



# Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

April 2022

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## President's Message

By: Dylan Langelier

The last few months have really flown by and the Froggies have been busy! From trips into the New England Aquarium and Imax, to social gatherings at our local meetup spot Onion Town Grill, to great hikes (even some impromptu snowshoeing), glass blowing class with Ellen Garvey, game night (Scubaopoly was a hit and Vinny Egizi left the champion), a fascinating presentation by renowned Underwater Archaeologist and Director of the Massachusetts Archeological Resources David Robinson, to the well-attended and highly anticipated yearly Saint Patrick's Day party graciously hosted by Ray Porter and Mary Howard, full of laughs, stories, and of course full stomachs...It really was one of the highlights of the winter!

As we come out of winter and enter spring, the nicer weather (and WARMER WATERS) is our way. This is for many the start of the diving season and I (as I am sure for many of you as well) could not be more excited! I am looking forward to many upcoming events with the club and I encourage all to keep an eye on the Froggie website calendar and email reminders for all we have planned! Spring has always symbolized change and a fresh start to me. As we move into the season, I want to see the club through that lens as well. This is a fresh start for all of us to get our dive gear out and back into the water, even if it has been a while! I will gladly meet as often as my schedule allows to either dive or be land support so, please do not hesitate to ask!

I am looking forward to seeing you at one (or all) of our many upcoming events with the club and I encourage all to keep an eye on the Froggie website calendar and email reminders for all we have planned! One of the aspects most meaningful of the club in my opinion is our desire to give back and truly leave the beaches and oceans better than we found them. Our beach clean up in Rockport on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> gave us the opportunity to give back to our beloved Cape Ann community. My hope for all is that you get as much out of being part of the Froggie Family as I do. I always want to hear how the club can be better and more engaging. As always please email [President@NorthShoreFrogmen.com](mailto:President@NorthShoreFrogmen.com) with any ideas, questions or even just to say hello!

## Member of the Quarter

**John Marren** has been a constant in the Froggies and can always be counted on to be the first person to arrive at the Onion Town Grill on Thursdays and to save a spot for our pre-meeting dinner. John is always willing to offer advice, especially on experiences in Bonaire. He has a dry sense of humor and quick wit and always brings a great attitude to the club. A true Froggie and friend!

## Diver of the Quarter

**Susan Copelas** is no stranger to dive travel and the past few months are no exception, and surely welcomed after the past few years. Susan truly "practices what she preaches" when it comes to staying active in the local AND global dive community alike. I cannot wait to hear about her latest trip to Egypt and the Red Sea!

## *Froggies Have Been Busy...*

### **Planning Meeting – January 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Board of Directors Meeting was held on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 12:00 and the Planning Meeting was from 12:00-5:00. We enjoyed fresh bagels and muffins at the first meeting and shrimp cocktail and brisket sandwiches during the second meeting. One attended virtually and some were there in person. Thank you, Dylan, Ray, Mary, Daryl, Bill, Vinny, and Vange for planning fun events for the Froggies in 2022!



### **Dr. Skomal's Science Hour - White Sharks - January 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Froggies had a hybrid meeting with some folks joining in person and others joining via Zoom. Dr. Gregory Skomal of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries gave his presentation: *Living with White Sharks*. He spoke about his fascinating research studying great white sharks, off the east coast of the United States, using state-of-the-art tagging technology.



### **Meeting at OTG – February 10<sup>th</sup>**



## Club-Sponsored Dive – Old Garden Beach – February 13<sup>th</sup>

On a blustery, February day, four hearty souls braved the elements! Though no one went in the water (even Daryl!) it was a perfect day for hot chocolate (thank you, Ray and Mary) and for baked goods (thank you, Alexine)!



## Dim Sum, IMAX, & HAPPY HOUR – February 20<sup>th</sup>

By: Bill Werner

One of our most popular, non-diving activities, we had a great group of 10 sign up for Dim Sum and IMAX movies at the New England Aquarium (NEAQ) on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. This was a cool/cold but sunny day. Perfect for a trip to Boston and a walk between Chinatown and the NEAQ.

