Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

October 2020 (Jul, Aug, Sept Review)

President's Message

By: Susan Copelas

Fall diving is in full swing. I love it when the beaches are less crowded, the parking lots are empty, and the water is still on the warmer side. The critters haven't begun their journey to their homes for the winter and the visibility is on the clearer side. The diving is GREAT right now.

After the wonderful dive event in Maine, at the end of August, we gathered in celebration of fall at our annual Froggies Picnic at Stage Fort Park. Due to Covid-19, the Bay State Council chose to remain socially distant and not hold their Treasure Hunt Fundraiser...but that didn't deter our fellow members. We had the grill fired up, festively decorated tables, and circling drones overhead. Twenty-one of us gathered to catch up, talk about the changes life has been presenting us, and swoon over the wonderfully decorated tables.

With hardly any in-person meetings at Palmer's Cove Yacht Club this year, the board has been forced to think outside the box for activities. We have a great fall/pre-winter line up planned, and I encourage you all to join in the fun activities!

Member Recognition

By: Susan Copelas

July Diver of the Month: **Daryl Findlay** for his endless support of meeting divers on Sunday mornings.
July Member of the Month: **Vange Egizi** for her amazing patience and literary skills.
August Diver of the Month: **Jules Pinheiro** for getting back in the water, with two kids in tow, to reconnect with the sport that he loves.
August Members of the Month: **Beth and Bill Wimsatt** for graciously opening up their home and planning a wonderful day of Maine diving.
September Diver of the Month: **Brianna Upton** for working with Daryl, and getting back in the water
September Members of the Month: **Mary Howard** for hosting our first annual outdoor, walk-up movie.

President's Banquet and Awards – December 5th

By: Susan Copelas

Due to the constant changing regulations for indoor gatherings, we have decided to hold our Annual President's Banquet by celebrating online, via Zoom, this year. As in years past, we are still going to gather on the first weekend after the elections (first regular meeting in December) which will be Saturday December 5th. We hope you will all dress up as we normally would. We will be showing the submitted photos to our photo gallery, as we talk and converse over beverages and appetizers. We will have wonderful raffle items to support the dive club. The second portion of the evening we will be having our awards ceremony, honoring those individuals who have stood out and supported the club this year by diving and hosting member events. We don't want to spoil all the fun so I won't reveal all the scheduled activities for the evening, as you will be receiving an invitation as the date approaches, but please m ark it on your calendar as this will be a fun event.

Nominations Now Being Accepted!

By: Susan Copelas

Ever think about stepping up and getting more involved in the dive club? In case you have but feared you didn't have the time or perhaps the skill set, the present officers are here to help talk about the open leadership positions. Specifics for each position can be found in the bylaws on our Website at http://www.northshorefrogmen.com/membership.php but here is a brief summary of each opening:

Officer Positions:

President - This position involves about 4-5 hours weekly, including running weekly meetings and working with club members to plan and implement activities throughout the year. The time spend is super impactful and fun. The board is great about helping out and offering assistance all along the way.

Vice President - This position takes about 2 hours a week and manages the raffles at meetings and events. It is important you are available for our weekly Thursday meetings to ensure members have the option to participate in the raffles.

Secretary – This positon records the club happenings by taking minutes at the weekly meetings and submits these to the Newsletter Committee (Air Bubbles) as required. Other administrative duties as required may be carried out by the Secretary. The technical duties, sometimes handled by the Secretary, is separate from this role.

Treasurer – This role is an integral part of the club to collect and distribute funds associated with club activities. The treasurer also ensures club funds are accurately accounted for provides financial updates at regular club meetings. Meeting attendance isn't required but appreciated.

Other Leadership Positions (not officer)

Membership - We are working hard to grow the club so this position needs to be held by someone who is outgoing and willing to reach out with their creative ideas and follow up with people who show an interest. You will

Newsletter/Air Bubbles – Air Bubbles is the club newsletter, which is published periodically throughout the year. It is not necessary to attend all the meetings. Time commitment depends on the frequency of the newsletter publications and your savviness with formatting documents. This is a great role for a creative person.

