the East Coast between North Carolina and Nova Scotia. Wood was a fascinating character in Civil War history who narrowly escaped apprehension by the Union Navy.



Presentation on the Sinking and Recovery of the USS Submarine S-4 – June 4th

Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources' Director, David S. Robinson, gave a talk on the 1927 sinking and salvage of the submarine USS S-4 (SS-109). The S-4 was lost with all hands in 102 feet of water after being accidentally rammed off Provincetown by the US Coast Guard destroyer Hiram Paulding (CG-17), on December 17, 1927. When the S-4 sank, six of its 40-man crew were still alive, trapped inside. The race against time and weather by the US Navy's divers and salvage team to get air-hoses and lines down to the six men became national news. Sadly, however, the rescue attempt failed due to winter gales that made diving impossible. While unquestionably tragic, the loss of the S-4's crew was not in vain, as it resulted in dramatic improvements in the safety of the US Navy's submarine operations. These improvements would prove critically important in the rescue of 33 sailors when the submarine USS Squalus (SS-192) was lost in 1939 off the coast of New Hampshire. The story of the USS S-4's recovery is a personal one for David. His great-great uncle, Thomas Eadie, served as Chief Diver in the effort and was awarded a Navy Cross for his distinguished diving work and the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism in rescuing a fellow Navy diver whose umbilical had become badly entangled in the sub's wreckage.



Scuba Bingo – June 11th

After the meeting, a fun game of Bingo, with a Scuba flare, was enjoyed!

“The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou” – June 18th

Mixed reviews from the club on this Bill Murray classic...

Meeting Summaries

By: Daryl Findlay

April 2, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 3 BOD + 12 members. DISCUSSION: 1) Joe and Adam wpm guessing game. 2) Beach clean-up and float-cleaning cancelled. PCYC asking for underwater surveillance. 3) Susan listened to Silvia Earl and put a link on her Facebook page about “finding your superpower” and Mission Blue. The link to the video we discussed is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpoxqxmqGxGo> 4) May 31st is the scholarship deadline for Teaching Females to Dive. The link for 20/20 Women's Diver Hall of Fame is: <http://www.wdhof.org/wdhof-scholarshipDesc.aspx> 5) We sang Happy Birthday to Dotie who blew out a virtual candle. RAFFLES: Ray was the winner of stuffed Nemo. PRESENTATION: Alexine described her tribulations in Honduras. She did most of her dives but could not do the shark dive. Dotie also described her trip to Roatan and showed her video of diving with the sharks. <https://www.subwaywatersports.com> . Post video, Dotie

mentioned the Caribbean church service and her “Quarantini drink” <https://kiss951.com/2020/03/19/how-to-make-a-quarantini-the-preferred-cocktail-of-the-quarantine>

April 9, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 3 BOD +13 members. DISCUSSION: 1) Vinny gave update on Vermont Dive Week which is August 9(after 2pm) -16th. 2) Susan asked if anyone had shopped at Steve Connolly’s or Undersea Divers to earn extra raffle tickets. 3) Next week’s meeting will be short, followed by the movie: Last Breath. RAFFLES: Bill Wimsatt won the gift card from Undersea Divers. VIN’S VIGNETTE’S: Vinny described how 17 turtles were rescued in MA and released to warmer waters in Georgia to help their chances of survival. PRESENTATION: Virtual tour of Evelyn’s Treasures. Some of the things we saw were: 1) a large lobster claw; 2) from the Andria Doria: the ship’s bell, \$1 bills and plates, and a compass, and 3) a Golden Cowrie shell. In an upcoming virtual meeting, Evelyn’s son Mike might present his accumulated treasure.

April 16, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 3 BOD +12 members. DISCUSSION: 1) “Legacy of the U-53” is being shown by Tenacious on Facebook but requires pre-sign-up: <https://www.facebook.com/Tenacious-2275518302463353/> 2) Nikon is making their on-line classes available for free. “Ask Erin” is providing online Lightroom tutorials. <https://www.nikonevents.com/us/live/nikon-school-online/> <https://www.goaskerin.com/category/tutorials/> 3) Susan watched Expedition Unknown on shipwrecks of Normandy. RAFFLES: Dylan won the lobster wine bottle cork. PRESENTATION: The club watched “Last Breath” about a deep sea diver who was stranded on the seabed with 5 minutes of oxygen and no hope of rescue.

April 23, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 3 BOD members + 7 members. DISCUSSION: 1) Adam Hartnett discussed new Bluefish and Striped Bass regulations. By 2025, you have to use a circle hook. <https://www.mass.gov/doc/020720-winter-omnibus-public-hearing/download> 2) Susan mentioned an article from Undercurrent (magazine). Apparently crocodiles are descending in large numbers on some Mexican beaches. 3) Susan mentioned another article about respiratory damage done after a diver has had COVID-19, and whether or not they can dive in future. 4) Vinny finally updated his dive log. 5) We re-watched a few minutes of Dodie’s shark dive in Roatan. VIN’S VIGNETTE’S: Because of COVID-19, proper cleaning of equipment must be done after diving. (Some of those tips are included in this edition of Air Bubbles. PHOTO GUESS: Vinny won – photo of West Beach. RAFFLES: Colleen Kelly won book with beautiful underwater photos. PRESENTATION: Game Night!