We tried the Winsor Dim Sum Cafe, on Tyler Street for the first time. This was a small restaurant with limited seating. We were fortunate to schedule our visit for 10 AM, their opening time, since they filled up very quickly. While most of us were veterans of the Dim Sum experience, we did have one newbie (Dawn!) with us and I'm happy to report that she enjoyed the experience and, I believe, would join our merry band again. Part of the fun was selecting dishes from roving carts and this experience was not available at this establishment. While we missed the tradition of selecting dishes from roving carts, it was noted that our food was prepared when ordered. We all had an excellent selection of Dim Sum (if I do say so myself) and no one went away hungry. For some strange reason, there was limited appeal for the tripe or intestine. Vegans and vegetarians will have a hard time finding suitable dishes.

After our Chinatown visit, we made our way to the NEAQ for our selected (dare I say films in the digital era). The day was perfect for walking through the Greenway to the Aquarium and most of us did. Almost everyone

arranged their tickets on-line ahead of time but it turned out this would not have been necessary, as even at half capacity, the theater was not crowded. We all scheduled the same three documentaries: Incredible Predators, Ocean Odyssey, and Turtle Odyssey. The “films” were only about 25 minutes each but the videography was spectacular. It was truly amazing the images captured by the photographers! The added sound effects added humor to some of the scenes and the narration was excellent. The IMAX films were all well worth seeing and I believe we all thoroughly enjoyed them.

Of course, no Froggie excursion would be complete without a stop at a local establishment to sample some fine micro brews and, perhaps, have a bite to eat. This turned out to be a minor challenge as establishments were either not open or already filled to capacity. After wandering the streets for awhile, we located a tavern The Wild Rover, with virtually no one inside. This worked out well since it had some great brews on tap, good food, live music and pleasant and attentive wait staff.

I’m sorry if you missed this event. Hopefully next time...

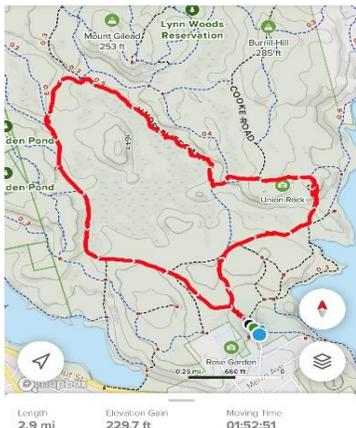


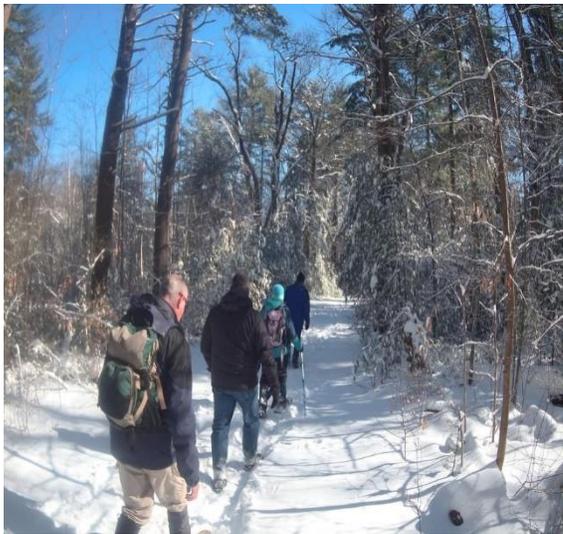
# Froggie Hike in Lynn Woods Reservation – February 26<sup>th</sup>

By: Vinny Egizi

Photos By: Daryl Findlay and Vinny Egizi

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, we were finally able to have our hike through Lynn Woods Reservation. Mother Nature timed her last two snow storms just before our panned hikes in January and early February, prompting us to reschedule the hike both times. She once again stunned us with another storm just before this planned hike day, but we persevered and decided to trudge through the 8-10” of new snow. Four of the five Froggies (Daryl, Bill, Mary, and Ray) made up the “snowshoe crew”, while Vinny laced up his boots and followed in the shoe tracks. Although Vange was traveling in sunny Florida, she was able to join us for a little bit of the hike via FaceTime and Vinny’s son Dante also called and was able to virtually walk with us via FaceTime as well. The original hike was a planned to be ~4 miles around the perimeter of the reservation, but we opted for a slightly shorter 2.9 miles course, with a stop at Dungeon Rock along the way. In addition, we were greeted by several happy dogs, some cross-country skiers, and plenty of other happy humans. Afterwards, we headed over to Border Café Restaurant in Saugus and enjoyed a well-deserved lunch and several cervezas.