If you are interested please reach out to the officers@northshorefrogmen.com and let them know which position you might be interested in. This would also be a great topic of discussion at any regular meeting. Thank you for considering serving

2020 Calendar

October 15th - Paul Cator Deaton Zoom "Showdown at Tiger Beach"
October 22nd - Zoom Business Meeting
October 24th - Giggles Comedy Night 7:00pm-10:00pm ⇢
October 29th - Photo Society
November 5th - Faith Ortins Zoom "Galapagos"
November 12th - Zoom Business Meeting
November 19th - Photo Gallery Deadline, Speaker TBD
November 26th - Thanksgiving - No Meeting
December - Elections - Survey Monkey
December 5th - Online Banquet
December 10th - TBD
December 17th - Pizza Party and Change-over to New Officers
December 24th - No Meeting
December 31st – Photo Society

Comedy Night Saturday October 24th

We have reserved 12 spots at Giggles Comedy Club, OUTSIDE. Dinner (off the menu) will be from 7:00pm - 8:30pm and comedy, featuring Steve Sweeney, Jason Merrill and Greg Howell, will be from. 8:30pm – 10:00pm. The cost is $33.00 PLUS dinner. Please reserve your tickets by contacting Susan Copelas at president@northshorefrogmen.com

Paul Cator Deaton: "Show Down at Tiger Beach" - October 15th

By: Susan Copelas

Starting as a movie grip at the dawn of his career, Paul Cater Deaton has become an award-winning Writer, Producer, Director and Cinematographer. He is based in Galveston, and works all over the world. PCD engages in productions ranging from commercials, music videos and documentaries to TV programs and full-length motion pictures. His work has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, BBC, MTV, CMT, HBO, VH1, ESPN, Fox, The Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, HBO Documentaries, The Amazing Race, Nickelodeon, Showtime, TV2 Caribbean, Austin Music Network, Warner Brothers, Paramount, Tri-Star, Veronica Broadcasting (The Netherlands), ARD German Television, Planete TV (Poland), Beatty Satellite (Saudi Arabia), Proxima (Bulgaria), Caribbean Broadcasting Union, the Travel Channel, DirecTV, Comedy Central, E! Entertainment TV, Bravo, Ocean in Google Earth, and at the United Nations.

Paul's work has garnered several industry accolades, including Best Music Video at the 2004 Austin Music Awards at SXSW, a Bronze Telly, Communicator Awards, Videographer Award, Aegis Award, numerous Gold and Silver Addy Awards, and an Addy Best in Show Video. His Showdown at Tiger Beach has been an official selection at several international film festivals, and won Best Documentary Short at two of them.
He was one of the original three filmmakers selected to produce for Ocean in Google Earth, producing pieces for the Red Sea, Mediterranean, Western Indian Ocean, Great Barrier Reef, the Philippines, the Coral Triangle, and Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean Sea focus areas.

Deaton is a member of the Television Academy, The Explorers Club, American Advertising Federation, Boston Sea Rovers, National Association of Underwater Instructors, Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago, and the Historical Diving Society. He was honored by Rotary International with a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2004.

In addition to his Film/TV Production capabilities, PCD is a popular speaker and emcee, making appearances at international events. With Elena Kobrinski and Monica Gephart, he founded the Reef Renaissance Film Festival® in 2012. He is a NAUI SCUBA Instructor, TDI certified in Nitrox and Rebreather Diving, and was certified in Global Shark Biology, Biodiversity and Conservation by Cornell University and the University of Queensland, Australia. We look forward to hearing about his adventures filming "Showdown at Tiger Beach" on October 15th.

2020 Photo Contest (aka Gallery)

By: Mary Howard

Time to start thinking about the photos you've taken since November 2019!

In lieu of a 2020 Photo Contest, we propose putting together an Online Photo Gallery for 2020. Photos can include your favorite underwater images, or other above-water, dive-related, or Club-related, pictures taken since mid-November 2019. Maybe some of you will submit documentation of how we continued as a Club or how we entertained ourselves in view of this year's difficulties.