April 24, 2020 (virtual executive board meeting)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 3 BOD members. DISCUSSION: 1) Link to the video of the “aquanauts” · <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/stories-52198996/nasa-s-all-female-team-of-aquanauts> 2) The free Mail Chimp account now only allows for one user. Mary will review the membership email list so only paying members get emailed. 3) Ray has been checking on club’s life members. He confirmed that Linda Peal is fully paid as a life member. Maria Maggio is the other life member we should announce this year, who has worked in several positions within the club. No more brass membership cards or marble blocks. Jim Durso could be the third life member. 4) Vinny has been working on a revised membership form. Susan went through the application and liability release waver. Question about listing how a person heard about the club and if they are a member of another club. The “club use” section can be reduced to include essentials like the certification card. The fourth page does not include the application fee, which was dropped a few years ago. Need to verify that the club bylaws were read, maybe via a check or initial box. Annual dues needs to be mentioned. Will check if bylaws requires dollars box participation, and if so, this should be mentioned in the form. The applicant also needs to acknowledge the local and diving laws. Ray looked at MWDC on-line membership application, which matched what Vinny has updated, but there were some small differences which is good as we need to move to a similar on-line application solution. 5) Susan noted the raffle drawings and their potential profit, and the fact that she has only

has a few more raffle items left. Fin has a few items that can be raffled. 6) We need to promote speakers, 7). We need to protecting our meetings from Zoom-“bombing.” 8) There have been issues with anti-diving signs at some locations. BSC is aware. 9) Susan is debating if the Women’s Dive Day event can go on and Ray noted there might be food restrictions.

April 30, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 3 BOD members +7 members +29 visitors. DISCUSSION: 1) There was an article on Jim Durso and family. PRESENTATION: Guest speaker: Alina Szmant.

May 7, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 4 BOD members +7 Members +18 visitors. DISCUSSION: 1) Discover Diving in Acheson, NH will be opening soon. 2) Annett Spalding has been in the water recently and will be speaking at a meeting this year. RAFFLE: Waterproof case for electronic device won by Vinny. PRESENTATION: Guest speaker: Mike Aery which included a Q&A.

May 14, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 4 BOD members + 7 Members +10 visitors. DISCUSSION: Susan noted a pending decision by PCYC to re-open. VIN’s VIGNETTES: With the astronomical low tide, he was able to walk from one beach to another, on the ocean floor! There was lots of seaweed and small marine life. PRESENTATION: La Trinidad Valencerca.

May 21, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 2 BOD members + 10 Members + 2 visitors. DISCUSSION: 1) Jim Durso took his boat out with Ralph Arabian. 2) Susan described a new species of pigmy seahorses discovered in Japan. 3) Susan noted how ship wrecks are protected in the Great Lakes. 4) May 30th canoe trip will be postponed. 5) No meeting next week because of Photo Society. IDENTIFY-THE-DIVE-SITE was Chandler Hovey and won by Amy. RAFFLE: \$10 Starbucks gift certificate won by Vinny. PRESENTATION: video presentation on the “Wreck of the Tallahassee” by the Tenacious drive group.

May 28, 2020

No meeting – Photo Society

June 4, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 Officers + 3 BOD members + 7 Members, + 1 visitor. DIVE TALK: 1) Fin went diving with Andy at Folly Cove. 2) Jim Durso when out on the boat to House Island and got 5 lobsters. Adam dove at Castel Rock and caught some flounder and saw some flabalina varacosa nudibranchs. DISCUSSION: 1) One spot is left on boat trip to see the seals -it’s a two tank dive 2) Women’s Dive Day has been canceled but on Sept 19th there will be an All Women’s boat dive. 3) Submissions for Air Bubbles are due by the end of June. IDENTIFY-THE-DIVE-SITE was Castel Rock and won by Adam (who just dove the site). RAFFLE: crab wall hanging and coasters won by Bill Wimsatt. PRESENTATION: Guest Speaker was Dave Robinson who spoke on the recovery of his uncle’s naval submarine S-4.

June 11, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 Officers + 3 BOD members +7 Members + 1 visitor. DIVE TALK: 1) Ricardo dove off Children’s Island. He saw some stripers and Haddock. Water was 48 degrees. 2) Adam dove Lane’s and saw many urchins and one Cod fish. Vis was 10-20, shallow was better. Lobsters seem to be coming in. Saw many Sea Lemons. 3) Dylan did his first dive in about ten years at Old Garden Beach. He did a refresher of skills and felt fine considering he never wore cold dive gear before. DISCUSSION: 1) Ellen described Trump’s move to roll-back national monument and reserve of off-shore marine mount and protected areas. Refer to Ellen’s article for more information on how to respond via a write-in campaign. 2) Susan noted the parking situation on the

North Shore, with a few less spots for beach access. Back Beach is open. 3) Voted in two new members. 4) Susan mentioned “Beyond Blue” game. https://store.steampowered.com/app/883360/Beyond_Blue/ 5) Susan noted a gentleman who collects garbage and makes art that he places in the ocean. 6) The Explorers’ Club will meet on Friday June 12th at 7PM. 7) Susan was in Marblehead and was allowed to use a large pool right next to the water. 8) One spot is left on boat trip to see seals on Cape Ann II boat, it’s a two tank dive. **ACTIVITY:** Susan introduced the rules for Scuba Bingo.

June 18 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 Officers + 3 BOD members + 7 Members + 1 visitor. **DIVE TALK:** 1) Dylan and a few others did the Seal Boat Dive with Metro West. They didn’t see seals due to current. Susan noted seeing a lot of sea urchins. 2) Susan thought she saw signs at Old Garden Beach about divers not being welcome. **DISCUSSION:** 1) Osprey nest behind Lobsta Land has three chicks. 2) Next week’s meeting will be in person, properly distanced, at Gillis Park in Beverly. **Vin’s Vignette:** massive jellyfish in the Northeast. “**Van’s Vagnette:**” Dr. Kathy Sullivan was first woman to walk in outer space as well as first woman to walk in the deepest part of the ocean. **RAFFLE:** Shark poster won by Joe. **PRESENTATION:** “The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou.”



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. Please contact Ray or email officers@northshorefrogmen.com.

The North Shore Frogmen’s Club

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!