## Meeting at OTG – March 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Glass Blowing – March 5<sup>th</sup>

Wonderful afternoon at Diablo! Vange, Vinny, Ray, and Mary made Swedish bowls and Dante, Amelia, Ellen H, Dodie, and Charlene made paperweights. As always, the highlight was watching “The Master,” Ellen G, demonstrate how to make a beautiful vase from scraps of glass that she melted and re-formed. Of course it would not have been a Froggie event without a stop at a brewery and we had a great time eating food and drinking beer at Lord Hobo in Woburn.







## Dave Robinson Presentation – March 10<sup>th</sup>

Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources Director, David Robinson, gave a Zoom presentation on maritime archaeology with a particular focus on the wreck site of the 1875 schooner *Ada K. Damon*. The schooner was lost in the "Christmas Gale of 1909" on Steep Hill Beach in Ipswich at what is today the Trustees of Reservations' Castle Hill/Crane Estate property. David shared the story of the schooner's history, demise, and rebirth as part of the Ipswich community's cultural fabric, for over a century. Dramatic impacts to the site caused by recent coastal erosion resulting from a destructive combination of climate change-induced sea level rise, seasonal "King Tides," and the passage of Hurricane Teddy off the Massachusetts coast in September of 2020, raise important questions about the increasing vulnerability of the Commonwealth's coastal maritime heritage resources to rising sea level.

David Robinson is the Massachusetts State Underwater Archaeologist and Director of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources or BUAR. Prior to working at BUAR in 2019, David was an underwater archaeologist and researcher at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, where he led projects to map Rhode Island's largest ship graveyard and to identify ancient submerged cultural landscapes off the Rhode Island coast

David has been an underwater archaeologist for 31 years. He has studied dozens of shipwrecks that sank in oceans, lakes, and rivers, and has excavated ancient Stone Age cultural sites submerged by sea level rise. He has conducted research on sites in the waters of the United States, Denmark, Jamaica, Turkey, and Sweden. In 2006, David was part of a select multidisciplinary team of researchers representing governmental agencies, academic institutions, and the applied archaeology industry who explored the edge of the outer continent in the Gulf of Mexico in the US Navy's nuclear research submarine, *NR-1*. There he documented the study area's unique biological communities and geological formations while searching for preserved 15-20,000 year old paleo-landscapes submerged by sea level rise and archaeological evidence of their occupation by ancient humans. David is a native of Newport, Rhode Island. He has been scuba diving since he was 15. He was certified as a YMCA Basic Diver in 1980 and became an open water scuba instructor in 1986 when he was 22. David has been an authorized scientific diver and diving safety officer at multiple institutions since 1991 and is currently completing requirements for authorization to dive as part of his job with the Commonwealth. He holds a master's degree in anthropology and nautical archaeology from Texas A&M University, and a double-major bachelor's degree in anthropology and art from the University of Rhode Island. David is a Life Member of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society and is currently serving a three-year term on their Board of Trustees. He has also served on NOAA's National Marine Protected Areas' Federal Advisory Committee and on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council and Maritime Heritage Working Group. In 2019, he received the Eva Butler Award from the Tomaquag Museum in Rhode Island for his two decades of work with southern New England's tribal communities on underwater archaeological projects, and in 2021, he was the producer of the film "The Submerged Paleo-cultural Landscapes Project," which received an Honorable Mention Award for Best Underwater Archaeological Film at the 2021 Arkhaios Film Festival.