The NSF Board has determined that an online contest, with online voting, is a tricky proposition at this point, with getting people to view the photos online, responding to the request to vote electronically, and setting the whole thing up, so we will just do a gallery instead of a contest. Therefore, we also propose that the 2021 Photo Contest will include your best pictures from 11/15/2019 through 11/14/2021. Images submitted for the 2020 Photo Gallery will be eligible to be resubmitted for next year's Contest.

Please stand by for future emails that will tell you where to submit your photos for the Photo Gallery, and the best resolution for those submissions. Note that these photographs are to be submitted by Club members only, must be JPG (.jpg) format, limit 6 per person, and must be submitted ***BY November 13, 2020***.

Member Recognition 2020

By: Ray Porter

Recognition of the contributions that club members give to the Club is an important component of our annual banquet. As we continue to share our Club experiences remotely, voting for Member of the Year and Diver of the Year will be conducted by email. This email will be sent out in November that will contain a Survey Monkey poll for these important member recognitions. Please show that you appreciate the effort Club members put in to make the Froggies fun and enjoyable in a year full of challenges by casting your vote.

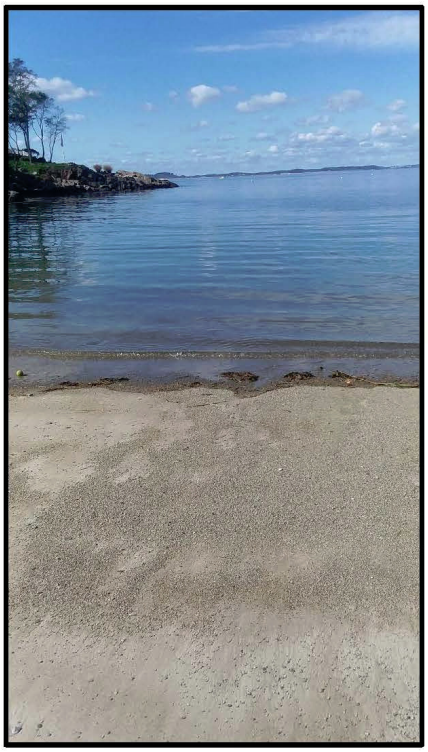
Blast From the Past

By: Daryl Findlay

Remember Joe Terra?? And yes he wore a short wetsuit all year long *and* carried a huge spear (which almost impaled me a few times when he would drop it into the water).

We All Need To Do Our Part

By: Alexine M. Raineri



When I was diving on a Saturday, I noticed a girl standing about waist deep in water with diving gear on but no hood. I started to question her thinking that she was certified in warm water and didn't know about diving in cold water. Even when the water gets warm, I still wear a hood. Actually, I always wear a wetsuit and a hood for protection even if I'm in warm water. I asked her if she ever dived in cold water, if she only dived in warm water, how many dives has she done, where did she get certified, etc. I was concerned even though I didn't know her. She just stood there looking at me. She did answer one question. When I asked her where she was certified, she said "I don't know". Then the young man that she was with said that she's still learning, and he's getting her ready to take her certification dives. Really!? Then she kept saying that she wanted to hurry and just catch some lobsters. I told her that there's no guarantee when trying to catch lobsters. I also told the young man that he needs to have a permit and put the permit number on his flag and his tank. He said that he has a permit and gauge. Then I heard her quietly say to him that she doesn't know how to swim. You must be kidding. This is dangerous! I then decided to stay away from them. I swam out and did my dive. When I got out of the water, they were gone.

When I was through, I went to the dive shop to get my tanks filled. I spoke to them about what happened. When the store opened, there were people standing at the door waiting to rent dive gear who were not certified. They told the dive shop employees that they just wanted to "try it out". Of course the dive shop employees refused to rent them gear. They did not fit the description of the people I saw.

Two weeks later I was at the same location, and the same young man was there with another young man who was in a kayak. I told him again that he needed to have his lobster permit number on his flag and tank. He said that he can't put the permit number on the tank because it's a rental. I told him that's no excuse. I showed him the band that I put around my tank and told him that he needs to get the same thing at the dive shop. I called the environmental police and spoke to the woman who answered the phone. She told me that I was correct about putting the permit number on the flag and the tank. She said that she would send the person assigned to that area to check on them. When I got out of the water, both of them were on shore telling me that they didn't catch anything.