## Game Night on St. Paddy's Day at OTG – March 17<sup>th</sup>

Vange, Vinny, Dante, Dylan, Peter, Ray, Mary, John, Dawn, Mike, and Ellen had a great time playing Scubaopoly and Vinny came out victorious! At one point, all the Froggies were either in jail (or visiting) – see photo.

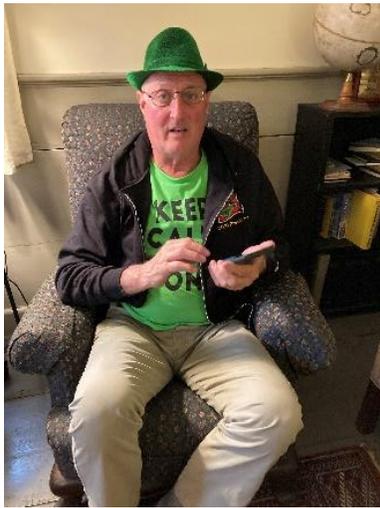


## Annual St. Paddy's Day Party at Mary & Ray's – March 19<sup>th</sup>

Twenty two Froggies enjoyed Ray's mouthwatering corned beef and cabbage. It was a great turnout with friends staying well into the night. Linda Piehl Connors won for the most spirited outfit with all her beads and purple and green top hat. Thank you for hosting such a fun party, Mary and Ray! A great time was had by all!







**Blast From the Past**  
**Can you identify these people?**



# Minuteman Trail Hike – March 26

## *The Froggies are coming! The Froggies are coming!*

Bill Werner planned a wonderful hike for the Froggies in Minuteman National Historic Park in Concord. In addition to a well-groomed, scenic, walking trail, we saw historical homes, monuments, grave sites, battle fields, and even encountered soldiers and militia. Afterwards, we enjoyed libations at historical Concord Inn!



# Secretary's Minutes

By: Vinny Egizi

1/6/2022

- Meeting Start Time: 7:03PM
- Meeting End Time: 7:57PM
- Attendance: 2 Officers, 4 Members, 0 Guests)
- President's Opening Remarks
- Dive Talk:
  - New Year's Day Dive: 5 divers. 3 were Froggies. Greg P, Daryl, & Jack M. 2 guests (Aidan and Tom). Party on site with tents and clam chowder and spiked hot cocoa and Alexine's baked goods.
- Susan discussed her upcoming trip to Roatan.
- Newsletter Committee: Air Bubbles nearly done for Q421 (Oct to Dec 2021)
- General Discussion:
  - Welcomed John Marren back after a long recovery for ankle surgery. Dodie and John Ferrier talked about skiing.
  - Jan 8<sup>th</sup> hike postponed due to snowstorm. May move to Jan 29<sup>th</sup> at same place and time. Vinny to send out rescheduling message.
  - Banquet gifts: Susan still only awaiting person to give to mugs and bag.
  - Planning meeting on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> at 12PM at Vinny and Vange's house. BOD will take place prior to planning meeting at 10AM -12PM.

1/13/2022

- Meeting Start Time: 7:00PM
- Meeting End Time: 8:30PM
- Attendance: 7 (Officers: 3, Members: 4, Guests: 0)
- General Discussion:
  - Discussion about lobstering and not being allowed in Maine. Talked about the rescheduled hike on January 29<sup>th</sup>. John M discussed his ankle and recovery. Greg P recommended we have a member talk about a diving destination they liked on a monthly basis. We could create a simple template to ensure there is a consistent format.
  - We closed the meeting by confirming BOD meeting at Egizi's house at 10am on Saturday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> followed by planning meeting starting at noon.

1/20/2022

- Meeting Start Time: 7:15PM
- Meeting End Time: 8:18PM
- Attendance: 7 (Officers: 4, Members: 3, Guests: 0)
- Dive Talk: None
- Treasurers Report: We have money
- General Discussion:
  - Possible conflict with Fish Count and VT Dive Trip in July. VT Trip will remain as scheduled
  - Join Zoom call with South Shore Neptune's re Atlantis Trip in Pacific Ocean
  - Create a template for the monthly Member Dive Experience
  - Edit 2022 Activity List and send to all members
  - Ropes Course event. Discussed where to do it (indoors or outdoors). June event so time to plan.