When I went back the next day, I saw what I thought was a blue plastic bag on the bottom. I swam over to pick it up and noticed that it was a new catch bag filled with lobsters. Guess what I think. When I opened the bag, I noticed that ALL of the lobsters in the bag were definitely too small. They were so small that I didn't even measure them. I just released all of them and left the bag on the bottom. I figured that they would come back for the bag. Six weeks after that, I found the bag with some seaweed on it; and it was a good distance from the original location. I have not seen him since.

I know that there are a minority of people who live on Cape Ann that give us a bad time. We all need to obey the laws and go above and beyond by also being environmental.

Froggies Have Been Busy!

Meetings at Gillis Park in Beverly on July 2nd, July 24th and August 6th!

First in-person meeting on 7/2
(Photographer Daryl Findlay)

Beverly Night sky on 7/2
(Photographer Mary Howard)

Dodie Carvalho was the lucky Nemo raffle winner!

Laura Gallagher is on the move!

Pizza Party at Independence Park on August 20th!

Photographs by: Daryl Findlay

One Morning in Maine…with the Wimsatts – August 29th

By: Vange Egizi

Just like the beloved Robert McCloskey children's book, we had a fine day in Maine! It was a soggy day for sure, but Kettle Beach in Cape Elizabeth was spectacularly picturesque, and the divers (Susan, Dodie, Bill, Vinny, Ray, Jules, and Alexine) were just happy to get in the water. Shore support (Vange, Beth, Mary and Jules' kids) stayed toasty in their cars! Afterwards we enjoyed a great feast at the Beth and Bill's. They have a very beautiful, riverfront property in Kennebunk, ME. We look forward to this becoming an annual event (hint, hint)!

From Worst to Best – September 17th

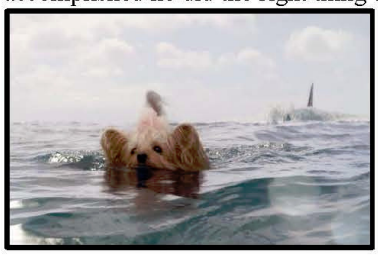
By Ellen Garvey

Best Walk-In Movie Night Ever! Photo by Vinny Egizi

Worst movie night EVER: In the last issue of Air Bubbles, Vange reviewed "The Last Breath" which she thought was terrible. I didn't think it was _that_ bad, but definitely not on the recommended list. Then in June, we wanted to do another movie night. Given all that was going on in the world (little did we know), and that we had done a bunch of educational nights, I said to Susan that we really needed some "entertainment." We went through the list of possibilities and picked **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou.** It's a comedy starring Bill Murray. Watched the trailer which was really funny. Sounds perfect. We even chose to spring for the $2.99 to rent it. Well. I apologize to anybody who showed up that evening. It was THE worst. Even the stuff that was in the trailer that was funny ("I want you to be on team Zissou…I'll order you a red cap and a speedo") fell absolutely flat. The NSF audience fell like flies. Since I was hosting it Mike and I couldn't escape. But 40 minutes in, only Vinny and Fin (Daryl) were still watching. When I said we were leaving but would leave it running for them, even they decided to bag it. Now here's the weird part. The next week at a dinner meeting in the park, Laura and Fin both declared that it was a great movie and a classic. Still trying to wrap my head around that…

Best Movie Night EVER: On September 17th we held the first annual walk-in movie night at Mary and Ray's "walk-in," (not drive-in – get it?). Ray had marked the yard with appropriately-distanced spots for us to sit and various people had put up the "giant" screen, Mary made up bags of popcorn. After a few technical glitches, we settled in to watch "The Meg." The film follows a group of scientists who encounter a Megalodon shark while on a rescue mission at the floor of the Pacific Ocean. It started out fairly seriously then got more ridiculous (in a good way) as things developed. Susan was very appreciative of the abs of the hero; Vinny was equally mesmerized.