Outdoors would be more natural. Indoors would be combined with IMAX, food, and ropes course

- Vin's Vignettes
  - Spot the Station Website and phone alerts
- Upcoming Events
  - Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Lynn Woods Reservation Hike
  - Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> BSC Meeting
  - Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Dim Sum and IMAX (Aquarium)
  - Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Hike (TBD)

2/3/22

- Meeting Start Time: 7:21PM
- Meeting End Time: 8:33PM
- Attendance: 3 Officers, 6 Members
- Dive Talk:
  - Susan went to Roatan. 21 total students. 80F water temp. Many courses. One will be training to be an instructor. Checked out other islands for future dives. Dolphin rescue was performed on a dolphin who ingested plastic successfully. Susan's last instructor trip with a group. Will continue doing individual courses.
- Events:
  - Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - club dive planned. Event on Facebook page. Post on mail chimp with limited capacity. Urgency message. Mary Ray bill to provide services. Individual invite divers. Promote to other clubs. OGB is the place. Meet at 10AM. In water 11AM. Soup and cocoa provided (divers eat first).
  - VT Trip - July 22-30 currently planned. Would like to promote annual fish count actively to those not going. Possible donation.
  - Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - Dim Sum and IMAX. 4 shows. Promote the event. RSVP to Bill.
- New Business:
  - Donation for OGB ramp wider ramp. Club can donate but how does it get recognized? It would be good to donate on behalf of the divers but recognize NSF. Vote needed at regular club meeting.
  - Discussed Back Beach harassment case against divers. Negative review of attorney was read.
  - Upcoming speakers. May need to switch up zoom meeting dates. Susan has a list of presenters she discussed. Susan will see what schedule people can fill.
- Vin's Vignettes:
  - Normans Land military bombardment site will not be cleaned up.

2/10/22

- Meeting Start Time: 7:20PM
- Meeting End Time: 8:10PM
- Attendance: 3 Officers, 7 Members
- Dive Talk
  - Susan is going to Curaçao and Costa Rica. Scuba high adventure trip.
- Air Bubbles:
  - All input is due March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Events:
  - Club Dive Sunday Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. 37F and cloudy predicted. Ray to post on Facebook and reach to other clubs. Maybe reach out to Undersea Divers to join us. Meet at 10AM and in water by 11AM.
  - Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - Zoom Meeting. CMGI presentation from OTG for those who want to attend.

- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - Boston Dim Sum and IMAX. Bill to determine location and movies. Windsor Dim Sum possible. Movie schedules to be determined.
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - Hike is tentatively at Lynn Woods.
- Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - Glass blowing - 1:30PM. Sold out with 9 people to do hot paperweight and Swedish bowl.
- Mar 10<sup>th</sup> - Presentation by Dave Robertson via Zoom. 7PM meeting with 7:30PM presentation.
- Mar 17<sup>th</sup> - Game Night.
- St. Patrick's Day Party. When do we do it? TBD for March or May.
- New Business:
  - OGB ramp donation. Metro West donating \$300. Club voted to pass the \$300 donation pending how it will be recognized.
- Raffles:
  - Ray – Mystery Prize
  - John Sears – Dollars Box

### 2/17/22

- Meeting Start Time: 7:11PM
- Meeting End Time: 7:30 PM
- Attendance: 3 Officers, 6 Members, Zoom Meeting as well as in person.
- Dive Talk:
  - Susan and Dodie in Roatan. Susan gave dive update.
- Events:
  - Discussed upcoming events. Dim Sum, hiking, and St. Pats Party.
  - GMGI presentation prelude discussion. Link to meeting sent out.
- Old Business:
  - Discussed the ramp at OGB and donation via Bay State Council. MetroWest will donate independently.
  - Ended meeting and logged in to GMGI. The GMGI Science Hour this month features Dr. Gregory Skomal of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries! Our Science Hour Warm Up below gives a preview of his talk, *Living with White Sharks* where he will share his fascinating research studying white sharks off the east coast of the United States using state-of-the-art tagging technology.

### 3/3/22

- Meeting Start Time: 7:00PM
- Meeting End Time: 7:30PM
- Attendance: 4 Officers and 9 Members
- Social Meeting:
  - All members remained in the Onion Town Grill dining area for a fun dinner and discussion. It was good to see Colleen Colella, Peter Cassidy, and Al Morris join the regular group of members.

### 3/10/22

- Meeting Start Time: 7:00PM
- Meeting End Time: 7:30PM
- Attendance: 4 Officers, 9 Members, 1 Guest (David Robinson)
- General Discussion:
  - Zoom meeting as well as in person. Had social discussion until presentation started. Susan discussed her upcoming trip to Egypt (she was at Logan Airport heading out). Talked about

discovery of Shackleton's ship the Endurance. Vange talked about a tropical fish whose colors change as it ages.

- Presentation:
  - Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources Director, David Robinson presented on "Ipswich's Twice-Wrecked 1875 Schooner Ada K. Damon; A "Canary-in-the-Coal-Mine" for the Future of Massachusetts's Coastal Maritime Heritage Sites". A presentation on maritime archaeology with a particular focus on the wreck site of the 1875 schooner Ada K. Damon. The schooner was lost in the "Christmas Gale of 1909" on Steep Hill Beach in Ipswich at what is today the Trustees of Reservations' Castle Hill/Crane Estate property. David will share the story of the schooner's history, demise, and rebirth as part of the Ipswich community's cultural fabric for over a century. Dramatic impacts to the site caused by recent coastal erosion resulting from a destructive combination of climate change-induced sea level rise, seasonal "King Tides," and the passage of Hurricane Teddy off the Massachusetts coast in September of 2020 raise important questions about the increasing vulnerability of the Commonwealth's coastal maritime heritage resources to rising sea level.

3/17/22

- Meeting Start Time: 7:00PM
- Meeting End Time: 9:00PM
- Attendance: 4 Officers and 6 Members
- Game Night:
  - The St. Patrick's Day crowd at the Onion Town Grill was in full swing and took most of the tables by the time we arrived for a pre-meeting dinner. We ordered and had our dinners in the meeting room before the started Game Night. Dylan brought the game Scubaopoly, which he won at the 2021 Pizza Party. Mary, Vange, Dylan, Ellen, and Vinny played the game, while others continued to socialize.

## Some Club Changes

Member of the Month and Dive of the Month will now be chosen quarterly, rather than monthly. Recognition will occur and be published in the quarterly editions of Air Bubbles.

There will still be Mystery Raffles and Dollar Raffles at the weekly meetings. Mystery Raffles will remain unchanged: members present at weekly meetings have the option to purchase tickets for a chance to win. The Dollar Raffle, however, has changed. All members who have paid their dues will have their names placed in the raffle, BUT, only those present at meetings will have a chance to win. If a member who is not present is drawn, there will be no winner that week, and the Dollar Raffle prize will continue to grow until the chosen winner is present.

## Save the Dates

*Stay tuned for more details.*

4/23/22 – Easter Egg Dive and Party

4/30/22 – Hike

5/5/22 – Dinner and a Brewery

## Night Out – May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Dinner at Village Tavern, Salem @ 6:00 PM**  
**Beers at East Regiment Brewery, Salem @ 8:00 PM**

**RSVP to Vangie Egizi**  
**[vangiemassagain@yahoo.com](mailto:vangiemassagain@yahoo.com)**  
**By May 1<sup>st</sup>**

### Air Bubbles

The next edition of Air Bubbles will come out on July 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to submit an article, please email it to Vange Egizi at [vangiemassagain@yahoo.com](mailto:vangiemassagain@yahoo.com) by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### The North Shore Frogmen's Club

has business meetings and presentations every Thursday, except the last Thursday of the month, at Onion Town Grill, 175 Water St., Danvers. Meetings begin at 7:00PM (dinner option at 6:00 PM). There are also social events and weekly Sunday dives!