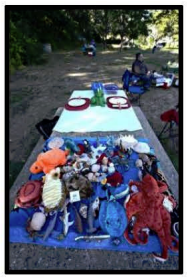
The 6-pack hero we was so good that when he dove in to rescue the damsel in distress who was ¼ mile away and about to get attacked by The Meg, he didn't even need a mask or fins! But then when he got there he couldn't see very well, so he put on a mask (where'd that come from and why didn't he put it on before??) Mission accomplished he did the right thing and put the mask on the top of his head. This prompted some Fred Calhoun quotes from the crowd: "But wait! There's more!" Later in the movie the damsel in distress got herself stuck in a shark cage and needed to be rescued. So our hero dons a *pony bottle* and saves the day. The crowd howls.



And then there was the final scene where Pippin reappears after we thought she was a goner! Awwwww…
It was a perfect fall night, and so much fun we decided we'll make a regular event. Even when there is no pandemic.

Froggies Annual Picnic – September 20th

Despite the 15mph winds and unseasonably cooler temperatures, 21 hardy people gathered on Sunday September 20th donned with masks, individual tables, and gourmet picnic baskets. Ellen and Mike Garvey won the competition for the most creative table complete with candelabras, hand-blown fish to match the octopus tablecloth, and the most gorgeous Dehlia centerpiece you have ever seen. Dodie and her family won the best family table as they wore costumes and apparel sporting sharks and various sea creatures that matched their tableware and decorations. Alexine won the competition for the most nostalgic as she brought a large variety of sea critter beanie babies and cute little collected figurines from many years of hunting at antique stores. Ray and Mary won most romantic with a bouquet of fresh wildflowers in a vase of collected river stones and a cheese/cracker display. Bill Werner brought a grill for personal use which filled the air with a lovely aroma. Daryl had the aerial view covered as his drone hovered over all the action while people conversed and played cornhole. It was a fantastic time and the perfect way to end the summer looking over the harbor on a beautiful fall day.



Meeting Summaries

By: Daryl Findlay

July 2, 2020

Social, in-person meeting at Gillis Park, Beverly. No minutes.

July 9, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 2 officers + 3 BOD + 7 members. DIVE TALK: 1) Dottie and Susan went diving with Annette in VT. 2) Fin, John F., and Bill W., did a long dive at Lane's Cove. DISCUSSION: 1) Ray reported that Undersea Divers is open. 2) Ray recounted when Vinny swam to wrong boat. 3) Ellen raised a question about 4 associate members and whether or not they still wanted to be members. 4) Ray described the lawsuit of a Rockport resident association against the town for not enforcing laws to control Divers. 5) Club picnic is still planned, pending obtaining a permit, and bring your own refreshments. 6) Question was raised about the current bylaws and if they have been sent to the state. PRESENTATION: Two episodes of Johnathan Bird's Blue World.

July 16, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 2 BOD + 13 members. DIVE TALK: 1) Adam did two dives at Old Garden beach on Sunday. 2) Jim Durso when out to children's Island with Ricardo and Bill Werner. 3) Alexine mentioned meeting two divers planning to lobster, but with no license numbers, at Plum Cove. DISCUSSION: 1) Vermont update: Annette will be unable to host VT weekend this year. 2) There will be no BSC scavenger hunt dive this year, but the NSF is still planning on the Sept 20th club picnic. Susan noted that we would still have raffles. 3.) The lawsuit by Rockport residents near Back Beach is still ongoing and the BSC asks divers to not inflate the issue. 4) Scholarship update: Susan is setting up a committee. 5) There will be a meeting next Thursday (July 23rd) at Gillis Park in Beverly. RAFFLES: a set of two puzzles, won by Vinny. PRESENTATION: Video by Explorer club on sharks.

July 23/24, 2020

Social, in-person meeting at Gillis Park, Beverly cancelled due to weather but rescheduled to July 24th. No minutes.

August 6, 2020

Social, in-person meeting at Gillis Park, Beverly. No minutes.

August 13, 2020 (virtual)

ATTENDANCE: 3 officers + 2 BOD members + 11 members. DIVE TALK: 1) Bill, Adam, Vinny, and Fin dove OGB. The water was warm and visibility was better that the week before. Vinny and Adam got scallops and clams. 2) Bill Wimsatt dove for megalodon teeth at Venus Beach, Florida. They used surface skimming and fanning to expose the teeth in the clay layer. DISCUSSION: 1) Ray and Dylan volunteered to be on the committee of the scholarship fund. The scholarship will be for a local student interested in marine ecology/biology. 2) Pizza party next week at Independence Park in Beverly. 3) Maine Dive with Bill and Beth Wimsatt on August 29th. The dive is at Kettle Cove in Cape Elizabeth. Two dives are planned and camping is possible the night before. 4) The club picnic at Stage Fort Park: 2:00pm to 5:30pm in which people can dive or kayak. Bring your own food and sit apart. RAFFLE: Bill Werner won a $10 gift card to Undersea Divers. PRESENTATION: Guest speaker: Mike Aery which included a Q&A.

August 20, 2020 (virtual)

Pizza Party at Independence Park, Beverly. No Minutes.

August 27, 2020

No meeting – Photo Society

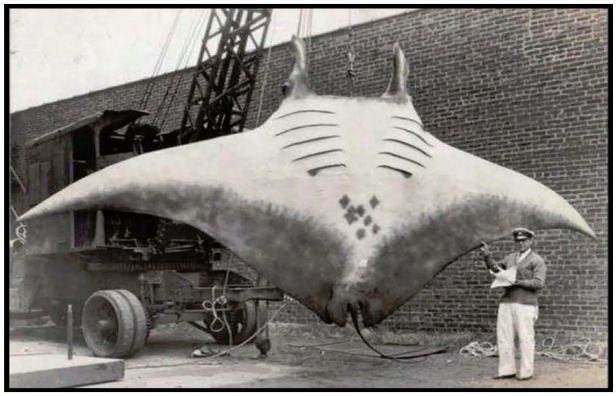
September 3, 2020 (virtual)
ATTENDANCE: 3 Officers + 3 BOD members + 10 members. DIVE TALK: 1) Fin, Bill Werner, and Ricardo dove at Lane's Cove. Unfortunately conditions deteriorated while diving and they had to cling to the rocks to get out. 2) Jules, Dotie, Ray, Susan, Alexine, and Vinny enjoyed the diving at Kettle Cove, Maine. DISCUSSION: 1) Pizza Night on August 20th was successful with17 attendees. 2) Ray has a link to a survey for what movie we want to watch on the Walk-In Movie Night at Mary's house on Sept 17th. 3) Susan noted that the Women's Dive Hall of Fame boat dive has been canceled. 4) For the Club Picnic, people should decorate their tables and the best picnic table will be recognized. 5) Vinny noted that there is a sign-up for the brewery night in October. 6) Planning is underway for the Online Photo Contest and Banquet. 7) BSC discussed the Lawsuit by Rockport residents against the town for allowing water sports and events at the local beaches. RAFFLE: Captain Bates 'Shipwrecks of the Northshore' poster was won by Ginny Cookson.

September 10, 2020 (virtual)
ATTENDANCE: 3 Officers + 3 BOD members + 15 members. DIVE TALK: 1) Susan has been diving, including at Watch Rock. 2) Andy dove at Folly Cove. 3) Brianna dove with Fin at Old Garden Beach. DISCUSSION: 1) Upcoming events. PRESENTATION: Philippines Marine Life by Andy Martinez.

September 17
Walk-In Movie Night at Ray and Mary's. No Minutes.

September 24, 2020
No meeting – Photo Society

Froggies Helping the Community!
Susan Copelas is heading up the invasive species and lake clean up committee on the south shore of Cranberry Lake. The 11 mile lake is on the east branch of the Oswegatchie River in the Adirondack Park.



Giant Manta Ray captured on the coast of New Jersey in 1933. Submitted by Susan Copelas

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!

** Due to COVID19 – meetings are currently held via Zoom or at various locations where social distancing is possible

Next Air Bubbles – January 15th

Please submit newsworthy items by December 31st to Vange Egizi at vangiemassagain@yahoo.com.

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.

Welcome New Members!

Gregory & Karen Przybl

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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